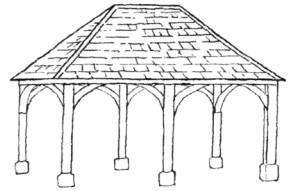


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From the Editor

Well it's that time of the year, when we will be all finding the Christmas decorations and looking forward to buying the tree. I can't believe how quickly its come round again!

The late night shopping in Charlbury will be on 9th December—so please do support our local businesses and buy your presents there. You don't have to wait until then, as Cotswold Frames have many gifts, and the Deli some delicious grub!

Also the WI will be holding their Carol Service on 5th December at 7pm in St Mary's. And please stay for coffee, tea, mulled wine and mince pies! Any money raised from the collection will go to the charity "Thrive".

Congratulations to Street Fair who raised at least £10,000 for the Corner House and Memorial Hall. If you would like to help at Street Fair 2023 please contact John Dora—see p.4.

And we will all have to use the buses—see article in the Town Council report on p41. We may lose both the S3 and the X9—and be stranded if you don't drive! I am sure it is cheaper to go by bus than drive—and much greener.

And you can read all about Millie's expedition to Kyrgyzstan next year and how to donate to the British Exploring Society on p9.

I would like to thank all those who help keep the Chronicle going—and to those who also submit such interesting articles.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Peaceful New Year.

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 Spring issue is 1st February 2023
Please send all articles to editor.chronicle@outlook.com**



Charlbury Museum News

A new acquisition.....and a new commission:

Charlbury Museum holds a unique collection which celebrates the history of the town through diverse artefacts, memorabilia and photographs of the past.

It is vital to keep the collection vibrant and to reflect aspects of life in Charlbury in the 21st century by adding contemporary pieces to the museum's extensive assemblage of objects.

While browsing the recent exhibition of Jody O'Reilly's prints in the Charlbury Deli, our eyes were drawn to one of her lino-prints: 'Charlbury Egg Throw'.

The annual tradition of egg throwing held in Church Street celebrates the start of the famous Charlbury Street Fair; Jody's print captures the spirit of this fun evening, with detailed depictions of the crowds and the street scene.

The museum is delighted with our first purchase of a work by a local artist and we look forward to adding more contemporary artwork to the collection.

Museums around the country frequently commission artists and craftspeople to make a modern piece for a specific setting. Charlbury Museum is no exception, the committee have recently commissioned local stone carver Ben Williams to create a stone sign for a wall in the museum garden.

This hand-carved sign will have a particular poignancy: it is in memory of Jennifer Bartlett (1935 – 2020), she was special friend of the museum and her donations continue to enrich the historic collections. Ben is currently working on this commission and we hope to have it installed before Christmas.

Looking to the future the museum is excited about entering a fresh phase in its long history (1949), as it raises its profile for modern times to become a C.I.O. (charitable incorporated organisation).

We look forward to achieving this important stage, we are also working towards achieving Accreditation status in 2023. The museum is grateful for the work done by additional volunteers, and members of the Charlbury Society committee in helping with this important stepping-stone in the life of Charlbury Museum.

As a CIO the museum will become independent of the Charlbury Society but the aim is to continue the close ties that have been forged over the years.

If you are interested in being part of this new chapter of Charlbury Museum, the museum is looking for trustees with experience and vision to help us move forward when we become a CIO. Please get in touch at:-

info@charlburymuseum.org.uk

Finally, if you fancy a browse around the museum we will be opening our doors on Friday 9th December for the Late Night Shopping evening.

We look forward to seeing you.

For some festive sparkle: see the museum's tree decorated for St. Mary's Christmas Tree Festival.

Sue Rangeley
Charlbury Museum Committee

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Charlbury Scout Group

The group recently held its AGM, a chance to look back on the last year or so of Scouting in Charlbury. We were delighted to welcome a new Treasurer, but sad to say farewell to the retiring Treasurer, Ben Peters, who has brought the Group into the world of internet banking after much effort and persistence on his part. We are very grateful for his accounting expertise and advice to our Executive Committee.

Since last year, we have raised funds for the DEC Ukrainian Appeal with a cake stall at the Farmers Market, and some Group funds by car washing in July. In addition, we supported the Charlbury Street Fair by running the County Climbing Wall in September.

In the coming year, we will be doing joint fund-raising with the Guides, as our Scout Hut is in dire need of renovation and repair. Charlbury Scout Group will be 90 years old in 2023, and we'd love to mark this event with improved facilities for the community. Please support our events as they occur!

There has been a gradual return to larger-scale events, mostly for Scouts, who have attended the County Aqua Camp (sailing, raft building, kayaking, dragon boating) and Patrol Camping Weekend (traditional fire-lighting, cooking, whittling skills). Two of our Scouts were also able to take part in an International Skiing Trip to Italy in February.

Both Cubs and Beavers sections continue at full capacity. Cubs have focused on teamwork, navigation, emergency aid and pioneering, whilst the Beavers have enjoyed creative, health and fitness, international and nature activities. Both sections learnt about fire safety, thanks to the duty watch at Charlbury Fire Station. The two younger sections also had an adventure-filled day at the Youlbury Scout Centre in the summer,

trying out crate-stacking, archery, abseiling and the 3G swing!

Huge thanks are due to our fantastic Leaders and Young Leaders, as well as parents who support our various activities. Heartfelt thanks also to our Chair and Secretary, making things happen 'behind the scenes'.

By the time you read this magazine, we will have been honoured to represent Scouting at the Remembrance Day parade and service. This year, as we sing the new words of the National Anthem, we will also remember the loss of our Patron, her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Her legacy to us is an outstanding example of service, encouragement and kindness - an inspiration to us all.

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Charlbury Street Fair 2022

Thank you everyone who helped make Street Fair this year such a great success. Over the year and including Open Gardens with Charlbury Garden Society, and the return of the Quiz, we were able to raise £10,000. This of course will go to the upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall.

We had a fine day on 17th September and the town centre was abuzz from around 1.30 until closing. We had the return of the popular Scouts' Climbing Wall and more rides at the Fun Fair and quite a collection of vintage and veteran vehicles.

The centenary of the BBC as our theme saw children's fancy dresses in all shapes and sizes and imaginative paintings – always a highlight.

Thank You

Thanks go particularly to our principal sponsors including Fairfax Estate Agents and Cotswold Frames and those who offered bottles for the Tombola stall and items for the Silent Auction, Charlbury Art Society and those who have sponsored us through advertising in the Programme.

We also would single out Cllr. Liz Leffman who stepped in to open the Fair at short notice, Anna Cherry and her band of volunteers who arranged tea and cakes, Dave Oates for organising the music, Charlbury Finstock Morris for their sea shanties, Jo Paton and all those who helped with getting the programmes distributed...and not forgetting our Committee members! Thank you all!

Planning for 2023

Planning for 2023 starts in January – so please watch out for dates for your diary

when we will arrange our recruitment drive for our Committee. Do please come along in January to find out more! Street Fair 2023 will be on 16th September. Please watch out for information on this on www.charlbury.info and on posters around the town. We are also looking to invite "new faces" to shadow some of our committee to share activities, learning from our experienced team. So if you'd like to know more, or to volunteer in any capacity, even just for a couple of hours on the Fair day, either contact me at csfchairman@charlburystreetfair.org or come along to our January meeting. Indeed I plan to make way for a new Chair after the 2023 Fair so someone to shadow me would be really great.

Rachael Lunney stepped down from the Committee at the end of the Fair this year and will be hard 'act' to replace. Rachael has been actively involved on the Committee for well over ten years and was a key fundraiser. Well done and thank you for your stalwart support over all this time, Rachael, you will be missed!

*Prof. John Dora
Chair, Charlbury Street Fair Committee*

For up-to-date information, see www.charlbury.info and www.charlburystreetfair.org and the Facebook page for Charlbury is a Town & not a Village

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1st Charlbury Unit Guides



Someone asked us, "What do you do at Girl Guides?"
And we said, "What **don't** we do!"

Okay, so we don't do competitive dog grooming or build ships in bottles, but here's a list of some things we've done over the past year:

- zip-wired at Go Ape
- went camping
- learned First Aid
- had a Halloween party
- learned how to cook outdoors
- had a Yoga lesson
- learned self-defence
- twinned ourselves with a troop of Girl Scouts in Florida
- and we even got to talk live to a real NASA astronaut!

And that's just a small list of what we get up to. Who decides what we do? You do!
Or, it could be, if you join our group. We're currently have capacity to accept 10 more girls, aged 10 to 14.

We're always delighted to have new girls join us. There is so much to do and learn by being a Guide! Please get in touch with us to learn more about when, where, and how we meet!

Guiding continues to support girls and young women via the girl-led peer education programme to talk about subjects like body confidence, healthy relationships, the representation of girls and women in media and politics, education, violence against women and girls, young people's mental health, and other issues facing young women today.

Guiding encourages girls and young women to challenge themselves, and learn to connect with other girls, whether that's in their home unit, in their district, or around the world.

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CHARLBURY REFUGEE ACTION GROUP

Thank you to everyone for the recent donations of clothing, tents, blankets etc for another bumper collection of items for refugees: warm clothing, footwear, blankets, sleeping bags, tents, and more. We offered a selection of the best quality items for Ukrainians guests. Many thanks to the Baptist Church (where English lessons for Ukrainians are held too) for providing the space, and for their hospitality. There are currently 21 Ukrainian guests that we know of living in Charlbury and the surrounding villages. Our WhatsApp group for hosts and potential hosts is still active, offering support and information. We've set up a contingency fund to help with the cost of items needed for guests, some of which has been used to buy whiteboards and other materials needed for the English language lessons being offered in Charlbury. Many other local offers of help to guests have also been given, including free treatments, haircuts, yoga classes, fitness memberships, and art sessions. Please see our dedicated Ukraine page on the charlbury.info site for more details.

In addition to the Ukraine work, CRAG is mindful of the plight of the millions of other refugees around the world, and continues to support the vital work of charities at borders. The rest of the donated items are being sent to the charity Care4Calais, which distributes donated items to refugees in the Calais area and also now to some who have arrived in this country. This will be the second CRAG shipment this year, after St Mary's Church adopted the theme of Refugees for their Harvest Festival, resulting in a large number of donations. As always, Charlburians have been extraordinarily generous and CRAG is enormously grateful for all this help.

Looking ahead, we're pleased to take part in this year's Christmas Tree festival at St Mary's again, and please keep hold

of surplus Christmas presents for the return of CRAG's January Bring & Buy sale. We also have three more wonderful Sunday tea concerts lined up for this winter season: at 3pm on Sunday 4th December, Sunday 5th February and Sunday 5th March. If you haven't been to one before, it really is a lovely way to spend a Sunday afternoon, with top notch performances by world class musicians followed by tea and cake. You can buy tickets in advance from Cotswold Frames and limited tickets may also be available on the door. Please see the events section on charlbury.info for more details.

