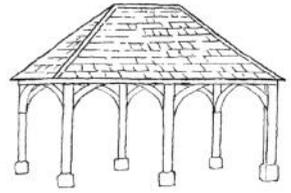


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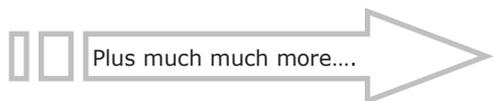
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From the Editor

Well this is another bumper edition and unfortunately I have had to leave some articles out. But they will be in the June Chronicle!

Much is going on in Charlbury with regard to Climate Change—see at least three articles on it!

All the societies seem to be gearing up again, including Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, who are looking for volunteers, and the Garden Society, to name but a few.

The Bowls Club are having three open days—I really would recommend having a go—I did and was useless but nevertheless it was great fun!

Charlbury WI have a new programme this year, which seems very interesting, so if anyone would like to come along please do—ages range from 30ish to 80ish!!!

A plea for Street Fair. They are still looking for more

volunteers to help out—either on the day or prior to it.

And the Town Council elections, are in May. Would you like to represent Charlbury and help Charlbury continue to flourish? If so, contact Roger Clarke, the town clerk on the details given on the Town Council report (p.40).

Wilderness tickets are on sale by the time you read this so do and go and get yours—they are being sold at the Community Centre this year, weekends only.

Border Morris are looking for new members and are holding an open day on 28 March in the Memorial Hall so do go along! (see p. 3)

If you have any ideas on what else you would like to see in the Chronicle, please do contact me at:-

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Susanna Finch

**Please note the deadline for articles for the Summer issue is 1st May 2020
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Everyone's talking about Climate Change now. Of course they are, with news almost daily of fire, floods, storm and drought in every part of the world. It's scary and we can feel helpless – no wonder it's on our minds. But that could be a problem. Being worried is very different from actually doing something. Hundreds of organisations and local authorities have now declared a "Climate Emergency".

The key is for effective action to be taken now, as David Attenborough has repeatedly warned. In this context it is great that Charlbury Town Council is working to put in place its own climate action plan, taking account of the views and contributions of individuals and groups within our community.

But what can we as individuals do? That's not always obvious. Many people recognise that we will have to transform the way we travel, how we heat our homes and the way we produce all the things we need. Action like that needs governments to take a strong lead, something that we have yet to see on the scale required. Elected politicians will say in turn that they must have a mandate, must have "permission" from public opinion before they can do that.

So it is partly back to us after all. Individual and local actions all over the country CAN lead to change through pressure from below. The Charlbury Climate Action Network - CAN - is just one of many groups in our town that is committed to doing just that. We aren't "eco warriors", just people wanting to play our part in making the changes we all need to see. As the saying goes, "If not now, when? If not us, who?"

Some of those changes don't need government action, and can be fun and rewarding. A prime example is food. The way we farm and the way we eat currently contribute significantly to climate change. There are intense arguments going on about the sort of diet we should be adopting, the future use of agricultural land, and how we grow our food. These issues are far from resolved, but the main messages are straightforward: as a country we should eat less meat and source our food more locally and sustainably. This, incidentally, is probably going to be better for our health.

Charlbury CAN is planning an event on **Saturday 25th April**

in the Memorial Hall between 12 noon and 3pm called "**Food Festival: Food for the Future**".

Do put the date in your diary – the event is designed for everyone, because we all need to eat. We are planning an enjoyable occasion exploring how we can make our diets lower-carbon and sustainable yet still be delicious and affordable. And yes, there will be food!

If you'd like to contribute in some way to the Food Festival, then CAN would love to hear from you. Or perhaps you'd just like to join our mailing list. We're at cancharlbury@gmail.com, or phone John on 07484 801765, or Janet on 07947 076257.

Can we do anything about climate change? Yes we CAN!

*Duncan Forbes
For Charlbury Climate Action Network*

Morris dancing taster session **Come and give Border Morris dancing a go**

We are a very friendly and relaxed group of Morris dancers dancing the traditional border style of dance with sticks and wearing rag/tatter jackets. We are looking for new dancers and musicians of all ages and abilities to join us, no previous dancing experience required. You could soon be dancing out and having fun at local fetes, fairs and festivals.

Are you thinking –
I have two left feet?
I have no timing or rhythm?
That's a lot of bearded old men drinking beer?

I am not fit enough for that?
I can't even skip let alone dance?
I don't want to go along on my own?

I don't have the time ?

Forget all of your worries—we are a very friendly, inclusive and welcoming group of varying levels of ability. The dances are easy to learn and you can make them as energetic as you like. Some dances can even be done at a walk. We practice for one hour a week but it is not necessary to come along every week. We also enjoy some social time over a drink after practice.

We would also like to meet new musicians who enjoy playing simple traditional folk music on any kind of instrument.

Are you interested? Then why not come and give it a go, meet the team and have a cup of tea and a chat. No long term commitment is expected just come and try it.

Charlbury Memorial Hall, Browns Lane, Charlbury
Saturday 28th March 2-4.30pm

Refreshments and cake will be served

Children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult

For further information please contact Teresa on 07881 963328 / 01608 810934

Twitter: @wychwayz Facebook: Wychwayz border Morris

Website: www.wychwayz.org





Charlbury Green Hub

Looking forward to a future of Real Food

We are all realising now that agriculture has a big impact on Climate Change. You might have heard George Monbiot's opinion that we should abandon farming and welcome laboratory grown meat, but I'd like to reassure you that there is another way.

Yes, conventional modern farming since the 1950s has had a direct and catastrophic effect on the biodiversity of our countryside and climate change. The agrochemical, and machinery industries hand-in-hand with food processors and supermarkets set farming off in a direction fuelled by fossil fuels that destroyed the hedgerows and impoverished the soil. Together they have driven us to a culture of eating ready-made processed cheap convenience "food" where we have lost the skill of cooking ourselves. As well as affecting the stability of life on earth this fast food is also making us ill and we are facing both obesity and diabetes crises. The influence of the fast food industry spreads around the world displacing healthy diets, so on a global scale no wonder there is a valid cry to say no to intensive meat and dairy production methods like you see in the USA.

I am always inspired by attending the Oxford Real Farming Conference (ORFC) in early January and am always impressed by sustainable, regenerative farming practices that are out there; that ordinary members of the public don't really get to hear about. I wrote last March in the Chronicle about the new research published by the Oxford Martin School that it's an *increase* in methane that should be used in the climate models rather than the amount of methane produced. I have been disappointed in the past year that this still hasn't yet become mainstream knowledge and every carbon footprint calculator still attributes an exaggerated impact from ruminants. Unfortunately, short-lived methane dominates the media and distracts from the real

problem of CO₂ emissions from fossil fuels that have the serious long-term warming effect.

The message I want to share with you from this year's conference is the phrase "It's not the Cow, it's the How". Low input regenerative farming methods including grazing livestock can beneficially sequester carbon deep into the soil, increase the biodiversity of our countryside, and provide healthy nutritious food for us to eat. Every time we buy food we can make the choice about what sort of farming system we support. When paying more for organic food, it's not just about the food itself, it is about the health and welfare of our countryside and our planet. Eating well-sourced meat 2-3 times a week ties in with the IPCC advice for us to eat less but better meat. Also Colin Tudge, the co-founder of the ORFC, recommends "plenty of plants, not much meat, and maximum variety" for a global diet that will easily feed 9 billion in 2050.

Supermarket foods inevitably have lengthy supply chains with farmers getting a very small part of what you pay. Buying straight from the producer gives them a much fairer income, and that's why Farmers' Markets and farm gate sales are so important to support.

Every time we buy something, whether it's holidays, gadgets, clothes, furniture, or food, we make choices. In a carefree world, decisions might be taken on a whim, but in today's world we need a more mindful understanding of what our choices mean.

Everything we buy has implications for climate change and we now know that our decisions have a much wider effect. When we spend money we need to invest in who and what we want to encourage. See www.charlburygreenhub.org.uk/food/local-seasonal-food.html for local food suppliers.

Christine Elliott
Charlbury Green Hub



RAINFALL REPORT—2019

The rainfall measured at Lees Rest between 1 January and 31 December 2019 was 971mm/38.84 ins, the wettest year since 2014.

The wettest month was October with 161mm/6.44 ins and the driest was May with 31mm/1.24 ins. This was the driest May since 1998 and the wettest October since 2004.

Lees Rest is about a mile and a half east of Charlbury and so the rainfall in the Town Centre may have been completely different!

Nick Potter



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Repair Cafes

Charlbury Green Hub is planning to start running Repair Cafes in Charlbury. We need to find people with skills to repair things such as small appliances, clothes, tools, woodwork, etc and who are prepared to volunteer their time on a Saturday afternoon a few times a year. Please email repaircafe@charlburygreenhub.org.uk if you might like to help.



Charlbury Beer & Wine Circle

We are now almost half way through our year and have enjoyed a number of tastings and other social activities. Over the next few months we have two more tastings and our Annual Dinner arranged.

Then, as we head into summer, there is the opportunity to get together and enjoy your favourite tippie in the great outdoors.

Meetings are usually on the third Monday of the month in the War Memorial Hall at 7.30pm; new members welcome. Subscriptions for the year are just £10 and subsidise the tastings.

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The Wigwell Friends

Wigwell – Ecological Natural Succession

In the valley to the north of Nine Acres Lane lies the ecologically important and much-loved area known locally as Wigwell. This land is accessible via a permissive path starting from the gate next to the Scout Hut and this path also provides a safe alternative walking route for anyone heading to the Old Shed café at Banbury Hill. Wigwell, which is owned by Thames Water, contains many springs and, at one time, provided water supplies to Charlbury.

The site also includes an area of species-rich meadow habitat which is one of only a handful of sites across the country where the near-threatened species Meadow Clary (*Salvia Pratensis*) grows wild.

This area is a designated local wildlife site and the whole of Wigwell is proposed for protection as a Local Green Space in Charlbury's emerging Neighbourhood Plan. With the Wigwell stream running through it, the site is at the heart of a blue-green corridor which has major significance for wildlife, biodiversity and water quality.

Wigwell is managed under an environmental lease by **The Wychwood Project** with assistance from volunteers including the local **Wigwell Friends** and the **Cotswold Voluntary Wardens**.

The Wychwood Project believes that the site has extensive and exciting potential for biodiversity and habitat creation, so they are currently putting together plans for diverse future management of the site that will encourage more "natural succession" in some areas (i.e. allowing habitats to re-establish naturally within a wider scheme). This approach shares

some features with "rewilding" but with more targeted focus.

We are fortunate indeed to have a site like Wigwell on our doorstep. The plans there have the potential to make a real difference and **you can be part of it!** If you would like to get involved or just to find out more, please contact me (Peter Kenrick – peter.kenrick48@gmail.com or on 01608 811021). We would be delighted to welcome you to the **Wigwell Friends**.

We have regular daytime working parties on the second Wednesday of each month but even if you can't make those, there are other events and other ways you can get involved. For example, we will be increasing our monitoring and recording of the site including species of flora and fauna (e.g. butterflies & bees) and unusual sightings etc. This can be done at any time. No previous experience necessary - training can be given.

There will also be an annual meeting of the **Wigwell Friends** in the Corner House at

7:30pm on **Thursday 26th March**

where you will be able to hear the latest Wigwell news from the Wychwood Project and others. All are welcome – I hope to see you there!

Also, great thanks are due to **The Wychwood Project** for their exceptional work on Wigwell and elsewhere in the area - please support them! Find out more about them at www.wychwoodproject.org.

Come and get involved with this exciting project!

Peter Kenrick



“Not another one”?!

There are said to be well over 50 clubs in Charlbury but it does not have an investment club... not yet!

Newly arrived to Charlbury Paul Jackson brings an experience with several investment clubs and is keen to establish one based in Charlbury.

Investment Clubs bring together individuals who regularly watch and trade on the Stock Market.

Members contribute a monthly sum and shares are bought and sold in a friendly democratic atmosphere, often between bi-monthly dinner meetings using the internet for research and email.

The sharing of skills and knowledge with a diverse range of members not only helps those trading outside the club's portfolio but also stimulates wide debates on the business world around us.

There are already three founding members and a target of a further nine is sought within the next few months.

Brokerage, Bank accounts and a draft constitution have all been set up plus proposed rules for approval at the inaugural meeting.

Anyone who is interested should call Paul... 01608 811 370 or 07974 565618 or pauldjackson1@outlook.com



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More information can be found at www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk.

Friday 6th March 10:00am

Saltway, Quarries and Woodland
5.5 miles - 2.5 hours

As well as interesting countryside to enjoy, this walk also explores the picturesque town of Charlbury. Very reasonable lunches can be bought after the walk at The Old Shed Café.

