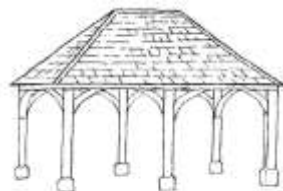


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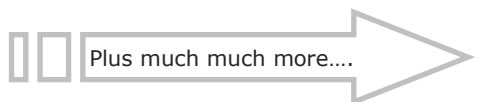
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From the Editor

Well, what a lot is going on in and around Charlbury!! This is why this issue of the Chronicle is truly a bumper issue with 52 pages!

The first Charlbury Festival is taking place from 10th to 18th June with many varied events occurring each day.

On 24 June, our very own Beer Festival on the Cricket Pitch is happening—its 20th birthday!

And talking of anniversaries, Pre-School celebrate 40 years and are holding a party on 15 July.

Of course, we have the last Cornbury Festival on 7–9 July, then our own Riverside Festival (29–30 July). Then a really big weekend of festivals with both Wilderness (3–6 August) at Cornbury Park and Countryfile Live (3–6 August) taking place at Blenheim Palace.

If this wasn't enough The Big Feastival is happening on Bank Holiday weekend hosted by Alex James and Jamie Oliver!

The Neighbourhood Forum will be having Open Sessions and you can find out more by reading the article on p. 9.

And the Corner House are having an Open Day on 8 July. Many organisations will be there that day, so do make sure you go along.

There are also walks being held by the deanery of Chipping Norton, and details can be found on pp. 33/34 in What's On.

Street Fair are holding their Open Gardens on 11 June, as part of the Charlbury Festival, but are still looking out for helpers; both on Street Fair day and the day after.

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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I wish you all happy summer holidays!

Susanna Finch

**Please note that the deadline for articles for the Autumn issue 2017 is 1st August
Please send all articles to editor.chronicle@outlook.com**



**CHARLBURY
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**CHARLBURY AMATEUR
DRAMATIC SOCIETY**

The Charlbury Festival will be a full week of sixty events from Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th June 2017.

This celebration of the arts and cultural life features top names Freddie and Jennie Jones reading poetry, and Professor Brian Catling RA, Head of School at Ruskin School of Art, engaging in Performance Art in advance of his work featuring at the Royal Academy Summer Exhibition.

The launch day will include Steamroller Printing, making giant linocut and monotype prints using a 1929 Wallis and Steevens Road Roller, at The Bell Inn, followed by an evening with The Oxford Concert Party - described by the Oxford Times as "one of the most entertaining, mould-breaking groups around"

The aim of the Charlbury Art Society is to have many events free, and all others at affordable prices, involving people in the arts as fully as possible. The Art Society hopes to generate new enthusiasm for all the creativity that occurs in our small town.

The programme includes: Drama, Music, Sculpture, Poetry, Painting, Storytelling, Performance Art, Comedy, Ceramics, Singing, Film, Literature, Printmaking and Workshops.

Programmes will be available in early May. They can be picked up at all Artweeks venues and will be delivered to every household later in May. Events are also posted on the Charlbury website.

Contact Information:

<http://charlburyarts.co.uk>
festival@charlburyarts.co.uk
01608 811006 (Geoff Clifford) or 01608 810525 (Tony Lloyd)

The 'Good Ship CADS' said farewell to Tim Widdows, as chairman, at the AGM in March this year. We are very grateful to him for his generous and cheerful captaincy for the last three years and we shall miss his steady hand at the tiller. We also said goodbye to a very valuable and longstanding member, Madeleine Wheare, who has left for warmer climes. So, it is now full steam ahead with plans for 2017.

The coffee morning on Saturday 1 April was well attended and added some welcome funds to our coffers. CADS is going to be taking part in the Charlbury Festival in June. Sue Haffenden and many of CADS most popular regulars will be presenting an outdoor production so we are all hoping for good weather.

Plans are in hand for our November production and although it seems amazing to be thinking about a pantomime when we are in the Spring, plans have to be made far in advance. It will be directed by Glenda Chadwick and look out for our favourite member, Emma, the spaniel superstar (Tim says her character has been quite ruined and he can't do anything with her!).

Come and meet us at the Corner House Open Day on 8 July and find out more we are a very friendly society now in our 41st year.

CADS theatre group serves Charlbury and its many surrounding villages, and is always actively seeking new members, especially if you are interested in working backstage. Please contact the Chairman or any member to find out more. Check out our Facebook page Charlbury Drama (CADS) and our web page: www.charlbury-drama.com.



Charlbury Town Youth Football Club can report on another successful season for all the teams ranging from Under 7 up to Under 17's.

Special mention to the Under 13 Girls and their manager Paul Jenkins who have been unbeaten in 11 games and have also made it to the final in the Oxfordshire Girls League, to be played at Thame FC on Saturday 13th May - we all wish them luck.

The Under 11s reached the Uhl Sports Shield Final on 30th April at Carterton FC, losing narrowly 1-0 to Chesterton Junior Colts.

Congratulations to the Under 17 squad and their managers Clive Brooks and Richard Huddleston for winning the Oxfordshire Invitation u18 B league, they secured the title with their last ever game.

The end of the season is fast approaching and we are all looking forward to our 6 A-Side Tournament on Sunday 21st May, please come down to Nine Acres to see teams from all over Oxfordshire competing.

All the teams are always looking for new players so please get in touch with the Football Club for more www.charlburytownyouth.co.uk

This year we have a theme of 'Alice in Wonderland' so we can expect to see lots of Mad Hatters, Cheshire Cats, White Rabbits and other characters from Lewis Carroll's 1865 masterpiece!

The format and acts will be very similar to last year's Street Fair. We are mostly newbies on the Committee and are learning the ropes so are keeping to the successful formula set by our past Committee stalwarts. Indeed we thank them for the help and support they've given us.

Charlbury Open Gardens rapidly approaches—**Sunday 11th June 2017** - 2pm to 6pm. Don't miss this ever-popular event. It is your once-a-year opportunity to view a range of beautiful and inspirational gardens as you take a gentle Sunday afternoon stroll around the centre of Charlbury.

Cream teas and a wide variety of delicious home-made cakes will be available throughout the afternoon in the Memorial Hall so why not relax, take the weight off your feet and enjoy some well-earned refreshments!

There will also be plants for sale, a raffle and a fun quiz for children. This year the Open Gardens event coincides with the exciting new Charlbury Festival offering a wide ranging programme of entertainment and workshops.

In particular the Charlbury Festival will feature a sculpture trail which you will be able to enjoy as you walk around the town to visit the gardens. Entry to all gardens costs £5 for adults (under 12s free) and tickets will be available on the day from the Corner House garden.

If you want to help with either event on the day—or day after in the case of the Fair (there's a bit of packing and clearing up to do on Sunday morning) do please get in touch with either Hannen Beith our Secretary or John Dora our Chair. You can contact us and read up-to-date information at www.charlburystreetfair.org.

See you all there!

John Dora, Chair, CSF Committee

Street Fair and Open Gardens.



Charlbury Street Fair takes place on 16th September. Our new Street Fair Committee has arrangements well in hand -entertainment is being arranged, sponsors approached, raffle prizes are being sought and we have applied for road closures; for Church Street and part of Park Street on Friday 15th September for the Egg Throwing Contest (Fun!); and for Sheep Street, Church Street and part of Park Street for the main event (More Fun!) and night time bands on Saturday 16th September (Even More Fun!).



Charlbury Community Action Plan

– great work being done by four Follow-Up Groups

At a lively meeting hosted by the Charlbury Neighbourhood Forum's Community Action Plan Group on 16 March, four Follow-Up Groups of volunteers met each other and had initial discussions on what issues they want to look into.

The Groups are as follows:

Living Well in Charlbury

How can we help residents access help and health and care services when they need them?

Getting Around/Street Space/Keep Charlbury's Heart Beating

How can we support and improve a vibrant town centre? How to address a widespread concern about the availability of town centre parking for residents and visitors and about the management of traffic flow and traffic speed through and around the town.

Let's Get Together, including Learning on our Doorstep

Is there a need for new clubs, interest groups and shared activities? There is also a clear demand for Charlbury to be a local centre for informal learning and opportunities – how could this be achieved?

Katering for Kids and Kin

Do we need more facilities/activities for young people and their families? – and how to get more views from young people themselves.

There are some key themes/questions which seem to be arising from the discussions of all these groups:

- Are residents living in "outlying" areas of Charlbury, away from the town centre, attracted to and able to join in, social and other activities which take place in central locations, especially if they do not have access to their own transport? Does this also apply to getting people into the centre to use local shops and businesses?
- Is there a need to set up new clubs/activities or should there be more publicity about what is already available and a means of encouraging and welcoming new joiners to give them confidence to come along for the first time?
- Are we doing enough as a community to reach out to people who may be feeling lonely, isolated, or just new to Charlbury and wanting to find out more about the town and to make new friends and contacts?
- How can the Katering for Kids and Kin Group get the views of young people on what it is like for them to live in Charlbury? It would be great to hear from young people with ideas about this and, even better, an interest in getting involved in helping the Group with some consultation.

If you have views on any of these issues to share with us, please get in touch by emailing:
info@charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk
or phoning Meryl Smith of the Community Action Plan Group on 810192.

Or better still – why not join one of the Follow-Up Groups? – more volunteers always welcome. *Meryl Smith*

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Charlbury Beer Festival celebrates its 20th anniversary this year, so why not come along and join in the celebrations on Saturday 24 June at Charlbury Cricket Club – we would love to see

you there.

The Beer Festival is all about supporting good causes, and to emphasise the point, we have done some number-crunching, and much to our amazement revealed that over the past nineteen years, Charlbury Beer Festival has raised a staggering **£187,432.61!** So what an incentive to attend in June and push us beyond £200,000. It just goes to show what a special town Charlbury is.

We have produced this list of organisations receiving grants issued by the Beer Festival since the first event in 1998, an event initiated to raise money for Charlbury Primary School, which has remained our principal beneficiary.

| CHARLBURY GRANTS | £ |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Charlbury Primary School | 81,811.00 |
| Charlbury Cricket Club | 17,549.00 |
| Thomas Gifford Trust | 13,400.00 |
| Nine Acres Management Cmt | 11,652.00 |
| Charlbury Pre-School | 5,687.54 |
| SHED Theatre | 5,435.00 |
| Charlbury Town Youth FC | 4,940.58 |
| Chipping Norton School | 4,000.00 |
| Charlbury Scouts | 3,695.00 |
| Riverside Festival | 2,937.59 |
| Charlbury Town Football Club | 2,044.70 |
| Charlbury Methodist Church | 2,000.00 |
| Charlbury PCC | 2,000.00 |
| Ai Ai Ltd | 1,670.00 |
| Little Wild Things | 1,500.00 |
| ChOC | 1,378.20 |
| Charlbury Day Centre | 1,270.00 |
| Charlbury Morris | 1,200.00 |
| Oxfordshire Play Association | 1,000.00 |
| Sustainable Charlbury | 950.00 |
| Worldsong | 950.00 |
| The Charlbury Society | 910.00 |
| Street Stage | 880.00 |
| The Corner House | 800.00 |
| Chipping Norton Allstars | 750.00 |
| Friends of Wychwood | 580.00 |
| FASD Trust | 557.00 |
| Charlbury Tennis Club | 500.00 |

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|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Voices Unlimited | 500.00 |
| Sustrans North & West Oxon Rangers | 500.00 |
| Station Garden Volunteers Platform 1 | 500.00 |
| Charlbury Arts Society | 500.00 |
| Charlbury Canoe Club | 400.00 |
| Station Garden Volunteers Platform 2 | 398.00 |
| Charlbury Baby & Toddler Grp | 342.00 |
| The Monday Blues | 300.00 |
| The Charlbury Chronicle | 200.00 |
| Artweeks | 180.00 |
| Wychwayz Morris | 150.00 |
| Total | 176,017.61 |

| OVERSEAS GRANTS | £ |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Cecily's Fund | 3,060.00 |
| Special Effect | 2,300.00 |
| Y Care International | 1,855.00 |
| Karm Marg | 1,500.00 |
| Phunzira | 1,500.00 |
| One Way School Zimbabwe | 1,000.00 |
| Total | 11,415.00 |

You don't have to drink beer when you visit. This year we will have fifty real ales, a selections of ciders, wine and Pimm's. We will also have a wide range of food available. While keeping the old favourites Ed's Meat Feast with their hog roast, and Taste of Spice's Indian cuisine, we are introducing Pitiguey Arepas, a Venezuelan-Mexican street food stall, and MainEventsW.uk, whose street food is based on filled wraps. We have decided to do something special for the increasing number of vegans: Pitiguey Arepas, MainEventsW.uk and Taste of Spice all offer delicious vegan dishes which will go well with our selection of vegan beers, wines and cider. All four main food stalls will cater for those on a gluten-free diet. We will also have the chips and sausage roll stalls.