If you'd like to donate to CRAG you can either visit <https://www.justgiving.com/charlburyrefugee> or make a bank transfer to CRAG Coop Bank using account 65789036 and sort code 08-92-99.

Please email treasurer@charlburyrefugee.org.uk for a Gift Aid form to benefit CRAG a further 25% on your donation. If you would like to become a CRAG member and receive our newsletters please email secretary@charlburyrefugee.org.uk.

We've raised a total of £100,000 in fundraising since CRAG's foundation in 2015, all of which has gone to refugees.

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Charlbury Art Society



Winter is drawing in and, after a lovely summer many of us will be revisiting our interests and hobbies.

Charlbury Arts welcomes everyone living in Charlbury and the surrounding localities with an interest in the visual arts. We have over 200 members, about half of whom are practising artists.

Our monthly meetings are an opportunity to meet a friendly and interesting group of people and to share in varied topics and talks.

In November we have a talk about 'The Artwork and it's Context' and in December, 'Desert Island Art', when a number of members will talk about the art they would choose to take to their desert island. Full details are available on the Charlbury Website.

We recently held our Autumn Exhibition at Wilcote Studios. The theme was 'Strength and Fragility' and members submitted more than 50 pieces of work that were displayed in a lovely location.

The Spring 2023 Exhibition will be in Charlbury and we look forward to enjoying more eclectic works of art. If you would like to try your hand at an art activity there are lots of opportunities in and around Charlbury. Our monthly newsletter gives details of workshops, most of which welcome beginners and experienced artists. Locally offered workshops include drawing, painting, printing and stone carving. We are hoping to start some life drawing sessions soon.

If you would like to start a creative activity in a studio space in the company of artists, you would be very welcome at the ArtRoom. Complete beginners, those picking up art from learning at school or

established artists are all welcome. The Larcum Kendall room in the Corner House in Charlbury is an airy, well lit studio which can accommodate several artists either working singly or together in art activities.

There are art materials and equipment, plus a printing press for members to use with the convenience of storage for personal equipment and materials. For an affordable fee you can secure a space for half or a whole day.

Small groups of members of Charlbury Arts can book the studio space for their ad hoc art activities. Access is independent of the opening times of the Corner House, there are facilities for making hot drinks and Charlbury Deli and Cafe is just across the road!

It's a lovely place to start an art activity in friendly company and over the coming months, we hope to increase its use and encourage anyone to drop in and meet the artists.

If you are interested in booking a session please contact Jane Crane,
fjanecrane@gmail.com

Annual membership of Charlbury Arts is £10. Non members are welcome at the monthly talks for £5 payable on the door. If you would like to join please contact David Crosby,
secretary@charlburyarts.co.uk

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An Expedition to Kyrgyzstan

Millie Chettleborough

There's nothing quite like summiting a mountain. The world around me shrank in the ascent, scaled down to focus on the sharp pinch of cold air in my lungs, the snugness of three pairs of socks in my walking boots, and the width of the steady track that flanked the mountain. By the time my dad and I reached the top, our pace had slowed considerably.

Our family is pretty outdoorsy, but dog walking around the rolling hills of the Cotswolds hadn't quite trained me well enough to comfortably hike up Tryfan without losing my breath.

It's this love of the outdoors that first inspired me to look into joining an international expedition in the summer. I'd been on expeditions before, English ones with Scouts and Chippy school as part of DoFE.

I knew that spending a prolonged amount of time working in a team in an unfamiliar, wild environment would be the biggest challenge I've ever attempted.

Truthfully, I didn't expect to get onto the expedition that I applied to; a five-week British Exploring Society expedition to Kyrgyzstan, so receiving a place offer was amazing!

The experience promises to be life-changing, not least because it will be the furthest from home that I've ever been.

During the expedition, we'll have the chance to work on various science and media projects in collaboration with research organisations. I'll also have the opportunity to meet the nomadic Kyrgyz herders, who are kindly hosting our base camp in their pastures, and gain a deeper understanding of their culture.

As part of the journey leading up to the expedition, I've committed to fundraising £4000 for the BES to support and encourage disadvantaged young people

to participate in expeditions like this one. The British Exploring Society is a charity set up in 1932 to support young people develop the "skills, resilience and determination to make lasting positive decisions in their own lives and to deliver community benefit and positive environmental change".

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You can find out more about the BES here on their website:

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Trees up to and including 6/7 foot – we will again be offering trees freshly pre-cut. However, this year we are sourcing trees from a grower in the Vale of Evesham, who is allowing us to cut and collect just a couple of days before sale. Our many young trees need one more year's growth to be ready for sale in 2023.

Trees 7/8 foot and above – you can choose a tree growing in our plantation and have it cut to take away on the day.



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Charlbury Christmas Trees—an update for 2022 season

The good news is that we will be opening this year to sell Christmas trees. We will be open weekends in December as advertised from 9am to 4pm. We hope that you will add your annual visit to Charlbury Christmas Trees to your diary.

For this Christmas, we still have plenty of trees 7/8 foot and above to choose from and to have cut. However, our younger trees, and there are plenty of them, have still not made quite enough growth to be cut this year. This means that, as in 2021, we do not have sufficient trees growing up to 6/7 foot that we can cut.

For Christmas 2021, we made the decision to open. This involved us being able to meet the demand for trees up to 6/7 feet high. We did this by sourcing pre-cut trees from a well-known and well-respected supplier with whom we had a long-standing relationship. For Christmas 2022, we have reviewed our 2021 operation. Our aim each year has been to be able us to open as we know that a visit to Charlbury Christmas Trees has become an integral part in the run up to

Christmas for many families. But we are also aware that we need to make the best offer possible for our customers and that a key criterion for our customers will be the freshness of the trees bought.

For this year we have done further research. And we believe that we have found the solution that will allow us to provide trees that we can guarantee are very freshly cut, nearly as freshly cut as ours.

We have made contact with a Christmas tree grower in the Vale of Evesham who has agreed to supply us. We have visited the grower and have been shown his trees. Not only will he supply us, but he has agreed that we can visit during the week prior to each of our opening weekends to select and cut trees to sell.

So we will be open this season and will have trees of all heights for sale. We hope that you will pay us a visit. You can enjoy your annual wander around the plantation and view the trees we have for sale and hopefully you will find the tree that you want to take home.

Janet Burroughs



Charlbury Beer & Wine Circle

September saw our AGM, at which there was a resumé of the year's tastings, visits and other social events.

An increase in membership and healthy finances suggest we are set fair for the year ahead, without any increase to the annual subscription of £10 and the tasting fee of £5. Ant Horn, Graham Jowett and Brian Murray were re-elected as Chair, Treasurer and Secretary respectively, promising another year of varied tastings and events.

True to style, the AGM was over in just 30 minutes and we were able to move from business to socialising and tasting.

A touch of Japan came to the gathering in the form of a very different tasting, brought to us by members Andrew and Kozue who treated us to the delights of sake and sushi.

We heard about the polishing of rice, and the amount of polishing necessary to produce the different grades of sake: Junmai, Honjozo, Ginjo and Daiginjo, all with the wide range of tastes that we associate with wine from grapes.

Something of a surprise to those present was that most sake can be served at different temperatures according to what food it may be accompanying – or even if taken as an aperitif or digestive.

With Kozue's homemade sushi to try it was a truly exceptional event - and a first for the Circle - thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to Andrew & Kozue for such a great evening.

At October's meeting we tasted six wines from the Verona area of the Veneto in the north of Italy.

As whites, Rachael chose a Soave from a 6,000 hectares estate founded in 1898, followed by a Custoza and a Lugana from more recently established producers. the

reds offered were Bardolino and Valpolicella (Classico and Ripasso), which pleasantly surprised many members. All wines were accompanied by informative comments about the history of the area, the differing soil types and the various grape varieties suited to those soils. Thank you, Rachael. Clearly your time in Italy was put to very good use.

At the time of writing, the focus of November's tasting is a well-kept secret – unknown even to the secretary.

However, Matt, who worked in wine retailing, will surely repeat his success of a year ago and we are in for another well-presented evening.

At our October meeting we were delighted to see two new members who had moved to Charlbury just three weeks previously and – looking at the various clubs, societies and activities available in our town – immediately chose to join us.

Welcome Alison and Des, we are delighted to have you with us.

New members and guests are always welcome. If you would like to attend our tastings as a guest, at a cost of £10 p.p., please email;

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Charlbury Green Hub

2022 – A Bumper Year for Apples

Hopefully you will have been enjoying the garden fruit from the Cornerstone at The Corner House – available for everyone to help themselves from 10am-1pm Monday to Saturday. Several people have said they miss the talks I used to give at the fortnightly Big Apple Take-Aways pre-Covid, and I realise I've missed that too, so here goes . . .

2022 has been a bumper year for apples and pears but not so for plums but I remember these were exceptional last year when apples weren't so plentiful. This year nearly every apple tree has produced fruit - the blossom encrusting every branch last May was remarkable and the pollination rate very high.

This led to loads of tiny fruit which then had to face the trials of drought and high temperatures over the summer – so the trees simply jettisoned even more of their infant offspring during the heatwave in August so the remaining fruit could grow on to maturity. After initial fears that the timing would be totally screwed up, it seems that all varieties matured at the normal times all through from August until November.

Bramleys have been good this year but only some have grown to a decent size, there have been lots of small ones – but then these are great for storing for the birds later in the winter – the visiting redwings will go for them in February. Some apples on a few trees just didn't grow and remained miniature – so there was a basket of gorgeous bite-sized Herefordshire Russet at the Cornerstone filling the role of the tiny Golden Knob which hardly produced any fruit this year. Even in normal years, some varieties, such as Sunset and Spartan, are prone to small fruit and really benefit from thinning in June/July, but it is worth checking all apple trees in the summer and reducing each cluster to just 1 or 2 apples - cut off the smallest and any

insect damaged fruit. Also when picking fruit in the autumn, always pick the biggest fruit first and leave the others to get bigger over the following few weeks.

Bright sunshine this year flushed many apples remarkably red - possibly the sun's rays reached more of the fruit because the leaves on the trees were reduced by the heat of August. The red flush on Bramleys particularly surprised people who are used to seeing green Bramleys in supermarkets. This highlights that August is a good time for summer pruning of new vertical growth, cutting it back to two buds is like giving the tree a hair cut and allows more sunshine onto the ripening fruit.

