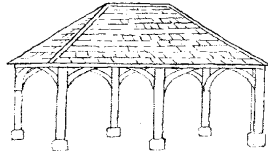


The Charlbury Chronicle



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The June Chronicle had gone to press before Charlbury Town Council elections had taken place, so we are a bit late in offering hearty thanks and congratulations to Nick Potter who has stood down from the Chairmanship after twenty years in office. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for the many years of leadership and hardwork that he has given to Charlbury. Peter Kenrick, the new Chairman, has written about Nick in this quarter's Town Council report, and highlighted some of the decisions which were made under Nick's Chairmanship.

May we remind those who receive their Chronicles by mail that those who have not paid their subscriptions will no longer receive copies. Please get in touch with Dawn Colvin on 01608 810545 if you would like to renew your subscription.

Lynette Murphy, Editor

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



News from the CCCA Committee.

The Charlbury Community Centre Appeal Committee would like to thank all those people who have contributed so far to our "**Buy a Brick**" campaign. So far we have raised over £1,500. As you probably know by now, you are not buying an actual brick, but your name will be included on a list of benefactors to be displayed in the reception area when the building is complete. Please consider buying one or more bricks (£25 each) to help us raise more funds for the centre. More details about how to do this, and an application form can be found in a separate article in this issue.

We will have a stall at the **Street Fair** on 19th September; you can buy a brick there, find out more about the plans for the Community Centre and participate in our game for adults and children. We are also present at every **Farmers' Market**. We had a tent at the **Wilderness Festival** again this year, with a workshop making dream catchers and doing glitter tattoos.

The second **Charlbury Variety Show** will be held on 28th November in the Memorial Hall. Lots of people joined in the First Charlbury Variety Show last year - let's make our 2015 event even more spectacular! We are looking for more acts and performers at this stage, we know there's a wealth of local untapped potential; so please don't be shy - come forward and shine! We promise you'll enjoy yourself, have a laugh, entertain the audience and help to raise funds for kitting out the Community Centre. If you are interested, please contact Tanya on 01608 810216 or billandanya@outlook.com.

I'm sure you will all have seen the news that the Community Centre has been granted planning permission and that you will join with us in celebrating this and looking forward to the next stage. Our thanks go to all the members of the Thomas Gifford Trust who have worked very hard, voluntarily and in their own time, on this project and continue to do so.

I look forward to seeing you at our next events and I would like to thank the people of Charlbury for your support so far.

Tanya Stevenson
Chair
Charlbury Community Centre Appeal Committee



The Charlbury Community Centre "Buy a Brick" Campaign Application to go on the List of Names £25 per name

Name(s):

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*(exactly as you want to have them printed - **please print clearly** and separate each name with a comma; we would hate to make any mistakes! You can list your family members individually for £25 each or put a family name, such as "The Jones Family" for one payment of £25)*

Contact telephone number.....

email:.....

Amount enclosed (cheques payable to *Charlbury Community Centre Appeal*)

£.....

More money goes to the CCCA if you send a cheque or do a direct bank transfer than if you use Just Giving (as they take an administrative fee). You can send or deliver this form and payment to Sarah Eaton at: Brae Rise, Crawborough, Charlbury OX7 3TX or contact Sarah for bank details (sarah@sarahaeaton.com).

You can use Paypal on the CCCA website: www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk/ but be aware that a proportion of your donation will be kept by Just Giving and by Paypal

Gift Aid declaration

Charlbury Community Centre Appeal

Please treat the enclosed gift of £ -----as a Gift Aid donation.

I confirm I have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for the current tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at least equal to the amount of tax that all the charities and Community Amateur Sports Clubs(CASCs) that I donate to will reclaim on my gifts for the current tax year. I

understand that other taxes such as VAT and Council Tax do not qualify. I understand the charity will reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 that I have given.

Donor's details



CHARLBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE APPEAL
Calling all people with talent!
Saturday 28th November 2015, 7.30-10.30pm
Memorial Hall, Charlbury

After a sell-out show last year, Charlbury Community Centre Appeal will be hosting another variety show, featuring some of the amazing talent that there is in Charlbury and surrounding villages

If you are a singer, musician, comedian, dancer, magician or have any other talents that could entertain people, and are aged 16 or over, we would like to hear from you. There will be up to 20 short slots and a wide variety of performers. You can also contact Tanya if you would like to reserve a table or to help in any way. Tickets will be on sale nearer the time, probably through the Post Office and will include a pizza supper in the interval.

Information & applications contact Tanya Stevenson:
billandtanya@outlook.com, or tel: 07871 795748.

BRING & TAKE - SATURDAY 0CTOBER 3RD

The next Bring & Take run by the Charlbury Green Hub will be Saturday 3rd October in the Memorial Hall from 10am until 12noon. Bring along good quality unwanted household items from 9.30-11.00am. Paint needs to be reusable in original container and in usable quantities (more than 1 litre emulsion or half a container of gloss or eggshell paints). **Since items are given & taken FREE, please respect this community spirit by not taking things for resale or scrap value. Leftovers are given to various charities or recycled.**

Also bring along unwanted bras, spectacles, CDs, video tapes, audio tapes, dead lightbulbs for recycling and put them in the boxes near the door.

Maybe you would like to help clear up at the end of the event, with enough people we could be done by 1pm – please contact Christine on 811057.

. . . and Back on Trax will be at the Spendlove that morning to repair bikes.



IMPORTANT UPDATE ABOUT CHARLBURY POST OFFICE

The Post Office has now updated us on Network Transformation of Charlbury and have issued the following statement on the future:

“Following the recent engagement, and Charlbury branch being advertised on our website, we believe that providing Post Office services from an alternative retailer within the community is not an option at this point in time. On that basis I can confirm that you will be able to stay as you are, on your existing contract, for a period of at least 12 months from the date of this letter (June 27 2015).”

This is welcome news, but we still need to show that Charlbury Post Office is well used and needed by the community. It is vital that the community uses our services where possible.. We do far more than just posting mail - we issue car tax, banking for most accounts, foreign currency, travel insurance, National Express coach tickets, Health Lottery, and Post Office Savings Accounts to name only a few of the services we provide.

We have a review next June, so we have time to show that Charlbury in Post Office terms does 'have a long-term sustainable Post Office to serve the community'.

Thanks to everyone who has shown their support over the last few very difficult months. A lot could happen in the next few months regarding the Post Office Network Transformation Programme, and we will try to keep everyone updated on the Charlbury website, in the Charlbury Chronicle, and in the shop.

We are participating in Street Fair this year and hope to see many of you then!

Elaine Newbold and Pam Rolls

CORNBURY PARK NEWS

We are hosting a few races and charity fun runs this autumn. **The Finstock 10k** takes place at Cornbury on 13 September, in aid of Finstock Primary School. Then on 20 September it's the Charlbury Street Fair run, with more details from info@charlburystreetfair.org. And finally, **Run Or Dye**, the world's most colourful 5k returns to Cornbury Park on 26 September, with registration at runordye.co.uk.

On the estate, a temporary electric stock fence has been installed along the footpath between North Lodge and Southill. This is to contain the cattle which have been grazing there since the summer. Please be extra careful when walking on the path and especially vigilant with dogs while the cattle are there.

Follow us on Twitter [@CornburyPark](https://twitter.com/CornburyPark) and at Facebook.com/[CornburyPark](https://www.facebook.com/CornburyPark), or get in touch by emailing us at: es-tate@cpark.co.uk or phoning on 01608 811 276

16th Annual Wychwood Forest Fair

**From Morris Dancers to Ferret Racing and Bee Keeping to Basket Making –
join us for a day of celebrating all things rural at
Lodge Farm, Ditchley Estate (off the B4437) on 6th September 2015**

The Wychwood Forest Fair, one of West Oxfordshire's leading Green Country Shows, takes place this year at **Lodge Farm, Ditchley Estate (off the B4437)** on Sunday 6th September 2015. Set in a beautiful countryside location, at the heart of the ancient Wychwood Forest area, the Fair is a great family day out offering a wide range of entertainment, rural craft demonstrations, music, food and much, much more.