There will be live music throughout the day and this year we have been approached by John Bramwell, of well-known Manchester band, *I Am Kloot*, who contacted the Beer Festival and asked to play, so if you're a fan, come along. Our Culture Club tent, now running for a fourth year offers a varied programme of talks, discussions and other activities to stimulate the mind. The broadcaster Kathy Clugston was the first person to confirm that she'll be making a return appearance

in 2017 and the full programme will be posted on the Charlbury website (www.charlbury.info) and the Beer Festival's own website, www.charlburybeerfestival.org, nearer the time.

For those looking for something a touch more competitive, how about the 7th World Aunt Sally Singles Championship, an event which just gets bigger and bigger each year.

The event is, of course, a family occasion, with the Children's tent, a magician, face painting and all sorts of fun and games. And for those who just want to take it easy, there is the much-loved Lawrence Home Nursing Team tea tent.

Thanks to all those people who have visited Charlbury Beer Festivals in the past, because without you we could not have helped support so many worthy causes, causes which I'm sure most of the readers of the *Chronicle* will have benefitted from, one way or another.

Roll on 24 June!

Nick Millea, Charlbury Beer Festival



Dementia Oxfordshire is a service offering information, advice and support to people and their families living with dementia.

Launched in November 2015, their team of Dementia Advisers have been meeting people within the community including home visits, supporting people in memory clinics, setting up community groups and generally helping people with dementia and their carers feel valued, informed and supported. The Dementia Adviser covering Charlbury is Andrew Dyer.

Dementia Oxfordshire operates a helpline for people to ring for advice and support on a wide range of issues. Staffed by their Dementia Advisers, the helpline is in operation 9.00am – 6.00pm Monday – Friday on **01865 410210**.

Like Dementia Friendly Charlbury, Dementia Oxfordshire is working to make Oxfordshire a dementia friendly community and to raise the profile and understanding of dementia. Their team of support workers have introduced many clients to community wellbeing projects such as day centres and singing groups, helping them connect with others and realise that they can still live a fulfilling life.

Further information about the service is available on the Dementia Oxfordshire website www.dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk

Why not sing along with Cliff on screen on 3 July?

The next Relaxed Screening at Chipping Norton Theatre is "Summer Holiday" from 1963 on Monday, 3 July at 10.30 a.m. Relaxed Screenings are open to everyone but are particularly suitable for people living with dementia and their carers and for those with learning disabilities.

To contact The Theatre for more information phone 01608 642350. Familiarisation visits can be arranged prior to the event. (Contact the Front of House Manager 01608 649121 or frontofhouse@chippingnortontheatre.com to make arrangements.)

Dementia Friendly Charlbury

We are keen to offer dementia-awareness sessions to local "customer-facing" businesses and community activity groups, which will be delivered by an Alzheimer's Society Dementia Champion. If your business or group would be interested, we would be pleased to hear from you.

We also aim to be a local contact point for anyone who is worried about their memory and thinking skills, or who is worried about someone they know and who wants to know how to get support.

If you have any comments or concerns to pass on to DFC – or if you would like to join us – you can contact us via Sue Smith on 01608 811007 or Meryl Smith on 01608 810192 or email us at charlburydf@gmail.com.

Meryl Smith

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vOx Chamber Choir – concert at St Mary's on 13th July at 7.30pm

vOx Chamber Choir is delighted to be returning once more to Charlbury this summer to share with you its latest *cappella* repertoire. This time the centrepiece will be Samuel Barber's *Agnus Dei* – better known in its original orchestral version as his *Adagio for Strings* – once voted by listeners to BBC Radio 4's Today programme as the saddest music ever written! Accompanying that will be John Tavener's profound *Song for Athene*, with text from Shakespeare's *Hamlet* and sung at Princess Diana's funeral in September 1997.

But the music we will be performing will not all be so heart-rending. We will bring you a large number of uplifting multi-part choral masterpieces, old and new, including works by Gabrieli, Palestrina and their contemporaries. Details of this concert can be found on our website www.vox-choir-oxford.co.uk, where you can find out about, listen to extracts from, and buy our CD of the works of the early Baroque master, Lodovico da Viadana. We look forward to seeing you in July.

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Charlbury Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

As you may know, the volunteer Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group, supported by the Town Council is working to prepare a draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). This NDP, when adopted will be a legal document forming part of the framework used to determine whether planning applications should be approved or not. It therefore provides an important opportunity for the community to influence the nature of future development within the town.

An important objective in producing the Plan is to secure greater control over the type, mix, tenure and location of housing in the town in order to meet local needs. To do this we need to consider including sites for development within the plan rather than relying solely on "windfall" applications from potential developers. We are therefore inviting landowners to let us know of land they wish to put forward for consideration, whether for residential use or other purposes. There will be opportunities for residents to comment on the criteria by which sites will be assessed and later to comment on selected sites (if any!). We will also be considering specific sites for possible protection as Local Green Spaces.

Because of the legal status of the NDP, we have to be able to demonstrate that proposed policies and statements are based on clear evidence. The recent town survey has provided useful information in that respect as have other publicly available statistics (e.g. census data) but more evidence is required and we are therefore currently embarking upon other investigations. We are seeking external funding to assist with this work, some of which will require independent expert assistance:

- Local Housing Needs Assessment – the number, type, mix and tenure of housing needed to meet the requirements of local people;
- Area Character Assessment – to enable us to include policies to protect and enhance the character of the town and the conservation area;
- Strategic Environmental Assessment – as we are considering the possible inclusion of development sites in the NDP we need to assess the potential impact of development on the environment.

If you want to know more, please take a look at the Neighbourhood Forum website www.charlburyneighbourhoodforum.org.uk where we will be posting information as it becomes available. We are also planning open sessions in the Corner House so do come and talk to us on any of the following dates:

- Thursday 8th June – 7:30pm to 8pm
- Saturday 10th June – 10am to 12noon
- Saturday 16th September (Street Fair Day) – all afternoon.

Peter Kenrick & Rod Evans

PUBLIC NOTICE

Charlbury Town Council is undertaking the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Committee (CNPSC) is acting on behalf of the Town Council in preparing this Plan.

The Town Council invites those who own land within the Charlbury Parish boundary and who would like that land to be considered for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan to contact the Steering Committee by email at

charlburyntp@gmail.com or by post to
CNPSC c/o Wallden House Sheep St.,
Charlbury, OX7 3RR before 30th June 2017.

Notifications received after this date cannot be considered.

When notifying the CNPSC please indicate for which of the potential uses below you would consider providing land

Education – Recreation – Commercial –
Community Facilities – Green space– Parking
– Housing.



Charlbury Pre School is 40 years old!

Charlbury is really lucky to have a Pre School. We have been preparing children for primary school for the last 40 years and hope to keep this wonderful school open for future generations. Over time, so many people have worked so hard and we really hope everyone can come and join us on the **afternoon of July 15th** to celebrate this small miracle. We will be serving strawberries, Pimms, tea and scones and will have some traditional games to entertain the children, while the grown-ups admire the view and discuss cake.

Some of you might be wondering what does keep us going? It's a magic mixture of hard work and a lot of love. We hope the snap shot below will give you all an idea of how we work.

The wonderful staff: We have a team of dedicated staff who have, between them, worked at the pre school for much longer than 40 years. We are really pleased to introduce our newest member of staff, Kate who comes from a nearby Pre School and has lots of experience. She particularly loves working with children outdoors and is planning some really exciting dinosaur themed learning in the classroom. She is joining the dream team led by Chris and Sue with Claire, Jenny and Ann.

The Parents: The Pre School has been and always be managed by the parents. It means we get to steer what happens each day with our children. Lifelong friendships are made through joining the committee and a lot of laughs have been had while struggling to do the simplest of things, like make a much needed cup of tea after a disturbed night's sleep! Some of our current parents even attended the Pre School.

The link with primary school: We are really lucky to have a great link with the Primary School and the Foundation teacher also attended the Pre School not that long ago! Chris always likes to visit and see how our children's learning has progressed over the year and ensure everything we are doing is linked to what is needed when they start primary school.

The Volunteers: We wanted to thank all of our wonderful volunteers. We are really lucky to have so many people who give their time to support our children. Singing Sue is still regularly visiting and always brings a new surprise with her, and every Thursday Tennis, John gets all the children learning the skills they need in our playground. We also have Jean who volunteers every week and loves being outdoors too, taking the children to the woods each week with Little Wild Things. Andy Pickard mows the lawn and is always on hand to help us get more life out of our rickety garden sheds. We are also hoping by the time this goes to press that Andy will become another regular classroom volunteer too.

The Community: This year the Beer Festival has given the Pre School a grant for more wooden building blocks and the Town Council has given us a grant for more maths materials. This will support our exciting research we have been doing in partnership with Oxford University on supporting the early development of maths skills in the Early Years. Thank you to both organisations for providing this much needed funding. The Garden Society also give us a grant every year to keep our garden growing. Every member of the community who buys a cup of tea or a Christmas decoration in support of the Pre School is essential and we would not be around without your continued support.

Our building: We love and loath it. It's a nightmare to maintain and maintain it we have to. We have a full refurbishing lease which means that we are responsible for its upkeep. I hope you all love the new windows - we just repainted them and it cost a fortune but they do look magnificent.

Fundraising: We are always fundraising and thank everyone for their

continued support. This year we will have and will be running the following:

- *Four Farmers Markets* where we bake and make the best bacon baps in town. On June 10th we are working at the Charlbury Festival to run Children's craft activities too.
- *Pig roast at Cornbury Festival:* We used to run this at Wilderness Festival too but just can't quite compete with top chefs in the country and last year made a loss. We have our thinking hats on with the Primary School to come up with a new plan. Cornbury is a three-day music festival and involves over 100 hours of volunteer time but we do all get to listen to good music and have fun!
- *The Monster Race:* We have done this twice and this year partnered with the Football Sports social club and raised over £2000 in sponsorship. 20 parents ran 5 km and got very muddy (as well as having a lot of fun). The photo is from this year's event.
- *The Pop Up Shop:* Geoff very kindly lent us his shop for a week to sell nearly new children's clothes. As

parents we loved running the shop and having more choice in the town was a real treat.

As you can see we are working really hard to raise money and continue to keep the Pre School running for hopefully another 40 years! So please do come and celebrate with us and meet some of the many volunteers and parents who have worked hard to keep this wonderful school going.

We have also organised a photographer (another volunteer, thanks Edmund!) and hope to get a photo of everyone who has been involved over the last 40 years so we can see just how many volunteers it takes to keep one of Charlbury's many miracles going. We have found some of the committee from the days before we were located in the old Grammar School and would love to hear from more people who have been part of the journey (please email lizwoz@hotmail.com).

There are still a few places for this academic year and we are also accepting applications for the next academic year. Please call (01608) 811 200 or email admin@charlburypreschool.org.uk to come and visit. You can also hire the venue for children's parties. We look forward to hearing from you.

Liz Gupta



The last lap: progress report from the Thomas Gifford Trust

On target for the official opening in early September, these final three months will see an empty shell turning into the fully-functioning, multi-purpose, state-of-the-art facility that has always been our vision - a place to connect, read, learn and play.



What's happening now

The main contractors, Beard, are completing the construction part of the project and are due to leave site at the beginning of July. By the time they go, parking spaces, paths, and the access road will be built. Most of the hard landscaping will be in place, and areas prepared ready for planting in the Autumn when the conditions are right. Local contractors will complete the front canopy, pergola, cycle racks and areas of fencing throughout the rest of the summer. Beard have been great construction managers and are confident that they will complete the project on time and on budget.