People always ask me what's my favourite apple, I have to reply "which week?". Only eating our local apples either fresh or stored overwinter, when it comes to August I am always thrilled to taste my first fresh apple again. So in order as the season progresses, my top 30 dessert apple favourites are: Discovery, Laxton's Epicure, Worcester Pearmain, Merton Worcester, James Grieve, Ellison's Orange, Greensleeves, Egremont Russet, King of the Pippins, Cox's Pomona, Sunset, Ribston Pippin, Gascoyne's Scarlet, Herefordshire Russet, Spartan, Suntan, Kidd's Orange Red, Blenheim Orange, Orleans Reinette, Rosemary Russet, Holstein, William Crump, Crispin, Ashmead's Kernel, Tydeman's Late Orange, Canadian Reinette, D'Arcy Spice, Court Pendu Plat, Winston, Sturmer Pippin.

We are so lucky in Charlbury that people are generous and happy to share the huge range of varieties that are growing in their gardens with everyone else – thank you.

*Christine Elliott
Charlbury Green Hub*

Corner House alive and well.

The Corner House continues as a successful Charlbury asset. The ground floor hosts two popular local services for everyone: Cornerstone and the Community Bookshop.

Cornerstone is a free sharing hub. Come in any day to see what is on offer – fresh fruits and vegetables and other groceries.

The idea is that nothing should go to waste so here is the place where delicious opportunities are waiting – and they are really free! Of course, you are welcome to make a donation but that is entirely voluntary.

If you have a crop surplus to your own requirements, bring it in and make it possible for others to dip in.

Cornerstone also operates the local food bank for those Charlbury families needing a more substantial box of help. The boxes are delivered at least once a week.

All this helps make Cornerstone something of a social meeting place too.

Across the hallway from Cornerstone is our local bookshop. It is obvious that many Charlbury people really love books.

They can hardly get enough of them. But right here is an extraordinary bookshop because the books are very slightly used

but can be purchased for a tiny fraction of the cover price.

Factual books, of which hundreds are on offer every day, cost only £2 each and if you venture upstairs in the Corner House there you can find fiction galore for an even lower price.

Both Cornerstone and the Community Bookshop are open every morning 10am until 1pm so drop in as often as you like. Nothing stays the same for long so every day there are new bargains for free or for very little outlay!

The Corner House is decidedly alive and well. Please just walk it – it is all for you. At the top of Church Street crossroads opposite the Rose & Crown and the Deli.

Roy Scott, chairman



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Roy Scott (01608 810562)

Charlbury Community Workshop

The Thomas Gifford Trust is making land and some funds available for the start up of the Charlbury Community Workshop. We are also looking for additional funding for the workshop and equipment.

The current proposal is for a workshop area of 20 foot by 16 foot, which would provide several work areas with benches and various tools.

The CCW would be opened on prearranged mornings and afternoons, where supervision would be arranged, and there would be a small fee for each session booked.

In the long term the facility needs to be self-funding e.g. from a mixture of yearly membership fees, session fees, and special fund-raising events.

The purpose of the CCW would be to provide an affordable facility for repairing, making and training in a variety of practical crafts such as woodworking, needle-craft, electrical/electronic repairs, 3D printing, stained glass, and upholstery.

The plans for the Charlbury Community Workshop are progressing well, and our current thinking is to have, at least initially, one work space for fabric/materials and another work space for woodworking and other crafts.

So far over 50 people signed up to the newsletter as they might use the new community workshop, or they just wanted to hear more about it. If there are other suggestions for potential activities or facilities or you would just like to be involved or you'd like to have any news on the project sent, then please get in contact with the email below:

info@charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk

Wednesday Lunch Club in Charlbury

As many of you will know, Charlbury Day Centre has morphed into Charlbury Lunch Club; a Wednesday session for people of a certain age, who enjoy getting together once a week to share a home cooked lunch and some socialising and maybe games or entertainment.

The sessions run from 11.30-2pm each Wednesday and lifts can be arranged for people who can't make their own way in.

We have had some new people join us recently and we are almost up to capacity now.

We have a new co-ordinator, Kath Lucas, and a new chair of the committee, Tanya Stevenson, as our chair of many years, Bob Tait has stepped down from that role. He still helps out as a cook and is still on the committee.

On behalf of the committee, I'd like to say a huge thank you to Bob for many years of dedicated service as chair and for guiding the Day Centre through some difficult times recently.

If you might be interested in joining us, becoming a volunteer or if you just want to find out more, please contact: -

Tanya Stevenson: 07871 795748 or
Kath Lucas on 07854 514102. We would love to hear from you.

Tanya Stevenson





Charlbury Bowls Club

Whilst the summer heat wave continued to set new records across the town, members of our great Bowls club also set firsts, with four of our Junior academy being selected to play for ESMBA Under 21 academy (England Short Mat Bowls Association). The team went on to beat the England Ladies team at Solihull 33-31. Well done to Eleanor, Freddie, Will and Dylan; also to Roman who along with the four played at Maidstone Mote Park with the team.

Heather Hill flew the flag for the club in the Para England Squad, North V South game. She made great use of our electric wheelchair specially made for the game. The England Disabled ladies section for the 2nd year running held finals of the pairs at our OxBrew Green in Ticknell Piece Road.

The high temperatures did cause a couple of cancellations, mainly on the one day internal Competitions where a great deal of concentration and energy is needed, but the main club competitions all reached finals, and the winners enjoyed a great presentation night. This was made possible with thanks to the extra work put in by Dave Evans, the club competitions secretary. The club was very well represented at the county competition level with both men and ladies playing a variety of singles, pairs, triples and fours games against some very good bowlers.

The ladies for the first time held a team of their own in the league. They successfully played all the games and greatly benefited from the experience; next year they have planned to go even further by entering a joint team in the TOP Club competition which could see them playing outside the county.

The men's league tried to emulate the promotion they gained last year but unfortunately did not quite make it with some key players missing at crucial times.

Our outdoor season has now finished as at the end of September, the team captains managed to play a large number of games both at home and away. The green has been put to bed, albeit the dedicated Monday morning team of club member volunteers still attend to playing surrounds and also the cleaning and maintenance of the club, lots of hands make light work!! Next years playing surface still needs cutting and spraying, and the sanitation of all surfaces inside the building to comply with best practice continues.

The short mat season is well under way as this goes to print. The club has invested in two new playing mats, and this is helping in the development of new players and experienced ones. Ron and Eleanor are the 4th and 5th people to have been selected for the county premier squad and we have a triples team of Shaun, Chris and Ron in the national stages of the triples competition.

We have three evening league teams and two afternoon teams all playing very well. Our very popular roll up nights are on a Monday and Thursday evening starting at 7pm. It's a really great place to start and a friendly environment. We have a well-stocked bar, tea and coffee on hand and you don't need any equipment.

Our dedicated Coaching team are always on hand and we also offer skills sessions at various times and Saturday mornings are dedicated to the Junior Academy.

If you would like to have a go or require more information please pop in when the lights are on, or email enquiries@charlburybowls.co.uk and we will be pleased to accommodate you; only a flat soled pair of shoes / or slippers are required.

Shaun our elected Treasurer has gone to great lengths to ensure that we have enough money to carry out our planned

Charlbury Bowls Club

Ticknell Piece Rd

Christmas



8 games &
2 Specials.

6 books—£8

6 flyers—£1

per game



Monday 12 December

Doors open 6.00pm, start 7.00pm, Bar

building upgrades and extensions; we are very grateful to the Greaves & Withey Foundation for a grant of £22,746 and also proud to work with Sustainable Charlbury. Along with the other funds this has enabled us to start on the first phase of our plan to increase the inside playing area and install new doors and windows at the car park end of the club. We are also replacing all internal lights for LED automatic sensor lights to ensure we can save on our future energy cost.

The Club has a wide range of sponsors including Broadsword Security, Oxbrew, Charlbury Garage, Sonnox, Hydac, and Pete's Taxis along with Code Jar, and Churchill Retirement Living; more information can be found on our web site at www.charlburybowls.co.uk

Finally, I would like to invite you and your friends to our well supported Bingo held three times a year. The next one is on Monday 12th December, doors open at 6pm, Eyes down at 7pm, lots of fantastic Christmas hampers / prizes to be won. It is a great night for all the family; Bar and hot drinks available.

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Charlbury Community Centre News

CHARLBURY Community Centre

Warm Hub

To support our community during this cost-of-living and fuel crisis, Charlbury Community Centre is offering a warm and welcoming space to anyone wishing to come along.

You can join in a variety of activities, make use of library services and purchase hot drinks and refreshments from our community café. Or you can simply sit and read, chat or play games in a warm space.

The centre is open until 7pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 6pm on Tuesday, Friday and 4pm on weekends.

Gym Extension

We now have some draft architects plans of how a permanent gym might look, assuming we can raise the necessary funds. These plans are available for anyone to see on the reception desk at the Community Centre. The next stage is to fine tune the plans and apply for planning permission.

Celebrating our fifth anniversary on 30th September

Thanks to all those hardy souls who braved the pouring rain to come and help us celebrate our fifth birthday at the end of September.

We are very grateful to D'Accord for providing us with musical entertainment and to the chaps who stood in the rain under a gazebo barbecuing sausages and burgers! We have had a very successful first five years and plan to go from strength to strength offering social and sporting facilities to our community.

New sessions and classes

There are a few recent additions to our weekly offerings, some of which are listed below:

- Circuits with Jess – Saturdays 7.45-8.45am. Contact Jess: 07973 323080

- Fitness 4 Seniors – A second class has been added so we now have Tuesdays & Thursdays 3-4pm. Contact Louise Barnes: louisebarnespt@gmail.com or 07879 685579.
- Pilates for Seniors – Wednesdays 9-10am. Contact Sarah: bodyfitpilatesuk@gmail.com, 07790025506.
- Pilates classes with Michele – [Mondays](#) 6-7pm and 7-8pm, Thursdays 1.30-2.30pm and 6-7pm. She also does a Barre Fit class on Tuesdays 7-8pm. Details here: michele@charlburypilates.com
- Menopause Coffee and Chat – first Monday of every month 11.30am. Contact: anitaloxtonwellbeing@gmail.com
- Table tennis – another session has been added on Wednesdays 5-6pm in addition to Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Contact: william_robinson@live.co.uk

Christmas Opening Hours:

25th and 26th December closed
27th - 31st December 10am - 4pm
1st Jan - closed
2nd Jan - 10am - 4pm

As always, there is a lot going on at the Community Centre and we encourage you to look at the website to keep up-to-date with new opportunities for sport, fitness and social contact that the centre offers.

www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.