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET 2015 On the Playing Close between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, September 12th

Charlbury Farmers' Market is administered by Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd. The Market is organised by Nick Potter, Roger Watts and Geoff Burroughs. The contact address is:
Lancut House, Lyneham Road, Milton-under-Wychwood, OX7 6LW
tel: 0784 328 7091; email rogerw@bfocus.co.uk

BEWARE BUTTON BATTERIES !

Chronicle reader Janet Crumpton has asked that the following item that she saw in a newspaper should be brought to our attention: "Wiltshire, being responsible for public health, had a display at County Hall which caught my attention. Button batteries are the small round batteries you find in toys and everyday appliances like calculators and remote controls. They can be extremely dangerous for children, and if swallowed can kill within a matter of hours.

Button batteries aren't just a choking risk. If a button battery gets stuck in the throat or gullet this can trigger the electrical charge they carry and create caustic soda (the chemical used to unblock drains!). This can burn a hole through the throat and lead to serious bleeding and death. I have now displayed a poster in the town highlighting the seriousness of such an accident.

ChOC NEWS AND PROGRAMME FOR AUTUMN

We are pleased to report that following completion of the building works in the Memorial Hall, ChOC's new electrically-operated screen* has been installed above the stage thus making the technical set up much easier for committee and helpers alike.

ChOC's film programme this autumn begins in September with **Woman in Gold** starring Helen Mirren, followed by **The Imitation Game** with Benedict Cumberbatch in October, and, in November, **Dark Horse: The Incredible True Story of Dream Alliance**. We are delighted that prior to the screening of **Woman in Gold**, and in association with **Art Insights**, **Clare Carswell** will conduct a short Q&A session with **Steve Mitchell**, the scenic artist who painted the artworks used in the film. Steve has worked on a large number of features including, **Elizabeth: The Golden Age**, **The Brothers Bloom**, **About A Boy**, and **Captain Corelli's Mandolin**.

In the audience survey undertaken by ChOC earlier this year, over 80% of those who responded said they would prefer earlier start times during the darker months of the year. As such, films in November and January will start at 7pm, whilst the December film will be an afternoon matinee. Please note though the film in September will be screened at 7.30pm, the Q & A session beforehand will begin at 7pm.

All films will be shown in the Memorial Hall. Admission: Adults £5 / U15s £3

Sunday 13th September – Woman in Gold Cert PG / 1hr 50mins.

Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann (**Helen Mirren**), an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis. Among them is a famous portrait of Maria's beloved Aunt Adele: Gustave Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer I". With the help of young lawyer Randy Schoenberg (**Ryan Reynolds**), Maria embarks upon a lengthy legal battle to recover this painting and several others, however, it will not be easy as Austria considers them to be national treasures.

Q & A Session: 7pm – 7.20pm. Film begins 7.30pm Doors & licensed bar from 6.15pm.

Sunday 11th October – The Imitation Game Cert 12 / 1hr 52mins

Benedict Cumberbatch leads a stellar cast in this biopic about the life of Alan Turing and the nail-biting race against time for Turing (Cumberbatch) and his fellow team of code breakers at Bletchley Park to crack the Enigma code during the Second World War. In a more sinister twist in the story, parallels are drawn between the need for governments to keep secrets and the need for Turing to keep secret his own sexuality. **Film begins 7.30pm.** Doors & licensed bar from 6.45pm

Sunday 8th November – Dark Horse: The Incredible True Story of Dream Alliance Cert PG / 1hr 25mins

Louise Ormond's drama documentary, set in a former mining village in Wales, is the inspirational true story of a group of friends from a working men's club who decide to take on the elite 'sport of kings' and breed themselves a racehorse. Raised on a slagheap allotment, their foal grows into an unlikely champion, beating the finest thoroughbreds in the land, before suffering a near fatal accident. Nursed back to health by the love of his owners - for whom he's become a source of inspiration and hope - he makes a remarkable recovery, returning to the track for a heart-stopping comeback. **Film begins at 7pm.** Doors & licensed bar 6.15pm

***ChOC's Screen:** Local organisations wishing to use the screen for other events should email secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com

**CHARLBURY & DISTRICT
GARDEN SOCIETY
ANNUAL VISIT TO
TWO WORCESTERSHIRE
GARDENS
(Bretforton Manor and The
Tynings) and
PERSHORE COLLEGE**

**WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 2015
Leaving Spendlove at 9am**

**To register and for further details
please contact**

Angela Gwatkin (01608 811378)

angelagwatkin@uwclub.net

**£26 includes tea at The Tynings
Sandwich and cake lunch (£9) available at
Pershore College (booked in advance)
Otherwise bring a picnic!**

Macmillan Coffee Morning

September 25th 10-12.30 in the
Friends Meeting House.

Coffee and Cake
Bring and Buy Sale
Raffle Auction
Bric a Brac Books Games

Fund raising for Macmillan Nursing
Care.

Any donations of books, bric a brac,
cakes, and produce very welcome.

Please contact Sally Simpson

sallyyogilvie55@gmail.com

Suzanne Flynn 07341445867

Relax, unwind, read the papers, catch up with friends and
colleagues and enjoy some delicious home-made cake along with a steaming cup of
Fair Trade tea or coffee at the

Font Cafe

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

For smaller children we provide a play area with toys.

There is also a **Traidcraft** stall selling a range of fairly traded foods, crafts and cards

THE DANCERCISE FITNESS PROGRAMME: Fitness is fun in
Charlbury this autumn with a 60 minutes full body workout to dance and popular
music. Improves mood, confidence, mobility, co-ordination and other benefits. A
non-judgemental social group for all ages and fitness levels. You don't have to
be good – just keep moving. *Please see full page advert for more details and
testimonials on page 32*

The Royal British Legion – Charlbury Branch

The Branch AGM will be held in the Corner House at 8.00pm on Thursday 15 October 2015. All members are encouraged to attend. Anyone who would like to join the Branch is most welcome to attend.

The Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning will be held in the Corner House on Saturday 31 October 2015 with raffle, cakes and poppies for sale. For further information please contact Jane Parsons on 810822.

The Annual Band Concert will be held in the War Memorial Hall on Friday 6 November 2015 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.

Remembrance Day Parade and Service – Sunday 8 November 2015. 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 Lord Rotherwick, a former Officer in the Life Guards and a member of the Charlbury Branch.

Wreaths will be laid by the Legion, Charlbury Town Council and Thames Valley Police.

After the Service and Parade tea and biscuits will be available for all marchers, Legion members, serving and ex-serving service personnel, in the War Memorial Hall.

The rehearsal for all standard and flag bearers, wreath layers and readers etc will be at St Mary's Church at 6.30pm on Thursday 5 November 2015.

For any further information please ring Nick Potter on 810338.

The Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale in and around the Town 23 October to 7 November and at Charlbury Station on the mornings of 27 October and 3 November. Pam Rolls and Ian Parsons are our Poppy Appeal Organisers for Charlbury and the surrounding villages.

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

The National Two Minutes Silence will be at 11.00am on Wednesday 11 November 2015. Please support this small yet significant event.

Royal British Legion Membership Subscriptions

All members of all Branches will have received a letter in July explaining the new system. In short, Branches can no longer collect subscriptions and members can no longer pay in cash. Any Charlbury Branch member needing help or advice with the new system is asked to contact the Branch Membership Secretary, Barry Canham, on 811176.

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.