Start: Banbury Hill Farm OX7 3JH
[between Enstone and Charlbury]

Sunday 8th March 10:00am

A Wander Around Whichford
10.5 miles - 5 hours

A circuit to Brailes, please bring a packed lunch.

Start: Whichford, please park considerately around the Green CV36 5PE

Tuesday 17th March 10:00am

Spring on the Borders
5.5 miles - 3 hours

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

Start: Ditchley Park Gate OX7 4EZ

Wednesday 25th March

Combe into the Park
6 miles - 3 hours

From Combe A gentle walk into Blenheim Park. Lovely views and riverside walk.

Start: The Cock Inn Combe near Woodstock OX29 8NT

Monday 6th April 10:30am

What a View
2.5 miles - 1.5 hours

This walk is a walk for all of the family. As the title implies there are fine views to

be had in this northernmost tip of the Cotswolds so be sure to bring a camera. Paths are generally good but stout footwear is recommended. No stiles. Nice cafe afterwards.

Start: Upton House Car Park near Banbury OX15 6HT

Wednesday 8th April 10:00am

Burford and the "Other Side
10 miles—5.5 hours

A circular walk from Burford which includes the pretty, and seldom visited, villages of Westwell and Holwell. You will need a morning snack and packed lunch.

Start: Burford Main Car Park OX18 4SB

Saturday 25th April 10:00am

Glyme Valley and Heythrop Park
11 miles - 5.5 hours

A pleasant springtime walk along the Glyme Valley. Returns to Chipping Norton. Pub stop at lunchtime but please bring a packed lunch.

Start: New Street Car Park Chipping Norton OX7 5LJ

Sunday 3rd May 10:00am

Along the Edge
10.5 miles - 5 hours

Stunning views and the site of a famous battle. Please bring a packed lunch.

Start: Please park considerately near the church in Middle Tysoe

Thursday 7th May 10:00am

Bluebells in Foxholes
6 miles - 3 hours

Starting in Shipton under Wychwood the walk passes Bruern Abbey reaching the beautiful Foxholes Nature Reserve where the bluebells should be in flower. We return by woodland and field paths.

Start: New Beaconsfield Hall Shipton under Wychwood

Tuesday 19th May 10:00am

Spring in the Wychwood Forest
8.5 miles - 5 hours

A circular walk through parts of the Wychwood Forest off the public rights of way, with kind permission of the owner. Mostly level or undulating ground but one short steep section. Please bring a packed lunch.

Start: Spendlove Centre Charlbury OX7 3PQ

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A Days Life: John Moore, school teacher and gardener

I went round John's garden when he opened it for Open Gardens some years ago, and was fascinated how much he managed to grow in quite a small space. So I began by asking him how he got into gardening

I have been gardening since I was a boy, when I looked after the family garden. I had an allotment in Charlbury at Elmstead and have now moved to one off the Enstone Road. It was covered with black sheeting when I first had it. This quite large allotment keeps me fit. Each autumn, I dig in about 90 sacks of leaves to improve the fertility. This year it was 93 sacks. My neighbours collect their leaves for me and I collect them from other areas in the town. I also dig in other plant material and make my own compost. This allotment has a lot of stones in it, which the previous gardener had thrown into a large bin. I emptied this out and use it with a cover on for my tools. Any stones I dig up now are used to fill in the holes in Watery Lane. I generally don't use manures.

The allotment crops very well, and more than provides for, sadly, just me now. I grow many different vegetables, such as potatoes, onions, lettuces, carrots, squashes, sprouts and winter broccoli (which means it is free of caterpillars), and so on. I am not very fond of marrows, so I don't really grow them and sweetcorn may break my teeth! However, surplus crops are easily dealt with - donated to neighbours, friends and raffles [Ed: and me! I came away with a squash]. I intercrop my vegetables - young broccoli plants between broad beans, for example. I have a home-made 'poly' tunnel, but using enviro-mesh not polythene. I like experimenting: in my garden, I have some old slates, arranged in a sloping pattern, and am growing alpinas and other low plants in the gaps.

I was born in Leicester and, after school, went to Chester Diocesan Teacher Training College, where I specialised in science and maths. I taught locally for a while, and first met Morag at a dance. Morag and I moved to Skegness where I had a post teaching physics and maths. We stayed there for nine years.

We wanted to move south again and, in 1975, Morag saw a post advertised in the Times Educational Supplement for a science teacher at the Spendlove School in Charlbury. When I went for the interview, I realised that they wanted a teacher of biology, not physics! But I got the job and enjoyed my time there teaching biology and rural studies. It was a splendid move for us. It was a three-year entry school then, years 1 to 3 and, the following year, expanded to a five-year entry, years 1 to 5. So I stayed with the same groups of pupils as they went up the school. I enjoyed my time there and former pupils still come up to me to have a chat.

When the school sadly closed in 1982, I moved to Chipping Norton School where I stayed until retirement. [Ed: John showed me a staff photo from those days. I didn't recognise him as he had a full beard then]. Once retired, I continued as a supply teacher at the school. I covered most subjects- maths and sciences of course, but also history, geography, French and woodworking - without much problem. I even managed to take some classes in computing, but that took some practice before the lessons. I used to get the pupils' worksheets for the lesson beforehand and work my way through them. Nowadays, I use the computers in Charlbury library, mainly for printing sheets with information about particular plants, Beer and Wine Circle information, Garden Society lists etc.

When we moved to Charlbury, Morag and I were quickly drawn into helping with the Guides and Scouts supporters group, as our two daughters had joined the Brownies and Guides. The parents tried to raise money for the Groups' activities. We had floats at Street Fair -

I remember one float where Morag was Lady Guinevere and I was Sir Past-it! Our younger daughter now runs a Beaver group in her village of Blunsdon, near Swindon, and her husband is a scout leader. Our elder daughter lives in Hampshire and has returned to higher education at Southampton University for further studies in Chemistry.

I have been making my own beer since my teens. In 1978, we were among the founder members of the new Beer and Wine Circle and I was secretary for a long time. We were a very active group and for many years all the members made wine and/or beer. We had guest speakers and won rosettes in shows including at Thame. However, as wine became relatively cheaper from supermarkets and the taste was more reliable, we have all stopped making it and now have our own favourites, largely from sunnier parts of the world. I still brew my own beer and some is fermenting right now as I talk to you. Happily, the Beer and Wine Circle membership is rising now, under our new Chairman Tony Horn, and we have a varied programme of meetings for the year ahead.

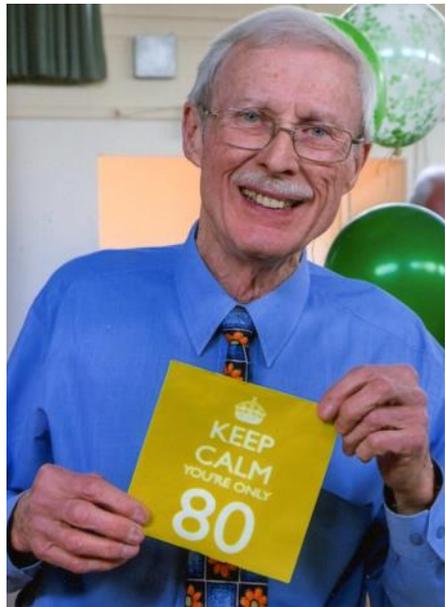
I have also been a member of the Horticultural Society –now the Garden Society – for many years. Morag and I both exhibited at the shows – me with the fruit and vegetables, and Morag with her flower-arrangements.

For the Society's AGM and Harvest Supper, usually held in the autumn, I produce a quiz for people to ponder over as they eat their supper. I try to make the questions about general knowledge and don't include football, TV or films. I also try to include one or two maths type questions, which always get people going. This year's one was as follows: 'The England cricket team beat New Zealand on July 14th 2019. If the eleven players all shook hands with each other, how many handshakes would that be?' [Ed: answer p.54]. I used to go to Roger Watts at Business Focus to get my quizzes photocopied and often gave

him a copy for his family to enjoy. I still send him one, as he has now moved to Milton under Wychwood. Morag took over organising the Ladies Lunch Club some years ago and I also produce a quiz for their Christmas meal.

I was asked some time ago about joining the team who help transport elderly people to the Charlbury Day Centre on Wednesdays. This I willingly agreed to do, because it helps those who would otherwise have difficulty in meeting others for a chat, coffee break, meal and the different activities put on there.

I deliver the Chronicle and the Leaflet, which gives me good exercise as well as helping to keep Charlbury well informed about what is happening in our community. And back to dancing! Each week I go to join a Folk Dancing group in Stonesfield Village Hall. It is a lovely way to spend an evening with great company and, as a bonus, a live band.



I am never out of things to do!

John Moore was talking to Barbara Allison

In 2040 Charlbury will be....

... the Portmeirion of the Cotswolds! There will be no private cars and no pavements. Most of our food will be grown and produced locally. Sharing will be the thing – sharing tools, sharing electric bikes, sharing care for one another. The land around us will be organically farmed and extensively rewilded, and our beavers – Bertha and Bertie – will be delivering all our river management needs.

Responding to the climate emergency needs urgent action, and it needs *everyone* to be on board to help shape change and deliver it. That's why Charlbury Town Council declared a climate emergency and took immediate action to start engaging residents and representatives of local businesses and landowners in thinking about how we move from where we are now to **net zero carbon** as soon as possible. On 22nd January the climate action planning process was launched with a clear and comprehensive presentation on climate change and the need to take urgent action presented by Charlbury resident Mike Thompson (coincidentally chief economist to the Committee on Climate Change!) to a packed Memorial Hall – standing room only.

Then on Saturday 1st February, 70 residents joined a five-hour workshop to come up with ideas about how Charlbury will have to change over the next twenty years, and what actions we need to take in the next couple of years to help that change happen.

What will change look like in terms of our buildings, our journeys, food, nature (land use and management), energy, waste and health and wellbeing? Trying to think ourselves into the future is difficult, and there was much hilarity as we struggled with imagining life different from now. Just some of our ideas could mean:

- All buildings will be zero carbon and a cooperative of local builders will have

delivered deep green refurbishment to all homes.

- All journeys will be made on foot or by all-electric vehicles, many of which will be owned in common – an electric mini-bus, electric bikes, and an electric car club for longer journeys, with charging locations around town.
- All the soil around Charlbury will be mapped for its ability to absorb and store carbon and managed to maximise both.
- There will be more zero carbon energy generation sufficient to meet the community's *much reduced* energy demand.
- Waste will be down to almost zero with community composting of packaging and other food wastes.
- Our food will be produced locally and will be largely plant-based – including the 'meat'!
- And we'll be healthier, happier and caring of all in our community.

A common theme was **sharing** - we can all use less by sharing more as individuals and community. See the newly-created lift-sharing page on www.charlbury.info

We know that we're not fighting for a merely liveable planet. We're fighting for a riotous, wild, gorgeous, generous, miraculous and life-cradling planet. And a society that works for everyone.

Now to make this happen. Working towards such outcomes will need a committed town council. And many volunteers to help think things through, make plans, and work with other councils around us that have declared a climate emergency – Chipping Norton, WODC, Oxford City Council, Oxfordshire County Council.

If anyone would like to help, please contact Roger Clarke, the town clerk on charlburytc@btinternet.com



CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

Cricket is often seen as an outdoor sport, with games lasting less than five months in the Spring, Summer and early Autumn. But dedicated players continue to hone their skills out of season. The club has been fielding a team in the Winter for the indoor game at Banbury's Spiceball Centre, finishing third in their league with five wins and just two defeats. The team included one of our women players, Emilia Bartrum, young pace bowler Matt Doran, and evergreen stalwart Nick Merry.

Early in January we started a 14 week session of training at Charlbury's Community Centre, using the excellent facilities for bowling, batting and fielding drills, continuing through to early April. We are catering for senior players, youth, and women and girls' teams. Energy levels are high.

Preparations for the 2020 outdoor season, however, are already beginning to take shape. We have an early start of pre-season matches, beginning with friendly games on the weekend of April 18th and going through to the beginning of the Cherwell League fixtures on May

9th. We have three teams in divisions 4, 7 and 10 and one women's team in the Midlands West Division, as well as an expanded programme of midweek games and an array of matches for U11, U13, U15 and U17 boys and girls.

We also have to fit in our annual pre-season work party, booked in for the weekend of April 4th and 5th, when club members get the ground and pavilion ready for another season outdoors – an ideal opportunity for new members wanting to become part of the club to join in.

In recent years the club has revived the tradition of tours, taking place over a weekend before the start of the league season. We've been to Cardiff, Bristol, Bournemouth, Sheffield and Brighton, but this year it's off to sunny, sunny Spain to take part in a cricket tournament at La Manga. Not the furthest we've been, however. A few years ago our women and girls went all the way to Sri Lanka for a tour!