Once the main services including electrics and plumbing are in place, decorating and fitting out can begin. Each key area will have its own specialist treatment: for the main hall there will be special flooring and lighting; built-in reception desks for the entrance and library areas; catering

equipment for the café; not to mention seating, IT, sports equipment, and a whole host of other features that will make this into a facility that truly has something for everyone.

Behind the scenes

Recruitment for a centre manager started in April. The new member of staff should be in place in June to help with the final preparations and start taking the reins in good time before the centre opens.

We have been very busy working on the detailed finishes for the different areas and have finalised colour schemes and fabrics.

Meanwhile, work is well under way with the creation of a dedicated website for the centre which will link with an on-line system for booking the various activities. The aim is to go live in July to give plenty of time to test the system and carry out any tweaking.

Sports news

Strong interest has been shown from local clubs wishing to play five-a-side football, futsal, cricket, netball and badminton. In addition, enquiries are coming in from individuals and sports coaches about running sessions that could include basketball, volleyball, pickle ball, Zumba dance, yoga and a variety of other sports. Please contact danielajenkins@btinternet.com to express your interest.

Can't wait? Starting in July, there will be the chance to try out some of the sports facilities to help us identify and solve any teething problems that might arise as different areas are being commissioned. Information about this, the new website and the chance to start making firm bookings will be posted on the Charlbury Community website so please keep visiting www.charlbury.info for the latest updates.

We are also pleased to share the news that the English Cricket Board has awarded a generous grant of £30,000 to install an exceptionally high standard of lighting in the sports hall.

Library news

We continue to focus on achieving the best possible provision of books, shelving and IT. There will be a superb reception desk, comfortable seating for those who want to browse at leisure and a bright and colourful children's area with plenty of space for our younger readers.

Café

Our philosophy is to work with local suppliers wherever possible and we are thrilled that we are in discussion with Charlbury Deli and Café about joining forces to provide the on-site catering for the new Community Centre café. The aim is for Deli staff to offer a variety of freshly prepared hot and cold food and drinks between 9am and 6pm most days. It's great to be working so closely with another community-led group.

New image

Charlbury residents Adrian Lancini and Arthur Rigley are both hard at work applying their respective creative flair. Adrian is creating the graphic design elements for the centre, including the new logo that appears at the top of this article, and Arthur is designing the dedicated website.

And finally

Thank you for your patience throughout this project: the end is within sight. Inevitably, with so many different trades now involved in the final phase, there will be more tradespeople's vehicles in the area. We have earmarked the access road alongside the Playing Close (the Thomas Gifford Trust owns this road) to accommodate some of these vehicles, and we're grateful to the nearby residents for their understanding with this short-term parking outside their properties.

By the time the next issue of *The Chronicle* is published, the centre will be open. After so many years of trying, we look forward at last to welcoming you inside.

Marjorie Glasgow
Chair
The Thomas Gifford Trust



**ROYAL BRITISH
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Branch Coffee Morning

Will be held on Saturday 22 July 2017 in the Corner House. For information please telephone 01608 810822.

Trip to the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock

The Branch is planning a group trip to this museum on Tuesday 24 October 2017. For more details or to express an interest please contact Jane Parsons by 1 August.

Assistance

For further information about the work of the Legion, how to join or how to obtain assistance, please contact Nick Potter [Branch President] on 01608 810388 or Derek Fowler [Branch Chairman] on 01608 811706 or Jane Parsons [Branch Secretary] on 01608 810822. The Branch Membership Secretary is Barry Canham on 01608 811176 who will assist anyone who is still experiencing difficulty with the new membership subscription system. The telephone number for the Royal British Legion Contact Centre is 0800 8028080. This is a nationwide service.

There is a Royal British Legion Pop In Centre which is held in the Congregational Church, Welch Way, Witney on the second Thursday of the month between 10.30am and noon, where "information, advice and guidance is available for serving members of the Armed Forces, Reservists, Veterans and their families".

These sessions are run by Legion staff and although held in a church have no religious association.

Jane Parsons

A Day's Life: John Gittings

Many people will remember the Great Flood of Charlbury in July 2007, the difficulties we had getting around the local area, our amazement at finding most of the routes out of the town impassable, and a car marooned in the flood waters on Dyers Hill Bridge. John Gittings was the owner of that car, and here he tells what happened to him and his wife Aelfthryth on that morning.

I live in Shipton under Wychwood, and on the morning of Saturday, 21st July, Aelfthryth and I were due to drive to Heathrow to collect our eldest son Danny and his family who were arriving into Heathrow at 6 o'clock that morning, having flown overnight from Hong Kong. It had been raining very hard the previous day: the springs at the foot of the High Street in Shipton, on the corner of the junction opposite the Red Lion (now the Wychwood Inn) had burst forth, and a visitor had quite a lot of difficulty getting back through Witney on Friday evening. During the night we heard the sound of large engines faintly in the distance but didn't think much about it.

Despite the fact that we knew there had been a lot of rain, we were determined to meet our family and left home about 4.20am. Within 10 minutes we were coming past Charlbury railway station, and we could see water ahead. Aelfthryth, always more sensible than me, suggested we stop, but I kept going, and we quickly came to a halt. The water flooded in up to our ankles in the driver's well. It was flowing very fast across the road in front and behind us. It took us 15 seconds to grab our mobiles, get out, and decide that the safest way out was to crawl along the bridge parapet.

There was just about enough daylight coming to enable us to see what we were doing, and after a few more seconds, we reached the other side. We looked back at our forlorn car; by then the lights were flashing, which continued until the battery expired. I also remember seeing another car coming down the hill behind us, which stopped, alerted by our misfortune. I wished we had done the same.

We weren't frightened and had reacted very quickly. But once we got back on land, we were very disorientated, and looking back, I realised that we were in a state of shock. We started to walk, with a vague idea of getting home, towards Finstock. Luckily, a young man (I think his name was Rupert Dodds) attempting to go to work himself, scooped us up in his car and offered to drive us back home. We tried every way to get out of Charlbury – firstly, the road to Finstock was flooded at the bridge by Finstock station, then the road to Spelsbury was flooded as well (*Ed at the bottom of Pound Hill*). We even tried a circuitous route via Chipping Norton and the A361, but as we got in sight of Shipton we saw cars floating in the road ahead. Eventually, we gave up and he took us to his parents' house in Thames Street in Charlbury. They took us in, lent me a pair of trousers, dried our shoes, and gave us tea and breakfast. Then they very kindly drove us to Oxford and we got a coach to London, where we were able to meet our family.

We were told later that the water had risen 16 feet in half an hour at Shipton, when a number of blockages further upstream on the Evenlode had given way, causing a huge volume of water to come down the river, which simply overwhelmed the bridges—at Shipton, Charlbury, and Finstock—on its way downstream. The large engines we had heard early that morning were fire engines, coming from all quarters, a few from as far away as Leicester, to evacuate the residents from the Old Prebendal, some of whom had to be rescued out of the windows. The flood waters had also knocked down the parapet on the bridge there, and you'll notice if you drive that way now, that it has been repaired with gaps in it, so that if the river floods again, the water can flow through.

The car was a write off. I wanted to fetch some items that were in the boot, but was told by the garage in Milton that it was too depressing a sight.

I haven't been keen to talk about this experience for quite a long time, as I have a sense of having been rather foolish. In self-defence, it was half past four in the morning and my reactions were slow.

But the moral of this story is - when in doubt - Stop! Aelfthryth, despite suggesting we shouldn't drive through the flood, never once reproached me afterwards for doing so. It is one of the very many things I remember with great affection—she passed away at the end of 2012.

John Gittings was talking to Barbara Allison



Pictures of the car flooded, courtesy of Richard Fairhurst (who got tutted at very severely for walking along the parapet!)

LIBRARY

The Friends of Charlbury Library

The exciting reality of having a new library is clearly evident now and we will soon be having further discussions with the County's Library Service about the process and timing of moving out of the Corner House and settling into our new space.

A recent visit to the Woodgreen Library in Banbury provided very useful evidence of working effectively within a community centre and I am sure our arrangements will be at least as successful. We look forward to welcoming both current and new library users to our new home.

As ever, thank you to our Volunteers for all the work and time commitment involved in keeping the Charlbury Library open. If anyone would like to know more about becoming a Volunteer please contact the Co-ordinator, Rosalind Scott, via rosalind.scott@hotmail.co.uk or 01608 810562

*Jill Judson, Chair of the Friends of
Charlbury Library*

Corner House News



On a one year trial basis, the monthly meetings of the committee have moved from the first to the second Monday of each month.

Note that if only one person is putting chairs away in the Memorial Hall on the chair trolley, they can be stacked (in fives) with the securing bars in place by slipping them under the bar. This prevents chairs on the other side being dislodged.

I am pleased to announce that there will be an Open Day between 9am and midday on Saturday 8th July, showcasing many of the clubs and societies that use the building and inviting others to consider new uses for this wonderful town resource.

*Stephen Andrews, Chairman
01608 811212*

Charlbury Museum News

An exciting programme of events is planned for this summer. The exhibition: 'Bonnetts & Bloomers, Braces & Bowlers' continues until 1st October 2017.

Plant Sale & Coffee Morning 10 June

The Plant Sale opens at 10am in the museum garden. Coffee is served in the Corner House, 9.30 – 11.45, cakes for sale, raffle prizes. Do come and join us for this major fund-raising event for Charlbury Museum. Plants can be delivered to the museum between 6.30pm and 7.00pm the night before or on the day.

Charlbury Festival—Guided Museum Tours

Saturday 10 & 17 June 2.30 – 4.30pm

The museum is delighted to be open extra hours during the Charlbury Festival.

Special guided tours of the exhibition, an opportunity to see unique archives from Henry Allen's Drapery shop. Join Sue in the Museum at 2.30pm or 3.30pm for a tour and informal talk.



'Sewing Bee' ~ July 1 Morris Room, The Corner House Sat. 11 - 4.30, Sun. 1.30 - 4.30pm

Charlbury Museum presents a special weekend of creative crafts for adults & children, inspired by Victorian & Edwardian textiles in the current exhibition. Pop into this community event, join in and get creative! **Demonstrations ~ Pop-up Studio ~ Mini Classes ~**

Crochet & knitting—*Charlbury WI and Yack & Yarn*

Patchwork & Quilting—*Joan Belshaw, Christine Bartle*

Spinning—*Harriet Baldwin*

Weaving—*Vi Welbourn*

Sew a Fine Seam—*Dressmaking—Judith Graeme*

Vintage Twist—*Machine Embroidery—Sue Rangeley, Jane Pollard*

Plus more! Learn a craft, lots of inspiring ideas to try

Entry: Corner House: £3, children free (ticket includes museum entry)
For more details or to get involved, please contact: sue.rangeley@btinternet.com

'Vintage Pop-up Tea Room' at 'Sewing Bee' ~ July 2 Ann Downer Room, The Corner House, 2.30 – 4.30pm

Enjoy teatime treats in the Charlbury W.I.'s special 'Vintage Pop-up Tea Room' on Sunday afternoon, after a visit to the 'Sewing Bee' and Charlbury Museum. Not to be missed!



Coffee Morning & Bric-a-Brac 5 August The Corner House 9.30 – 11.45am

Charlbury Museum invites you to their coffee morning, delicious cakes to buy, raffle prizes. Bric-a-brac this year has a few vintage clothes & accessories. Come early, find a bargain!

New publication from Charlbury Museum

The forthcoming book: '**Glover, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor – Charlbury and the First World War**' will be on sale soon. Look out for news on the Charlbury Museum's noticeboard.

We look forward to welcoming you this summer. If you would like to get involved with Charlbury Museum, we are always looking for help with stewarding. Please contact: charlburymuseum@elmstead.plus.net

The Museum is open Saturdays 10 – 12 (+ extra festival dates) Sundays & Bank Holidays 2.30 – 4.30pm. Entry £1, children free.

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Charlbury Community Centre Appeal Report

Final call for Buy-a-Brick: Deadline 30th June

In this issue of the Chronicle you will find a list of all the people who have subscribed to the Buy-a-Brick scheme so far. There are a lot of names and some have donated more than the minimum £25, so the scheme has raised over £12,000 so far. We are delighted with this, and grateful. We would be even more delighted if there was a flurry of extra supporters this month, now that we need to announce our final deadline. We cannot take any more names after the 30th of June because we need to get the plaque ordered, printed and erected in time for our opening in September. So please sign up immediately if you would like to support the Charlbury Community Centre and see your name on that list. The application form is also printed in this issue.