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

Friends of Charlbury Library

Jill Judson, Chair of the Friends of Charlbury Library

The Summer Reading Challenge has run again during the school holidays with 'Record Breakers' as this year's theme. The Challenge of reading 6 books during the summer holiday was open to children aged 4-11 and proved very popular again this year. Thank you to Sally Moore, our library manager, for running the scheme.

Please note that photocopying costs are now 20p per A4 sheet and 40p per A3 sheet. Audio books are now £2.50 for three weeks.

In June Computer Buddy sessions with Age UK began on Mondays at 11.00-12.00. These are term time only sessions and can be booked through the library.

Thank you to all the Library Volunteers who are working with Sally to provide a library service for our community. We like being busy so do continue to make good use of the facilities. If you haven't used the library for a while, or not at all(!) we would love to see you.

Remember the opening times are:

**Mondays 9.30-12.00 and 2.00-5.00; Wednesdays 2.00-5.00 and 5.30-7.00;
Fridays 9.30-12.00 and 2.00-5.00; Saturdays 9.30-12.00.**

Summer Reading Challenge for Adults at Charlbury Library

Challenge yourself to try something new this summer!

Perhaps you're a crime fan, or your go-to reading is historical non-fiction? Dare to read something new over the summer: you could find your new favourite author... The Summer Reading Challenge for adults is back: challenge yourself to read something new, and enter our prize draw by completing a Summer Reading Challenge for Adults postcard at the library. Prizes include tickets for free entry to Blenheim Palace, Cotswold Wildlife Park and Gardens, The Roald Dahl Museum & Story Centre, The Living Rainforest, Oxford Ice Rink and the Wychwood Brewery! You can challenge yourself any way you like: read a different author, try a different genre - even get stuck into the classics or some light fiction. Please feel free to share your reading recommendations on our Summer Reading Challenge for Adults poster in the library.

New mobile library routes

New mobile library timetables and routes have been in place since the 6th of July. These timetables and routes have been amended in response to a recent review of our mobile library service, in which we identified that we can better serve the needs of people who find it difficult to get to library buildings by joining up our mobile services and providing better stopping places with longer stops. No stop that was proposed to be retained and that was currently visited by customers was withdrawn and the mobile library service now stops at 229 locations in Oxfordshire. You can view the new timetable online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/mobile-libraries and we have a copy of the new timetable available in the library.

Sally Moore, Manager, Charlbury Library

The AND Quiz (again!) by Peter Barber

The clues below (1-25) form the first or second element of a phrase joined by 'and'. They are phrases from everyday speech, or are pairs from literature, science, entertainment etc. Link each with the appropriate clue/definition, a to y, which are in random order and which may be straightforward or oblique. List answers by numbering 1-25, adding clue letter (a -y) to each. A complete answer requires this defining letter.

Example: the correct answer to number 1 below would be:

1. wide – r ('far and wide', clued as 'extensive')

1. far 2. about 3. phloem 4. short 5. French 6. the Fiddle
7. shock 8. the devil 9. Carriage 10. Amazons 11. demand
12. Watson 13. omega 14. le Noir 15. tongue 16. Ben 17. Tom
18. light 19. game, set 20. Boon 21. Punishment 22. circumstance
23. give 24. Sturm

- (a) ice-cream US b) all over at Queens' c) C18 turmoil in Germany d) essential
e) inevitable f) funny mouse - cat, too g) chiaroscuro h) moving events locally
i) compromise j) Susan, Titty, Roger et al. k) economic equilibrium l) passion
between paper covers m) Raskolnikov's dilemmas n) rapid military onslaught
o) fixes a joint p) Greek extremes q) by Stendhal r) extensive s) up with the
crowd t) '...the soul of wit' u) hey diddle diddle v) comedy TV
w) Nobel Prize 1962 x) plant transport y) formality

Answers with your name should be emailed to Peter on
runic34@gmail.com before end of August.

A bottle of Beaujolais goes to the first correct list drawn from the hat.

CHARLBURY TOWN COUNCIL REPORT, No. 76

by Councillor Richard Fairhurst

New chairman elected: The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected for the year at the council's Annual Meeting (not to be confused with the Annual Parish Meeting in the Memorial Hall!). At this year's meeting, held on May 20th, Peter Kenrick was elected as the new Chairman, stepping up from Vice-Chairman. Peter was first elected as a councillor in 2012 and will be well known to many in Charlbury as the Chairman of Street Fair until recently. Richard Fairhurst was elected as the new Vice-Chairman.

The meeting marked the end of an era for Charlbury Town Council, with Nick Potter stepping down as Chairman after 20 years. Nick has steered the council calmly through complex issues and sometimes turbulent times. Town Councillors receive no allowances (unlike at District and County level) or other payments, yet the Chairman's job is a particularly demanding and time-consuming one.

Incoming Chairman Peter Kenrick writes: *“By any standards 20 years of dedicated service to the council, the town and the community in this role is an outstanding achievement. The Town Council unanimously voted their thanks to Nick and we hope that other members of the community will wish to echo this. This is perhaps an appropriate moment to recall just a few of the things that have happened in Charlbury during Nick's tenure as Town Council chairman: The Town Appraisal was published in 1996 and Nick led the council in working towards the implementation of many of its recommendations including the introduction of the railbus service. Three phases of high quality social affordable housing have been built in the town to meet the requirements of local people and the Town Council played a key role in facilitating this. Charlbury and neighbouring Cornbury Park have become established as festival venues with Riverside starting in 1995, the Beer Festival in 2003, Cornbury Festival in 2004 and now Wilderness Festival. Whilst these events are generally popular they bring challenges to the community and the Town Council has liaised closely with the event organisers to seek to minimise inconvenience, disruption and nuisance. The 750th anniversary of the Town Charter was celebrated in 2006 and Nick was able to arrange for the Princess Royal to visit the town and unveil a plaque outside the museum. The anniversary was also celebrated with the production and sale of a commemorative beer! Also, with Town Council support, the skate park has been installed at Ticknell Piece, a new pavilion has been built and new play equipment installed at Nine Acres and the War Memorial Hall has been extended and improved. Nick remains a member of the Town Council where his extensive knowledge and experience continue to be appreciated..”*

By-election result: Tom Skelton has been elected as a new Town Councillor, following the by-election on 25th June caused by the resignation of Reg James. Congratulations to Tom and thank you also to Gordon Clemson who also stood for election. The whole council will be up for election in May 2016. If you think you could help make a difference to Charlbury – and particularly if you believe you could represent voices not heard on the Town Council at present – then please do consider standing. Details of how to stand will be in the Chronicle, the Town Council website and the Charlbury Website nearer the time.

Defibrillator: We are pleased to report that an emergency defibrillator has finally been installed outside the Medical Centre, following an anonymous donation made for the purpose via West Oxfordshire District Council. The installation has been an (at times exasperatingly) protracted process but we are delighted to see it in place. A defibrillator gives an electric shock so the heart can recover after cardiac arrest. Instructions for use are included with the device but we also hope to arrange training sessions. Thank you to the Medical Centre for their support and, of course, to our Town Clerk Roger Clarke for his persistence in getting this installed.

Wigwell lease: Another long-running issue has been the transfer of management of Wigwell (behind Nine Acres Lane/Close) to the Wychwood Project. Following the conclusion of negotiations (see previous *Chronicle*), the lease has now been formally handed over and a letter to neighbouring householders will be sent out shortly. If you would like to support the upkeep of Wigwell, please contact Peter Kenrick to find out

about the new Wigwell Friends group (01608 811021).

Boundary Walk: The Parish Boundary Walk took place on 10th May, Rogation Sunday. 15 people joined the walk, which was led by Councillors (and volunteer AONB wardens) Tony Merry and Harriet Baldwin. Thank you to Rob and Maxine Hobill at Model Farm for lunch, and to the landowners who permit access across their land for this annual event.