David Horne, vice chairman



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All Together In Charlbury – a local helping hand

Do you agree that it's good to live in a community where mutual support and good neighbourliness is built into everyday life?

According to the views expressed in the town survey in 2016, Charlbury generally has a good track record in this respect but there is always scope for doing more to make sure that everyone who may need a helping hand from time to time knows how to find it.

We've probably all been in a position on some occasion, where we would have welcomed some practical help or moral support but there was no family member or friend available to provide it. Or we may well be in such a position at some time in the future.

Would you like to spare **just a bit** of your time to help achieve the feeling that we are "All Together In Charlbury"?

We're here to help – can you help us?

All Together In Charlbury (ATIC) is a local voluntary group which aims to provide informal help to people in the community who need it by linking them up with someone who has offered some of their time to meet requests. ATIC aims to help Charlbury residents of all ages and circumstances.

We aim to make a contribution to Charlbury's already rich pattern of informal good-neighbourliness which goes on unseen day by day all around the town.

The number of people calling on ATIC's services is gradually growing and we need to add to our team of volunteers.

What's in it for you?

ATIC volunteers gain as much from involvement in the scheme as our service users. They get the opportunity to meet people from parts of the town they may not have known or visited before and to have some fascinating conversations along the way.

By volunteering for ATIC you will not be tied to specific days or times (unless you choose this). You can help in the way(s) that you want and when it suits you and your life. Possible kinds of help are:

- transport to hospital or other medical/health/care appointments
- transport for other purposes such as to get to the shops, to take part in a local activity or club or to visit someone in hospital or care home
- getting shopping or prescriptions
- household tasks (like changing a light bulb or smoke detector battery) or occasional gardening jobs
- letter writing or simple form-filling
- popping in to see someone and have a chat

You can choose the tasks that you offer to help with depending on your interests and strengths and then on your availability.

We do not expect our volunteers to be out of pocket as a result of giving help. For example, if you provide transport, your passenger will pay you 45p per mile to cover expenses. All volunteers in the scheme are covered by public liability insurance. Volunteer Link-Up, who act as our call-centre, are professional volunteer managers and are keen to answer any questions. To be one of our volunteers, you will need to be 16 years or over and be prepared to undergo a DBS check and to provide two character references.

To find out more, contact ATIC on 07487 413892 or

charburylefttogether@gmail.com.

(Or, if having read this article you want to contact ATIC to get help with a task, please ring our call-centre number: 01993 776277.)

Meryl Smith

Charlbury Society

The Charlbury Society series of winter lectures is now well under way and we have had some very interesting evenings in the Memorial Hall.

Janet Jeffs, stalwart of Charlbury Museum for many years, presented us with the story of the museum through its first 70 years, which we marked in 2019. Her slides showed just how the museum has grown since its modest beginnings into the major tourist attraction that it is today.

There were pictures of some of those who went before in getting the museum off the ground, down to the return of the wagon, now in its restored glory for all to see in the coming season. We also had a series of shots of some of the eye-catching exhibits now in the museum. There was just a bit of time at the end to run over some of the highlights of the history of the Charlbury Society, out of which the museum came into being.

In December there was a disappointingly smaller than usual audience to hear Neil Pakenham-Walsh speak on his charity which spreads healthcare information around developing countries. It is a pity more did not hear this, as it was a most interesting and informative presentation, showing how so much good can come out of our small town.

And for our January meeting we had Nicola Coldstream speaking on medieval entertainment. This focussed around the grand celebrations which were put on at cities and towns when royalty came on a visit. Nicola is a renowned medievalist, and this showed through, with her extensive knowledge on the subject.

We have an interesting range of subjects coming up in the next few months, from the Oxford women's colleges to Anglo-Saxon Wychwood and Sir Henry Lee of Ditchley Park.

To finish our season, in May, we have a change to the advertised lecture. It will now be 'The man who loved Charlotte Bronte' - now there's a subject that could be very interesting.

Two of these lectures, for April and May, have had to be moved back a week. Our April meeting is now on the 3rd, so as not to clash with Easter, and that for May, the Annual General Meeting, is on the 1st. That will avoid the bank holiday to commemorate Victory in Europe day, which was decided on after our programme was put together last year.

The Society is making other changes too. From the start of our new season in October we are going to meet on the first Thursday of the month. A poll among our members showed a preference for a change, and looking at the Charlbury 'what's on' list it is clear that Fridays are popular with other groups. The committee hopes that this change will allow more people to enjoy our lectures.

The Society has always held outings to places of interest, and this year we have two lined up. In April to Ditchley Park, to coincide with our lecture on Sir Henry Lee, and in June to Owlpen Manor in Gloucestershire, a house dating from 1450 and hidden away on the edge of the Cotswolds. We are looking forward to both visits.

*Peter Bennett,
Chairman & Treasurer*

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Charlbury WI continues to flourish with new members and new activities. In addition to our speakers at our monthly meetings, we have craft workshops, theatre visits, walks, and visits to places of interest.

If you feel inspired to try new activities and make new friends, then why not try Charlbury WI?

In January, we were given a talk by Geoff Burroughs on bee-keeping which was very amusing and in February a talk by Shaun Morley on Oxfordshire Friendly Societies, which was very interesting.

In March its our AGM and we are also having a Beetle Drive. In April we shall hear all about the organisation Mercy Ships and what they do. May is the month we choose any resolution put forward and will also combine with a craft session—what on is yet to be decided but see the Charlbury website for details.

Just a reminder that the Yack and Yarn group of WI and non-WI members meets in The Bell, Church Street, Charlbury on the first Tuesday of the month, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm. All are welcome, just turn up.

We have also just started two regular events; one a book club which meets six weekly and a monthly Craft and Cuppa Session which is held at the Bowls Club. These are for members only.

You are welcome to come along to the WI as a visitor to have a chat and see what we do, before deciding whether to join. We meet on the **third Wednesday** of the month in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Details of forthcoming events are on the Charlbury website or contact our President, Miriam Evans at charlburywi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk

Susie Finch

vOx Chamber Choir in Charlbury on 4th April

Following its well-attended concert at St Mary's in March 2019, vOx Chamber Choir makes a welcome return to Charlbury on Saturday 4th April with a veritable feast for lovers of Baroque music.

J. S. Bach's six motets BWV 225-230 – some written in four parts, others in eight – are considered gems of the choral repertory, the best-known among them 'Komm, Jesu, Komm' ('Come, Jesus, come') and 'Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden' ('Praise the Lord, all ye nations').

Opportunities to hear all six together are comparatively rare, and there are many delights to be discovered in those that are less well-known. Mozart is thought to have been so impressed by 'Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied' ('Sing unto the Lord a new song') on a visit to Leipzig in 1789 that he requested a copy in order to learn from Bach's style.

Though in many cases written for funerals, the motets are life-affirming, juxtaposing joyous moments and more contemplative passages. To the original six motets, vOx is adding a seventh, 'Ich lasse dich nicht' (BWV Anh. 159, 'I will not let you go'), formerly attributed to Bach's cousin Johann Christoph, but now believed to have been written by the young Johann Sebastian.

Based in Oxford and directed by David Crown, vOx is one of the leading a cappella chamber choirs in the region and performs a repertory ranging from the Renaissance to the twenty-first century. Further details about April's concert, including information on how to buy tickets, can be found on the choir's website

www.vox-choir-oxford.co.uk. 7.30 p.m.,
4th April, St Mary's Church.

Charlbury Bowls Club

Ticknell Piece Rd

Easter



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per game

All ages welcome



Monday 6 April

Doors open 6.00pm, start 7.00pm, Bar



Charlbury Bowls Club

The short-mat (indoor) bowls season is now past half-way with one Charlbury team currently in third place in the West Oxfordshire Evening League, and the other two teams, containing several newer members, are nearer the foot of the table.

The Oxfordshire Afternoon League team are top of division two and are intent on gaining promotion with a second afternoon team likely to be entered next season as our club grows in members and improves in ability.

Charlbury will again be represented at the county finals day in April with a team qualified for the semi-final of the triples plate, and one player for the singles plate semi-final.

In addition, a mixed four from Charlbury qualified from Oxfordshire for the National finals at Birmingham in March.

The outdoor season beckons, beginning with an Open day on Saturday 18 April and Saturday 25 April at 2.00pm, and Wednesday 13 May at 6.15pm. All ages of 10 and above are welcome. Anyone interested in trying bowls as a beginner just turn up - all you need is a pair of flat soled shoes and we can provide the rest, or email enquiries@charlburybowls.co.uk for more information.

Our next Bingo Night at the club, open to all, is Monday 6 April, with doors opening at 6.00pm and first call promptly at 7.00pm. All ages welcome but arrive early to secure a table.

Shaun Morley

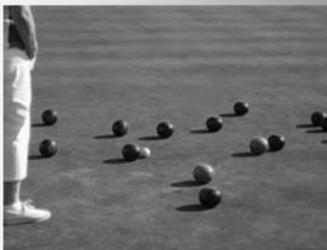
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bowls club? Then come along to an open day and roll up a few bowls. No obligation, but you might actually enjoy it and want to play more! Email enquiries@charlburybowls.co.uk for more information

Saturdays

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Probus Club of Charlbury

Are you Organic?

Would you like the chance to have a good lunch, listen to interesting talks on a wide range of subjects? If so then you should join us every month at Charlbury Probus Club. We are a group of retired men from a wide variety of backgrounds and we meet the first Wednesday of the month at Witney Lakes.

We have a varied programme of talks coming up. We are hosting Richard Smith, Senior Farms Manager, Daylesford Organic Ltd /JCB Farms who will give an up to date professional view of the economics and future of Organic Farming so admirably pursued by his organization.

Later in the spring Clive Stayt will be telling us all about Combe Mill and we will have a talk from Stephen Barker, a heritage advisor, on Saints, Soldiers & Saints' The Civil War in Oxfordshire 1643 - 1651.

Although membership is currently limited to men there is no restriction for guests. Maybe you have recently retired or have moved to Charlbury in which case this is a good chance to meet people in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. If this sounds like something that you may be interested in then we would like to invite you to come along.

In addition to the lunch and talk there is always a draw to win a bottle of wine. You may contact any member or the secretary (see below) and your first lunch is complimentary which will allow you to meet us before you (hopefully!?) decide to join.

Recent talks have ranged from Policing in the 1970's, to an insider's insight into the Deepwater Horizon disaster which was truly fascinating. Speakers are carefully chosen with plenty of opportunity for questions and discussion. In addition to the monthly meetings we also have a

number of events where wives or partners are welcome to come along.

Last year we visited the SS Great Britain, Brunel Museum and the Bristol Blue Glass Factory.

On the cultural side we went to the Watermill Theatre near Newbury for a production of Cole Porter's 'Kiss me Kate' and also a City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra performance of works by Haydn and Mozart.

Members are encouraged to propose new ideas. Last year we organised a well attended barbeque with the Ladies Lunch Club at Charlbury Bowls Club.

We have an informal approach and a relaxed attitude to dress and ties are not expected, and smart casual wear is fine.

The cost of lunch is currently £20. If you are interested in joining or simply want to find out more about us please speak to any Probus member or contact our Secretary, Mike White, Ashmead Cottage, The Slade, Charlbury, OX7 3SJ or 'mike.ewhite7@gmail.com'. Information is also available at

www.charlbury.info/community/73.

Tony Merry



Next relaxed screening at Chipping Norton Theatre:

ROCKETMAN

Monday, 23rd March, 10.30a.m.

Tickets £5, carer free.

ROCKETMAN is an epic musical fantasy which tells the universally relatable story of how a small-town boy became one of the most iconic figures in pop culture. It is set to Elton John's most beloved songs performed by star Taron Egerton.

You can keep in touch with forthcoming Relaxed Performances and Screenings by looking at the What's On section of the Theatre's website (www.chippingnortontheatre.com).

There are coloured boxes by each performance showing what kind of event it is and these include a green "Relaxed" box, as applicable. Under the calendar on the right all the event category boxes are shown. Click on the green "Relaxed" box and all the Relaxed screenings will be selected and displayed.

Good news of the launch in April of a new Drop-In Memory Café in Charlbury

Members of the congregation of St Mary's are hoping to begin a monthly Drop-In Memory Cafe on the first Monday in April. This will be for anyone in the town with memory and thinking problems and their carers, if they have one. It will be held in the Charlbury Bowls Club on Ticknell Piece Road, which has plenty of parking and wonderful facilities. The idea is to come and have a chat and a cream tea between 2pm and 3.30pm. You can just relax with your cuppa or join in with an activity.