For those who have contributed already, please check we have your details correctly spelt and as you would like them to appear; the list is alphabetical by surname, and let Ed know if not (ef@daybooks.com).

Please remember you are not buying an actual brick! You are supporting the construction of the building and your support will be recognised by being included on an elegant "glass effect acrylic sign" to be displayed permanently in the lobby, alongside the doors into the sports hall.

I mentioned in the last issue that the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal was established in 2004 with the aim of raising £250,000 towards the building and fit out costs of the Community Centre. Will we achieve that target? It's still hard to know because at the time of writing we have not had the Ditchley event, which is our main fundraiser this year. But it is looking likely as the tickets are flying off the shelf and if we sell more "bricks" this month, we believe we can get there. At time of writing we have raised an amazing £232,258.28 altogether in 13 years.

We have two further fund raising events this year:

- Pimm's Stall at the Charlbury Beer Festival on 24th June
- Vintage clothing sale at Wilderness Festival on 3rd-6th August

After September this year, the Charlbury Community Centre Appeal will cease to exist, because our objective will have been achieved. It is likely to be replaced by another group called something like "Friends of Charlbury Community Centre", who will support the Thomas Gifford Trust's efforts to make the centre as inclusive as possible. We'd love to hear from people who might consider volunteering with such a group.

You may be wondering why we still need to raise funds. The Community Centre is a large, expensive project which is being built on a tight budget. Wherever possible we have had to postpone things until funding was available, whilst making sure we do all that is needed to get the building operational by September. So we will be adding to it all the time and any financial help is gratefully received. We are very proud that, as a community, we have managed to get such an ambitious project off the ground and again I would like to extend thanks to all the people who have supported this along the way and who continue to do so.

*Tanya Stevenson, CCCA Chair
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Buy-a-Brick scheme

£25 per name

Name(s) Please print clearly and exactly as you want them to appear on the list of supporters, which will be in the lobby of the Community Centre (you are not buying an actual brick!):

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(You can list your family members individually for £25 each or put a family name, such as "The Jones Family" for one payment of £25. Obviously, if you want to donate more, that is fine too)

Contact telephone number..... email:.....

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

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The Botany Spot

Summer at last and my choice of local plants to look out for at this time of year seems so immense I scarcely know where to begin. The roadside verges, the field margins, the woodland and riverbanks in this locality all provide splendid habitats for a wealth of different species, many of which produce wonderful flowers in summer.

The first of the early summer flowers, which seems to herald the start of the season, is abundant and commonplace but is still one of my favourites, **Cow Parsley** *Anthriscus sylvestris*. Sometime in May, magically the grass verges are transformed into a waving mass of delicate, frothy white flowers, seemingly almost overnight. This is the first of the common umbellifers to flower (**Family APIACEAE**, the Carrot family), but it is joined soon after in June by the **Rough Chervil** *Chaerophyllum temulum*, which is common and similar to Cow Parsley but with more delicate and whiter flowers, it also has some purple blotches on its stems. Then **Upright Hedge Parsley** *Torilis japonica* follows in July and bears a superficial resemblance to its earlier relatives – all are beautiful! Some members of this plant family however, need especial care when handling; the huge, unmistakable **Giant Hogweed** *Heracleum mantegazzianum* achieved some notoriety in the Oxford Times in 2015, due to a worried mother who thought she had spotted these dangerously irritant plants all along the river in Oxford. They cause dermatitis on contact, especially in sunlight. The mother may have been correct in her identification but *Heracleum sphondylium*, the smaller ordinary **Hogweed**, is far more abundant in this locality and I suspect in Oxford as well!

Hemlock *Conium maculatum*, introduced to Britain in ancient times, is superficially like Cow Parsley but is hairless and usually has many purple spots and blotches on the stem; it also possesses a 'mousey' smell and is much taller than Cow Parsley, up to 2.5m high.

This plant flowers from June to August and is found locally; it should be avoided as it is **HIGHLY POISONOUS** containing several toxic alkaloids.

Two further interesting and beautiful summer flowers spring suddenly to mind with my mention of plant toxins, both of these are also found round Charlbury, the bright red, familiar **Common Poppy** *Papaver rhoeas* is a cheering sight along the edges of fields. It contains toxic opium alkaloids in the same way as the **Opium Poppy** *Papaver somniferum*, which is also found wild round here, from time to time and is commonly grown in gardens.

Opium poppies are also grown in England to make morphine for the NHS and sadly are grown in huge quantities in places such as Afghanistan for the illegal drug trade and the production of heroin.

Just as well-known, but in more wooded areas, where the soil is less alkaline, is the splendid but poisonous spotted **Foxglove** *Digitalis purpurea*, the original source of a group of medicines containing cardiac glycosides used to treat heart conditions.

My list of wonderful summer flowers has turned into a poison catalogue, or source of pharmaceutical drugs, whichever way you want to interpret it. It does however illustrate how important wild plants are and as well as being beautiful they can also be very useful.

There are of course literally hundreds and hundreds of other lovely, coloured and scented flowers in our countryside, **Pineapple Weed** *Matricaria discoidea*, **Oxeye Daisy** *Leucanthemum vulgare*, **Pyramidal Orchid** *Anacamptis pyramidalis*, **Dog Rose** *Rosa canina* the list seems endless.

Why not pull that old wild flower book off the shelf and dust it down, or invest in a small modern pocket guide and identify some for yourself? Or you could purchase your children or grandchildren an up-to-date 'i-Spy (sic) Wild Flowers' (it is available on the web in updated form). Who knows, it may spark a life-long interest in the natural world!

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ChOC and ChOCLIVE News

We have two film screenings over the summer months. The **ChOC film at the Charlbury Festival** in June is **Exhibition on Screen: I, Claude Monet**, this is followed in July with the acclaimed British film, **A United Kingdom**, starring **David Oyelowo** and **Rosamund Pike**. August is the month when we will be taking a break, and no screening will take place.



Sunday 11th June at 7.30pm, "Exhibition On Screen: I, Claude Monet" Cert. U / 90mins.

From award-winning director **Phil Grabsky** comes this fresh new look at arguably the world's favourite artist – through his own words. Based on over 2500 letters and narrated by **Henry Goodman, I, Claude Monet** reveals new insight into the man who not only painted the picture that gave birth to Impressionism but who was perhaps the most influential and successful painter of the 19th and early 20th centuries. Monet's life is a gripping tale about a man who, behind his sun-dazzled canvases, suffered from feelings of depression, loneliness, even suicide. However, as his art developed and his love of gardening led to the glories of his Giverny garden, his humour, insight and love of life are revealed. Shot on location throughout Europe at the very spots he painted, **I, Claude Monet** is a fresh and intimate cinematic exploration of some of the most loved and iconic scenes in western art.



Sunday 9th July at 7.30pm "A United Kingdom" Cert. 12A / 108 mins.

A UNITED KINGDOM tells the inspiring true story of Seretse Khama, the King of Bechuanaland (modern Botswana), and Ruth Williams, the London office worker whom he married in 1948 in the face of fierce opposition from their families and the British and South African governments. Seretse and Ruth defied family, apartheid and empire - their love triumphed over every obstacle flung in their path and in so doing they transformed their nation and inspired the world.

ChOC News

The **ChOC AGM** takes place at the end of June (date to be announced). **Charlbury's Community Cinema** has been in existence since 2005 and in order to ensure that it continues to flourish, we need more volunteers to join the committee and take on some of the monthly tasks.

If you are interested in bringing films to Charlbury and would like to join the committee, please contact **Richard Cocks on 01608 810032** or come along to the AGM, the date will be announced in the June edition of The Leaflet, displayed on the town noticeboards and will also be on-line on the Charlbury website.

All ChOC and ChOCLive events are held in the War Memorial Hall, Browns Lane, Charlbury. Our popular beer and wine bar opens 45 minutes before the performance. Tickets for films, Adults £5 / U15s £3 (where applicable), are available at the door on the night. For concerts, it is advisable to buy tickets in advance from the designated retail outlets.

*Jackie Hague
secretary.chocfilms@gmail.com*



Charlbury Garden Society Outing

Tuesday 27 June—Outing to Chenies Manor House Garden near Amersham, including coffee & biscuits and Kingsbridge garden, Steeple Claydon, including tea and scones. Depart from Spendlove. £29. Details from Sarah Potter on 01608 810388 or sarahpotter@btinternet.com

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Charlbury WI continues to flourish with new members and new activities. In addition to speakers at our monthly meetings we have craft workshops, cinema visits, craft demonstrations at local festivals, a trip to a lavender farm and also to a vineyard to look forward to!

In June, we are joining in the Charlbury Festival, with workshops on hanging macramé candle lanterns and fabric broches.

We will be present at the Charlbury Beer Festival in June, selling home made "intriguing items" and at Charlbury Museum "Sewing Bee" and also at the Corner House Open Day in July.

We have our own craft evening at our June meeting, a talk and demonstration by a potter for our July meeting and also in July a "Picnic and Prosecco in the Park" social with Spelsbury and Chadlington WI's.

In August, we have been invited to demonstrate crafts at The Big Feastival at Kingham!

Why not come along as a visitor to have a chat and see what we do, there is something for everyone and you would be very welcome!

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 Pat Hill on 01608 810714 or Louise Cashman on 01608 676522.

Trish McCullum

Would you like to meet interesting people from our community in a pleasant place, have a nice lunch and listen to interesting and varied talks?

PROBUS (Retired Professional and Business Persons Clubs) is an organisation set up in England in 1970. In Charlbury our club is for men only but there is a similar group for women as described below and we do have excursions and social events where partners can also come along. We have a less formal dress code than we used to and we would welcome you no matter what job you do or have done. Also, if you are able to come along for lunch on the first Wednesday of each month it does not matter if you are still working full or part time. We particularly welcome younger members and their input into our organisation.

We always meet at Witney Lakes and find the food is excellent and if you have not been there before would really recommend it. There is also a licensed bar and a chance to win a bottle of wine in a raffle held every month.

Charlbury Ladies Luncheon Club is the organisation for women who also meet in Witney Lakes for lunch and for a talk (contact Frances Canham on 01608 811176).

To join just contact me or any other Probus member, we will take you as a guest and you will get a **free lunch** and a chance to meet us. Please get in touch by the Monday before the first Wednesday lunch of the month.

So how much does this cost? – just £15 each month with annual membership of £15, and you may come back with a bottle of wine. We also make donations to charities each year.

Tony Merry



CHARLBURY CRICKET CLUB

The 2017 outdoor season started early, the first game on a cold Saturday April 15th with Charlbury hosting a visiting team from the Lancashire club Longridge.

Normally at this time of year the pitches are damp and in favour of bowlers, but with no rain for several weeks conditions were conducive to plenty of runs, more than 400 on the day. Our visitors were more than happy, scoring over 230 of them and enjoying the hospitality afterwards. It was the club's turn to go touring the following weekend, down to seaside Brighton to get ourselves warmed up for the coming league season. On April 29 they were well and truly in the groove, racking up 302 runs in 45 overs as they put league visitors Yarnton and Cowley to the sword. The Sunday women's team also started their campaign well, a narrow win over visitors Moddershall from Staffordshire in the Midlands League. And the first game for the youth section was another success, the U15boys beating Great Tew.

Games come thick and fast in May and June. Not only do we run games for our three sides in the Oxfordshire Cricket Association and the women's team, but competitive and friendly midweek fixtures,

plus U11, U13 and U15s. This year we have also entered an U17 side for the county youth leagues. In addition, Charlbury Cricket Club provides a valued venue for the county in hosting many boys and girls representative games as well as finals days.

It is therefore appropriate that we are, as funds permit, continuously seeking to improve our facilities. In the past few years, we have added roll-on covers, new sightscreens and a brand new roller. For the beginning of this season, the programme included replacement of the netting in our three bay nets area, a vital resource given that players make as much use of them as they do in actually taking part in games on the squares. Our two bowling machines, well-used in net training, have been given an overdue service.