Applying for Town Council grants: Any organisation that thinks it may need a grant from the Town Council for the financial year 2015/16 should obtain an application form from the Town Clerk and return it together with supporting documents by midday on 31st October; late applications cannot be considered. The Clerk can advise on what can, and cannot, be grant-aided under the Local Government Act.

Planning applications Among the most significant of the Town Council's responsibilities is commenting on planning applications within the town. In the most recent period these have included significant applications at Rushy Bank, Little Lees, Ditchley Road, Southill Solar and the new Community Centre. The decision on whether to grant permission rests with West Oxfordshire District Council, but the Town Council is a statutory consultee and takes its responsibility very seriously.

You can sign up for alerts on planning applications on the WODC website, and they are also posted automatically to the Charlbury Website every Monday morning. If an application affects you, please consider cc:ing the Town Council on any comments that you send to WODC; an understanding of residents' views helps inform our response to the application. Our responses are decided at the Planning & Correspondence Meeting held on the Monday before the full council meeting; see the Town Council website for dates.

Town centre streets: The Town Council is discussing with Oxfordshire County Council (the highway authority), and event organisers, how to discourage unsuitable traffic from using central Charlbury as a through route. Vehicles have become stuck several times recently on the narrow streets, with the obvious inconvenience to residents and town centre businesses.

If you park your car on Browns Lane, you can do your bit by making sure you are parked close to the kerb and that your wing mirror is tucked in. Double-decker buses can and do get stuck when cars are protruding, on one recent occasion leading to a two-hour jam. Thank you.

Bus subsidies: Oxfordshire County Council has announced that it is planning to remove most or all bus subsidies. The withdrawal of subsidies would almost certainly lead to the cessation of the Railbus service and very possibly the downgrading of the X9 Witney/Chipping Norton bus. (The S3 to Oxford is unaffected.) Any changes will take effect in April 2016. Charlbury Town Council understands OCC's budget pressures, but believes that there are better ways of reducing the subsidy than the current proposals. In particular, we believe OCC should continue to support non-discretionary journeys (such as Charlbury people getting to work in Witney); consider the environmental and congestion effects of withdrawing buses; and institute a programme to help the busiest routes (such as the X9) move to fully commercial, unsubsidised operation.

If you are a bus user, please make your feelings known by commenting on the Oxfordshire County Council website at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation. The consultation is open until 14th September.

Contacting your Town Council: All our meetings are open to the public. Full council meetings are held in the Corner House at 7.30pm on Wednesday 26th August, 23rd September, 28th October and 25th November, with Planning & Correspondence two days before (8pm unless there is a speaker). Open 'surgeries' will be held at the Corner House from 10am–12pm on Saturday 3rd October and 5th December.

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

STUDENT GRANTS Are you under 25, live in Charlbury and have a guaranteed place for a University or College course or an apprenticeship? If so, you may be eligible for a grant from the Charlbury Exhibition Foundation. Please apply by **1st October 2015** to: Kathrynfairhurst@hotmail.com or by post to: (Charlbury Exhibition Foundation, c/o Took House, Sheep Street, Charlbury, OX7 3RR)

Please include the following: Your name and date of birth; schools you have attended; the University or College name (or employer for apprentices); the course and level (eg BA) and your year of study (or for apprentices the type of apprenticeship level) ; your home address in Charlbury; and the reason for your application for a grant.

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

Big Apple Take-Aways

A huge thanks to everyone who invited us to pick their surplus plums, apples, pears, medlars, and quinces last year so that we could give them away FREE to other people in the town. Charlbury Sharecroppers couldn't do this every year without your generosity and desire to share your fruit rather than see it wasted. The first Big Apple Take-Away on the Playing Close will be at 2.30pm on Sunday 13th September and will continue every fortnight as different varieties ripen throughout the autumn – so if you've never been before, then please do come down this year and share in this lovely fresh local produce. If you have trees producing fruit you can't cope with, then please contact Christine on 81 1057 or sharecroppers@charlburygreenhub.org.uk. Windfalls are also collected so nothing is wasted. The best windfalls are juiced and made into Sharecroppers Gold cider which is given to Charlbury Beer Festival, Riverside Festival and Wychwood Fair to raise money for these events. The worst windfalls and the pomace from the juicing are all converted into meat via local pigs!

EDUCATION COORDINATOR NEEDED

The Corner House & War Memorial Hall management committee is considering future uses for the Corner House. One possibility is for classes of various types. Therefore we are looking for a volunteer to join the committee as Education Coordinator.

If you are interested in organising educational events and classes, please contact Kathy Broughton at Kathy@kbroughton.co.uk or Steve Andrews at Stephen.andrews@lowerwatts.co.uk



CHARLBURY STREET FAIR 2015

Street Fair will be held this year on **Saturday 19th September** marking **Charlbury School's Bi-Centenary**, and the achievement of Charlbury School as a foundation of the community that is Charlbury as we know it today. In addition to a great range of stalls, there will be performances and events by the children of Charlbury and traditional entertainments from Morris sides to Punch & Judy and fancy dress parade and a great range of gourmet delights.

Evening Entertainment

We are delighted to announce that the evening entertainment on Street Fair day will be provided by "**Rock Doctors**", "**Stonesfield Village Idiots**" and another band we hope will accept our invitation – still secret, but rather special!

How can you get involved?

Street Fair is your event, celebrating and supporting your community, so why not become part of it? As the Street Fair team, it is our pleasure to keep alive this long-standing celebration of our Royal Charter as a market town. Help us to keep it alive and exciting: run a stall, serve tea and cakes, sell draw tickets, help with publicity through social media, lend a bit of muscle to help set up and clear up.

This year we are especially interested in stories and historical information specifically about education, and education in Charlbury in particular.

If you want to keep Street Fair alive and you can help in any way, get in touch at csfchairman@charlburystreetfair.org or call me on 01608 819224.

*John Hole – Chair
Charlbury Street Fair Committee 2015.*

Road closure information:

The usual applications have been made for road closure orders for Church Street and part of Park Street and possibly Sheep Street for Saturday 19th 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.

CHARLBURY WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Women's Institute continues to pop up in the news in this, their centenary year. From serving tea and cake at Glastonbury, to the screening of ITV's drama series 'Home Fires' about a fictional WI in rural Cheshire during wartime, to the possibility of the Duchess of Cambridge becoming a member, the WI has captured people's interest.

While best known for The Calendar Girls, the slow handclapping of Tony Blair at their AGM in 2000 and 'Jam and Jerusalem', it's not always recognised that the WI has a long history of campaigning on a wide range of issues that matter to women and their communities. At a time when it was considered unladylike to do so, the WI lobbied the government to provide more public health information about sexual disease when VD was prevalent among British troops during WWI. A Women's Institute report published in the 1940s about malnourished, unclean and sickly child evacuees prompted a national debate about the health of children living in poverty in urban Britain. Onwards to the 21st century and current campaigns include 'SOS for honey bees' (calling on the Government to increase funding for research into bee health) and 'Care not Custody' (appealing for an end to the inappropriate detention of people with mental health problems).

Back to matters on a local level and Charlbury WI have been busy marking the WI's 100th birthday. Following the centenary 'baton' passing through Oxfordshire in April, we've had members attend the Buckingham Palace garden party, watch the first live streaming of the AGM on a big screen at the WI's college, Denman, in Marcham, and visit the former toll house in Llanfairpwll on Anglesey, Wales where the very first WI meeting was held in 1915. In September we'll join the other 140 Oxfordshire WIs in a centenary celebration at Christ Church cathedral.