Dealing with difficult questions asked by people living with dementia – advice from the Alzheimer's Society

Tim Beanland, Head of Knowledge Management at Alzheimer's Society, has some useful thoughts about the difficult

choices and situations around not telling the truth to a person with dementia to protect their feelings.

His comments/blog can be seen on the Society's website:
www.alzheimers.org.uk/blog/lying-to-somebody-with-dementia

Tim recognises that the questions people living with dementia ask can be challenging in terms of how to answer without causing distress.

- When is dad coming to visit? (When the person's father is sadly long dead)
- Will I be going home soon? (Person living in a nursing home)
- You seem nice to me... but who are you? (Person to their partner)

For those close to people with dementia, how to respond can be a daily challenge. Is it acceptable to lie – ever? Or should we just tell the brutal truth - always? Tim tries to give information that will help carers know how best to respond.

Sources of support for people with dementia and their carers

Dementia Oxfordshire - Helpline 01865 410210,
www.dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk.

Carers Oxfordshire – Helpline 0345 050 7666, www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk

Dementia UK – Helpline 0800 888 6788,
www.dementiauk.org

Alzheimer's Society – Helpline 0300 222 1122, www.alzheimers.org.uk

Dementia Friendly Charlbury is a local group of volunteers whose aim is to be a local contact point for anyone who is worried about their memory and thinking skills, or who is worried about someone they know, and who wants to know how to get support. Have a look at our page in the Community section (Health and Wellbeing) of the Charlbury website: www.charlbury.info. You can contact us via Meryl Smith on 01608 810192 or Sue Smith on 01608 811007 or email us at charlburydf@gmail.com

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CHARLBURY FOOTBALL AND SPORTS CLUB

Many of you who pass by the Football and Sports Club site on Nine Acres will have seen the progress made by the Town Council's team on this project. The Clubhouse is now weather-tight and the internal works are progressing to plan.

The Club is immensely grateful to all the townspeople who have donated money to the cause of restoring a clubhouse on this site which is, of course, ideally located to serve all the users of the Nine Acres recreational fields. We do look forward to inviting all donors to our opening later in the spring.

It's been a long four years since the demolition of the old clubhouse which was to allow the construction of our tremendous new Community Centre. Due to the capital funding from the Town Council and West Oxfordshire DC, we now have a real building!

Nonetheless, we still have to finish the building to a good public standard: a fitted kitchen to cater for all sorts of events, smart furniture for our members and their guests, lots of games and

activities for the younger generation, etc.

But, as with most building projects, it is always the external work which breaks the budget. As it stands, we don't have enough money to make a properly finished landscape around the building.

So, the Club is still fund-raising and seeking new donors. If you have hesitated in the past, please put something in now so that we can complete this major new amenity for the town.

If you wish to contribute, rather than going to the Club's website which directs you to PayPal, please contact one of these Football Club members for the best way of doing it:

Martin Prew on 07590 749620 Mandy Cooper on 07534 097615

John Fitzgerald on 07391 486882 Phil Morgan on 07747 865439

Finally, the Football Club would welcome new faces on the committee. Please consider.



CADS News

As I write CADS News, our pantomime Treasure Island's final two performances took place in Chadlington. It has been a very busy but fun time for all of us during rehearsals. Our performances in January in Charlbury were extremely well reviewed and we are thrilled our wonderful audiences had an excellent time.

A huge thanks to our Director & Producer Sue Haffenden; also our back stage crew: Olive Woods, Denise & Mike Summers & Paddy Gallagher; without them this production would simply not have been possible.

CADS Annual General Meeting will take place in March and we hope to welcome any new members. Amateur Dramatics is a wonderful way to make new friends, develop new talents or simply share time together and unwind from everyday life!

New productions will be planned this year so watch this space. Also follow us on the Charlbury Website or look on our own website which offers the opportunity to take a trip down Memory Lane.

Helen Wright (Secretary)
Email: charlbury.drama@gmail.com

The young people of Charlbury Beavers, Cubs and Scouts contribute to the Charlbury community in a huge number of varied ways.

During the autumn they decorated a tree for the Christmas tree festival, tested map skills at the Street Fair, did the fantastic (but rather disgusting) job of picking up and sorting out litter at the Wychwood Fair as well as coppicing in Centenary Wood.

The young people have also had some amazing experiences, including Beavers learning Makaton and visiting St Mary's belfry, Cubs going Scuba diving and navigating in cardboard boxes (ask a Cub!) and Scouts taking part in the County Patrol Camping competition and going on a night hike.

Across the whole group, 234 badges have been awarded for achievements including the Chief Scouts Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards, helping these young people develop their skills, resilience and confidence.

All this is not possible without adult help and the group is run entirely by volunteers. We need more help to keep the group thriving. We are looking for a Group Treasurer to keep an eye on financial matters, and Leaders for all sections.

You could be involved in our environmental projects, help organise visits and camps, join in with planning our meetings or share your skills with us in any number of ways. Outdoors or indoors, the choice is yours, we'd love to hear from you. As a volunteer, you have the opportunity to develop talents, explore values and beliefs and to have new experiences and adventures.

By choosing Scouting you make a real difference to the lives of young people and create a huge impact in communities.

Please contact Cheryl Horsey, Group Scout Leader - cheryl@redstonecomputers.co.uk





News from Charlbury Library

Happy New Year to all our Library customers!

Judging by the gaps on the bookshelves and piles of returned books by the self-service machine every time I worked at the Library during the Christmas period, the Library was clearly very well used! As most of the smaller Library branches close completely between Christmas and the New Year, it was lovely to see how busy Charlbury Library had evidently been, and how well the Community Centre, TG's Café and the Library had complemented each other over the festive period.

Our free drop-in Rhymetime sessions have now resumed on Wednesday afternoons, from 2.15-2.45pm, with "Singing Sue". Sue brings along her beautiful singing voice, a huge repertoire of nursery rhymes and lots of instruments and props for the children to have fun with. It's very interactive (babies can enjoy the music too) and it's a great way to meet other parents and carers. Come and give it go!

Don't forget we have our free Digital Helper sessions approximately once a month, on Monday mornings where you can get one-to-one advice and practical help with your digital queries. We have computers to use if you need, but you are welcome to bring along your smart phone or tablet if you have a specific problem you would like help with. If a Monday morning proves difficult, we may be able to accommodate appointments at the library at other times during the

week. Please call the library for more information and to check the next session time.

We are always on the lookout for people who have a few hours to spare each month to volunteer at Charlbury Library. Like so many of Oxfordshire's smaller libraries, we run with a mixture of paid staff and willing volunteers and we could always do with extra volunteers to add to our rota. Duties could include shelving books, unpacking deliveries, assisting customers with their enquiries, arranging our book displays, and generally helping to keep the library tidy, welcoming and accessible for our customers.

Volunteers always work either with staff, or with other volunteers, so no one is expected to work alone, and you can always stop for an excellent cup of coffee at the Community Centre's café in your tea break! If you want to find out more, please pop into the Library or leave your contact details by phone or email (see information below).

And finally...just a little reminder to ensure you bring your library card with you when you visit the Library. You can return books via the self-service machine without your library card, but you must have it with you if you are hoping to borrow items, collect reservations, renew items or pay charges.

*Julie Ward
Manager, Charlbury Library
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Coffee break page

Compiled by Pat Court

Work these out—for example 10 C = 10 Commandments!

DITLOIDS

1. 10 C
2. 168 H in a W
3. 1815 B of W
4. 147 MB in S
5. 2 LBE
6. 2 H are BTO
7. 225 S on a SB
8. 4 LC
9. 93 MM to the S
10. 3 C on a TL
11. 1 AB
12. 1 M and HD
13. 3 LR
14. 5 GL
15. 6 P on a ST
16. 40 D of L
17. 10 DS
18. 6 C in NI
19. 21 GS
20. 13 AF
21. 2 S to an A
22. 6 MW in a G of C
23. 1 BE on a DB
24. 144 T in a MS
25. 37 N on a RW
26. 3 T a L
27. 19 AN of P
28. 9 L of a C
29. 24 HFT
30. 12 DD
31. 1 D at a T
32. 15 M of F
33. 3 BGG
34. 7 P of W
35. 7 H of R
36. 200 P for PG in M
37. 95 S in the S
38. 7 S
39. 26 M in a M
40. 1 WS

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A word or two about the Lawrence Home Nursing Team

Many people, when asked, say that they wish, when their time comes, to die in familiar surroundings and close to those they know and love – that is, in their own homes.

I am a nurse in the 'Lawrence Home Nursing Team' and I was drawn to work in this organisation because its key aim is to enable this ideal to become a reality, when ever possible, for those facing life limiting illnesses in our catchment area.

All the nurses in the team have experience in caring for people at the end of life and we are guided by a patient's needs and wishes. We can give hands on nursing care, including medications for pain relief and other symptoms and can access specialist advice, when needed, through our close working relationships with family doctors and community nurses.

We aim to give each person the care they need, respecting their own individual requirements. Communication and the building of trusting relationships enables us to be that listening ear, to answer questions, and give emotional support, both to the patient and those closest to them, in the hope that patients and their loved ones can make the most of the time they have left together.

The care we give is free, and highly adaptable: sometimes night care, sometimes care during the day, sometimes working alongside existing carers, sometimes working alone. We look after anyone, aged 18 and over, who is in their last weeks of life. Patients are referred to us by GPs, community and specialist nurses, hospitals, hospices, and sometimes family members.

Our patients are mainly registered at one of the following General Practices:

- Bloxham Surgery Tel: 01295 722788
- Charlbury Medical Centre Tel: 01608 811680
- Chipping Norton Health Centre Tel: 01608 642742
- Deddington Surgery Tel: 01869 338611
- Hook Norton Surgery Tel: 01608 737302
- Wychwood Surgery Tel: 01993 831061

You can visit our website to learn more, www.lawrencehomenursing.org/

Sarah Bryson, Registered Nurse

The Lawrence Home Nursing Team is a local charity and depends on fundraising income to maintain this vital nursing service in the community.

The Charlbury pastmasters team are not running a cake stall at the Beer Festival this year however we do need home-made cakes for the following events,

Arts in the Cotswolds at Tew Farmhouse and Barns from Saturday, May 9th to Sunday May 17th inclusive and Open Gardens and Afternoon Tea at Chivel Farm, Heythrop on Saturday, 27th June 2020. If you are happy to bake cakes and go on Sarah Darnell's list of bakers please email sarahdarnell@hotmail.co.uk or telephone; 01608 811274.

If you would like to find out more about our fundraising events or perhaps you are interested in joining our group of volunteers please email, Verity Fifer, Head of Fundraising at fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org or telephone: 01608 684475. Our team of volunteers meet once a month at The George Inn, Barford St Michael to discuss past and present events. We are actively looking for volunteers to join our group.

Verity Fifer, Head of Fundraising

Nearly there!

We have now carefully considered all representations made to us including all of your responses to the public consultation. Based on this work, we have recommended some changes to the plan and these have been scrutinised in detail by members of the town council.

As a result, we are now able to finalise the revised draft together with a consultation statement detailing representations and actions taken as a result.

The town council is expected to approve the new draft and formally submit it to WODC during March or April, before the town council elections in May.

When the plan has been submitted, WODC will arrange an independent examination of the plan to ensure that it is legally sound and not vulnerable to challenge and if this is successful, a referendum of all registered voters within the parish of Charlbury will be held to seek approval for the adoption of the plan.

If a simple majority of those voting approve the plan, WODC will adopt it and it will become a part of legal planning framework for applications within the parish.

WODC, as the planning authority, will then be obliged to take account of the policies within the "made" plan when deciding applications within Charlbury.

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Charlbury Museum news

There have been lots of changes in the museum over the winter months as we reorganised our displays now that the wagon is back. And here are just two of the many reasons to visit the museum this coming season.

The wagon Firstly of course to see the wagon – it is a wonderful sight in its traditional yellow and red paint. Its sheer size is really impressive and it is amazing to think that one horse could pull such a large vehicle when laden with hay. On Friday 27th March, Michael Jones, who masterminded and undertook its painstaking restoration, is giving a talk in the Memorial Hall which is not to be missed. Illustrating his talk with old photographs and tools, he will tell us about the history of the wagon, its building by Longs of Aston, a little about the owners and how it underwent many repairs in its long working life. Then on Saturday 4th April there will be a special open afternoon to view the wagon in the museum. All welcome.

VE Day 75 Friday 8th May As you know, 8th May is a bank holiday this year to mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. We are putting on a special display telling the stories of the men and women from Charlbury who served in the war in so many capacities. Charlbury had its own 'Dad's Army', and on display are fragments of bombs which fell near the town, an air raid siren, gas masks, ration books and much more. The town was host to evacuees from London and Kent, and the billeting officer had a hard job housing all the new arrivals. Then later years saw the arrival of the American servicemen who caused quite a stir, not least among the young ladies of Charlbury! We will be open all day on the Friday and Saturday from 10.30 until 4.30pm so do come along.