You can also follow us on Facebook: @Charlburycommunitycentre or Instagram: charlbury.community.centre

*Tanya Stevenson, Trustee
The Thomas Gifford Trust*

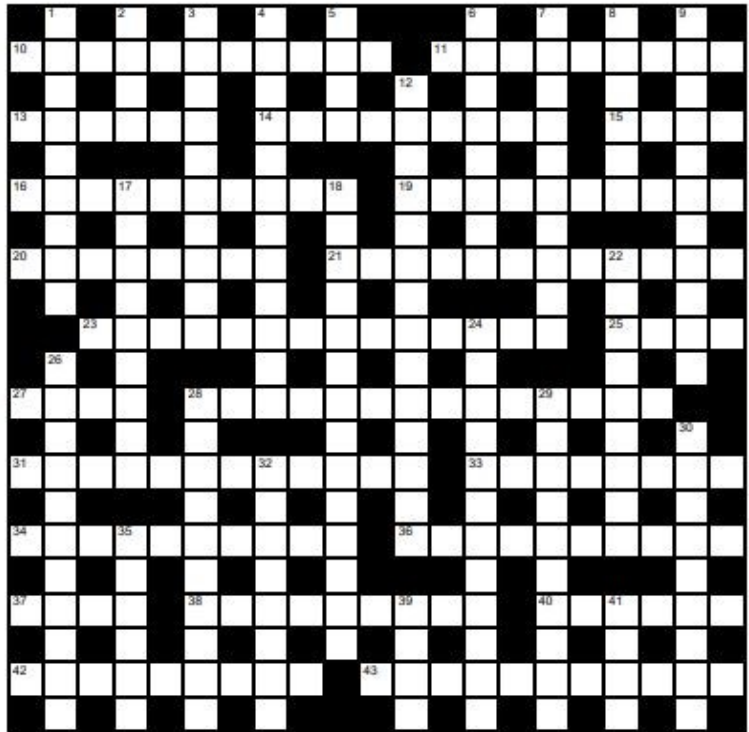


Coffee break page

Compiled by Miles Walkden and Michele Marietta

Across

- 10 Use this each night before bed. (11)
- 11 To get angry; to go mad (informal). (2,7)
- 13 Throw in the towel. (4,2)
- 14 Beforehand. (2,7)
- 15 Command to a dog. (4)
- 16 Half-cylindrical skin of corrugated iron; military. (6,4)
- 19 A positive or negative integer. (4,6)
- 20 Intermediate place on a route (8)
- 21 Game principles in non-game contexts (12)
- 23 Blameless; without fault. (14)
- 25 Bacall's nickname in *To Have or Have Not* (4)
- 27 Keith, Hugh, Julia, Rick. (4)
- 28 Relying on inference. (14)
- 31 They buy and sell. (12)
- 33 '_____' place on Earth. (8)
- 34 Julia Child trained here. (6,4)
- 36 Itch cause. (10)
- 37 '___'-American. (4)
- 38 Three-way real estate transaction. (9)
- 40 Moulin Rouge dance. (6)
- 42 To appear officially for another person. (9)
- 43 Stubborn. (11)



Down

- 1 Kind of party (9)
- 2 Dogs, Man, Wight, Mull, Arran. (4)
- 3 Thinner (10)
- 4 Running off at the mouth. (12)
- 5 "Buona ____" (Italian greeting) (4)
- 6 Caliban. (8)
- 7 Yahweh's 'yurt'. (10)
- 8 Old English for 'outstretched arms'. (6)
- 9 A box or vault for the secure storage of valuables. (4-7)

- 12 Too much importance or attention. (14)
- 17 A long train journey. (9)
- 18 Start of MOTD, The Archers, Eastenders... (9,5)
- 22 Longtime Italian conductor; Alfredo. (9)
- 24 Nonsense (12)
- 26 Method of printing, based on photolithography. (5-6)
- 28 Your type of travel fare. (5,5)

- 29 Shirley Temple did this up and down staircases. (3,7)
- 30 Very good or deserving praise. (9)
- 32 Mona Lisa medium. (3,5)
- 35 Whatsit; thingy; doo-dad; truc. (6)
- 39 Criminal Behaviour Orders (CBOs) replaced these. (4)
- 41 Hazel, Beech, Almond, Walnut. (4)

Answers on page 35



Charlbury and District Probus Club—Looking forward to 2023

This year has been a significant year for us, as we have admitted women members for the first time and now have 12 lady members. We have also recruited more men but would still like to have more members so please contact us if you are interested.

Next year is one which is eagerly anticipated with many interesting events planned. Early in the year on 4th January we will be holding an 'open house event' at the community centre where all are welcome to come along and meet us for a chat and have a coffee and a cake. This will be a great opportunity to find out more about Probus, what we do and who the members are and we look forward to seeing new faces there.

Following that on Wednesday 1st February we have the renowned journalist and author Dominic Sandbrook speaking to us on 'The Best and Worst UK Prime Ministers in the last 100 years' which in our current situation should be a very interesting talk. Other talks next year will include "Offsetting Trees for Natural Capital Benefits" and "Battle of Britain – 80+ years on" and also a talk on Oxfordshire County Council by Liz Leffman who is currently the Leader of the council.

We are pleased to announce that we now have our own website at www.charlburyprobus.co.uk. You will find a lot of information about us there and you can see the full programme of activities. You are also able to book lunches and other events and to leave comments and suggestions.

This Autumn we have had speakers who have covered local interests such as the work of the Town Council (Liz Reason), Southill Solar farm (Tim Crisp) and farming after Brexit (James Price). If you would like to know more about these, full reports have been published in our newsletter The Kingfisher and are available to read on our website.

We are in the process of arranging our programme of events for 2023 but these will include theatre visits as well as other activities such as museum visits or history tours so plenty to look forward to.

Before the lunch there is a chance to meet and chat informally with members, guests and speakers over a relaxed drink from 11.30 onwards. The lunches start at 12.30pm and we generally finish around 2.30pm.

There is also a raffle after the meal with a chance to win a bottle of wine. Probus is a great way to meet new friends and to talk to them in a pleasant and informal atmosphere. We have a wide range of backgrounds and interests so you are sure to be able to have interesting conversations with people.

So, if you are new to the district and looking for people to meet or you are just interested in what we do then you should consider joining us in a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. The cost of membership is currently £20 per annum, with a charge of £22 for each lunch attended. If you are considering joining but just want to come along and find out more before you join you can have a free lunch! Guests are also welcome anytime at a cost of £24 for lunch. For more information or to join us then please contact Simon Handley Charlbury Probus Secretary, at

simon.handley8@icloud.com. He will send you a copy of the latest magazine.

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www.artweeks.org

Weekend
26-27 November

The Railway Studios, Forest Road

Catherine Binnie - stone carvings, oil paintings and greetings cards

Open 10-5pm, 24-30 November and then through to Christmas by appointment Tel: 07450 213022

Martha Evans - pottery

Open 10-5pm, 26-27 November

Forest Cottage, Church Lane

Maureen Sparling - watercolours, stone carvings, greetings cards

Open 10-5pm, 26-27 November

The Lawn, Market Street

David Pollock - watercolours

Open 10-5pm, 26-27 November

The Flower Pot, Market Street

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Patricia Freeman - silversmith, jewellery, sculpture

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Royal Oak Press, Park Street

Anthony Lloyd - prints and printmaking demonstrations

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CHARLBURY TOWN CENTRE



St Mary's Church, Church Street

Susan Woolley - watercolours
Rosie Cherry - paintings, cards, small gifts
Wendy Clifford - ceramics
Lee Belcher - oil paintings
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The Cotswold Voluntary Wardens: Exploring our countryside

In the last edition of the Chronicle, we looked at how the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens go about keeping the countryside accessible for everyone who wants to enjoy it.

This time, we are talking about the Wardens' guided walks programme, which gives people the opportunity not only to get out into the countryside, but to do so in the company of wardens who can provide extra information about the route to enhance the experience.

The wardens who lead these walks are the public face to those who join them. Having the footpaths in 'good nick' is essential to running successful walks, and this demonstrates clearly how the wardens work together to keep our countryside accessible.

Our guided walks are not just a ramble in the countryside. They are informative, with researched information that is relevant to the walk being added in snippets as we go along.

The routes are planned with the distances accurately plotted. Notes are made about any hazards that might be encountered and what precautions we might take: sometimes we have to adapt a route if circumstances require it. Hence knowing that our work-party teams are keeping public rights-of-way in good condition is essential.

About a week before a walk takes place, the route is checked again, largely to make sure that all is well – and also to refresh the minds of the wardens who will be leading it. Anything that has overgrown the paths is also cut back, ready for the walk. In the winter, footpaths can become muddy, and occasionally impassable. We can't change that, but we can rethink the route

so that any really muddy bits can be bypassed.

If you have never walked with the wardens, why not give it a go? All the walks are online, and new ones are being added all the time. To find out more about them, go to www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk, and follow the 'guided walks' link on the home page. Choose a distance you are comfortable with and you will find yourself finding hidden corners you didn't know existed.

There are always two wardens leading a walk, both of whom will have walked the route before. We all have first-aid training, and carry a first-aid kit on the walk. We like to arrive nice and early at our designated starting-point, and can easily be picked out by our hi-viz.

The wardens do not charge for leading guided walks, but ask for donations: the money raised is used for projects such as installing information boards or providing a coach to bring city children into the countryside.

There is also a series of self-guided walks on the website that have been funded by these donations.

For more information about the Wardens, what we do and how to get involved, our contact details are in the Directory at the end of the Chronicle.

Rosemary Wilson and Simon Walker



Charlbury Society

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our tea/ social event at the end of August in the beautiful Corner House garden, and to note the impressive queue to sign up for membership !

Our new season had a great start with Geoff Walton's wonderful photographic trip through Charlbury in the past, and a lively discussion on how the town has changed, as we know, with fewer businesses, and many family homes being sold to be turned into short term holiday lets to the detriment of residents in rental properties and unable to buy.

We are immensely looking forward to welcoming Ash Smith from the WASP organisation (www.windrushwasp.org) at our next talk in early November on the health of our rivers , the battle to end pollution and the commercial exploitation of our vital water supply.

This highly acclaimed and updated talk has been recommended by several of those who have heard it before.

Following that, in December, we welcome back a favourite speaker, Liz Woolley, to hear about

Leisure and Entertainment in Victorian and Edwardian Oxford,

and then, a suitable subject for early

January, *Frosts, Freezes and Fairs*, with Ian Currie.

In February Deborah Hayter will tell us how *Enclosure shaped Oxfordshire's Landscape*.

We very much hope that you will join us for these talks, all of which will be held by Zoom in the winter months, by popular request.

If you would like to join or rejoin the Society, please contact treas.charlsoc@gmail.com.

I should like to thank the Committee for their ongoing support , and would encourage any of you who would like to get involved, even in a small way, with the Society to get in touch with me at chair.charlsoc@gmail.com.

We are particularly hoping to have suggestions for future talks from you, especially if you have heard a speaker on a subject you could recommend.

We aim to have a balance of local issues or those relevant to Charlbury, with local history.

We look forward to seeing you on the first Thursday evenings of the month during our coming season.

Nikki Rycroft

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

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

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Charlbury Pre-School Winter 2022

We've kicked off a new school year at Charlbury Pre-School with many new faces amongst the staff and the children. Our new manager, Dawn Baker, has brought a real feeling of warmth and welcome to our lovely setting, along with her early years expertise. We've also welcomed two new room assistants, Amy Silman and Olivia Graham-Coombes. We have always said that our team of staff is Pre-School's greatest asset, and these new additions are no exception.