In June we had a promotional stall at the Beer Festival for the first time and, together with the Charlbury Yack & Yarn group, took part in a 'Worldwide Knit in Public' event alongside the farmers' market stalls on The Playing Close. We invited Chadlington and Spelsbury WIs along to a BBQ we hosted in July and went on a summer outing to see a play about the WI, 'Raising Agents', by the (narrow boat) travelling Mikron theatre group in August. We have been keeping busy!

Looking ahead to our autumn programme, Waitrose are giving us a cheese talk and demonstration in September, we'll be learning about the history and art of corn dollies in October and making Christmas rag wreaths at our November meeting. If you've been thinking of joining us, then please do come along and try one of our meetings as a visitor. We'd be delighted to see you and if you join, part payment of the subscription is an easy way to take you up to the end of the year.

Charlbury WI meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Cornbury Suite behind The Bell at 7.30pm. Details of forthcoming WI meetings and Yack & Yarn sessions (first Tuesday of the month, also at The Bell) can be found on the Charlbury website, or contact Pat Hill (President) on 810714 or Louise Cashman on 676995.

Louise Cashman

Hope and Homes for Children (HHC) is a [British](#)

registered [charity](#) working with children, their families and communities across 8 countries in [Central and Eastern Europe](#) and [Africa](#).to help children grow up in safe and productive environments. The charity [moves children out of institutions into family-based care](#), helps keep together families who are at risk of breakdown due to the pressures of poverty, disease or conflict and works to prevent child abandonment.

As usual, Prim Birch will run a stall for this splendid charity at the Street Fair.

Please let her have your bric a brac, toys - and anything else you think will sell !

If you give her a ring on 810357 Prim will gladly come and pick up what you have.

Thank you.

Save the Children Autumn Fair

Times - 10am - 4pm Entrance £3
Venue:- Wychwood Golf Club near
Lynham, Oxfordshire OX7 6QQ
Date Thursday 22 Oct 2015

A prestigious Autumn Fair will be held to support the work of Save the Children, both here in the UK and overseas; all money raised will help vulnerable children. There will be 20 plus stalls catering for all tastes and pockets, a chance to shop early for Christmas in a peaceful and picturesque setting. Light lunches will be available, also a bar. Spacious Car Park. A chance to buy goods of high quality, variety and design. A wide range of Save the Children Christmas Cards/Wrapping Paper/Tags etc. will be on sale. There will be a Home-made cake stall with a huge variety to tickle your taste buds. Also a chance to try your luck with a Raffle - lovely prizes! Please come and enjoy a fun day out and give your support to the valuable work of this Charity.
Thank you

Pauline & Graham Evans (01993 842983)

CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

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

From September 1st meals will cost £3 delivered

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Are you new to Charlbury and looking for ways to become involved in the community? This is an important service and relies on local people to drive, or to cook, or to help in any way to keep it going. Please ring Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810161 or Jan Griffiths on 01608 810440 if you can help.

We are also accepting names for new recipients for our waiting list.

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

Probus Club of Charlbury continues to enjoy excellent lunches on the first Wednesday of each month at Witney Lakes Resort. The lunch provides a sociable setting for good fellowship and good conversation. The speakers at these lunches over the past three months have covered a variety of subjects, 'Cornbury Park', 'The Mitford Sisters' and 'Belarus', all of which have been both fascinating and informative. The titles of future talks are 'Bonny Prince Charlie', 'The VW Beetle' and 'Cotswold AONB'.

Thirty five of us, including 'Friends of Probus', had a wonderful day riding the Gloucester and Warwickshire Railway steam train from Toddington to Cheltenham Race Course and back on a fine sunny day. We were also conducted round GWR workshops and the engine shed. The views of the English countryside on a fine summer's day were splendid; the sounds and smells of steam engines very nostalgic to those of us of a certain age!

Probus welcomes applications for membership from retired men from a wide range of backgrounds and interests living in Charlbury and neighbouring villages. New members may be introduced by existing members or can apply in writing through the Secretary. Steve Cavell, 01608 811504 or email Stephen.cavell@yahoo.co.uk

CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB The outdoor season soon comes to an end and the club is already putting in place measures to maintain and improve our facilities. One of these is the key area of ensuring our grounds are of a high standard, a task undertaken for some years now by a small group of dedicated ground staff, all of whom live in Charlbury. Some are not so young as they used to be, so the club is now appealing for help from within the community to come and "learn the trade" of how to prepare, maintain and repair all the pitches we need to sustain so much cricket. We are currently running at between 90 and 100 booked home games each season, catering for boys, girls, men and women's teams, as well as midweek and representative matches, and four evenings of training.

The club puts aside a modest budget to reward the work but the main incentive is the pride of a job well done, plus the satisfaction of being out in the open air at one of most lovely venues in the Cotswolds. Our small team has many years of experience and the club also has access to specific courses in groundsmanship. Nearly all the work has to be done in the daytime, so ideally we are looking for those with the time to help, even if for just a few hours a week. The contacts are our two senior groundsmen David Horne and Mike Shayler, on 07890 976615 and 07969 446739.

The season finishes with our last games on September 12 and 13, followed by the major task of renovations to squares and outfield.

*David Horne, Vice Chairman, 07890 967715,
email: dw3horne@yahoo.co.uk*

CLUBS, GROUPS, SOCIETIES

Garden Society Annual Show

The centrepiece of the horticultural year, the Society's Annual Flower and Produce show, will be held on **Saturday 5th September**, in the Memorial Hall. There are classes for fruit, vegetables, cookery, jam, handicrafts and photographs; and there are seventeen cups, as well as prize money, to be won. Children's classes include runner beans and a monster made of vegetables or fruit.

Charlbury Bowls Club

There are more and more people playing bowls these days and not just the over 60s. Did you know that an 18 year old girl won the Women's World Indoor Championship in 2014?

Bowls is a sport for everyone to try and I promise you, you will receive a very warm welcome here at Charlbury Bowls Club. Why not come along to one of our roll-up nights on a Tuesday from 6pm where members will be happy to show you the ropes. It costs nothing to try.....unless you want a drink from our fully stocked bar. There's plenty of parking and spectators are also welcome. We look forward to seeing you soon.

For more details please call the club secretary, Heather Hill on 01608 810229.

Full details are on the Society's website and in the members' guide

*If you wish to submit entries for this section please contact
Julia Caston (810240)*

DAY CENTRE NEWS

At last the summer seems to have arrived and we can fling open all the doors and windows in the aptly named Garden Room. Thanks to the hard work of a few, excellent team work, wonderful support from everyone and aided by a lovely day we had a very successful Coffee Morning in June and raised well over £400 We are needing to update the training for our volunteers and unfortunately this is no longer funded by the County Council, so the monies raised will be a great help towards this necessary requirement.

Finally ,as I always do ,I have to plead for more help transporting our members from and back to their homes on the day we meet ,which is a Wednesday ,so if you could spare 20 minutes a month we would be so grateful.

Bob Tait. Chairman.

Neighbourhood Watch – building on local community spirit

Neighbourhood Watch (NW) is about local people looking out for each other, especially the elderly and more vulnerable members of the community. It is all about self-help and mutual support – not “curtain-twitching”. NW schemes are community initiatives owned and run by their members. They help people get to know their neighbours and work together as a group in order to make the neighbourhood a friendly and safe place in which to live.

NW aims to encourage people to develop closer links with each other, the police and other agencies to share information and address any local issues. NW schemes can:

Reduce opportunities for crime ; Help and reassure those who live in the area by providing safety tips; Encourage good neighbourliness.

There are currently 2 Neighbourhood Watch schemes covering different parts of the town: one covering Hughes Close and the other covering an area around the junction of the Slade and the Enstone Road. The Hughes Close Neighbourhood and Community Watch (HCNCW) scheme is particularly active and combines efforts to provide a range of community safety information for local residents with lively social events such as a community lunch and coffee mornings.