Key dates for Spring 2020:

Friday March 27th 7.30pm Talk on the restored wagon by Michael Jones. Memorial Hall

Do you have any family stories, photographs or items from Charlbury in the Second World War? We would love to hear from you if you have stories to tell or objects from the war which you would be willing to share with us. Please get in touch by contacting
Sue Rangeley on 01608 819133 or
Judy Dod on 01608 810109.

Saturday 4th April 2.30-4.30pm
Museum open afternoon to view the wagon

Saturday 11th April 10.30am
Museum reopens for the 2020 season

Friday 8th & Saturday 9th May 10.30am-4.30pm VE Day 75 special openings

Saturday 30th May 10am Plant sale in the Museum garden

We rely on volunteers to steward the museum during opening hours. Please contact Janet Jeffs on 01608 810709 if you could spare us a few hours of your time to join our loyal band of helpers. You would be most welcome.

Opening hours for 2020:

Saturdays from Easter to September:
10.30am—12.30pm

Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays:
2.30pm—4.30pm

August Saturday afternoons: 2.30pm—4.30pm

VE Day 75 Open all day Friday 8th May & Saturday 9th May: 10.30am—4.30pm

Seeking a new Curator

Following Celia Faulkner's untimely death last June, we are looking for a new curator to help us build on the work she did so well and successfully over the last few years. If you would be interested in working with our small committee in this key role to develop and nurture the museum, we would very much like to hear from you. Initial inquiries please to Janet Jeffs curator@chalburymuseum.org.uk or phone 01608 810709.

Charlbury Day Centre

The day centre is as ever a very warm, friendly and safe place to be.

We are open every Wednesday, from 10am to 3pm.

For Christmas 2019 we decided to invite all volunteers as well as the members to come to the Centre for Christmas Celebrations and a beautiful Christmas Meal, which was prepared by some of the regular cooks.

Also we had a surprise visit by Santa! The day proved to be a great success, and we will be looking to do the same again next Christmas!!

I have been working on the Weekly Programme and have various speakers and Musicians booked to entertain us right up to June, but if anyone can think of a musician or maybe a speaker that might like to visit us then, please do let me know. Also we have planned regular fitness sessions, games and quizzes, sing-a-long's, and arts and crafts.

We are always looking for new members and of course, as ever, for more volunteers, so if you would like any more information then please contact myself

(Karen) on 07887974468. info@target.me.uk or Bob Tait on 01608 810150. taitsofbrice@tiscali.co.uk



Activity at the Day Centre

What's On in Charlbury

March

- 3—Talk by Bethany Sollereder, 7.30pm, St Mary's
- 3—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 4—Probus Club, 12pm, Witney Lakes
- 6—World Day of Prayer service, 11am, St Mary's
- 6—Lent Lunch, 12-1.30pm, Friends Meeting House
- 10—Age UK Walk, 12pm, see back page
- 10—Scrabble, 2.30pm, Community Centre
- 10—Talk by Prof Alister McGrath, 7.30pm, St Mary's
- 13—Lent Lunch, 12—1.30pm, Methodist Church Upper Room hosted by St Teresa's
- 13—Charlbury Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 14—Farmers Market, 9-1pm, Playing Close
- 14—Street Fair Quiz Night, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 15—CRAG Concert, 2.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 16—Beer & Wine Circle, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 17—Talk by Revd Jennifer Brown, 7.30pm, St Mary's
- 18—Charlbury WI, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 19—Garden Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 20—Lent Lunch, 12-1.30pm, Baptist Church
- 23—Town Council Planning Meeting, 8pm, Corner House
- 24—Talk by Prof Andrew Briggs, 7.30pm, St Mary's
- 25—Age UK Film, 2pm, Community Centre
- 25—Quiz Night, 7.15pm, Community Centre
- 25—Town Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Comer House
- 26—Wigwell Friends, 7.30pm, Corner House
- 27—Lent Lunch, 12 -1.30pm, Methodist Church Upper Room
- 27—Charlbury Museum, talk on restored wagon, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 28—Morris Dancing Open Day, 2-4.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 31—Talk by Prof Keith Ward, 7.30pm, St Mary's

April

- 1—Probus Club, 12pm, Witney Lakes
- 3—Lent Lunch, 12-1.30pm, St Mary's
- 3—Charlbury Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 4—Garden Society Spring Show, all day, Memorial Hall
- 4—Town Council Surgery, 10-12pm, Corner House
- 4—Charlbury Museum, View wagon, 2.30pm, Charlbury Museum
- 4—vOx Chamber Choir Concert, 7.30pm, St Mary's
- 6—Bowls Club Bingo Night, 7pm, Bowls Club
- 7—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 10—Good Friday, 10am, Walking the Way of the Cross, Playing Close
- 11—Museum reopens, 10.30am
- 14—Age UK Walk, see back page
- 14—Scrabble, 2.30pm, Community Centre
- 15—Charlbury WI, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 17—Annual Parish Meeting, 8pm, Memorial Hall
- 18—Bowls Club Open Day, 2pm, Bowls Club
- 20—Beer & Wine Circle, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 22—Age UK Film, 2pm, Community Centre

What's On (continued)

- 22—Quiz Night, 7.15pm, Community Centre
- 23—Garden Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 25—CAN Food Festival, 12-3pm, Memorial Hall
- 25—Bowls Club Open Day, 2pm, Bowls Club
- 27—Town Council Planning Meeting, 8pm, Corner House
- 29—Town Council Meeting, 7.30pm, Corner House

May

- 1—Charlbury Society, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 5—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 6—Probus Club, 12pm, Witney Lakes
- 6—Memory Café, 2pm, Bowls Club
- 7—Town Council Elections
- 8-9—Museum VE Day Special, 10.30-4.30pm, Museum
- 9—Garden Society Plant Sale, 9.30am, Memorial Hall
- 10—United Service for Christian Aid Week, 9.45am, St Mary's
- 12—Age UK Walk, see back page
- 12—Scrabble, 2.30pm, Community Centre
- 13—Bowls Club Open Day, 6.15pm, Bowls Club
- 17—Annual Parish Boundary Walk, 10am, Old Oak Tree, Forest Road
- 18—Beer & Wine Circle, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 20—Town Council Annual Meeting, 7.30pm, Corner House
- 20—Charlbury WI, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 27—Scrabble, 2.30pm, Community Centre
- 27—Quiz Night, 7.15pm, Community Centre
- 30—Charlbury Museum Plant Sale, 10am

If you would like to include your event in this list, please contact me at editor.chronicle@outlook.com just stating your organisation, time of the event, and place of the event.

Weekly events

Monday

- 9.30am—Toddlers Group, Memorial Hall
- 1.30-3pm—Tennis Club
- 1.15—2.15pm—Strength & Balance, Community Centre
- 2.30—3.30pm—Strength & Balance, Community Centre
- 7-8.30pm—Scouts, Scout Hut

Tuesday

- 9—10am—Table Tennis, Community Centre
- 10-12pm—Bump to Two, Community Centre
- 11-12pm—Well Baby Clinic, Community Centre
- 12.15—1pm—Line Dancing, Community Centre
- 6pm—Bowls Club
- 8pm—Wychwayz Border Morris, Scout Hut

Wednesday

- 9-10am—LeanGym, Community Centre
- 9.30—3pm, Charlbury Day Centre, Garden Room
- 9.30-11am, Stay & Play, Community Centre
- 10—11.30 am - Yang style Tai Chi, Methodist Hall
- 11.15-12pm, Toddler Gym, Community Centre
- 11.45—12.45pm - Qigong and tai chi principles, Methodist Hall
- 2.15-2.45pm - Rhymetime, Charlbury Library
- 3—4.30pm—Walking Football, Community Centre
- 7.45pm—Bell Ringing, St Mary's
- 8-10pm—Volleyball, Community Centre

Thursday

- 10-12pm—Font Café, St Mary's
- 5—6pm, Basketball for age 11+, Community Centre
- 5-6.15—Beavers, Scout Hut
- 6.30—8pm—Cubs, Scout Hut
- 7-9pm—Tennis Club
- 8-9pm—Walking Football, Community Centre

Friday

- 8.30—9.30am—Friday Fizz, Community Centre
- 9.30am—Exercise for 50+, Memorial Hall
- 10-12pm—TG's Coffee Club, Community Centre
- 11.45—12.30pm—Line Dancing, Community Centre
- 2-5pm—Tennis Club
- 7pm—Choir Practice—St Mary's
- 7-9pm—Youth Club, Community Centre

Sunday

- 10-11am, Circuit Training, Community Centre

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ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – CHARLBURY BRANCH

The Poppy Appeal for 2019 raised £5339.54. We would like to thank all those who collected and contributed. The Poppy Appeal Organisers for Charlbury and the surrounding villages are Pam Rolls [810042] and Ian Parsons [810822].

Anyone who would like to help the 2020 Poppy Appeal in any way is asked to contact either Pam or Ian

The Annual Band Concert

The Band Concert was given by the Accidentals on 8 November, another wonderful evening.

Please note your diary for 2020 when the concert will take place on Friday 6 November. During the evening the following awards were announced:- Poppy Appeal collector awards to :- Ian Parsons for 5 years, Christopher Dyer and Christopher Harris for 10 years, Barry Canham for 15 years and Jane Parsons for 45 years.

On the afternoon of Sunday 10 November wreaths were laid at the War Memorial which is in the Memorial Chapel inside St Mary's Church.

For Thames Valley Police Inspector Steve Hookham, for Charlbury Town Council Cllr. Vince Hill, for Charlbury WI Jo Murphy, for Oxon Fire and Rescue Chris Edison and for the Branch Ron Smith.

The Kohima Epitaph was read by Ron Smith. The salute was taken by Mr. Charlie Hurst.

The wreaths remain at the Memorial until Candle mass when they are removed and the Branch wreath is relocated to the War Memorial Hall, a living War Memorial.

Branch Coffee Morning

Will be held on Saturday 29 February 2020 in the Corner House. For information please telephone 810822.

Trip to the National Memorial Arboretum

The Branch is hoping to organise a trip to the Arboretum on 3 June 2020.

Expressions of interest please to Jane Parsons [01608 810822] as soon as possible.

Assistance

For further information about the work of the Legion, how to join or how to obtain assistance, please contact Nick Potter [Branch President] on 01608 810388 or Derek Fowler [Branch Chairman] on 01608 811706 or Jane Parsons [Branch Secretary] on 01608 810822.

The Branch Membership Secretary is Barry Canham on 01608 811176 who will assist anyone who is still experiencing difficulty with the new membership subscription system.

The telephone number for the Royal British Legion Contact Centre is 0808 8028080. This is a countrywide service.

CHARLBURY FARMERS' MARKET on the Playing Close between 9am and 1pm on Saturday, March 14th

Charlbury Farmers' Market is administered by Thames Valley Farmers' Market Co-operative Ltd. and organised by Geoff & Janet Burroughs.

Any queries, please contact Geoff or Janet on the contact details below.

Email: burroughs871@btinternet.com
tel: 07969 208518, 01608 810260



Charlbury Pre-School, Spring 2020

Happy New Year!

So far 2020 has been busy. We have welcomed a new staff member, Kerri Slater who is getting to know all of the families and children here.

The children have been enjoying our special sessions including our interactive French songs and sounds, led by Charlotte, who visits every week. They really benefit from external teachers and volunteers who come and share their skills. The pre-school is a charity and these sessions are often paid for through fundraising.

We have already had two really successful fundraisers this year. Bandoke at The Shed was a great night. A huge thank you to the committee fundraisers, who not only organised the event but were responsible for possibly the best cover version of Bohemian Rhapsody Charlbury has ever seen, resulting in a full-scale group sing-a-long! Thank you to everybody who came and supported the event and especially to the live band –Chris, Dave, Adam and Ally and to Caz – without them, the event would not exist. All of the money raised will go directly to buying resources for the children at Charlbury Pre-School.

The brilliant Andy Pickard provided food at the Rose and Crown's annual winter

beer festival. Andy donated all of the money raised to Charlbury Pre-School. Thanks to Andy for his ongoing generosity, the volunteers who helped, everyone who ate and to our excellent local pub, too!

We are dedicated to spending time outside in our playground, whatever the weather. The winter has provided lots of opportunities to splash in puddles and explore the properties of mud. Soon we will be watching the bright spring sunshine and finding out what happens to the garden when it arrives.

In May the children will be taking part in the Charlbury Art Weekend and we are looking forward to seeing their creations for the event.

We are currently looking to recruit an Early Years Practitioner for supply cover to join our small and dedicated team. The days and working hours would vary depending on demand, bringing more flexibility to the setting. Please get in touch for more information.