The children have been learning through play, including 'messy play': exploring the textures of different things like pumpkins, jelly and shaving foam; creating original artwork, exploring the outdoors, and much more. They have also been offered a variety of new extracurricular sessions, including dance, arts & crafts, music, social smarts, and Spanish lessons.

From September the Pre-School increased its hours to 8:45am-5pm five days a week in an effort to better meet the needs of local parents. This has been received well and we are seeing an increasing interest from parents with pre-school aged children. We still have spaces available for full and partial days, so if you or someone you know is looking for high quality early years education for a 2 to 4-year-old child, do get in touch at admin@charlburypreschool.org or 01608 811200.

We would like to give a massive thank-you to all who supported our Oxford Half-Marathon runners. They all finished the race strong, had a brilliant time, and raised a whopping £4,073! This massive gift is very gratefully received by CPS, a registered charity that relies on grants and fundraising events in order to provide early years education in our wonderful community. An especially big

thank-you to Charlbury Community Centre for promoting the fundraiser and to Jason Biles for leading our runners in their training for the Half-Marathon.

Finally thank you to those who have supported us so far through our 'Friends of Charlbury Pre-School' scheme. This new initiative invites community members and business to offer financial and/or practical support to our charity, in exchange for our utmost gratitude, a small thank you gift, and invitations to a variety of activities throughout the year. Please visit our website <https://charlburypreschool.org.uk> or use the form (overleaf) to join this initiative.

We look forward to seeing many of you in the setting and at our next community events, and wish you all a lovely winter



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Friends of Charlbury Pre-School

Charlbury Pre-School is a cherished and valuable asset for the children, families and community of Charlbury. Its growth from a parent-run playgroup into a quality early years education provider and community-based charity, run by outstanding qualified staff and volunteers, is the result of many years of hard work.

Following the successful launch of our extended hours, we continue to develop and expand the learning opportunities we offer, including an exciting extra-curricular programme and enhanced outdoor learning provision.

As a charity, we rely on our fundraising events, grants, and the generous help and support of our community to enable us to give our children the best possible start to their education. We have established a **'Friends of Charlbury Pre-School'** initiative, and are reaching out to individuals and businesses who would like to offer financial and/or practical support to a much-loved local asset.

In addition to a small thank you gift from Pre-School, Friends are invited to enjoy a variety of Pre-School activities throughout the year, such as open days and fundraising events. We see this as a real opportunity to nurture the valuable connection that exists between the Pre-School and our wider community.

Your support will help us provide our next generation of Charlbury residents with the perfect environment to thrive. Please join us today!

Thank you.



"The ethos of child-led learning and encouragement of independence have had a dramatic effect on my daughter. Her self-esteem and focus have grown hugely and she seems more content in herself."

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✉ Old Grammar School, Park St, Charlbury

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**Charlbury
Green Hub**





All Together In Charlbury – a local helping hand

Support with cost-of-living increases

For anyone concerned about the effect of cost-of-living increases and what support they may be able to access, there is a useful section of West Oxfordshire District Council's website: go to www.westoxon.gov.uk and on the Home Page you will see a blue box saying "Cost of Living Support". If you click on this you will get to a page on "Help if you're struggling with living costs". There is information on a whole range of different spending issues and ways in which you might be able to get help.

If you do not have access to the internet, you can phone WODC's Resident Support officer on 01993 861077 and tell them what you would like help with.

ATIC, the Town Council and the Cornerstone project have also produced some leaflets on the following:

- Sources of help and advice on a range of cost-of-living issues, including help if you are struggling to pay bills
- Sources of debt advice
- Eligibility for benefits check for people over pension age produced by AgeUK
- Government cost-of-living grants – what they are, who will be receiving them and when - If one or more of these grants applies to you, the money will usually be paid automatically and it does not need to be paid back.

These are available at the Cornerstone project, which is based in the Corner House in Market Street opposite the "Rose and Crown" in the centre of town (open from 10.00 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. Monday to Saturday) and can be viewed on the charlbury.info website (go to the ATIC page in the Community section – Charity and World). There are also a lot

of useful links on the Town Council website: www.charlbury-tc.gov.uk – look at *Community information – Cost-of-living support*.

A review of ATIC activity 2020-22

Following the appearance at the beginning of 2020 of COVID19 with its effect on personal and community activity, ATIC has not had the occasion of an AGM each year to prompt the production of annual reports.

We have now remedied this by carrying out a review of our activity in the three years since then. This shows the following:

Transport help provided:
2020: 84 journeys (the lockdown effect)
2021: 152 journeys
2022 (figures to August only): 121 journeys (might reach at least 170 by December)

Ongoing shopping/gardening/visiting/help with paperwork: 8 clients

We are so grateful to all the members of our small volunteer team for enabling us 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.

Don't forget – to ask for ATIC help with a trip or task call **01993 776277**. This will get you to the staff of Volunteer Link-Up who kindly act as our call centre and who will see if one of our local volunteers can meet your request. The phone line is now staffed from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Monday to Friday with a regularly-checked answerphone when staff are not available.

Meryl Smith

A Day's Life: Wonder Woman and partner

Did you see Wonder Woman at the Riverside Festival this year, or perhaps at Charlbury Station waiting for a train to London? I was able to track down her alter ego Phil Grant and talk to him and his wife Debbie last week. I began by asking Phil how he turns himself into Wonder Woman

The first thing I do is have a good shave! Then I put on makeup – concealer, eye shadow, blusher and lipstick. I no longer wear mascara due to its effect on my eyes. Then I put on my costume – this comes in several layers. Debbie makes my costumes – dress, gold belt and tiara, corset and all. Do I mind wearing a corset – no. I used to be in the American military and wore a flak jacket, so it's more comfortable.

My costume is very restrained now, having evolved over the years. I used to wear a short skirt and top but found that tended to come apart too much. So now I wear a longer dress. I try to be the 'Essence' of Wonder Woman.

I became Wonder Woman to raise funds for Muscular Dystrophy – our son Christopher was diagnosed with MD in the 1990s, when he was 3½ years old. There were no treatments nor cures then. So we decided to help raise funds to finance research and help the society Muscular Dystrophy UK. They organise a Town and Gown Fun Run in Oxford each year, and most runners are sponsored. In 1992 Debbie's sister made up a company team to run and for the first two years that I ran, I made £60 and £90. The next year I ran as a St Trinian and made a lot more money. People seem to be more generous if you are in costume, plus it is more fun for the spectators and me.

Over the years I have worn different costumes. One year I was an Indian Squaw, and the next year Debbie refashioned the costume and I became a Cowgirl. Wonder Woman is a comic book character, but since the TV show with Linda Carter, she has become very recognisable. Her signature move is to twirl round, shouting 'Wonder Woman',

and then shoot off to tackle the latest villain. [Ed: *I watched one of my kids do that years ago, as he went to deal with his supposed 'enemy'*]. I used to swap my costumes around but I stick with Wonder Woman now.

I took a two year break from Fun Runs, and then started up again from 2010. These Town and Gown Fun Runs raise money for Muscular Dystrophy only, so everyone there, runners and spectators, are there to support the charity. I'm not actually running any more, and so I don't get sponsors—but my role, in costume, is to egg the crowd on to support the runners, make them laugh, and encourage them to give as I dive back and forth talking to people and making them smile.

For the first race after Covid, I was the starter and MC. I also support other MD events: for instance I went to help at a cake sale plus bake off type competition in Bicester that raised £1000. I have been to Cheltenham, Gloucester Docks, Birmingham, London and Cardiff among other places, helping other groups fund raise.

As well as collecting at events like the Riverside Festival, I collect at supermarkets, railway stations and on the street. There are strict rules and regulations when doing a collection; you need a licence from the council and/or permission from the property owner. You also need liability insurance which Muscular Dystrophy provides.

You are not permitted to audibly bring attention to yourself, so the costume is a way of getting people's attention, and then it is up to them to approach me and ask what I am doing.

I have collected outside several stations, including Paddington, Reading and Oxford. These have been successful and popular enough with the public, that I have been invited back by the station masters several times. Recently I stood outside Tesco in Abingdon, and raised about £300 in a five-hour stint. The Co-op in Chipping Norton is a welcoming place, and I am usually invited back after a session.

It can be fun at times, but there can be a lot of standing and waiting around. I have raised about £25,000 over the last 30 years, on and off, from these individual events. In two years from 2010 I managed to raise £15,000. In 2014 MD gave me an Individual Fund Raiser award. [Ed: *Muscular Dystrophy UK calls him 'their resident Superhero'*] I have come across several famous people – David Cameron, when he was prime minister, in the Chippy Co-op, and the Duke of Edinburgh at an event.

He was kind enough to speak to me for five minutes or so, and listened while I explained what I was doing. I already have several bookings for 2023, including the London Marathon.

My background? I grew up in the USA, and was in foster homes for the later part of my childhood. Like many such kids, I enlisted when I left foster care, in my case the US Air Force, and was stationed at Upper Heyford. Debbie and I met at the US Square Dancing club on the base. After we were married, we lived for a few years in South Dakota, but then came back to the UK to live. We moved to Charlbury in 1989.

Debbie takes up the story

Christopher, our eldest son, was born with muscular dystrophy, but the signs came on very slowly. When he was two years old or so, we realised that something was wrong, and then a year later he was given a diagnosis. There are 64 different types of MD, and Christopher had Duchenne's. By the age of 8, he was using a wheelchair. We needed to adapt things for him – for example adjustable tables. His wheelchair foot rests were uncomfortable, so I made two small 'beanbags' for it. Phil went to work in 1999 for a new firm, there were only 4 or 5 people working for them then, that were making specialist bathing and care equipment.

We needed a lot of specialised equipment for Christopher, such as height adjustable sinks and baths, and it was good to work with them. I became Chris's full time carer.

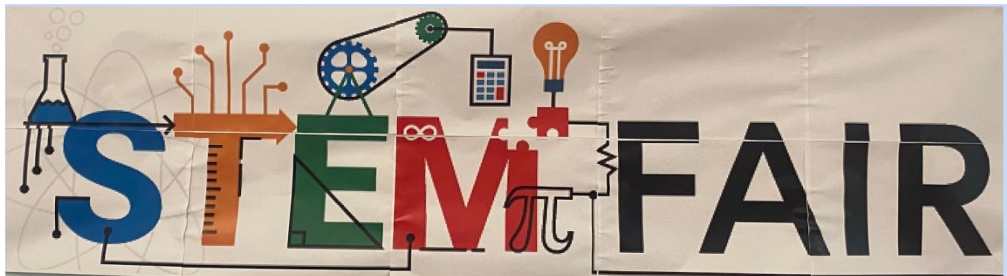
He was a happy, bubbly person, who didn't complain. He managed to go to Abingdon College, and do three one-year courses. While doing a Business Studies course, he was awarded Student of the Year which is sponsored by Witney Chamber of Commerce.