The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator covering our area and HCNCW have got together to organise a meeting on Wednesday, 9 September at 7.00 p.m. in the Anne Downer Room at the Corner House. The meeting has been planned so that more people in Charlbury can find out about the benefits of a local Neighbourhood Watch scheme and can think about whether they would like to help to set one up for their own neighbourhood. Do come along!

For further information contact Deborah Hextall, our Regional NW Co-ordinator, on 01993 893917; Deborah.Hextall@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

CHARLBURY MUSEUM NEWS

Special all day opening for the Street Fair on Saturday September 19th, 10am – 5pm. The museum welcomes visitors to see the current exhibition: ‘200years of Charlbury Primary School ‘, and to view the fascinating displays reflecting Charlbury’s unique history.

Adults £1 entry, children free.

NB The museum will close for the season on Saturday September 27th.

CLERICAL WIVES IN CHARLBURY, 1693-1736

Findings of the Charlbury Society Historical Research Group No 6

Margaret Brabourne, Widow of Charlbury, died in 1736. In her will, in lieu of direct descendants, she left her assets to her sister Mary Allen and Mary's sons.

Margaret and Mary, daughters of the Saunders family of Eastleach Turville, had come to Charlbury in the 1690s. Margaret married the vicar John Browne in 1693, but he died in 1696. Undeterred, she acquired the advowson – the right to appoint a vicar – and presented the next incumbent, John Brabourne. She then promptly married him, thus retaining her new home and status. Margaret had one son by each husband.

Mary married the widowed Henry Allen, Charlbury's curate and schoolmaster, in 1698. Unlike the unfortunate first Mrs Allen, Mary would live to see three of her children grow up. The grammar school was in the present Old Manor House and Sunnyside; when not teaching, Henry Allen stepped across the churchyard to perform his clerical duties.

John Brabourne meanwhile spent his time pursuing academic honours in Oxford. By 1709 he was Principal of New Inn Hall, paving the way for his son John junior to become Vice-Principal in 1717. The diarist Thomas Hearne had little good to say of either: the father was 'a poor scholar' and a 'toper'; the son likewise 'a man of no learning' and 'an excessive drinker'.

Margaret's life in consequence may have been difficult. That her family were aware of the problem is clear from the wills of her mother (1703) and uncle (1719), both of whom made provision for her but ensured that John Brabourne could not benefit. At this time any property acquired by a married woman automatically belonged to her husband.

When the Rev. Brabourne died (in debt) in 1726, Margaret attempted to install their son at Charlbury vicarage. But the advowson reverted to St John's College and young John died shortly afterwards. Bereaved – her older son had also died – Margaret was nevertheless finally entitled to her inheritance and her independence. Mary was also widowed in 1732, Henry Allen having continued as schoolmaster until his death. It is tempting to imagine the two elderly sisters living quietly together in a cottage near the church, relieved of the pressures of being clerical wives.

Linda Mowat

Secure Paper Shredding

The Charlbury Green Hub organises secure paper shredding twice a year in May and November. Large strong sacks are available FREE from the Post Office. Shredding fee will be £5 per bag, with £2.50 of that going to the Community Centre Appeal. Shredding date will be advertised on charlbury.info and in The Leaflet.

AS WE HEAD TOWARDS AUTUMN THE FLU SEASON IS ALMOST UPON US - *Ben Sherwood, manager at The Midcounties Co-operative Pharmacy in Charlbury, explains why it is so important to protect yourself, vulnerable relatives and your community by getting vaccinated.*

Everyone wants to protect themselves and their loved ones from potentially serious illness, but although flu season comes around every year without fail, it is very easy to put off getting the vaccination and not to take the threat of the illness seriously enough. Influenza (or 'Flu') is not just a bad cold, it is an infectious illness which is responsible for thousands of lost work days and can, in the worst cases, kill. Indeed it does kills tens of thousands of people every year in the UK. The good news is that the majority of cases are easily preventable. We're lucky to live in a country with a fantastic healthcare system, where all it takes is a quick trip to the GP or your local pharmacy to protect yourself by receiving a flu jab.

We strongly recommend thinking ahead and getting vaccinated before the cold weather comes. The flu jab is a quick, simple and generally painless injection. Some people worry that there might be side effects, but the worst you tend to get is a slightly sore arm, localised skin irritation or mild cold-like symptoms. It is impossible for the Flu jab to give you the flu as the viruses in the vaccine are inactive, not live.

To remain as protected as possible, you should get the flu jab every year, as the three strains contained in the vaccine change, depending on what is considered to pose the greatest risk in the UK at the time.

If you are over 65 or pregnant you will even be entitled to a free NHS vaccination, as you will if you have any of the following medical conditions:

Diabetes - Lung disease or severe asthma - Heart disease - Kidney disease
Liver disease - Lowered immunity due to disease or treatment - Neurological disease
Also if you are involved in caring for someone whose welfare may be at risk if you fall ill.

Those over 65 will need to get their free NHS flu jab at their GP surgery, but what many people don't realise is that everyone else has the option of going to their local pharmacy and getting vaccinated in a relaxed environment that is convenient to you. For those not entitled to a free NHS vaccine, **The Midcounties Co-operative Pharmacy** in Charlbury offers an inexpensive private flu jab service for just £10, with no appointment necessary. There is no reason not to have a flu jab this year. Get it early, get protected early and you can help prevent yourself, your loved ones and the community from being at risk.

This information has been provided by the Co-Operative Pharmacy Charlbury. We are the only pharmacy in Charlbury so please support us so we can continue to serve the community.

NEWS FROM CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

At the end of the summer term the school had to say some sad farewells to two long-standing members of staff. Firstly Mrs Ellis, who retired after teaching for fourteen years at the school. As well as being the Year 4 teacher, she was also subject co-ordinator for English, Music and Modern Foreign languages. She ran the school choir, taking the children to the Young Voices concert in Birmingham each year, and did lots to promote European cultures and languages in school. We wish Mrs Ellis a happy retirement and we're very pleased that she'll be coming back into school once a week to run writing groups for the children.

We also said goodbye to Mrs Bodman, who had also been at the school for fourteen years. As well as being a much-loved Year 2 teaching assistant, Mrs Bodman was involved with many of the after-school clubs, helping to make them friendly and welcoming for the children. Staff and pupils will miss her. We wish Mrs Bodman and her family all the best for their new life in Cornwall.

The school looks forward to welcoming new year 4 teacher Alice Boyes in September. And, in more staff news, we're also pleased to announce that Year 5 teacher Miss Franklin got married over the summer!

Meanwhile, the school's fundraising body, the CSA, has been hard at work running events. Thank you to everyone at the Beer Festival who supported the school either by buying chips or visiting the children's activity tent. Thanks too to everyone who came for the CSA's afternoon tea and cakes at the Museum as part of the school's 200th year anniversary celebrations. Without this type of financial support from the community we wouldn't be able to provide many of the extra facilities for the children. The latest fundraising project is to create a woodland trail in the playground for children of all ages to enjoy.

Year 6 pupils did very well in their National Curriculum assessments (SATs), which were above national averages in all subjects for the fifth year running now. At the end of term Year 6 pupils had lots of fun putting on a special leavers' production: "More Than 80 Days Around The World", which some of the children co-wrote with their teacher Mr Dunstan. The pupils were also mostly responsible for the music, choreography, and stage management, and created a really entertaining and funny production. Younger pupils also performed in their own end of year plays: 'H2O' and 'Archibald's War', and everyone enjoyed the end of term music assemblies as well.

Lastly, since my youngest child is now moving on to secondary school, I'm stepping down as parent governor. Being a governor at the school has been a rewarding experience and I hope my successor Catherine Ball enjoys it as much as I have. Charlbury Primary is a lovely school and I wish all the staff and pupils every success for the future.