Registrations are also now open. Please contact us admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk 01608 811200 if you would like to arrange a visit. There is also lots of information on our website www.charlburypreschool.org.uk

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Charlbury Street Fair 2020—a New Vision for Charlbury

I can't believe that it's nearly a third of the way through the year towards the Street Fair, which takes place on **19th September** when the theme will be "Charlbury 2020 - a new Vision". This is intended to align with the Climate Emergency as declared by the Town Council.

In the meantime, by the time you read this, preparations will be well under way for our **popular Quiz on 14th March**. Details and entry forms are on the www.charlbury.info website and on www.charlburystreetfair.org.

Another event is Open Gardens planned for June. Watch out for more publicity about this soon!

We are already making arrangements for the Fair itself and are very pleased to have some new faces on the team. We could still do with more volunteers and we also want YOUR suggestions.

Particular areas where we'd value input are:

- Revamping and maintaining our website;
- Ideas for attractions and helpers to arrange these - especially for entertaining younger people;
- Thoughts on how the Fair can be more environmentally friendly.

Being involved is a great way of meeting new people as well as contributing to the life of our town. The Fair is a key fundraiser for the Corner House and War Memorial Hall and last year we raised a massive £9,000 which goes towards helping to ensure that these venues can continue to be used for a wide variety of community groups and activities.

If you think you can help in any way, or if you have any comments or ideas, please send me an email.

To contact me by email please use csfchairman@charlburystreetfair.org and for up-to-date information see www.charlbury.info and www.charlburystreetfair.org John Dora, Chair, CSF Committee.

Charlbury and Finstock Morris

Our all-male Cotswold Morris side invites you to free Morris dancing lessons. The two hour session starts at 8pm and suits men of all physical abilities. Help our side keep this artistic tradition alive. As a side we get to attend many fun and interesting events during the summer season. During the winter, music and dance practice can be an enjoyable social experience. As in the old days, we learn and respect the ancient traditions of the Morris, but we try not to take ourselves too seriously.

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Charlbury Church Services



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Thursdays 7.30 pm at the church for midweek study/discussion

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www.facebook.com/dyershill/



St Mary's C of E Church, Church Street

St Mary's Church, Charlbury and All Saints Shorthampton

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Vicar – Revd Dr Sally Welch Parish Office (01608 810230)

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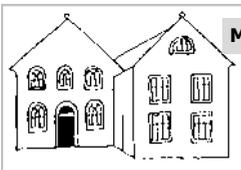
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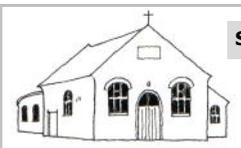
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Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane

Sunday services at 10.30am

Further information from Gill Grason (01608 810154)



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

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Churches Together in Charlbury

We live in an expanding universe and we are constantly enlarging our ideas about ourselves, our environment and our place in the cosmos. Scientists present us with amazing information about electrons that communicate over huge distances, about trees that warn each other of danger and share their resources when times are hard, about bacteria that colonise us and improve our emotions as well as our digestion and much more.

On Tuesday evenings from 3 to 31 March in St Mary's we will be holding a series of talks for Lent on the theme 'How science expands theology'. We are fortunate that there are people around Oxford trained both in science and theology who are willing to come and share their expertise and experience with us in Charlbury. Between them they will explore the relationship between science and faith, challenge our ideas and stimulate our sense of wonder.

In the Shorter Oxford Dictionary there are several definitions of theology. One is 'The rational analysis of religious faith'. Another is 'A system of theoretical principles especially impractical or rigid ideology'. But theology does not have to be rigid and unresponsive. A strong religious faith should provide the confidence to be open to new discoveries and to take action as circumstances change. We hope that our speakers in this year's Lent talks will enlarge our understanding of God and of the world

we live in and help us to see ways in which we can grow in faith and meet our responsibilities towards the planet which is our home and all the living beings that share it with us.

In Lent we will also be offering bread and soup lunches in one of the churches each Friday from 12 to 1.30pm and on Friday 6 March there will be a World Day of Prayer service, prepared by women in Zimbabwe, in St Mary's at 11am. Everyone is welcome at these events. More details will be found in the What's On pages of the Chronicle, in Events on the Charlbury website and in the Leaflet.

There is no charge for any of them but donations will be welcome to help cover expenses and to support the work of Christian Aid and other charities across the world.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in the Reverse Advent Calendar at Christmas. 44 boxes of food and other useful articles were taken to The Porch in Oxford to help homeless people. At the united service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January £250 was donated for the work of Asylum Welcome in Oxford. Our aim throughout the year is to help people in the greatest need both here and overseas.

*Rosalind Scott
Secretary to Churches Together in
Charlbury*

St Mary's Church Services

Sunday 22 March 9am – Messy Church for Mothering Sunday, St Mary's
Sunday 22 March 6pm Choral Evensong, St Mary's
Compline for Holy Week – 6/7/8 April 7.30pm in St Mary's
Thursday 9 April 7.30pm Maundy Thursday service
Good Friday 10 April 9am Holy Communion
Good Friday 10am Messy Church
Good Friday 2pm An hour at the foot of the cross
Easter Sunday 12 April 9.45am Easter Day Holy Communion
Sunday 19 April 6pm Ignite contemporary worship service
Friday 8 May 9am VE Day Morning Prayer



News from the Charlbury Refugee Action Group

CRAG aims to raise awareness and funds to relieve the suffering of refugees in Europe. We support organisations like Attika, helping refugees in Greece, and Refugee Community Kitchen, providing nutritious meals for refugees in the Calais area.

Don't miss the final two CRAG tea concerts this season, 16 February and 15 March

Thanks to generous donors and in the spirit of the best jazz concerts, on 16 February at the reprise of the Keith Jarrett Koln concert (publicised in the last issue of *Charlbury Chronicle*) a glass of wine will be available at £5:00 each to those who arrive early. As always, free tea and cakes will be served afterwards. The last concert, on 15 March, will feature the return of renowned musicians Philippa Davies (flute) and Maggie Cole (piano) who gave a sell-out concert here in October 2018. They will be joined by cellist Sebastian Comberti to play works by Haydn, Jean Francaix and Villa Lobos. This highly popular concert series has already raised over £5,000 this season.

To book tickets, email nick.parker@cooptel.net or phone 01608 811558. Tickets can also be purchased at Cotswold Frames or at the door.

Bring and buy

CRAG's Bring & Buy sale is now well established in Charlbury's calendar. We received quantities of donated items, some very beautiful and valuable. Warmest thanks to all the donors and volunteers who helped us raise a record £1,250 on 11 January. Earlier in the year, members of CRAG also donated quantities of warm clothing and essential toiletries, which were taken to refugees in northern France.

We also focus on the reasons why people become refugees. At a public meeting on 7 February, climate activists Krishnendu

Mukherjee and Clare Chakya discussed the scale of the climate emergency, and how to do justice to those it has forced to leave their homes.

Decorating the Xmas Tree

CRAG was one of nearly forty organisations that decorated Christmas trees in the Church, supporting the Church's restoration fund.

It gave us an opportunity to publicise CRAG's work, and we chose to honour the 39 Vietnamese people who died in the back of a lorry in Essex in October 2019. Our tree was decked in CRAG colours, with named rescue boats, hearts and butterflies signifying peace and 39 cut-out trees each bearing the name of a Vietnamese victim. To our delight, the blue and pink tree won 2nd prize. Thank you to all those who supported our response to this atrocity and the terrible conditions that refugees endure daily.

Serving cakes and lunches

CRAG members cooked for Charlbury at special events during the year. In addition to providing cakes for the tea concerts, a band of cooks gathered on the Saturdays of Art Weeks to provide Mediterranean style lunches. The recipes, gathered together in ***The Full Mezze*** booklet, have been selling literally like hot cakes. Just a few copies are still available at £3 each, and more could be produced on demand.

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Charlbury Town Council News

New Town Council to be Elected in May 2020 – Nominations Sought for Candidates

The current Town Council is coming to the end of its four-year term and all twelve places are up for election on Thursday 7th May. The new Town Council will have a vital role to play in shaping the future of the town and community, not least in co-ordinating the town's response to the declared Climate Emergency. Town and Parish Councils have never been so important as they are today in these times of great change, challenge and opportunity.

Charlbury is a remarkable, lively, and supportive community that, for its size, has achieved much and can do more. Charlbury Town Council can and should be the focus for achieving the town's aspirations and ensuring that the community's voice is heard and heeded.

However, to ensure that democracy is served and that Charlbury gets the town council it wants and needs, more than 12 candidates must put themselves forward to force an election. So:

- could you be part of the new council and help to shape the future?

If you care about our great community here in Charlbury and about our place in the nation and the world, then please consider standing for election to the Town Council and help to make a difference. Our "grass roots" level of local government matters and has a role to play. For example: maintaining our town and community facilities; co-ordinating climate emergency action locally and more widely in collaboration with WODC, OCC and others; influencing planning policy through the Neighbourhood Plan; working with county highways to address road safety issues; and supporting the volunteers who make our community the lively and

supportive place that it is. The Town Council needs members representing all parts of the community and you could be part of it.

Candidates' nominations must be submitted by hand to the Returning Officer at WODC via the Elections Office, Council Offices, Woodgreen, Witney from Tuesday 31 March 2020 and by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 8 April 2020. Nomination papers can be obtained from Roger Clarke, the Town Clerk or, in person, from the Returning Officer at WODC. You can find out more about what is involved from the Town Clerk or just have a chat with any of the current councillors. There is a list on the Town Council website at www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk/.

Charlbury Elections – 7th May 2020

On Thursday 7th May, registered electors in Charlbury will be able to vote in elections for one District Councillor and for the Thames Valley Police and Crime Commissioner as well as for all 12 members to serve on the new town council. Please use your vote!

Are you registered to vote?

If you are not included on the electoral register you will not be able to cast your vote but it is not too late! To enable you to vote on Thursday 7th May, your application for registration must be received by no later than **Tuesday 21 April 2020**. You can register online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote or via the West Oxfordshire District Council website at www.westoxon.gov.uk/ by clicking on "Elections & voting" and then "Register to vote". Alternatively, call WODC on 01993 861000 during office hours and ask for Electoral Services. You will need your National Insurance Number to register. You can also apply for a postal vote in the same way.

Town Council Precept set for 2020-21

The town council precept for 2020/21 has been set at £105,209 giving a Band D rate of £78.74 for the year. This represents an increase of 3.27% on the previous year. The precept is collected by West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) as part of your Council Tax but the majority of your tax goes to the other authorities that cover Charlbury, namely WODC, Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley Police. Within the budget for 2020-21, we have been able to give grants to Charlbury Cricket Club, All Together in Charlbury (ATIC), Volunteer Link-up, Dementia-friendly Charlbury, the Riverside Festival for site security, Charlbury Pre-school, St. Mary's Church for churchyard maintenance, the Cotswold Line Promotion Group towards the John Stanley Memorial Garden at Charlbury station, the Charlbury Society Historic Research Group, Charlbury Day Centre, the Thomas Gifford Trust for work on the Playing Close. We have also been able to continue support to the Charlbury Community Centre for activities which support Charlbury residents but for which no fee is charged to users including: the Youth Club, the Age UK film club, the Bump-to-Two mother/baby group, Strength & Balance classes for older residents, and the Well Baby clinic.

Over and above this, our 2020-21 budget covers our responsibilities for grass cutting, hedge trimming and other maintenance at many locations around town; management of the Mill Field and Nine Acres; upkeep of the cemetery; support for the Corner House and Memorial Hall; funding the Environment Working Group; and many other activities around town. If you would like to see a copy of the full budget, please contact the Town Clerk.

Responding to the Climate Emergency – the Environment Working Group

Following the Town Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency, the Environment Working Group has been established and is working hard to engage with the community and

formulate an action plan. Two extremely successful public events have been held but this is just the start. You can read more about the work of the group and ambitions for future action in a separate article elsewhere in this edition of the Charlbury Chronicle. Many thanks to everyone who has assisted and engaged with the group.

Annual Parish Meeting – 17th April 2020

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on Friday 17th April at 8pm. Do come along and find out more about the work of the Town Council in the past year. If you have a resolution that you wish to be considered by the meeting, please submit it in writing to the Town Clerk at least seven days beforehand.

Charlbury Neighbourhood Plan 2031

Revisions to the draft plan are now being finalised so that the plan can be submitted to WODC before the Town Council elections in May. See a separate report elsewhere in this edition of the Chronicle for more information on the remaining steps to get the plan adopted. The Town Council has now joined the newly formed Oxfordshire Neighbourhood Plans Alliance (ONPA) as an associate member. ONPA is working on behalf of all Neighbourhood Plan groups throughout the county to ensure that neighbourhood plans are properly supported and that the views and concerns of local communities are given proper consideration in planning decisions.