The club looks forward to the rest of the summer season through to early September. New faces have arrived to boost our teams. Others are welcome. We are a community-based club and believe in enjoyment of the game at all levels. Our Charlbury Cricket Club website gives plenty of details about our long history as well as up-to-date information on contacts, match reports and key personnel. Come and visit us and soak up not just the cricket but the wonderful setting of our ground.

David Horne, vice chairman



GREEN BINS

Now that the County Council are once again charging for the removal of green waste, it might be a good time to consider what you are doing

with the waste from your garden. Perhaps you have decided to pay for fewer bins or maybe not pay at all? As a Master Composter, I believe that many gardeners are giving away a valuable resource that could be used to improve the soil in their gardens and save them money. With just a little thought you could save on the collection and save on garden products. The compost heap is a good place to start. Most annual weeds and grass cuttings can

be composted and, providing you have a good mixture of greens (weeds and grass) and browns (toilet roll inners, used paper towels, egg boxes, wood shreadings) mixed with air, in a few months your waste will provide the "black gold" of compost that will enrich your soil and feed your plants. Woody cuttings take longer to compost: they can be cut small with pruners or shears, or, if you have a shredder then you can either add the shreadings to the compost or use as mulch around shrubs or on paths. In the autumn, leaves can be gathered and made into leaf mould, which makes an excellent soil conditioner.

If you would like any advice on composting, I can be contacted on jan.holah@btinternet.com

Jan Holah, Master Composter

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The 2016-17 season of evening talks ended with the AGM on 12 May and the Society was well supported by members and visitors at each talk, with attendance ranging from 45-60 people. The quality and variety of talks has been good and commented on favourably by many attendees.

The Charlbury Society Committee has worked hard this year to ensure the smooth running of the Society but with a reducing number of Committee members to plan the talks, deal with planning issues, arrange refreshments, arrange the summer outing and support the museum and historical research group the situation is becoming critical.

Two members of the Committee stood down at the AGM; Ann Davidson, Refreshments and Publicity and Geoffrey Castle, Historical Research Group and Summer Outing organiser. Sincere thanks go to them for all their hard work over the past five to seven years. At the time of writing no nominations for the Committee have been received. I have made a plea to the Society's members to consider nominating themselves or another and I would like to think that in the next edition of the Chronicle I will be able to report new Committee Members following the AGM. Fingers very firmly crossed!

In the event that no nominations come forward the Committee has had to consider what it will no longer be able to do. In question at the moment are refreshments and the summer outing but the long term issue is the continued sustainability of the Committee.

The success of the Charlbury Society, as with many other local societies, relies on the involvement of local volunteers to plan events, arrange publicity, act as secretary to the meetings, negotiate with potential speakers, plan outings, provide refreshments at talks, and so on. The Charlbury Society Committee works on your behalf to provide the kind of society and speakers that you find interesting and which bring an added interest to the Town's many groups and societies.

The Charlbury Society and Museum is also planning its stand for the Wychwood Forest Fair which is held on the first Sunday in September. We are hopeful that we can have a joint stand this year with other Charlbury groups to showcase Charlbury in a more general way. It will be a good time to find out about next season's programme and more about how this and other groups work.

In the meantime, our programme of talks for the 2017-18 programme is finalised and the first talk of the season in October is a panel discussion on the planning and development issues for Charlbury. It should be an interesting opening to the season so make sure you can make the second Friday of the month at 7-30pm for 8pm in the Charlbury Memorial Hall. We look forward to welcoming you then. And, if you are interested in joining the Committee then please contact either me at kennap1@icloud.com or Susan Merry, Secretary at susanmerry2@gmail.com

*Anne Lawson-Porter
Chair of the Charlbury Society
email: kennap@talktalk.net*

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Charlbury Day Centre

We have just heard that Oxfordshire County Council will continue our grant until April next year and this coupled with a generous grant from the Town Council will ensure that we can continue to run until at least 2019, which is wonderful news. Obviously we are eventually going to have to manage without OCC funding, but, at least, we have a bit of time to think about the challenge.

Thanks also to all of you who voted for us in the Co-op Community Choices Scheme. Unfortunately we did not win this time but will try again. The winning charity gets £1000, which would be a very welcome help.

Our membership is currently full, but we would still love to hear from anyone who would like to join us, or anyone who would like either help during the day or transport our members. Our cooks serve particularly good lunches, but we would welcome anyone, who enjoys cooking and who would like to help the team. We produce good home style menus and do not aspire to be MasterChefs!

Finally, do visit our stall at the Corner House Open Day on **8th July** and join us at our Coffee Morning at the Corner House on **Saturday 29th July**, where, as always, there will be delicious cakes and other edible delights to buy and, of course, an amazing raffle.

*Bob Tait, Chairman.
01608 810150*



1st Charlbury Scout Group

Charlbury Beavers (open to girls and boys aged 6-8 years) have had a busy six months since last September. Activities around Charlbury included photography, experiments, cooking (indoor and out), trails and treasure hunts, a visit from our local dentist and taking part in Remembrance Day and St George's day services. We've also joined in with County-organised events and gone on a sleepover, as well

as raising funds for Dogs for Good (assistance dog's charity). We're now looking forward to our summer term with even more outdoor activities.....New Beaver Scouts and adult helpers are always welcome – contact cheryl@redstonecomputers.co.uk for more details.

Cubs are having a busy Summer term, now that evenings are getting lighter and the weather is improving, we are outside on Nine Acres playing games and different activities and making the use of the outside space as well as completing lots of different badge work. We have six Cub Scouts collecting their Chief Scout Silver Award at Youldbury Scout Camp this year, a fantastic achievement for all. This has involved the Cubs doing activities that include teamwork, camping and sleepovers, hikes, cooking on open fires and having brilliant fun. Cubs are open to both boys and girls from ages 7½ to 10½ years old. If interested contact Marcus on akelagoodwin@btinternet.com for more information.

Scouts have been really busy too; they've been fencing, planning and doing hikes and expeditions, cooking rare meats such as crocodile over campfires, and are shortly off to Aqua Camp. This involves camping for two nights and taking part in activities such as dragon boating, canoeing, sailing and raft building. They'll spend the weekend busy and active and possibly slightly damp but above all it'll be fantastic fun. If you're interested in Scouts age range is from 10½ - 14 years old and is open to both boys and girls and if interested contact Chris Braund via akelagoodwin@btinternet.com.

Beavers, Cubs and Scouts all meet in the Scout Hut on Nine Acres Lane, Charlbury.

Scouts are on a Monday evening 7.00pm-8.30 pm, Beavers meet on a Thursday evening 5.00pm - 6.15pm and Cubs also on a Thursday evening 6.30pm - 8.00 pm.

If you are interested in Beavers, Cubs or Scouts then contact via the email addresses above or call Chris on 07817 543725 for more information



Charlbury collects more aid and relief for refugees

The fire in April at the Grande-Synthe camp at Dunkirk made the national media, so you will probably have seen and heard about it. About 1500 people were left homeless as a result, many losing documentation, phones and other essential belongings.

CRAG sent £800, mostly raised at our previous concert, to the appeal for clothing, food, medical supplies and other necessities resulting from the fire.

By far the most effective way you can help refugees in the deteriorating situation they face across Europe and beyond is by raising money to get aid to those people, mostly volunteers, who are bravely helping them to survive.

Is there anything you can do? You might be the coffee morning type! Or indeed a garden party entrepreneur. You could host a bring and buy: people love the feeling of a treasure trove. A plant sale with gardening friends? A wine and cheese summer evening?

Or you may have more imaginative ideas of your own. If you would like to share a project with someone else, do tell us. We might know just the person you need!

Concert successes

Meanwhile, thank you very much to everyone who has been contributing to the success of our series of Sunday afternoon concerts, organised by Val through her amazing contacts! Charlbury composer and singer/songwriter Jenny Larsen and her friends at Laveroc gave a moving and talented performance in the Memorial Hall in April, which raised nearly £800 for CRAG.

Cello and piano recital

Our next concert is on June 4. Book the date now! It's a cello and piano recital with a wonderful programme and top notch performers. Details are on the Events page on the Charlbury website, and on posters round town. Be sure to arrive early. The ticket price of £10 includes tea and cake afterwards, hopefully in the sun in the garden! Tell your friends and bring them too!

Thank you

Finally, thank you so much for all that you do. Follow us at www.facebook.com/charlburyrefugee for current news about the refugee situation, and where your money goes. Our email address is charlburyrefugee@gmail.com We would love to hear from you.

Jon Carpenter, Secretary

If you would like to join the mailing list for Charlbury Refugee Action Group, please sign up at <http://eepurl.com/bCX1bz>



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Charlbury Church Services



Charlbury Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill

Contact: Secretary (01608 810107)
charlburybaptistchurch@gmail.com
Sunday services at 10.30 am
House group: Thursdays at 8 pm
Craft: Tuesdays 2-30 – 4.30 pm
See website / phone for details
www.charlburybaptistchurch.org.uk/
August Services. Joining with Methodists at Fishers Lane
Coffee Morning at Corner House: June 24th



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.

25th June 9am—Messy Church—join us for breakfast, crafts and communion
25th June 6pm—Choral Evensong
9th July 6pm—6 o'clock Worship – join us for contemporary worship



Friends' Meeting House, Market Street

Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House
Sunday mornings 10.30am
For further details contact Paula Dunleavy (01608 646056)



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 Masses: 9am at St Kenelm's, Church Enstone, 11am at St Teresa's
Daily Mass: 9.30am at St Teresa's
Rev Aldo Tapparo, tel: 01608 810576 or see www.communiGate.co.uk/oxford.stteresacharlbury

Churches Together in Charlbury

Springtime and new life fit very well with the Easter story. After a dry winter, when nothing seemed to be stirring, suddenly we are enchanted by primroses and bluebells, fresh leaves, bird songs and insects buzzing. The first Christians must have felt like this. After seeing Jesus die a dreadful death, they were amazed and overjoyed to find their friend was still with them. Churches in Charlbury, like churches everywhere, are decorated with flowers and greenery in celebration of His resurrection.

We use living things, flowers, fruit, leaves, branches and vines as decorations on many special occasions. They are a symbol of our ties to the natural world around us. In Lent we held a series of talks about our natural environment under the title 'Only one earth'. The talks focussed on the dangers of over exploiting the world's resources and some of the actions we might take to avert the damage being done, often in the name of progress.

Loving the natural world is a first step and churches can show that we care about the future of our planet by the way we manage our buildings, buy energy, care for any land belonging to us and integrate our appreciation of all living things into our worship. The last of the Lent talks introduced the idea of working towards an Eco Church Award, either as individual churches or as the five Charlbury churches together.

An Eco Church Award, offered by the charity A Rocha, does not just reflect the way we operate as a church but includes the interests and lifestyle of members of the congregation and our links with environmental organisations and action groups and the local community as a whole. We were so pleased that Christine Elliott, well known to readers of the Chronicle for her articles on environmental

issues, was able to take part in one of the Lent talks.

While the Lent talks were taking place, we were also hosting Lent lunches of soup, bread and cheese. These were much appreciated and raised £1318 for Christian Aid's work with refugees. The next major event for Churches Together is Christian Aid Week, when we shall once again be collecting financial contributions to help tackle poverty and injustice in many parts of the world. Our Lent talks reminded us that climate change affects the poorest people more drastically than people with access to greater wealth and resources and Christian Aid is working to address this injustice.

Churches Together in Charlbury will also be making a contribution to the General Election by working with West Oxfordshire UNA group to organise another hustings, to which all the candidates are invited, before polling day.

Meanwhile Charlbury enjoys the summer and some of the churches will be venues for Artweeks and the Charlbury Festival among other events. And St Mary's churchyard and the gardens of the other Charlbury churches are always open for you to find a peaceful place to rest.

Or why not walk to Shorthampton via Walcot and visit All Saints Church with its ancient wall paintings and glorious views? A booklet is being prepared with information about the route and suggestions for prayer and meditation which reflect the surrounding countryside. It will be available in St Mary's Church together with an Adventure Notebook for children and young families.

We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the world. We must value, care for it and share it.

*Rosalind Scott
Secretary*

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

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Coffee break page

Answers are on page 49

Compiled by Pat Court

COLOURS QUIZ

All the answers are songs, films, books or TV programmes

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What's On in Charlbury

I have been asked to include a list of "What's On" in Charlbury in the forthcoming three months. It surprised me how much there was! If you would like to include your event in this list, please contact me at editor.chronicle@outlook.com just stating your organisation, time of the event, and place of the event.