Vicky Buser, Parent Governor

John Hole - A Day's Life

I had a slow, lazy morning today (Monday) even though I got up a bit too early at 7am. It was Charlbury Beer festival on Saturday, and I am part of the Festival team. My role is to help Will Chadwick with the sponsorship, making sure the sponsor money comes in, and that the sponsors are properly promoted. Inspired by Magna Carta, our theme was '**Beers on the Thames**', which meant we wanted beers brewed between Runnymede and Oxford. We bought up some barrels on one of Salter's steamers from Abingdon, offloaded them in Oxford, and bought them on to Charlbury. Even though this was hard work, it did bring Witney TV and the Oxford Mail on board.

It was a very successful event this year, with lots of people coming to enjoy the day in the sunshine. I worked in the Cider bar for most of the day, and was also lucky enough to interview Michael Hadley, the actor with the Royal Shakespeare Company, in our Culture tent. He was very easy to talk to and it felt like a conversation rather than an interview. Then the team and all our helpers spent yesterday, Sunday, clearing up the site, and litter-picking, in the rain!

Themes are very important in inspiring people to take part in an event. At the present time (the very end of May) the Street Fair is uppermost in my mind, as I have taken over its chairmanship from Peter Kenrick. Our theme this year is '**The Primary School is 200 years old**' which celebrates the long life of our school. We are lucky to have the help of a number of parents of children at the school, who have formed a very good team. They are working closely with the school, and involving others with planning activities for the day. This close co-operation pleases me enormously, and broadens the age range of the people involved with the Street Fair.

Luckily, Peter is still on the committee, and is compiling a handbook, which has all the procedures, contacts, etc, which are needed to run such an event. He and his wife Eileen, and their teams, organised a very successful Open Gardens this year, which raised over £2200 for the upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall.

I was born in Enfield and spent most of my early life in North London. As a teenager, I became an apprentice gas fitter, and in my spare time helped out at the Unity Theatre in Kings Cross, making the set for one of their plays. I was, and still am, a practical person. I sensed that I might enjoy working and being in the theatre. In my early 20s, I went to Sittingbourne College of Education to study for my Certificate in Education, and then became involved in drama seriously.

I worked as a drama teacher for 19 years in secondary schools. It was an enormous privilege to work with young people, especially sixth formers, with their huge amount of energy, commitment and belief. Subsequently I worked with Coral Arts, a community arts group, who worked with schools and community groups, liaising closely with local authorities, and so attracting private sponsorship. We were the first film crew to go inside the perimeter fence at Greenham Common once the US military had left. We wanted to celebrate the release of Greenham from the Cold War, with the local primary school children playing there, flying paper darts, kites, anything that flew. Another time, we did a carnival in Grove, then a place with no pubs, and only one community centre. The carnival theme was based round stories about Arthur Hitchcock, a chimney sweep, and his donkey, both local legends. We even went 'overseas', to the Isle of Wight, one of

the few times I've been seasick! I have worked with other community groups, such as Fusion on the Cowley Road, the Cowley Road Carnival, and with Pegasus Theatre, the Playhouse, and the Oxford Stage Company.

My last job was with Oxford Brookes, running their BA Combined Honours course in Performing Arts, Community and Education. Sadly, the BA course at Oxford Brookes no longer runs, as the university decided in 2011 it was no longer a good fit with their offer to prospective undergraduates. So 4 years ago, I was offered and accepted early retirement.

I was told, after a few months, to get out more! So I joined too many committees at once! Besides Street Fair and the Beer Festival, I'm a member of CADS, and have done a couple of productions with them. I am on the Council of Chipping Norton Theatre. It is almost unique in England for the range of work it puts on in a small provincial town, producing its own plays, including the Christmas Pantomime which is famous for its standard of production

And finally, I am co-chair of the Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum with Graham Terry. We are working very closely with Charlbury Town Council to develop two 'plans': the Neighbourhood Plan and the Community-Led Plan, either of which the town could adopt. The Neighbourhood Plan is concerned with building developments in the town, and gives people a small say in where any development should go. The Community-Led Plan is wider, and gives people the chance to say what they would like to see in the town in all its aspects.

And for relaxation? I am not a happy traveller, and don't like flying, whereas my wife Maureen would like to travel the world, and probably will with friends. However, we have bought a narrow boat, a 7metre Springer, made of very thin steel. As I said, I am a practical person, and so I am refitting it in Paddington, near to where our son and family live. I am enjoying this but it is hard work, especially as tools such a spirit level are not much use on a boat, which moves about a lot! So this is our adventure together.

John Hole was talking to Barbara Allison

PATIENTS AT CHARLBURY & CHIPPING NORTON SURGERIES

are reminded that the season for flu jabs is soon upon us. Adults over 65 and adults and children with chronic medical conditions, and pregnant women, are all entitled to free jabs and should make appointments with the surgeries they attend.

Anyone not in these categories but who wishes to have a flu jab can pay at the surgery.

Charlbury Pre-School would like to start by thanking everyone who supported us during our summer fundraising events. If you tried the new Sunday Roast style Hog at the Cornbury and Wilderness Festivals, or visited the tea tent at Riverside, even in the rain on Sunday, we are very grateful. Fundraising events coming up include the Farmers' Market in September and keep an eye out for the date of the Christmas Mulled Wine/Fizz night in December.

Early this year the Pre-School had the long-awaited inspection from Ofsted. It's a nerve-racking event where staff get no warning - just a knock at the door at 8.45am. We are delighted to say it went really well, and some of the highlights from the report are below:

Staff plan exciting activities so children learn through first-hand experiences

- *It is well resourced with a good range of equipment and activities to promote all areas of learning*
- *Children gain independence because staff encourage them to take responsibility*
- *Children delight in playing and exploring outside*
- *Mealtimes are a sociable time*

Free places are available for children age 3-4 and we are able to provide places for funded 2 year olds. Sessions are available every weekday. For more information please call 01608 811200 or email: admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk

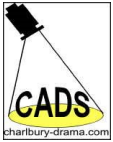
Liz Gupta

BLenheim FARM NATURE RESERVE

Sadly I have to report that all the nest boxes have now had to be removed from this reserve because of vandalism – nestboxes were damaged and families of Blue Tit and Great Tit were deliberately killed. Although the boxes were sited safely taking into account natural predators and weather conditions, we couldn't protect them from wilful damage. If you see any anti-social behaviour occurring while you're visiting the reserve, please report it straight away to the police on 101 the non-emergency number.

If you are putting up nest boxes this autumn in your own garden, please site them carefully so the birds can safely rear their young to fledging – please check the RSPB and BTO websites for advice.

Christine Elliott, Volunteer Reserve Warden



CHARLBURY AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

CADS haven't been idle in the last few months from holding a coffee morning to a very enjoyable treasure hunt, and then a great BBQ and skittles evening in July, all of which were made better with the weather holding out.

Once again this autumn we look forward to another coffee morning at the Corner House on Saturday 10th October 10am -12pm and hope to see you all there.

Summertime is a welcome break for all of us, and whilst many are off on holidays once again some of CADS members have been issued with homework to take with them in the form of the script of this autumn's production of " Aladdin " the panto written and directed by CADS' very own Kate Morris

Everyone loves a pantomime (oh no they don't oh yes they do !) and this year's performances will be Thursday 19th November, Friday 20th and Saturday 21st November, with Saturday having both a matinee and evening show, so there is plenty of chances to come along and enjoy what is always a great family trip out .

Tickets will be available from all the usual outlets in November.

Here at CADS HQ we are always looking for directors and producers to put on shows and invite them to submit their ideas for future autumn 2016 and spring 2017 slots that are currently available.