Charlbury Honoured Citizen Award

We will shortly be announcing the name (s) of those who are to receive the Charlbury Honoured Citizen Award in 2020. Presentations will be made at an event to be held in the Memorial Hall during the Spring to celebrate volunteering in the town. Many thanks to those who submitted nominations for this award and to all of the volunteers who give so much of their time, talents and effort to make Charlbury the lively and supportive community that it is.

Boundary Walk – Sunday 17th May

The Annual Parish Boundary Walk will take place on Rogation Sunday, 17th May. It starts at 10am at the old oak tree on Forest Road (B4437 to Burford) at the top of the hill, nearly a mile past the railway station. The walk crosses land not normally open to the public by kind permission of the landowners. There will be a break for lunch at Model Farm, Ditchley, for which we are very grateful to Rob & Maxine Hobill. We need volunteers for stewarding and chauffeuring on the day – if you can help, please contact the Town Clerk.

Other Matters:

Christmas Trees.

Thank you to all the residents and businesses that put up Christmas Trees which lent a truly festive feel to the town centre. Once again, a special thank-you to Geoff Burroughs for donating the tree for the Corner House and to the volunteers who organised this great display.

Ticknell Piece Play Area & Nine Acres Wall.

We are pleased to report the installation of new play equipment on the Ticknell Piece Play Area and reconstruction of the collapsed Nine Acres wall on Enstone Road. Both projects were largely enabled by the Town Council funding but we would also like to thank residents of Ticknell Piece who raised money towards the play equipment.

Overhanging Branches. Encroaching hedges Etc.

Please take a little time to check your boundaries, cutting back branches that overhang pavements and trimming back hedges that are difficult to pass, particularly for those with push chairs, mobility scooters etc. Please be considerate to others – thank you.

Snow and Ice.

We have had a mild winter but there is still a risk of late frosts. If we do have a late "cold snap", please be aware of the hazards of icy pavements and roads and look out for any of your neighbours who may find it difficult to get out and about

in such weather. If you become aware of any salt bins becoming empty during severe weather, please contact the Town Clerk. Please remember that this salt is only for use on the public highways and pavements.

Contacting your town council

All town council meetings are open to the public as observers. Ten minutes are also available at the start of each full council meeting for representations from members of the public by prior arrangement with the town clerk.

Full Council meetings will be held in the Corner House (normally the Morris Room) at 7:30pm on Wednesday 25th March and 29th April. Following the town council elections, the new council will meet for the first time for its Annual Meeting on 20th May.

Planning applications relating to Charlbury will be considered at separate meetings on the Monday preceding each full council meeting at 8pm (7:30pm if there is a speaker) in the Anne Downer Room.

Councillor surgeries are scheduled for Saturdays 4th April and 6th June from 10am to noon in the Morris Room. You can also contact Roger Clarke, the Town Clerk by email at charlburytc@btinternet.com or telephone 01608 810608 9am to 5pm (not weekends or Bank Holidays). Further information can be found at

www.charlburytowncouncil.co.uk.

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From County & District Councillor Liz Leffman

01608 810153 liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk

February is the time when councils set their budgets, and I am very pleased to be able to report that for the first time in many years at the County Council we have not had to absorb any major cuts. In fact there is a small surplus this year and the Lib Dems, together with the Labour group, want to see some of that money used to re-build youth services across the county, following the cuts to that service that have been made in past years. In Charlbury we are very fortunate to have volunteers who provide lots of support to young people in the town, but that is not true everywhere, and many young people do not get the support that they need. We want to employ a small team of officers in 2020/21 to put together a plan for a properly funded youth service from 2021 onwards and we will be proposing that in the budget.

Following the approval to go ahead with the 20mph zone in Charlbury, I am now working with the Town Council to improve traffic movement and parking in the town. This includes yellow lines in the town centre; extending the double yellow lines at the corner of Nine Acres

Lane to make traffic flow at that corner easier, and replacing the double yellow lines in front of the old Post Office with single yellow lines to make space for a little more resident parking in the evenings. Residents will be consulted on this before any decisions are made. I am also working with residents on Spelsbury Road to see if we can get the 30mph zone extended to include those houses, and again that will be subject to consultation.

The County Council, like the District Council and the Town Council, declared a climate emergency in April last year, and is making changes in their own buildings and practices, and looking at how we can support communities across the county to reduce their carbon footprint. One of the key issues is future transport, and there is soon to be an informal consultation on the new Local Transport Plan, which will include all forms of transport. For us in Charlbury, dualling the Cotswold Line remains a priority, and I will be campaigning to see that included in the plan.

Charlbury Community Speedwatch News & 2019 Summary

The Charlbury CSW team had a busy 2019, carrying out a total of 57 sessions around the town, checking the speed of 8,583 vehicles. 463 drivers were reported to Thames Valley Police for follow up action.

We are encouraged by the drop in numbers of speeding vehicles - down to 14% of those monitored and a big reduction compared with the two previous years. Whether the drop is simply due to our presence on the day or if drivers are learning to drive within the limit, we can't be sure but hopefully it is the message getting through.

Our first session of 2020 was with TVP present and in support. Motorists exceeding 40 mph were stopped and given advice and a friendly warning that such speeding brings with it a £100 fine and 3 points on the licence - with implications for the insurance premium too. We are pleased to say that TVP will continue to support us in this way during the coming months.

If you would like to join us in making the roads around Charlbury safer, please contact charlburycsw@gmail.com

From District Councillor Andy Graham

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Let's hope that 2020 brings more positive news and that by working together we can bring positive outcomes.

With that in mind, as you know, I have been working hard with the parish council and at WODC to ensure that Thames Water get their act together with regard to flooding/sewerage discharge and proper maintenance of our drains and pipe works. We are getting there but we will have to monitor whether the maintenance every six months will do the trick.

We must all be mindful what we put down our drains not to exacerbate the problem but rest assured we are on the case.

Climate change is a major issue and we are doing our bit with a new climate change working group looking at how our policies should be more integrated to ensure climate change is taken seriously. Whilst there are more planned electric points in our car parks (look out for them in Charlbury car park by the Co-op later this year), we need a new recycling centre in the centre of the district to cut down on needless and excessive car journeys and both Liz Leffman and I will make that a priority. Our roads are being clogged up by excessive sprawling new

developments which are unsustainable. Smaller developments that meet the needs of our villages and towns - more self build that are ecologically sustainable has to be the direction.

If that means a review of our Local Plan then we should consider it!

A citizens assembly is a recommendation that Liz and I will want to see happen this year. There are experts out there and the voice of our concerned residents needs to be heard.

So, please contact us if you are interested and willing to put in some time or contact us on your views on this vitally important matter.

On a sad note the Charlbury Youth Theatre is stopping for awhile. Geoff Gibbons and I have been running it for the last four years and there have been some great productions at various festivals in the town. Many young people have benefitted.

Now, is the time for someone else to take over. Interested? I can advise. In the meantime a big thank you to the Charlbury Town Council, Charlbury Oversea and Development Trust and all those who made these last four years memorable.

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Joan Belshaw

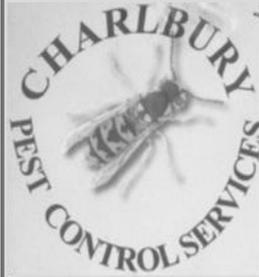


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News from the Charlbury Patient Participation Group (CPPG)

Health Information Update

Type 2 Diabetes

Type 1 diabetes is a life-long condition, whereas type 2 diabetes does not need to be so for everyone. Some people with type 2 diabetes can, by lifestyle changes put their diabetes into remission and stop taking their medication, (under supervision). Recent research has confirmed this.

Diabetes is caused by problems with a hormone in the body called insulin. When this is being insufficiently produced it affects the amount of glucose (sugar) in the blood allowing the levels to become too high. High levels of glucose in the blood increase the risk of getting serious problems with eyes, kidneys, blood vessels and nerves, especially those going to the feet.(diabetic neuropathy).

Once diagnosed, you will be offered regular check-ups at the hospital and at your local medical practice. It is important to attend the appointments at the medical practice even if you are also being seen at the hospital as it is the staff at the practice who will be monitoring your medication.

Further information on type 2 diabetes can be found on the NHS website or obtained from your Practice Nurse.

Staying Healthy if you have type 2 Diabetes

A healthy diet and keeping active will help you manage your sugar level. This will also help to control your weight, make you generally feel better and, as already stated, might be possible to put the diabetes into remission. It is not always easy to carry out good advice without support so it is important to seek help if you feel you need it. Janet Monk, the Diabetic Consultant Nurse at the Charlbury Practice would be able to offer advice and support.

Patients should contact their GP if they

have concerns about their health. Patients predisposed to diabetes, (family history, obesity), will be monitored by their GP and / or Practice Nurse. If you present to your GP with symptoms of diabetes you will be offered regular health checks.

Improving Your Home for Warmth (Better Housing Better Health BHBH)

BHBH is a longstanding service working across Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire, to reduce the number of people in fuel poverty by providing impartial free advice.

There are various grants and loans available to help with new boilers, repairs to heating systems, schemes to carry out repairs or advice on how to ensure that a home is kept affordably warm. Support is also available to tenants and what to do if you live in a housing association property.

BHBH can be contacted on 0800 107 0044 or email bhbh@nef.org.uk.

There is also website where you look for help with housing conditions. (www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs). Information on this website includes the following topics: grants for repairs, loans, small repair services and providers of equipment and home adaptations.

News from the Practice and the CPPG:

Social Prescribing: There has been a lot about this in the news lately. Social Prescribing aims to support people whose medical symptoms will be more effectively treated by lifestyle changes. GPs will refer a patient when appropriate to social prescribers who help people to find local community groups and encourage them to join in. Some people may need additional support. One way of achieving this would be to encourage local volunteers to work alongside people who lack confidence or who are isolated to get along to activities and opportunities in their local area. If you are interested please get in touch with the CPPG (email address at end of article).

New GP: Dr Mel Hurney will be starting shortly at Charlbury Medical Practice. She has a special interest in joints and paediatrics.

Evening Surgeries: running between 6:30 and 7:30 will take place on 11th March, 16th April, and 6th May. These clinics are designed for those in work who have difficulty in getting to appointments during the day. They are staffed by 1 GP from the Practice and 1 Practice Nurse. **However, there is a very high rate of last-minute cancellations** especially for the nurse clinics. Non-attendance and last-minute cancellations have **serious implications for the surgery in terms of wasted time and money**, as staff have to be paid whether or not a patient attends.

Name Badges: Several patients have mentioned to the CPPG that some staff at the surgery do not always have their name badges visible. Helen Jones, (Lead Practice Nurse) has ordered name badges for all nurses, health care assistants, pharmacists and reception staff.

Loss of Blood Pressure Kits. The CPPG has learned from the Practice that none of the 20 BP kits that have been loaned to patients to monitor their blood pressure at home have been returned. This represents a **loss of £400:00** to the Practice. If anyone has a BP kit at home belonging to Charlbury Medical Practice, please return it!

The Next CPPG Newsletter will shortly become available on line, covering carers and the caring role, prevention and care of pressure sores and leg ulcers, and Lasting Power of Attorney. Hard copies will be available in The Medical Practice. Please take a copy home with you. (current infection control advice states that magazines in medical practices may not be handled by patients and put back!)

Charlbury Pharmacy : The Co-op is in the process of trying to sell Charlbury Pharmacy. Ben Sherwood left at the end of December and currently the Pharmacy is being staffed by locum pharmacists.

Patientgroup.charlbury@nhs.net.

Wilderness

Wilderness is back here from 30th July—2nd August. Please find below details on how to obtain local tickets.

Available from Saturday 15th February, 13:30—16:30 at the Charlbury Community Centre

Tickets will be on sale every Saturday and Sunday thereafter between 13:30—16:30 whilst stocks last.

- Tickets discounted to residents within the postcode OX7 3**
- All tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis
- Maximum four adult tickets per household and four under 18 tickets per adult

Adult ticket (18+): £120*
Teen ticket (13-17): £115*
Junior ticket (6-12): £35*
Child ticket (0-5): £5*
Car parking: £16*
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- 2) Proof of identity: Passport or driving licence with full name matching that on the proof of address



Days with the detectorists

“Buttons, buckles and bollocks” is how those who use metal detectors sum up an unproductive outing.

But I heard that rarely during the December days they spent exploring fields near Walcot.

One man, Craig Warmington, unearthed a hoard of around fifty bronze coins -- exceptionally well preserved -- from the late Roman period of around 350 AD.

Another found two silver Roman coins. A third an immaculate bronze axe.