He loved going to the cinema, which we did often. Both Chris and Phil loved comics and we would all often go to Comic Book Conventions, where people would dress up as their favourite characters from comics, films and TV. Chris died last year, and some of the friends we made from the conventions came to his funeral dressed as characters from Star Wars. I even got hugged by a 'wookiee'!

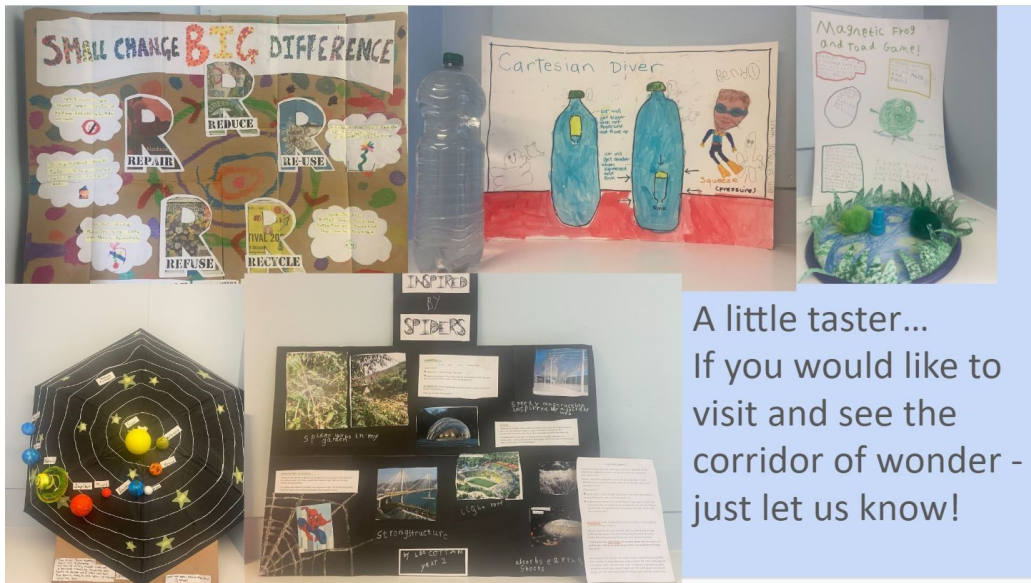
Phil and Debbie Grant were talking to Barbara Allison



Wonder Woman



Our 2022 Stem Fair Winners!



A little taster...
If you would like to visit and see the corridor of wonder - just let us know!

Charlbury School had their first 'Dream BIG' week

The children, teachers (and parents ...) had the most creative, innovative and aspirational week as they took part in our Science and Technology event. Visitors and staff arranged workshops for all classes ranging from dressing up as their future selves, to 'Standing on the shoulders of giants'.

The children were able to research, design and create models, experiments and presentations, culminating in a 'fair' for the public.

It was wonderful celebration of the children's work and we look forward to our ART Fair.

Praise indeed from one of our parents:

I wanted to write in and say how absolutely blown away I was by the children's science fair this morning. The excitement and enthusiasm was palpable, and the range of displays and experiments was extraordinary I learnt so much!

It was so wonderful to partake in the children's experiments, hear them enthuse about their understanding of the world and to see their individual and collective creativity. Thank you; I thoroughly enjoyed it as much as the children so obviously did.



ST MARY'S CHURCH CHARLBURY 4th CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We are very excited to announce that the festival will begin on Thursday 8th December with events over that first weekend, and run until 28th December. There will be decorated trees inside the church and along the churchyard path

The festival aims to bring Charlbury residents, local organisations, charities and schools together – each decorating their own tree. As well as the display of trees, a café will be available on certain days. There will be an opening party, 'Jazz & Trees', on Friday 9th, and a concert with the well-known local choir Wychwood Chorale on Saturday 10th.

The jazz & trees will be a ticketed event, with tickets available from the

Cornerstone from mid November.

The Christmas Tree Festival is a special way of bringing the community together, to share the joy of Christmas, to raise money for the local church, and to have lots of fun on the way! Please support the festival, and keep St Mary's at the heart of the community by either coming to the events or by donating when you come and see the trees.

All money raised will be donated to the St Mary's appeal.

Thank you for your support

Hilli Waller & Mary Bentall for more information charlburyctf@gmail.com

Our Flu vaccination service is now up and running. Everyone over 50 is entitled to a free jab. If you do not qualify for a free one, you can still get vaccinated for only £15. Call now to book an appointment.

Services

- Text alerts when your medication is ready for collection
- Free home delivery service
- Safe disposal of unwanted medication
- New medicine service
- Health advice on medicines and minor ailments

Opening hours

Mon - Fri 9am - 6pm
Sat 9am - 1pm

19 Market Street
Charlbury
Oxfordshire
OX7 3PL

FREE DELIVERY SERVICE TO YOUR DOOR



Here's a reminder of the hours that Charlbury Library is staffed:

Mondays 10am—12.30pm (alternate Staff/Volunteers)
Wednesdays 2pm—7pm (Staff)
Fridays 2pm—7pm (Staff)
Saturdays 10am—12.30pm (alternate Staff/Volunteers)

At other times the library is still “open for business” whenever the Community Centre is open, but you will need to remember your library card for using the self-service machine if you want to borrow or renew items, or to collect your reservations. The self-service machine now takes debit and credit card payments, but not cash.

Our lovely volunteer, Sheila, is back running our Rhymetime sessions in the library. They are weekly (term time only), free of charge and aimed at any age and stage of pre-schoolers, from babies upwards. Carers need to come too to help the little ones join in with the nursery rhymes and musical instruments, and there's always a story or two at the end. The sessions are on Wednesday afternoons from 2.15 – 2.45pm, no need to sign up, just drop in.

And lastly, as usual at this time of year, we have a whole new collection of children's Christmas books available to borrow so come and take a look.

Merry Christmas!

Julie Ward
Library Manager
01608 811104
charlbury.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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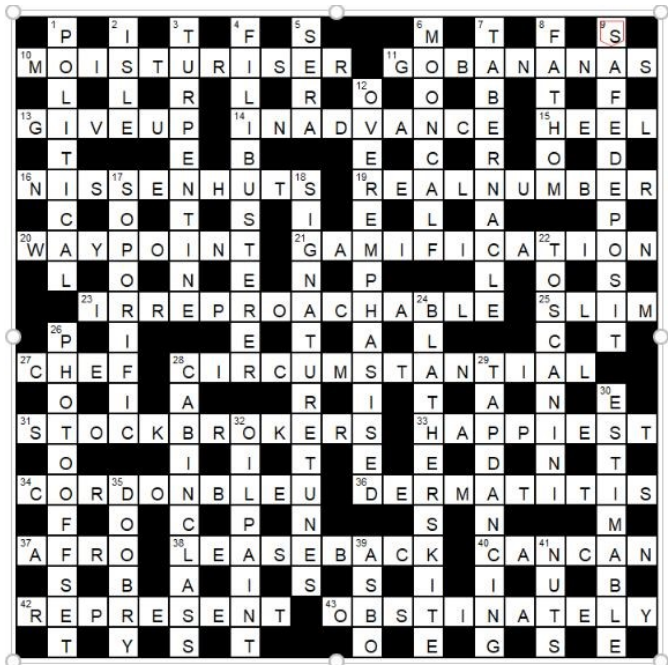
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Coffee Break answers





Charlbury Garden Society

Looking back

The Garden Society continues to thrive and despite dreadful growing conditions with the drought this year, we managed to hold a most enjoyable annual show. Although there were fewer exhibitors this year, there were some excellent examples of home-grown flower displays and vegetables.

The Annual Show is part of a long Charlbury tradition and we are hoping that we can continue this. At the recent AGM we agreed that we would try for one more year to see if there is still an appetite in Charlbury for this kind of show.



Certainly, all who attended greatly enjoyed the afternoon.

In October we revived the Plant Swap, originally held during the pandemic. This was a really fantastic occasion. Charlbury residents were extremely kind in donating cuttings and dividing their perennials as well as donating money. We were very excited to receive some beautiful grasses and hydrangeas from the Cornbury Estate, which were snapped up. The money we raise from these occasions helps us in our 'greening and growing' initiative. At present we donate to various local projects which includes

the Primary School, The Corner House garden and the station garden. We are always happy to receive requests from anyone who would like help with a project – either financial or with practical help, so do drop an email to: secretary@charlburygardensociety.org.uk

After the AGM this year we were hugely entertained by Timothy Walker who reminded us that winter can be a beautiful time in the garden.

Looking Forward

By the time this goes to print we will have enjoyed one of many of our excellent talks. Dr Ian Bedford will have told us about how to enjoy the bugs in our garden – which will include how to control their numbers without harming the creatures who feed on them.

I am sure that slugs will be top of the pest list!

In December we are excited to welcome Mathew Franklin-Maiden (The Chadlington Flower Farmer) to guide us through our annual wreath making event. There may be some tickets left but we are expecting this to be a sell-out event so hopefully you got your tickets early. If not then do contact membership@charlburygardensociety.org.uk

In January we will welcome Maggie Trans, who is the Head Gardener of Bramdean House in Hampshire.

All of the information for events is on our website, so do keep looking to see what is planned. <http://www.charlburygardensociety.org.uk>/If you are not yet a member of the society then remember that your membership card offers you a discount in most local garden centres as well as free entry to our talks. We look forward to welcoming you.

Alison Derham Secretary



Local dementia-friendly activities

This is a reminder that on the first Monday of every month at 2.00pm, there is a Memory Café at the Charlbury Bowls Club run by volunteers from St Mary's. Come along for a friendly chat and a range of activities followed by a cream tea.

Then on the third Monday of every month at 2.30pm—again at the Bowls Club—there are informal bowls sessions for beginners (indoors during the Winter and outdoors when the weather is better) with expert Bowls Club coaches and plenty of encouragement by other participants.

For further information, contact Dementia Friendly Charlbury (details at the end of this article).

Updated information and advice on dementia issues

The Alzheimer's Society's (AS) publication, "*Caring for a person with dementia: A practical guide*" has been updated and is now available to order or download. The guide includes more information on coping when dementia brings changes in behaviour. There is a new chapter on providing personal care and staying well. The section on the later stages of dementia has been revised and expanded. Plus there is additional information on a person's rights as a carer and also local authority carers' cards.

You can view the whole list of AS publications and order them online by going to their website: www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/publications-factsheets/full-list. If you do not have access to the internet or are not particularly confident in dealing with transactions online, contact Dementia Friendly Charlbury on 01608 810192 (or if you are up to emailing – at charlburydf@gmail.com) and we will send you a printed publications list which includes an order form you can post to

the Society with a cheque.