CADS are pleased to be helping local causes and once again are hosting a Bric a Brac stall at this year's Street Fair so with this in mind if you do have any suitable items for this stall please get in contact with me at Cotswold Frames or via CADS web page.

CADS is a theatre group serving Charlbury and its surrounding villages and we're always ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW MEMBERS - especially if you are interested in working back stage - please contact the Chairman or any member to find out more. Check out our Facebook page and our page on the Charlbury website for up-to-the-minute news.
email: charlbury.drama@gmail.com; **website:** <http://www.charlbury-drama.com>

Tim Widdows, CADS Chairman

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society restarts our lecture series on September 10th with a lecture by Jo Walton entitled "The Artist as Reporter: British Artists and the First World War". The next one, on October 8th, is "Can we trust experts on good and bad in art?" by David Phillips. And on November 12th the lecture is "Mason or artist: the Romanesque sculptor" by Juliet Heslewood.

Lectures take place at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford OX18 4XF and begin at 11.00am with coffee and tea available from 10.15-10.45. Non-members are very welcome, no need to book (suggested donation £8) On September 10th, however, the lecture will be preceded by the award of our Young Arts Bursary to a Burford School student at 10.30am

For more information see our website www.cotswolddfas.org.uk

Church Services in Charlbury

Charlbury Baptist Church



Contact: Kay Collier 810107 charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com

Sunday Worship at 10.30 am Relaxed family-friendly café-style Sep 20, Oct 18, Nov 15th. Harvest Special Oct 11. Every fourth Sunday we join the Methodists at Fishers Lane . Cake & Plant Sale with free good coffee at Corner House Oct 17 to raise funds for Langley House.

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Friends' Meeting House, Market Street



Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House

For further details contact Paula Dunleavy (646056)

Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane



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Sunday services at 10.30am

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



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For further information contact Rosalind Scott - rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk or ring 810562

Churches Together in Charlbury

In July all the Charlbury churches were delighted to welcome the Revd Dr Sally Welch as the new vicar of Charlbury. Sally was until recently Associate Vicar of St Margaret's and St Giles' in Oxford and Diocesan Spirituality Advisor. The ecumenical group going on pilgrimage to Durham and Lindisfarne in August are particularly interested in Sally's arrival as she has written books on pilgrimage and prayer. We are planning a series of talks in Lent 2016 on the theme of pilgrimage and we are looking forward to drawing on Sally's knowledge and experience as we prepare the list of speakers.

By the time the Chronicle arrives, the school holidays will be nearly over and the Holiday Club will have taken place. This is an annual event organised and led by people from the Charlbury churches for children 11 years and under. The theme this year was 'Ship Ahoy!' with all kinds of nautical activities taking place.

The next event is the Street Fair where Churches Together will be running a 'Home Grown and Home Made' stall again. We look forward to taking part in this community event and helping to raise funds for the Corner House and Memorial Hall. Any contributions – fruit and vegetables, cakes and jam – will be very welcome.

By October we will have completed another year of activities and will hold our AGM. This year it will be held on Sunday 18 October in the upper room at the Methodist Church, at about 4.45 pm. The AGM will be preceded by a service for One World Week in St Teresa's Roman Catholic Church, Fisher's Lane, at 3.30 pm, followed by tea in the Methodist Church upper room. Everyone is welcome at the service, the tea and the AGM, when plans for the coming year will be discussed.

Rosalind Scott – Secretary of Churches Together in Charlbury
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CRAFT CLUB

Do you enjoy making things, or long to learn a new skill like knitting, crochet, patchwork, quilting etc? Perhaps you have another hobby you would like to share, or maybe you enjoy a game of Scrabble?

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We look forward to seeing you!

Further details from Joan Belshaw 810130

From District Councillor Liz Leffman 01608 810153

liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk

I was very pleased when the plans for Southill Solar were approved in July. I was asked to talk about it at the recent Energising Oxfordshire conference organised by Low Carbon Hub. There was a great deal of excitement about it at the conference. I look forward to celebrating when the solar farm is built next year. Your district councillors are putting together a new plan for a Dean Pit replacement, working with WODC officers. We know that we cannot expect the County Council to provide this facility, and WODC were unable to progress Greystones because of difficulties over access. So we have to find a way of doing this ourselves, and together with the officers, have come up with some ideas that we hope might work. The willingness of WODC to discuss this has come about because of concerns over the growth in fly-tipping. Until a few months ago items left outside the bins at bring sites have been classified as "side waste" and collected in the normal way. But now that officers have started to break out items left on the side, and classify them as fly-tipping, the level of the problem has been revealed. Given that the County Council has said that they may have to close more recycling centres, we need to find a new way of dealing with our waste, and we hope to come up with some new ideas very soon.

From Councillor Rodney Rose, Deputy Leader OCC

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A40 - LTP4: This was discussed at a recent Cabinet meeting and plans for A40 improvements were accepted.

Consultation of HWRC: The main importance was to establish a strategy for Household Waste Centres, as this would make it possible for developers to contribute towards repairs and renovations to the Centres, and the hope is to have the strategy in place by the New Year. We also need savings in the order of £1.35m out of our HWRC so the consultation will also be seeking public views

Other consultation: The subject of supported bus routes is out to consultation until Sept 14 so local views would be appreciated on this. Also, a consultation will soon be starting on the Children's Hubs and Centres

As the newly elected councillor for Charlbury I am writing out of breath with the whirlwind of activity that faced me as a councillor. Sitting on the Planning Committee and having to deal with the Rushy Bank application, quickly followed by Little Lees, Ditchley Road and the Solar Farm, was not quite the baptism of fire I expected. The decisions made: the rejection of Rushy Bank (wrong location, adventurous project); the approval of the inspiring Solar Farm project and the deferment of Little Lees for safety aspects and access to be reconsidered, all seemed on balance to be the right decisions. So, thanks for electing me, you have certainly kept me busy! Of further interest it was brought to my attention by the residents of Sturt Close the need to have the recreation ground behind their properties back into use with play equipment as the previous vandalism issues of some years ago had gone. Residents agreed to get their own working group together and a petition was organised and over 100 people signed to show their support. Cottsway Housing who own the land, Charlbury Town Council Chairman and Clerk, the Playing Fields Association, WODC and Liz Leffman came to a meeting to discuss possibilities. Despite the positivity, Cottsway are putting in a planning application to build affordable houses so we are working to see if the recreational needs of both current and future residents can be realised. Charlbury Youth Theatre will be back at The Shed from September - on a Saturday morning 6-11 year olds and Wednesday evenings 11-18 year olds. Further details from Andy on 01608 658397/07908832632, email for application forms

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For further information or to book a place please contact: Mrs Jenny Bodinham, Coordinator, Marlborough C of E School Community Education on 01993 813592

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Letter to the Editor

I met Nick Potter in 2000 when I was elected a member of the Town Council, so Nick has been my Chairman for 15 of my years on the Council. He has been a remarkably effective Chairman - his strengths were his intimate knowledge of Charlbury and his way around the bureaucracies of district and county politics and his meticulous knowledge of local issues, making sure he was thoroughly briefed for the monthly council meetings. Consequently he was well able to hold his own in the town council's deliberations: you may not always agree with him but you knew that he had read all the relevant documents on the matter in hand. Nick's relaxation is drumming. I first saw him in action in The Shed, then at the Ditchley Park Jazz Picnic some years ago, and at the Wilderness Festival. He will be a hard act to follow!

Willem Hackmann

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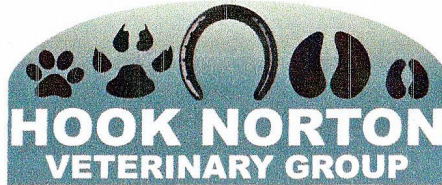
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