May

21—6 A-Side Football Tournament—Nineacres

28—Ramsden Open Gardens

June

2—Peace@ThePub, 6pm, The Bell

3—Town Council Surgery, 10am—12 noon, Corner House

4—CRAG Concert, 3pm, Memorial Hall

6—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell

8—Neighbourhood Forum Open Session, 7.30pm, Corner House

8—Blues Workshop, 8pm, The Shed

10—**Charlbury Festival begins**

10—Farmers Market, 9am, Playing Close

10—Museum Plant Sale & Coffee Morning, 9.30am-11.45am, Corner House

10—Neighbourhood Forum Open Session, 10am—12 noon, Corner House

10—Museum Charlbury Festival Guided tour, 2.30pm—4.30pm, Museum

10—Charlbury Festival—Oxford Concert Party, 7.30pm, St Mary's

11—Open Gardens, 2pm-6pm; tickets from Corner House from 1pm

11—ChOC "Exhibition on Screen: I, Claude Monet, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

12—Charlbury Festival—Literature Discussion, "To be a pilgrim", 6.30pm, St Mary's

12—Charlbury Festival—Strings & Pipes, 8pm, St Mary's

13—Charlbury Festival—William Morris in the Cotswolds, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

13—Charlbury Festival—The Art & Craft of Violin Making, 1pm, Memorial Hall

14—Charlbury Festival—The ancient paths, where the good way lies". Walk. 9.30am, St Marys

14—Charlbury Festival—Lunchtime Organ Recital, 1pm, St Mary's

14—Charlbury Festival—Craft Workshop—Hanging macramé candle lanterns, 2pm, Corner Hse

14—Charlbury Festival—An evening with local writers, 8pm, Friends Meeting House

15—Charlbury Festival—Open Air Performance in the Garden, 7pm, Spring Cottage, Sheep St

16—Charlbury Festival—Lunchtime Piano Recital—1pm, Memorial Hall

16—Charlbury Festival—Craft Workshop, Fabric brooches, 2pm, Corner House

16—Charlbury Festival—L'invitation au Jardin—7.30pm, Spring Cottage, Sheep Street

16—Pilgrim Path circular walk, Holy Trinity, Finstock (OX7 3DH) to Ramsden, 10am

17—Charlbury Festival—Speakeasy, Memorial Hall

17—Charlbury Festival—CYT Open Air Performance, 2pm, Spring Cottage, Sheep Street

17—Museum Charlbury Festival Guided tour, 2.30pm—4.30pm, Museum

18—Charlbury Festival—Festival Finale—7.30pm, Memorial Hall

21—WI meeting, Craft Workshop, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

24—20th Beer Festival, Cricket Club

24—Baptist Church Coffee Morning, 9.30am, Corner House

27—Garden Society Outing

July

1—Sewing Bee, 11am—4.30pm, Morris Room

2—Sewing Bee, 1.30pm—4.30pm, Morris Room

2—Vintage Pop-up Team Room, 2.30pm—4.30pm, Ann Downer Room

4—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell

7—Peace@ThePub, 6pm, The Bell

7-9—Cornbury Festival

8—Corner House Open Day, 9am—midday

9—ChOC—"A United Kingdom", 7.30pm, Memorial Hall

- 13—vOx Chamber Choir Concert, 7.30pm, St Mary's
- 15—Charlbury Pre-School Party, afternoon, Pre-school
- 19—WI meeting, Pottery Talk, 7.30pm, Memorial Hall
- 21—Pilgrim Path walk, SS Simon & Jude, Milton-u-W (OX7 6LJ) to Shipton, 10am
- 22—RBL Coffee Morning, 9.30am, Corner House
- 29—Day Centre Coffee Morning, 9.30am, Corner House
- 29-30 Riverside Festival, 12pm onwards, Mill Field

August

- 1—Yack & Yarn, 7.30pm, The Bell
- 1-4—CTC Holiday Club—Real Knights, St Mary's Church, (ages 4-11). Contact parishoffice@stmaryscharlbury.co.uk to book a place
- 3-6—Wilderness Festival, Cornbury Park
- 3-6—Countryfile Live, Blenheim
- 4—Peace@ThePub, 6pm, The Bell
- 5—Town Council Open Surgery, 10am, The Corner House
- 5—Museum Coffee Morning, 9.30am—11.45am, Corner House
- 18—Pilgrim Path walk, St Mary's Chipping Norton (OX7 5DH) to Over Norton, 10am
- 25-27—The Big Festival, Churchill

Weekly events

Monday

- 9.30am—Toddlers Group, Memorial Hall
- 1.30-3pm—Tennis Club

Tuesday

- 6pm—Bowls Club
- 8pm—Wychwayz Border Morris, Scout Hut

Wednesday

- 7.45pm—Bell Ringing, St Mary's

Thursday

- 10-12pm—Font Café, St Mary's
- 7-9pm—Tennis Club

Friday

- 9.30am—Exercise for 50+, Memorial Hall
- 10-11.30am—Corner House Coffee

Morning

- 7pm—Choir Practice—St Mary's

Sunday

- See Sunday Church Services
- 2-5pm—Tennis Club

Charlbury 250 years ago What's changed?

Recently I've been studying the historic maps available at our museum in Charlbury and at the Bodleian Library. The earliest map for land ownership around Charlbury is the Thomas Pride Survey done for George Spencer, 4th Duke of Marlborough in 1761 just three years after he succeeded to the title and two years after he'd bought the Walcot Estate from the Jenkinson family.

His father Charles Spencer, as 3rd Duke of Marlborough, had bought the Cornbury Estate in 1751 and the Perrot estates in Fawler in 1756. The accompanying terrier details the ownership, tenancies, land use such as arable, pasture, meadow, coppice

and acreages specifying whether in open common fields or enclosed. Then I've tracked each field through the 1770 update done again by Thomas Pride, the 1820 survey, the 1847 Tithe Award survey, the 1859 Jesse Clifford survey, and the early editions of the Ordnance Survey maps, the first in 1881 and the third in 1922.

I was surprised how persistent the field boundaries have remained over the past 250 years, even through the period of ownership being consolidated further by the Marlboroughs and I mused over what the Duke's tenant farmers Richard Morris, Richard Gardner, and John Williams would recognise if they could come back to Charlbury today.

They had fields all over the parish but their farmhouses were in the town, the two Richards lived next door to each other on farmsteads where the Priory is now and John lived in the farmhouse at the bottom of Nine Acres Lane on the north side. In 1761, the re-aligned road around the re-built Lee Place was being called "New Road" and the Scots Pine trees near Wellington Cottages must have been planted on that new road which cut diagonally across rectangular fields. The map shows the remnant of the old road in a straight line from Five Ways to the Old Grammar School and the new road cutting across the drive to Cornbury and the new lodges erected for Lee Place.

Forty years later big changes happened to the roads in Charlbury when the turnpikes were constructed about 1800. Until then the 1761 map shows Woodstock Way going along Ditchley Road, Quarry Lane and along the current footpath before turning right along the Saltway.

There was also a track along Woody Lane through Lee's Rest Wood and then along the parish boundary to the same point on the way to Woodstock - this track through the woods was made into the turnpike road with a new diagonal road built across rectangular fields between the current Stonesfield Lane corner and the next bend at the top of Woody Lane. Baywell Gate, the tollhouse for this turnpike road at Five Ways corner still existed on the 1923 OS map.

The Enstone Road crossroads were created with a new tollhouse and new roads from the bend in Nine Acres Lane and the bend in The Slade by Ditchley Road to the new crossroads. The third turnpike road change was the realignment of the Burford Road over the river where the bend round Rushy

Bank was bypassed by a new straight road with Scots Pine trees planted alongside. Fifty years further on, about 1850, sees the building of the railway line this cut through fields south of the river but kept to the higher ground at the edge of the hay meadows which were on both sides of the Evenlode.

Lees Rest Wood was felled before the 1881 OS map was surveyed but its ghostly shape is shown as a curvy sinuous hedge around the new fields created around Lee's Rest Farm - this would be an assarted hedge with remnant trees and shrubs from the woodland and it still exists today.

Apart from these major landscape changes, by far the biggest change these farmers from 1761 would notice, would be something on a much smaller more detailed scale - the contents of the fields and hedgerows, the birds, flowers and insects would be so drastically different. The sounds of birdsong and insects, people and horses working in the fields all replaced by tractors, cars, lorries, strimmers, lawn mowers, hedge trimmers, and leaf blowers.

These overwhelming changes have happened relatively recently, in my own lifetime, and sadly we have just got used to it as "normal" but I think it would be greatly upsetting if, like them, you had lived with the corn crakes, lapwings, turtle doves, nightingales, and flowery meadows with the great buzz of insects.

However, if we want to, we can encourage what little wildlife there is left around us, we can salvage some of our children's vanishing heritage in the grass verges, hedgerows, and patches of grassland which haven't been "improved".

Christine Elliott

CORNER HOUSE
OPEN DAY
8 JULY—9.30am—midday

THE CHARLBURY SOCIETY HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP

The Silver Screen

When Dr Thomas Silver became Vicar of Charlbury in 1828, St Mary's was far more elaborate than it is now. Jesse Clifford, in *My Reminiscences of Charlbury*, has left us a wonderful description of the beautiful carved oak rood screen, the high family pews with canopies and curtains, the two galleries and the painted texts on the walls. But apparently this wasn't all to the taste of Thomas Silver. He wanted to see his congregation, so he had the curtains taken off the pews and removed the rood screen. I wonder what he did with it.

Jesse Clifford also says there were tombs in the churchyard with rounded tops: probably like the 'bale tombs' in Chipping Norton, Burford and Swinbrook. Apparently Silver removed the tomb tops and used them as quoins or corner stones for a 'retiring place' he built at the east end of the church for the Sunday school children. Presumably this means a lavatory, and no doubt the Vicar thought himself very progressive. But where are those lovely tomb tops now?

One of Silver's projects during his ministry here was to encourage Finstock and Fawler to have their own church. He was the driving force behind the construction of the chapel-of-ease at Finstock, which was built on land given by the Churchills of Cornbury and consecrated in 1842. The chapel was looked after by a curate who worked under the Vicar of Charlbury until 1860, when Finstock with Fawler became a separate parish and the chapel became Holy Trinity church. In *Charlbury of Our Childhood*, Caroline Pumphrey says that Silver described Finstock churchyard as 'a fine healthy place to be buried in'; when he died in 1853 he was buried there himself, though his grave is no longer identifiable and there is no monument to him, either in Finstock or Charlbury.

The little church in Finstock was enlarged in 1906, when the choir and sanctuary were added. There are some interesting 'before and after' photos on display. Somewhat ironically, in view of Thomas Silver's involvement with the place, the improvements included placing a brand new, beautifully carved rood screen across the chancel arch. Silver must have been positively whirling in his grave outside! But as part of the alterations carried out in 2005, the rood screen has now been shifted to the back of the church. So perhaps the Rev Dr Silver is finally resting in peace.

Linda Mowat

The Group thanks the Charlbury Town Council and the Charlbury Beer Festival for their generous support for our work.



FRIDAY COFFEE MORNINGS AT THE CORNER HOUSE

A reminder that **HOT DRINKS & HOT SCONES** are served every Friday morning between 10am and 11.30am at the Corner House.

Proceeds are for the upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall

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RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL

29-30 July 2017, Charlbury

Free fun for all the family down by the river

If you want to hear Oxfordshire's finest musical talent for free, head for Charlbury's Mill Field at the end of July for the ever-popular Riverside Festival. The festival has grown year on year since it began life 22 years ago, with more than 40 acts playing everything from folk music to blues, rock, ska and hip hop, attracting thousands of music lovers of all ages, and yet Riverside is still the friendliest, most relaxed music festival in Oxfordshire and, astonishingly, still completely FREE to enter.

This year Riverside hopes to raise awareness of the decline of the bee population, so the kids zone will be a hive of bee-related fun activities, and festival goers of all ages will have the chance to meet local beekeepers and find out what they can do to help.