The Alzheimer's Society website also has pages on *Understanding and supporting a person with dementia*. Gaining a better understanding of what it is like to live with dementia can help you support someone with the condition to live well. You can find this information here: www.alzheimers.org.uk/get-support/help-dementia-care/understanding-supporting-person-dementia

Advice on eligibility for benefits amid cost-of-living pressures

Advice on benefits you might be entitled to is available by calling AgeUK Oxfordshire's Information and Advice team on 0345 450 1276 and asking for the helpline. Or you can email helpline@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk. The Advice Line is open 8.00am. to 7.00pm. daily including weekends and bank holidays. Local and specialist advice is available from 10.00am to 4.00pm Monday to Friday.

First of all go to the AgeUK Oxfordshire's website: www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/about-us/cost-of-living-campaign/ where there is helpful information and means of checking eligibility for benefits yourself.

If you are in touch with a Dementia Oxfordshire adviser, they will be able to talk to you about possible help available and they are co-operating closely with AgeUK.

Dementia-friendly pantomime performance at the Oxford Playhouse!

At the time of writing (end of October) free tickets were available from Dementia Oxfordshire for a dementia-friendly showing of *Cinderella* on Tuesday 3rd January 2023 at 11am at the Oxford Playhouse. There will be Dementia Advisers on hand to offer help and support.

To see if there are still free tickets available, email fundraising@dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk.

If you have any comments or concerns to pass on to DFC, you can contact us on 01608 810192 or email us at

charlburydf@gmail.com.

Meryl Smith

Charlbury Church Services



Charlbury Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill

Contact: Secretary (01608 810107)

Sundays 10.30am.

Communion on the first Sunday of each month

Tuesdays at 7.30pm Join us on zoom for midweek study/discussion

Our Garden. A place to sit quietly at any time.

Tuesday Dec. 6th 2.30pm. "Cake and Carols". A warm welcome to a taste of the real Christmas.

Christmas Day 10am. Special celebration worship for all. Join us!

charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com

www.facebook.com/dyershill/



St Mary's C of E Church, Church Street

St Mary's Church, Charlbury and All Saints Shorthampton

Full details of all church services are available in the Leaflet or in the Church porch

Parish Office (01608 810230)

www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk



Friends' Meeting House, Market Street

Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House

Sunday mornings 10.30am

For further details contact Sue Terry (01608 811033)

email: sueeterry@btinternet.com

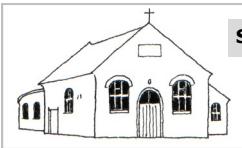
You are very welcome to join us



Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane

Sunday services at 10.30am

Further information from Gill Grason (01608 810154)



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

Sunday Parish Mass. 9.15am

Weekday Masses;

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 9.30am

Friday Mass is followed by Adoration/Benediction

except in Lent when it is Stations of the Cross

Wednesday Holy Hour: 6-7pm

Priest. Fr Clive Dytor, The Old Drapery, Church Street, Charlbury. Tel: 07484 158642.

Churches Together in Charlbury

At the annual meeting in October we reflected that, for the first time since 2019, the past year was mostly 'business as usual'. We held united church services, Lent talks and Lent lunches, collected donations for Christian Aid's work helping people suffering the effects of climate change, supported the Holiday Club for junior school children and ran a stall at the Street Fair. Life in Charlbury seemed to be back to normal.

But the world has changed and we must face up to the changes, however much we dislike them. Russia's invasion of Ukraine, with all the devastation that has followed including the world shortage of food supplies and fuel, has shown us we all live in an insecure world and are vulnerable in ways we may not have expected. Floods, drought, fire and famine have shown that the climate emergency is real and we must adapt very quickly.

The problems in this country cannot compare with the suffering in Ukraine, Pakistan, Somalia and many other parts of the world but are very real for people caught up in the cost of living crisis. Churches and community organisations across the country are helping where they can, running food banks and planning warm spaces for when the weather turns cold.

In Charlbury we have Cornerstone receiving surplus food and delivering weekly boxes to people on low incomes. The Community Centre will be offering a warm space for anyone having difficulty heating their home.

Homeless people and those in inadequate accommodation have a very hard time in winter. The Porch in Oxford provides a day centre where people with no facilities of their own can come to spend their time, wash themselves and their clothes, have hot meals, join in practical activities like cooking and gardening, read

newspapers and play Bingo. The demand is such that new premises have been acquired with more space so that the centre can be open longer hours and offer more services. It now includes a quiet space where rough sleepers can have a safe place to sleep during the day.

During December Churches Together is asking families and individuals in Charlbury to support the Porch through building up a 'Reverse Advent Calendar'.

The idea is that rather than receiving a treat of some kind hidden behind a door in an Advent calendar to be found each day up to Christmas, we should instead make a collection of small gifts that can be used at the Porch, to help provide meals or washing facilities for example.

There will be leaflets in churches or at Cornerstone with suggestions of the kind of things that would be useful in the day centre. The list will also be shown on charlbury.info. Boxes or bags with items collected can be brought to Cornerstone or any of the Charlbury churches after Christmas for delivery to the Porch in January.

For Christians, Advent is a time of preparation, looking forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with the promise of a new spirit of love, joy and peace. For everyone, Advent can be a time of hope for a kinder way of life, sharing our resources and showing respect for our fellow human beings and all living things.

Rosalind Scott

*Secretary to Churches Together in
Charlbury*





St Marys Services

Join us at any of our regular weekly services
Every Sunday 8am Holy Communion – St Mary’s Church
Every Sunday 9.45am Parish Communion – St Mary’s Church

St Mary’s Messy Church

Sunday 4th December 3pm – Messy Nativity
Places need to be booked in advance for Messy Church
email parishoffice@charlburychurch.uk

Ignite Contemporary Worship Service in St Mary’s Church

Sunday 11th December 6pm
Sunday 8th January 6pm
Sunday 12th February 6pm
Join us at 5.45pm for refreshments

Christmas Services

Sunday 18th Dec 3pm Traditional Carol Service, All Saints’ Shorthampton

Christmas Eve 4pm Family Carol Service, St Mary’s Church
6pm Carol Service, St Mary’s Church
11.30pm Midnight Communion, St Mary’s Church

Christmas Day 8am Holy Communion, St Mary’s Church
9am Holy Communion, All Saints' Shorthampton
10.30am Christmas Morning Parish Communion, St Mary’s



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

Font Cafe

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

For smaller children we provide a play area with toys. Free Wi-Fi available



Charlbury Town Council News

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c/o Corner House, Market Street, Charlbury, OX7 3PN.
www.charlbury-tc.gov.uk

Charlbury Market

The Town Council's Food Team helped local chef Chloe Horner to organise the new Charlbury Market. It ran for five weeks in September/October 2022 as a trial and is now taking a break. Charlbury Market is a local food market on Saturday mornings, with a small collection of stalls selling locally-grown and locally-prepared food. Feedback from stallholders and those attending has been very positive, including: supporting local businesses; enabling people to buy a range of locally-produced good quality food in one place; bringing more footfall to the town centre; creating a friendly, social and accessible event. The group has been gathering more feedback and will be meeting with other community organisations to scope out potential restart of the market in Spring 2023.



Local buses: use 'em or lose 'em?

The Government has requested that all local authorities work with their bus operators to ensure financially sustainable services going forward, with operators required to identify all services as either commercial, marginal or non-commercial. Following this exercise, both bus routes S3 and X9 serving Charlbury were declared as non-commercial by their operators. This puts the future of our buses in jeopardy.

The County Council has identified funding for the services in order to give them time to return to self-sufficiency over the next two years. Therefore, contracts have been awarded for continuation of these services at their current level until August 2024.

The County Council does not have a budget for ongoing support of non-commercial services, and continuation of these routes beyond August 2024 cannot be guaranteed if patronage has not increased to a sustainable level. It's a question of use them or lose them.

The Town Council is looking at ways of promoting bus services locally to give them the best possible chance of survival. We are looking to see if 'real-time information' displays are possible at bus stops and we will engage with other communities on the bus routes. Let us know if you have ideas for how to encourage people to use buses more regularly.

You can check the local bus routes and times at oxontime.com and bustimes.org.

Bell Hotel

The Town Council secured Asset of Community Value status for The Bell earlier this year. Unexpectedly, in August we were told that owners Greene King planned to sell the Bell. Under the powers, an Asset can have a sale delayed to give the community a right to bid, as has been seen with around 10 pubs across Oxfordshire. A public meeting was held in September by the Town Council to discuss this. After the meeting, we were told that a business running several local pubs was negotiating to buy The Bell, which has not been put on the open market. At the time of going to press, though, the situation regarding The Bell was less than clear, so the Town Council

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will establish the current situation and protect this vital community asset.

Traffic

A Town Council online survey on extending **20mph speed limit** throughout the town was held in September/October 2022. Of 169 responses were received, 77.5% were in favour of the extended 20mph speed limit, and 22.5% against it. As a result of our survey, the County Council will shortly formally consult the town on details of the scheme.

Safety on The Slade is a concern, especially around the entrance to Crawborough and the Primary School. With potential financial support from the County Council and at a cost estimated at £15,000 from Town Council funds, we put out another online survey in November 2022 asking residents if they would support the replacement of the current pedestrian refuge at the top of Crawborough with a zebra crossing. At the time of going to press, respondents were firmly in favour of a **zebra crossing** here and if the final results are in favour, the County Council will consult the town formally on this proposal.

Work to make the **Enstone Road crossroads** slightly safer for pedestrians by reducing the road width (and thereby traffic speeds), and to improve sight lines for traffic leaving the Slade, are now complete. The Town Council has also approved funding for a **build-out on Banbury Hill** which would require drivers who are entering the town to give way to traffic leaving. This is an effective way of slowing cars as they enter town.

Much more work is needed around the town to make the roads and footways safer for cyclists, pedestrians and users of mobility scooters. The County Council's process for making this happen involves towns and villages creating their own **Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)**.

Because of the Town Council's proactivity in seeking safer walking and cycling

measures for the town, we are lucky enough to have a County Council officer whose specific role this autumn is to help us to develop an LCWIP for Charlbury, and residents will be engaged during its creation.

Charlbury Children's Bike Rally

This year, the Town Council's Journeys Team took on the running of the Children's Bike Rally (12th September 2022). As well as the traditional short route touring the town's five places of worship, we added a ten-mile loop to give some of the older children a bit more of a challenge.

The route wiggled up past the school and through Ticknell Piece to Ditchley Road, then wound through the wonderful grounds of Ditchley Park before coming back down Ditchley Road into town. This longer route was made possible by Ditchley leaving the front and back gates open for us, and moving the cattle from part of the route to keep us all safe. Over 65 children and 40-odd accompanying adults did the ride, and we raised hundreds of pounds.