It is thirst for knowledge combined with the lure of treasure; and almost all had something that made them happy. There were coins of all periods -- Iron Age, Saxon, Elizabeth I, and Queen Victoria -- and fragments of medieval spurs and jewellery. There was even an astonishingly intact gold cuff link, probably a century or two old.

Walcot is an out-of-the way place. We few who now live among these fields delight in the fact that they are rich with evidence of the lives of those who came before us.

I was impressed by the detectorists' knowledge, persistence, and good humour. But, above all, I was impressed by the way they used a mobile phone so that a county archaeologist could watch while they excavated the hoard and advise them on what to do -- including taking the coins and associated masonry to the Museum's Resource Centre at Standlake.

And it is wonderfully appropriate that these real detectorists had such success in finding a real hoard in the place where Toby Jones -- who played the hapless but ultimately triumphant hero in the BBC series *The Detectorists* -- grew up.

The motto on the van belonging to Mark Becher, who organised the visits to Walcot, is *Saving the Past for our Future*.

The artefacts are only part of the picture. What remains forever intriguing is the story behind them. With the hoard of coins, we have no idea why it was buried.

We know only that whoever buried it did not come back.

Rob Stepney

Laurence Home Nursing—Cakes

After ten years of running the stall on behalf of Lawrence Home Nursing, the current team of volunteers have decided to hand the baton on to somebody else.

Lawrence Home Nursing still require cakes to be made for other events, so if you are willing to continue baking, please get in touch with me by email so I can add your name to a 'cake bakers list' for future reference.

On behalf of all the volunteers who have helped to man the stall in the past I would like to thank everyone who has donated cakes, helping us to raise money for this wonderful cause.

Sarah Darnell
sarahdarnell@hotmail.co.uk



Walkers are Welcome Charlbury

Charlbury is a Walkers are Welcome Town but have you ever wondered what this means? Walkers are Welcome is a national scheme whose purpose is to develop and promote walking in areas with something different to offer.

Charlbury has such a varied range of walks both in terms of length and difficulty and we look to promoting these both locally and nationally. There are notice boards at the Coop with a map of suggested walks and also information about facilities and details of upcoming guided walks.

Charlbury became a Walkers are Welcome Town in 2012 with the aims of;

- attracting more visitors to the town, securing a better future for Charlbury's shops, pubs and other businesses;
- ensuring that Charlbury's footpaths are clear and well-maintained;
- Helping others to appreciate the wonderful and varied landscape around Charlbury

It is important that the footpaths are kept in good condition and we are very fortunate in having close contact with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens who are very active in maintaining and improving footpaths around the area.

Last year two circular walks were created one going across the Mill Field returning through the cemetery and the other along Hundley Way returning by Banbury Hill Farm and allowing a route to the Old Shed. Both of these avoid walking by the road. Leaflets with details about these routes will be available in the spring.

The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens also

have a regular series of guided walks which provide the opportunity to find out more about the area and how to access the good network of footpaths which we have. Details of these walks in the area are available at www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/visiting-and-exploring/guided-walks/, and are published in The Cotswold Lion Magazine and also on the notice board on the side of the Coop.

This year a National Litter picking event is being organised from 23— 29 March and Charlbury will be part of this in which the Town Proud group will take an active part. This will not only provide an opportunity to tidy up footpaths but also to raise our profile as a good base for walks.

We plan to have walking events during the coming year which will be varied and give people a chance to find out more about the wide range of walks that are available around the area. In particular a series of walks will be organised around the Wychwood Project Forest Fair to be held Sunday 6 September.

We also aim to attend a regional Get Together with other Walkers are Welcome Towns in the area planned during the summer in Winchcombe, which will give us the opportunity to appreciate a different landscape and to exchange ideas.

We are always looking for new ideas and would like to get more people involved. In particular we would like to be involved with those interested in promoting tourism in the town, and will be holding a meeting which everyone is welcome to attend – look out for an announcement of this. We really want to celebrate our status this year and look forward to promoting what Charlbury has to offer to walkers in 2020. Charlbury is a great place for walking so let's get out there!

For more information or if you have any suggestions please email

tonyherry@gmail.com

Tony Merry



News from Charlbury Garden Society

The days are getting longer and heralds for gardeners the beginning of the busiest time. There is help at hand for members and non-members alike with our talks aimed at supporting work in the growing season.

We are looking forward to Jim and Jan Holah's talk about 'A year in the life of the allotment'. Grow your own has become very popular, but it is not always as easy as it sounds so come and get some tips from someone who has won the Charlbury Garden Society Allotment Cup in previous years.

To follow that, in April, Emma Harris-Bass from the Kitchen Garden People in Chadlington will give a talk on regenerative food systems: 'Local Food for Local Folk'. And later in the year we hope to offer members a self-drive trip to tour their new acreage at Honeydale Farm, Chipping Norton.

It's not long until our Spring Show and preparation needs to begin now. Get seeds sown soon indoors and cuttings ready for planting out when spring hits. Look through the Spring Show schedule for classes you feel you may enter and tailor your growing to them. We major in flowers from spring bulbs, but there are other classes, too.

It's quite a spectacle to see spring captured in the Memorial Hall and when partnered with the Art Society Spring Show, provides a lovely afternoon out.

So the time to think about planting seeds and growing is now. To help you, one of our most knowledgeable members, Peter Bridgman, who once worked as a horticulturist at Kew Gardens, has written an article on 'Growing your own plants from seed'.

You'll find this on our website - just Google 'Charlbury Garden Society'

or key in: www.charlbury.info/community/30. [Ed. This will be published in the June Chronicle]

Here is our diary of events for March, April and May.

All events are held in the Memorial Hall

Thursday 19 March 7.30 for 8 pm start – **A year in the life of the allotment**, a talk with slide presentation by Jim and Jan Holah.

Spring Show – Saturday 4 April: exhibits 9.30 am – 10.45 am, show open 12 – 4 pm. To see or print a schedule just key Charlbury Garden Society into your browser or this: www.charlbury.info/community/30

Thursday 23 April 7.30 for 8 pm start – **Local food for local folk, an evening discussing regenerative food systems with the Kitchen Garden People, Chadlington** with Emma Harris-Bass.

Plant Sale – Saturday 9 May 9.30 am - Good selection of reasonably priced annuals, vegetables, and perennials. Arrive promptly as plants sell fast. Please bring plant donations before 9 am.

Membership is £5 pa (£8 for couples). Enquiries to: membership@charlburygardensociety.org.uk

There is always room for enthusiastic supporters so contact a committee member at any of our events if you have an idea or wish to get involved.



News from our PCSO

Thames Valley Police are committed to involving the community in the policing of Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes.

We believe that by improving the flow of information between the community and its police we can all make a greater impact in the prevention and detection of crime and anti-social behaviour.

This site provides an invitation for you to participate in the exchange of information with Thames Valley Police, Neighbourhood Watch and other community groups.

As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also learn about those in your community subject of anti-social behaviour orders, help identify suspected or wanted criminals or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

You are invited to register now to become a registered recipient of messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work by email, text or telephone. Register now to Thames Valley Alert.

There is now also a free smart-phone Alert app which provides the latest



local policing news straight to your phone.

The app can use GPS data to send you targeted messages according to your current geographical location and messaging preferences, sending you instant notifications to your mobile phone about specific information, warnings and advice relevant to that location.

Whether you live or work in Thames Valley, or are simply visiting the area, you can now receive alerts on the policing news you need to know about, locate your closest police station and view feeds via Twitter, so you'll never miss those important updates and breaking news.

To download the app, visit the Apple store or Google Play and search 'Thames Valley Alert'.

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News from Charlbury Community Centre:

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Charlbury Community Centre has been shortlisted for an award from the **West Oxfordshire Business Awards**. We should know by the time this issue of the Chronicle comes out whether this has been successful, but we are delighted to have been nominated and shortlisted. #WOBA2020

We have started to produce a regular, short **newsletter** (every 2-3 months). You can pick one up from reception. If you would like one emailed to you whenever it is produced, please contact comms@charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk and we'll put you on the mailing list.

If you would like a regular game of **table tennis**, please come along on Tuesday mornings at 9am. A new group has recently been set up by Angus Bentall for people of all levels to play together.

We are also delighted to announce that **crafts for the under-fives** will be available on the first Wednesday of every month as part of the Stay and Play session. This is being run by parent volunteers, Mizue and Emily, so huge thanks to them.

A new circuit training class called **Friday Fizz** has recently started on Friday mornings 8.30-9.30am. It's a total body conditioning class with Jason. Everyone is welcome. No champagne is involved unfortunately!

Below is a list of the things you can join in with at Charlbury Community Centre. This information is in our regularly updated "What's On" leaflet available at the Centre. More information about all these activities can also be found on our website: www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk. Unless a contact is given below, please contact the Community Centre for further information or to book – 01608 811878.

Sports and Well-being:

Badminton – Mondays 8-10pm, contact: rafaelalarcon1963@hotmail.com

Barre Fit Class – Tuesdays 7-8pm, contact Michele: 07817 890787 or charlbury.pilates@gmail.com

Circuit Training – Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm, Fridays 8.30-9.30am and Sundays 10-11am, £7.

Community Gym – Weekdays: 8.30am-1pm, weekends and bank holidays: 9am-1pm, £22 per month.

Feldenkrais Classes – Wednesdays: 12.30pm, contact ed@senseofmovement.com

Lean Gym (a gym-based exercise class) – Wednesdays, 9-10am, £7.

Line Dancing – Tuesdays 12.15-1pm and Fridays 11.45am-12.30pm (beginners/catch-up), £5/£3 over 65s.

Netball Club – Tuesdays 7-9pm, contact: witneyetball@hotmail.co.uk

Pickleball – Mondays 9-11am & 11am-1pm, Thursdays 10am-12pm Fridays 11.30am-1.30pm. Contact Vijay: 01993 891043 or vijaysmobile@gmail.com

Pilates with Michele – Mondays 7-8pm and 8-9pm, Thursdays 1.30-2.30pm and 7.30-8.30pm. Contact Michele: 07817 890787 or charlbury.pilates@gmail.com

Pilates with Hayley – Mondays 9.30-10.30am and 10.45-11.45am. Contact Hayley: 07557 040609 or bodyspacepilates@gmail.com

Strength & Balance – Mondays 1.15-2.15 and 2.30-3.30pm, £4. Contact Louise: 07879 685579 or 123dancercise@gmail.com

Table Tennis – Tuesdays 9-10am, £3. Contact Angus: angusb888@btinternet.com

Volleyball – Wednesdays 8-10pm, contact Steven: 07879 063934 or stevenfairhurstjones@gmail.com

Walking Football – Wednesdays 3-4.30pm and Thursdays 8-9pm. Contact: clarried@aol.com

Yoga – Mondays 6-7pm (Accessible Yoga) and Wednesdays 6-7pm (Hatha Yoga), contact Phil: 07482 581882 or info@philevansyoga.co.uk

Social & Self-Help for Adults:

TG's Café Coffee Club – Fridays 10-12am, free.

Grief Encounters (Bereavement Group) – Last Tuesday of every month 2pm a free informal meeting in the café. Contact Jan Fielden: 07986 606548, jan@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk, or just turn up.

Age UK Film Club – Fourth Wednesday of every month 2pm, free.

Quiz Night – Fourth Wednesday of every month, 7.30pm, £5.

Scrabble Sessions – Second Tuesday of each month, 2.30-5pm, £2.

For Babies and Toddlers:

Bump-to-Two – Tuesdays 10-12am, £2.

Well-Baby Clinic – Tuesdays 11-12am.

Stay & Play – Wednesdays 9.30-11am, £3.

Toddler Gym – Wednesdays 11.15-12am, £3.

Rhymetime in the library – Wednesdays 2.15-2.45pm, (term-time only), free.

Kids' Runarounds (see below).

For School Children:

Kids' Runarounds – Thursdays 3.15-4.45pm, £2 and Sundays 11am-12, £1.

Unsupervised sessions; parents must stay and be responsible for their children's safety.

School Holiday Activities. In the holidays we usually offer sessions for primary school-aged children and toddlers. Please check our website and www.charlbury.info for information.

For Teenagers (11+):

Youth Club – Fridays 7-9pm, £1.

Youth Basketball Club – Thursdays 5-6pm, (term-time only), £3.

Sunday Circuits – 10-11am. Many teenagers and children join the adults for this session. Under-11's must be accompanied and supervised by an adult.

Junior rate for court hire – young people can hire a court to play badminton, pickleball or table tennis for £6 an hour. This offer cannot be pre-booked.

Can't see what you want?

We are keen to get people more active, both physically and socially, in ways that suit you, so any suggestions are always welcome, especially if you can run a session or know someone who can. Things change rapidly as new classes are offered, so please keep an eye on the website for the latest information.

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