The Music

This year's line-up includes two Riverside favourites: three-piece Oxford-based post-punk band **Zurich** (think New Order meets U2) and **The Standard** known for their up-tempo feel-good funk; and, new to Riverside, London-based alt indie band the **HOO HAS**. As in previous years, local record stores Rapture in Witney and Oxford's Truck Store are running the Second Stage which transforms into the Riverside Disco tent at the end of the day; and over on Ben's Fringe Stage, there will be a variety of acts. This stage has been renamed Ben's Fringe in memory of the great Riverside volunteer Ben Wright, who died in 2016. Ben was completely bald and would have been amused that the Fringe stage is dedicated to him.

In addition to the Riverside bar serving craft beers from Witney's Wychwood Brewery, the Pimm's and Tins tent returns along with the Riverside Gin and Tonic lounge and the popular Pre-School Tea and Cakes tent. There is also a wide assortment of stalls selling traditional festival fodder from burgers and pizzas to curries, noodles and a hog roast.

Be part of it

Riverside Festival would not exist without the huge band of local volunteers who make it happen. Charlbury Primary School and the Beer Festival help with equipment, Charlbury's Pre-school provides tea and cakes, and the local recycling group ensures that 99% of Riverside's waste doesn't go to landfill. West Oxfordshire District Council has given Riverside Festival an Inclusive Award in recognition of its work to ensure the festival is open and welcoming to people of all abilities whether they be volunteers working at the festival, performers or, most importantly, the audience.

If you've not been involved in Charlbury's Riverside Festival before, be part of it this year. Not only is it good fun, but it's also a great way to meet like-minded people. If you would like to help, even if it's just for an hour or two, email volunteer@riversidefestival.charlbury.com

Riverside Festival is on Saturday 29 July (12pm-10pm) and Sunday 30 July (11am-8pm) on the Mill Field, down Mill Lane opposite Charlbury Station. Only disabled and emergency parking is available onsite. With limited festival parking at the station and in the town, it's recommended you walk to the festival, if possible. Like all festivals, festival goers cannot bring bottles and cans onto the site, but, unlike other festivals, the bars and refreshment stalls will be selling drinks at very reasonable prices. Please leave dogs at home, only assistance dogs will be allowed in.

For the latest festival info go to riversidefestival.charlbury.com

Kathryn Custance

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STARS COME OUT FOR CORNBURY FAREWELL

The first thing I heard when I woke up early on the morning of the first Cornbury Festival back in July 2004 was the rain. I knew then it was going to be a tough weekend. Despite that and several other first year hitches we managed to get through relatively unscathed and put on a pretty good show. Since then we've played host to some great artists – Joe Cocker, Amy Winehouse, Van Morrison, Paul Simon, Ray Davies, The Faces, Elvis Costello, Tom Jones, Robert Plant, Jackson Browne, Georgie Fame, Bryan Ferry, The Pretenders, Keane, Crowded House and of course the ever-marvellous Jools Holland.

My stand out moments from those early years must be a bear hug from my hero Joe Cocker when I rather over-politely tried to shake his hand; and negotiating an overtime rate with Robert Plant on a per minute basis when The Waterboys couldn't make it in 2006.

Oxfordshire's finest

But it's not just national treasures playing at the festival, the opening act in 2004 was Charlbury Band King B. In the intervening years, we have had scores of talented local musicians playing on the Riverside stage, the very best of Oxford's vibrant music scene along with a wide range of acts from schoolgirl winners of the Chipping Norton Battle of the Bands to retired rockers who have proved they can still wow the crowds.

When we relocated the festival to the Great Tew Estate in 2011, I was delighted that so many Charlbury regulars relocated with us. Their support over the years has been very much appreciated. Sadly, this year will be our final festival and we're planning to treat all our devoted fans to a Fabulous Finale.

We're inviting back some of our favourite acts including **The Pretenders**, recent No.1 country sisters **Ward Thomas**, Keane

frontman **Tom Chaplin**, festival darling **Imelda May**, **Sophie Ellis-Bextor**, **Jack Savoretti**, **Scouting For Girls**, last year's crowd pleasers, Australian troubadours **The Pierce Brothers**; and, of course, our friend **Jools Holland**. It seemed rather appropriate that he was the first major act at the festival and will be the last. Newcomers to Cornbury Music Festival this year include headliners Canadian superstar **Bryan Adams** and Yorkshire rockers **Kaiser Chiefs**, along with 90's popstars **Right Said Fred** and **Midge Ure**.

Join us

If you've not been to Cornbury Music Festival, now's your last chance. Although we've been dubbed 'Poshstock' and played host to royalty, film stars, super models and our former prime minister, the festival has gained a reputation for its unique and friendly atmosphere as well as its stunning location. It's very much a family festival with lots of free activities for children, a fun fair, a comedy tent, excellent and varied food and a wide range of camping options, from glamping to quiet camping. If you're not planning to camp there is a regular shuttlebus service to the festival from Charlbury station (timetable on the website).

We've had a fantastic run over the last 14 years and are very proud of the lovely event we've created. This year we will end on a high. Live music is the heart of the festival and I know every artist on the bill will deliver a great show. Do join us for the party of the summer.

To book day and weekend tickets and for more information go to cornburymusicfestival.com. Local festival fans can avoid booking charges by buying their tickets direct from the Chipping Norton Theatre box office.

Hugh Phillimore, Cornbury Music Festival Director



Charlbury Town Council report

Planning applications – how they work

Charlbury is seeing more medium/large-scale planning applications than usual – perhaps because developers are trying to get their proposals in before the District Council's Local Plan, which includes a list of approved sites, is adopted.

Understandably, these speculative applications are often a matter of concern for neighbours and other nearby residents.

West Oxfordshire District Council is the planning authority, not the Town Council. It is WODC's elected councillors (advised by their full-time officers) who make the decision on any application. You can find out about current applications by registering with the 'My Alerts' service on the WODC website (www.westoxon.gov.uk then click 'Login/Register'), by checking the list automatically posted to the Charlbury website every Monday morning (www.charlbury.info), or by looking for yellow posters on lamp-posts!

The Town Council is consulted on, and responds to, all applications in Charlbury. Our views are advisory only – WODC can (and does) go against them – but we hope that they help WODC to make a more informed decision.

If you would like to comment on a planning application, the most important thing is to lodge your comments with WODC before the deadline for each application. You can do this on the WODC website, or write to the WODC offices at Elmfield, Witney. Comments which refer to WODC planning policies, or to the legal protections for the Cotswolds AONB and the Charlbury Conservation Area, will carry more weight.

The Town Council does also appreciate receiving a copy of your comments. This helps us draw up our own response. You can email these to charlburytc@btinternet.com.

Town Council responses are discussed and agreed at our two meetings towards the end of the month. The Planning Meeting, where councillors work through all the applications received, is on a Monday at

8pm (7.30pm if a speaker has been invited). All are welcome to observe the meeting: there is no opportunity for public participation, but comments received in writing prior to the meeting will be taken into account.

Then, on the Wednesday at 7.30pm, the report from the Planning Meeting is approved at the full council meeting. Charlbury residents are welcome to speak at the beginning of this meeting if they book a slot with the Town Clerk (charlburytc@btinternet.com, 01608 810117).

Charlbury residents are invariably well-informed and passionate about the town – so we hope this brief guide will help you make your voice heard most effectively on new developments.

Town Council election

At the time of the Chronicle going to press (the end of April), the vacant seat on Charlbury Town Council remained unfilled after no candidates were nominated on two successive occasions. If a candidate comes forward on the third attempt, there will be an election on Thursday 8th June (together with a certain other election taking place on that day).

If not, nominations will be reopened for a fourth time, with details posted on the Charlbury website, noticeboards and Town Council website. We would encourage anyone interested in the future of the town to step forward. The time commitment is not onerous (two evening meetings a month) and it's a real chance to help make Charlbury better. Don't just sit there and complain – get involved!

Annual Parish Meeting

The APM took place on Friday 31st March in the Memorial Hall, with addresses from Town Council chairman Peter Kenrick, our district councillors, and representatives of Charlbury organisations. Attendance this year was low but, as ever, the meeting provides an opportunity for residents to ask questions of the Town Council.

West Oxfordshire Local Plan

The WODC Local Plan sets overall planning policy for the district. WODC has now submitted its revised plan to the Planning Inspector who will be considering at hearings in May and July. Charlbury Town Council lodged a detailed set of comments

focusing on the protection of town services and preservation of the AONB, especially in new developments.

Summer events

We are pleased to welcome the succession of summer festivals back to Charlbury once again and hope the many visitors will enjoy our lovely town. If you encounter any issues that cannot be resolved by contacting the organisers, please call:

- anti-social behaviour and traffic issues: Thames Valley Police, 101
- noise: West Oxfordshire District Council, 01993 861000 (office hours) or 0845 303 9706 (other times).

Station car park enlargement

Great Western Railway is in the early stages of developing plans to enlarge Charlbury station's car park, through a second deck on the existing sunken area, and new spaces on the part of the meadow parallel to the railway line. No formal planning application has yet been submitted but GWR representatives addressed the council this spring. We have stressed the importance of looking at station parking and traffic issues throughout the town, rather than at the car park in isolation, and asked GWR to participate in a working group with us, the district and county councils. We are also pushing GWR to engage with the Environment Agency on flooding, pollution and other environmental measures which we believe are crucial in this sensitive place.

Contacting your Town Council

All our meetings are open to the public. Full council meetings will be held in the Corner House at 7.30pm on Wednesday 28th June, 26th July and 23rd August, with Planning & Correspondence two days before (8pm unless there is a speaker).

The next open 'surgeries' will be in the Corner House from 10am-12pm on Saturday 3rd June and 5th August.

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

Richard Fairhurst

From County & District Councillor Liz Leffman

01608 810153 liz.leffman@westoxon.gov.uk

I would like to thank everyone in Charlbury for the fantastic support that you have given me in the recent County Council elections. I am delighted to have been elected as your County Councillor as well as your District Councillor.

For me, taking on the two roles makes it a great deal easier to act on behalf of local residents. I have in the past been contacted on numerous occasions by people with questions about things that are really the remit of the County Councillor, such as the roads. I have then had to contact the other councillor in order to get things done. Now I can do all this myself and hopefully get it done that much more quickly!

I am continuing to work hard to get a solution for our recycling – there are several options being discussed. As well as the possible site at Enstone Airport, I have been talking to officers about getting regular skips to Charlbury for people to put any rubbish into that they cannot recycle instead of having to travel to Stanton Harcourt with it.

With the re-surfacing of the Spendlove happening very soon, I also hope to find a better solution for the bring site, which overflows regularly.

Once the excitement of the various elections has died down, I will be ensuring that these ideas become reality, as I know that rubbish and recycling are high on the list of things that people in Charlbury find most annoying. That, and the parking issues that we face in the town.

Now that I am the County Councillor, I will be taking action on the road issues that afflict the town, including the need for yellow lines at the corner of Nineacres Lane, improved signage on the Enstone crossroads, and more obvious Give Way signs on Park Street.

These are things that we have been asking about for years, and the time has come for them to be sorted.

Liz Leffman



Walking with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

The following walks are a reasonable distance from our villages. Some are on the doorstep whilst others involve some travelling. The walks vary in distance and difficulty so you can choose something to suit your ability. Sorry but dogs are not allowed on walks with the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens.

All walks are led by the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens and as such are not "just a ramble in the countryside". The themed walks are a way of understanding and appreciating our Cotswold landscape.

A full list of walks can be found on the website www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk or in a copy of the Cotswold Lion, available in various locations.

Saturday 10th June 10:00am Wychwood to Bould Wood

A moderate walk of 10 miles. Follow the Oxfordshire Way from Shipton under Wychwood to Bruern Abbey and Foxholes Nature Reserve, returning via Bould Wood and the villages of Idbury, Fifield and Milton under Wychwood. Please bring a packed lunch.

Meeting Place: Dog Kennel Lane, Shipton under Wychwood OX7 6DB

Wednesday June 14th 9:30am Conservation around Charlbury

A moderate walk of 5-6 miles. An opportunity to see some of the landscape and nature conservation work carried out by Cotswold Voluntary Wardens in this part of the Evenlode Valley.

Meeting Place: Spendlove Centre, Charlbury

Sunday 25th June 10:00am Hiking Through History – life in Roman Oxfordshire 2

A five hour walk of 11.5 miles. Discover the Roman influence on the North Oxfordshire part of the Cotswolds. Please bring a packed lunch.