The proceeds were shared between the Charlbury School Association and Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. More importantly perhaps, it gave children and parents a chance to enjoy riding around some of the lovely countryside that surrounds us without fear of cars tearing past at speed.

The Journeys team wishes to thank Ditchley for letting us cycle around the estate, and the many church volunteers who acted as marshals along the short and medium routes in the town – and above to thank the rally's founder Basil Eastwood, without whom the rally would not exist at all.

The rally was followed by a picnic and Bike Gymkhana on Wychwood Paddocks (the school playing field), while riders had their bikes fixed and tweaked for free by the Windrush Bike Project 'bike doctors'! For the grown-ups, there was a selection of e-bikes to try out.

Charlbury Town Council News (contd)

Car club survey

Over 160 people took part in the Town Council's car club survey earlier this year. A car club would allow people from in and around Charlbury to book a shared car by the hour or day. We wanted to find out how many people would be interested in using a car club, what types of vehicle they would use and when they would want them. There were high levels of enthusiasm, with 140 people saying they were definitely or maybe interested. For context, car club cars typically need around 40 users to be viable.

The distribution of desired usage was also helpful, with 24% of people wanting to use the cars during weekdays (biggest demand is usually evenings and weekends). Over 70% of people would be happy to use a car within a 10-minute walk from their home. More than 120 people said that if a car club car could work, they would either avoid buying a second car or be able to sell their own car. That's a staggering 300 tons of CO₂ saved, or around 2,400 flights to Rome per year. We are currently looking at options for making a car club a reality in Charlbury.

Low-carbon homes

The Town Council's Buildings Group wants to look at ways to help community buildings and individual householders to install retrofit and low-energy alternatives by looking at the following areas:

- Producing whole-house retrofit plans for 10 different house types in Charlbury – this means an assessment of a home's current emissions and modelling to show how retrofitting could improve its energy usage – and we have just secured funding for this work.
- Raising awareness by engaging the planning system so there would be no unwanted barriers if people do choose to retrofit.
- Enabling the supply chain by

encouraging local trades to train in the relevant skills.

- Understanding and communicating what financial help is available to help with retrofit for homes.

Fallen leaves, snow and ice

At this time of year, fallen leaves can become slippery and cause a hazard, particularly to elderly and frail people. If you are able to clear leaves from pavements near your home that would be appreciated. As winter approaches, ice and snow may also be a possible hazard. If this happens please try to clear your own "patch" and look out for vulnerable neighbours - thank you.

Permissive paths

Permissive paths through Nine Acres Recreation Ground will be closed all day on Thursday 5th January 2023 in accordance with recommended practice to ensure that the access retains its permissive status.

Similar closures of permissive paths through Wigwell will occur on the same day by order of the Wychwood Forest Trust. Residents with gates opening onto to Oxpens Allotments, Nine Acres Recreation Ground and Wigwell are also reminded that these do not constitute a Right of Way.

The permissive path between Hundley Way and Banbury Hill Farm (and the Old Shed) will be closed on Sunday 8th January 2023.

Charlbury Honoured Citizen Awards

Do you know of anyone whose voluntary efforts over many years have made a real positive difference to the people and community of Charlbury? We are now accepting nominations for the next round of Charlbury Honoured Citizen Awards. Nomination forms and other details are available on the Town Council website and nominations for this round must be received by 31st January 2023.

James Styring



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From County & District Councillor Liz Leffman

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The work at the Enstone crossroads has at last been completed, and the Town Council has consulted with residents about extending the 20mph speed limit across the remainder of the town. I am pleased to say that this will be going ahead shortly.

OCC is also supporting walking and cycling in Charlbury, where we will be piloting a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) for smaller communities. Some of the larger market towns, such as Witney, are already working on such a plan but towns the size of Charlbury offer some different challenges when devising these schemes, and I am very pleased that we will be piloting this approach in the town.

Recently the County Council has completed consultation on traffic filters in Oxford, designed to reduce the number of cars in the City and speed up bus travel. This is very important as we are investing in a fleet of electric buses, having won a bid from the (previous) government, and having committed to speeding up bus travel as part of that bid.

A YouGov poll conducted by Oxfordshire Liveable Streets showed that 60% of people polled approved of this measure. We have also introduced a new parking policy that will significantly reduce the number of cars on new developments in and around the City, and also approved new requirements for transport planning based on the principle of 'decide and provide' rather than 'predict and provide' which will help the county move towards our goal of net zero transport by 2040.

The County Council is currently working on the budget for 2022/23. The County Council's revenue budget, which pays for adult social care, highways maintenance and children's services, is already stretched thanks to increased demand, and we have had to find savings of £30 million, but we have also had to find a

further £15 million in savings to deal with inflation. While this is a challenge, we are looking at new ways of managing our services, providing early intervention and focusing on prevention when it comes to health. To this end we are working more closely with our health partners, through the newly established Integrated Care System that will bring together health and social care services across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Berkshire.

2022 has been a very challenging year – we have emerged from the Covid pandemic into a cost of living crisis, which has affected many people in our town. The Cornerstone and Community Centre continue to offer support to residents, and the County Council has made a fund of £2 million available to support local communities, keeping our libraries open and offering grants to community buildings to stay open as warm spaces.

We are also working with the District and City councils to support people who are struggling with their council tax, and have joined with the Oxfordshire Community Foundation to establish a cost of living grant fund.

I would like to wish everyone a very happy Christmas, and the hope that 2023 will prove to be a much easier year for us all.

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From District Councillor Andy Graham

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It has been a very eventful year in 2022. As one of your local councillors on the district council I have been busy supporting the Charlbury Bowls Club application for funding which I am pleased they were successful, supporting the preservation of the Area of Natural Landscape as a recently appointed member of the board, and becoming the leader of the West Oxfordshire District Council as part of the West Oxfordshire Alliance-a cooperative and collaborative partnership of 15 Liberal Democrats, 9 Labour and two Green councillors.

We have been busy changing the way we do things in West Oxfordshire so that there is more public engagement, meaningful consultation and a more qualitative delivery of services.

The cabinet is now on tour in the district and one of the first of the cabinet making decision meetings was held in Charlbury where members of the public could ask questions about the decisions made at the meeting and meet the cabinet who are responsible for environment, community delivery, housing and social well being, communities and the cost of living crisis, climate change, finance and economic development and the Local Plan review.

The Local Plan review has started and this administration has made sure that the residents were consulted first so that views were taken on at the early stages to inform and influence the planners as to what should be included in the plan.

This administration is committed to the right kind of houses in the right places which help those most in need and secure the homes in our villages and towns where local people/families are prioritised. Homes that are environmentally quality assured with

more custom built homes where infrastructure has been planned and provided before building and transport has been factored in to ensure safety and active travel is integrated.

We are preparing for our villages and village shops are prioritised and supported as part of local economic development and want to see more assistance given to those wishing to start their small business. Expressions of interest in the rural grant support have started with the announcement of a grant scheme soon to be announced in the New Year.

I am looking at the recycling and waste service with the hope of bringing a more environmentally acceptable solution to reducing the carbon footprint and will be addressing that in the new year and working with our colleagues in neighbouring authorities to ensure we can work together in partnership.

There are many challenges ahead for us all but I know that in Charlbury and Finstock and Fawler, by us working together with integrity, transparency and openness we can resolve many of the issues. I continue to work for you to that end.

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Here in Charlbury, we have been playing socially at the Community Centre on a Wednesday afternoon and Thursday evening for a few years now - and will

continue to do so, but this year, Charlbury Town Walking Football Team decided to also offer some more competitive games for those that wanted a bigger challenge and so took the plunge and entered the inaugural Oxfordshire Walking Football League, playing in both the Over-50s and Over-60s sections against teams from around the Oxfordshire Football Association catchment area.

Not only that, but in October, we actually 'went international' and took an Over-60s team out to Portugal to compete in the 7th Algarve Cup - pitching ourselves against teams from England, Scotland, France, Portugal and Canada!



Anyone interested in trying out the sport can simply turn up at the Community Centre on a Wednesday or Thursday - or alternatively, for more information, just give John Munro a call on 07388 010496 or visit our webpage at: charlburytownfsc.co.uk/walking-football





Charlbury Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS)

It seems a while since we put on Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward and the year has proved a challenge with many still suffering from Covid19.

We held a Workshop on 4th October with David Murphy delighting us with his stories of being a 17th Century Musketeer, bringing history to life and showing the difference between enactment and acting.

A couple of photographs are on the Charlbury Website - Community - Arts - CADS. Thank you so much Dave.

During March 2023 we will be holding auditions for our spring production - two One Act Plays.

This will provide an excellent opportunity for any new members or those not preferring a smaller part to join in.

Please do check the Charlbury Website for further information nearer the time.

Our Christmas Party for CADS Members will be held at Sue Haffenden's home on Saturday, 10th December; more information coming soon.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members, past members and audiences a Wonderful Christmas & Happy New Year.

Helen Wright
Secretary



Charlbury WI News

Charlbury WI continues to flourish and is continuing to grow and get more members. In addition to our speakers at our monthly meetings, we continue holding craft workshops, 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?

We continue to hold our two regular extra meetings; a Book Club, which is held at our president's house at 7.15pm every six weeks and our Craft and Cuppa sessions which are held in the Bowls Club every month on the third Saturday of the month.

Times are from 10.30am to 12.30pm so come along and bring whatever project you are working on—drawing, icing, sewing, knitting, crochet, upholstery, dorset button making etc. Join fellow members for a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits and a natter!

There is a small charge which includes the refreshments. These meetings are for WI members only so if you would like to come along to these, and are not a member then join!

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

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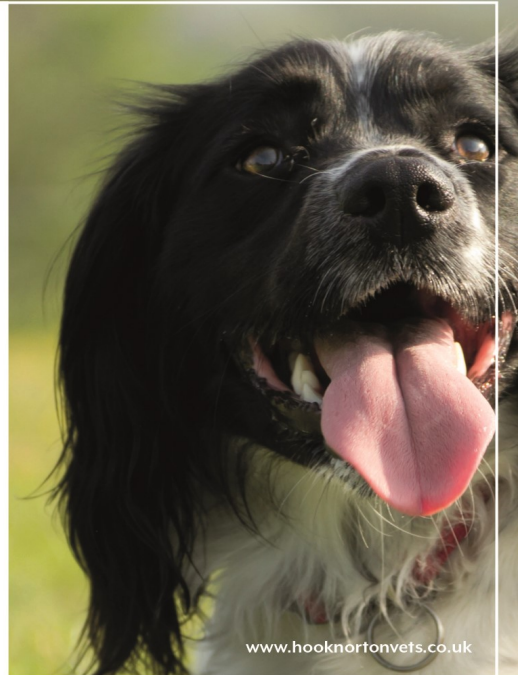
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