Meeting Place: Sibford Gower Primary School

Wednesday 5th July 6:00pm Chipping Norton Town walk

An easy walk of 2.5 miles, 2 hours

An evening walk, mostly on pavements, exploring this popular town, known locally as "Chippy". Walking will be taken at a leisurely pace to allow time to find out about the interesting buildings and in some cases their inhabitants.

*Evening meal opportunities after the walk.
Meet in New Street Car Park*

Saturday 15th July 10:00am Sherborne Estate, Sherborne village and beyond

An easy walk of 5 miles

This walk is through woods where we will see a number of sculptures and chances to spot deer and other wildlife. We also pass through the beautiful village of Sherborne before crossing farmland on our return.

Bring a packed lunch or sample the goodies at Sherborne community shop.

Meeting Place: Ewe Pen Barn National Trust Car park near Sherborne, just off the A40.

Tuesday 8th August 10:00am Hidden Shipton under Wychwood Exposed

An easy walk of 4 miles lasting between 3 and 4 hours

During this short walk around Shipton under Wychwood we shall discover there is more to this charming village than at first appears. It's amazing history will be revealed with a unique opportunity to visit many of it's buildings and businesses on the way. Lunch options at end of walk.

Meeting Place: New Beaconsfield Hall Shipton under Wychwood

Wednesday 23rd Aug or 6th September 10:00am

A Sibford Circuit

A 5 hour 10 mile walk

From Sibford we go south down Ditchedge Lane to Traitor's Ford and then east to Swalcliffe Common and village where we take a look at the historic tithe barn. We will then return to Sibford via Blenheim Farm, Chilaway Farm and Burdrop.

Possible pub stop but please bring a packed lunch.

Meeting Place: Near the church in Sibford Gower

Rosemary Wilson



The Wychwood Project

The Wychwood Project has been helping to conserve West Oxfordshire's special landscapes and important wildlife habitats since 1997. The support of local people is vital to the Project's success.

The Wychwood Project works within the area that was once the Royal Hunting Forest of Wychwood. At Domesday in 1086, the royal forest of Wychwood covered much of what is now West Oxfordshire. Today, the project covers 41 parishes and 120 square miles of the former forest.

The main aim of the project is to inspire people to restore and conserve landscapes and habitats and works in partnership with local communities planting new woodlands and hedgerows, rebuilding drystone walls and conserving wildlife-rich meadows, woods, hedges and ponds. In addition, we provide advice, training, and opportunities for local volunteers to become directly involved in caring for the Wychwood countryside.

We are lucky to have a rich mosaic of landscapes and wildlife habitats in the Wychwood area. These landscapes and habitats include river meadowlands, ancient or species rich hedgerows, ancient woodland remnant, arable field margins, floodplain wetland and floodplain pasture, wood pasture, heathland and acid grassland, limestone (lowland calcareous) grassland, lowland mixed deciduous woodland, parkland and ponds, traditional orchards and veteran trees.

Volunteers underpin the success of the Wychwood Project. People volunteer their

time in many different ways depending upon their time, skills and interests. Examples of the role of volunteers include the trustees who oversee Project direction and charity governance, to the people who organise and run the annual Wychwood Forest Fair; the hedge layers, walkers, botanists, and other wildlife enthusiasts who work on a regular basis to conserve Wychwood's landscapes and habitats 'on the ground', to people who support the work behind the scenes in the project office.

Our biggest and most notable success to date is the creation of Wychwood's largest community woodland 'Foxburrow Wood'. 22 acres have been planted with over 11,000 trees and shrubs and a welcome trail, and parking area for users.

About the Heritage Lottery Fund

Thanks to National Lottery players, we invest money to help people across the UK explore, enjoy and protect the heritage they care about - from the archaeology under our feet to the historic parks and buildings we love, from precious memories and collections to rare wildlife. www.hlf.org.uk. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram and use #HLFsupported.

The next Forest Fair will be held on 3rd September off the Standlake Road, Ducklington, near Witney, from 11am to 5pm.

Further information:

Sharon Williams, Wychwood Project Director, 01865 815423
email: wychwood@oxfordshire.gov.uk
web: www.wychwoodproject.org

CHARLBURY MEALS ON WHEELS

Meals on Wheels prepares and delivers meals on Tuesdays to residents of Charlbury, Chadlington and Stonesfield. **Meals now cost £3 delivered.**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED: Are you new to Charlbury and looking for ways to become involved in the community? This is an important service and relies on local people to drive, or to cook, or to help in any way to keep it going. Please ring Marjorie Glasgow on 01608 810161 or Jan Griffiths on 01608 810440 if you can help. We are also accepting names of new recipients for our waiting list. Please contact Marjorie.

NEWS FROM CHARLBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

There's a distinct outdoor feel to this term's update! With so many educational benefits associated with children learning in the open air, whenever we can we take the opportunity to extend our classrooms beyond their four walls and use our outdoor environment.

We're lucky to have a great multi-functional outside space at Charlbury Primary School for the children to use throughout the school day. Our younger pupils regularly take their learning outside, for example to explore our sensory garden or to revel in messy play; our older pupils spill outside for netball and basketball sessions (and the odd ukulele lesson!) and the area is always well-used during break and lunch time each day.

But with this regular and energetic use, over time the school grounds do need a bit of a perk up so this issue is all about the plans and activities we have organised to do just that.

At the start of the spring term, we revived our after-school Gardening Club. Already the children have tackled the weeds around the school grounds and have made great inroads in our main growing bed, sowing seeds to cultivate herbs, vegetables and flowers. As part of our plans, we would love to be able to supply the school kitchen with some home-grown produce which can be turned into school dinners for the whole school to enjoy, so in April, the children prepared and planted out seed potatoes which they are delighted are now starting to sprout!

We're very grateful to Findlay Construction, the contractors working on the Elmsted development in Pooles Lane,

who donated a huge amount of soil to us, which we have used to fill in our old disused pond area so it can be used for a large vegetable patch.

We're also delighted that local resident and parent Harriet Kopinska will be providing the children with composting lessons to help us get even more productivity from our crops next season.

We are however in need of a few more resources to enhance our plans so if you have any spare tools (gardening forks, spades, brooms) you'd be willing to donate to us, please contact the School Office at 01608 810 354 or drop them off at Reception - thank you.

In May, our much-anticipated new outdoor play equipment is being installed. This new wooden play apparatus includes outdoor tepees, balance poles, a clatter bridge, a log traverse and a new climbing wall. The project has been funded with £10,000, much of it generously raised and contributed by Charlbury School Association and topped up by a Charlbury Beer Festival grant of £3,856. We are extremely grateful for the on-going support of both of these charitable organisations, without which we would not be able to provide such fantastic enhancements to our outdoor environment for all pupils.

Finally, on Saturday 20 May, we are holding a 'Groundforce Day' to help spruce up the school grounds and by the time you read this, we hope we will have been joined by keen gardeners and volunteers from the community to help us paint fences, weed borders and generally tidy our outside spaces ready for a host of summer lessons, PE sessions, break-times, country dancing and sports day practices, all of which characterise early summer at Charlbury Primary School.

*Suzie Williams and Catherine Ball
Charlbury Primary School Governors*



All Together In Charlbury (ATIC)

All Together in Charlbury (ATIC) – our Good Neighbour Scheme (GNS) – has now been

officially launched at a well-attended public meeting held on 9 March. ATIC will be managed by a steering group of Charlbury volunteers, who came forward at the meeting: Jane Crane, Hugh Goyder, Roger Marsh, Meryl Smith, Sue Tokumine.

The meeting recognised that there is already a lot of informal caring and good neighbourliness already going on in Charlbury. ATIC will aim to fill any gaps in informal coverage and to support existing acts of kindness and sharing.

All Together In Charlbury will be aiming to provide the following services:

- transport to hospital or other medical/health/care appointments
- transport for other purposes such as to get to the shops or hairdresser, to take part in a local activity or club or to visit someone in hospital or a care home
- getting shopping or collecting prescriptions
- household tasks (such as changing a light bulb or smoke detector battery) or gardening
- visiting or befriending
- help with pets
- letter writing or simple form-filling
- reading for people who have difficulty reading for themselves.

The scheme will be there for residents of any age and circumstances who, for whatever reason, are unable to carry out a task themselves and who have no family or friends available to help. The only exception will be that we cannot help unaccompanied minors.

At the launch meeting the decision was taken to ask Volunteer Link Up (VLU) to take on for us the work to receive requests for help from Charlbury residents and to link them with a willing ATIC volunteer.

This is a service that VLU offers free of charge to local Good Neighbour Schemes, if they do not wish to carry out this work themselves.

This will mean that Charlbury residents wanting to request help through ATIC will ring Volunteer Link Up's phone number (01993 776277). VLU will then find a local ATIC volunteer to meet each request.

Volunteer Link Up is an experienced and well-respected charity formed in 1983 and based in Witney, which runs its own District-wide Good Neighbour Scheme and is also promoting and supporting new local GNS across Oxfordshire.

By using Volunteer Link Up's professional services in this way ATIC can benefit from the knowledge of experienced staff and from VLU's accredited administrative systems for supporting both "clients" and volunteers.

Anyone who kindly volunteers to help All Together In Charlbury meet local needs will be volunteering for ATIC as a Charlbury-focused community scheme and will be recognised and supported by ATIC. However, under the terms of our helpful arrangement with Volunteer Link Up, for formal administrative purposes they will become a member of VLU's volunteer team.

The All Together In Charlbury steering group is now in the process of getting ATIC ready to go into operation. ATIC volunteers are being officially "signed up". Nowadays this inevitably involves some paperwork to complete and in line with good practice each volunteer will have a DBS (Police) check.

There is also publicity material to be produced and circulated, so that everyone in the town will know what help can be available through ATIC and how to get in touch.

In the meantime, if you want to find out more about All Together In Charlbury or if you think you might be willing to become an ATIC volunteer or a member of the ATIC steering group, please contact Meryl Smith on 01608 810192 or email charlburydf@gmail.com.



We are still experiencing shed and garage break ins across the area. Please check and look to improve your security on your out buildings and put identifying marks on your tools.

Thames Valley Alert Community Messaging system.

Receive free crime alerts. You are invited to register now to become a registered recipient of messages of information, crime alerts or witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle by email, text or telephone. As a registered recipient you will not only benefit from two way messaging but may also learn about those in your community subject of anti-social behaviour orders, help identify suspected or wanted criminals from the Gallery pages or learn about community groups, events or meetings in your area.

<https://member-registration.neighbourhoodalert.co.uk/85/Join>

PLEASE NOTE: This service is not for reporting crimes or incidents. To report these, please contact Thames Valley Police on 101.



School of Medieval Fencing

The School of Medieval European Fencing (SMEF) have recently opened a class at

Charlbury Scout Hut and are looking for new students interested in learning Historical European Martial Arts (HEMA), specifically Medieval German long sword according to an interpretation derived from the original teachings of the C14th Grand Master of Fence, Johannes Liechtenauer.

Adult classes (13 years and up) will be held at the Scout Hut on Nine Acres Lane every Tuesday from 7pm to 9.30pm, while junior classes for younger students can be arranged on request by contacting the SMEF via their website.

All abilities welcome, no previous HEMA experience necessary. Your first two introductory classes are free, with further classes costing £5 a session.

More information can be found at www.thesmef.co.uk or by emailing contact@thesmef.co.uk.



Charlbury Tennis Club

If you enjoy playing tennis, then you will always find someone to play with at Charlbury Tennis Club.

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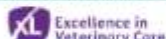
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2. White Christmas; 3. Black Hawk Down;
4. Brown Sugar; 5. Brown Girl in the Ring;
6. Little White Bull; 7. Blue Suede Shoes;
8. Purple Rain; 9. Maxwell's Silver Hammer;
10. White Fang; 11. Song Sung Blue;
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18. The Black Hills of Dakota; 19. Red Roses for a
- Blue Lady; 20. Ten Green Bottles Hanging on the
- wall; 21. Men In Black; 22. Fifty Shades of Grey;
23. Blue Is the Colour; 24. Yellow Submarine;
25. Tie a Yellow Ribbon round the Old Oak Tree;
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