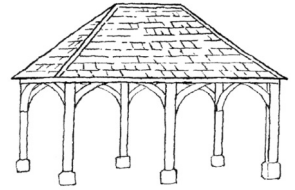


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From the Editor

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

The late night shopping in Charlbury will be on 6th and 13th December—so please do support our local businesses and buy your presents there. You don't have to wait until then, as No 5 (Cotswold Frames) have many gifts, and the Deli some delicious grub! And our many eateries that are now in Charlbury; the Bull, the Bell, Chloe's and Amerelo's to name but a few!

Also the WI will be holding their Carol Service on 9th December at 7pm in St Mary's. And please stay for coffee, tea, mulled wine and mince pies! Any money raised from the collection will go to Thrive. They have a great programme lined up for 2025 covering a wide range of subjects. Monthly

meetings are posted on the Charlbury website and visitors are always welcome with coffee/tea and cake!!

The Bowls Club Christmas Bingo is also on 9th December so do go along and have a great time.

This year Street Fair again raised a lot of money for the upkeep of the Corner House and Memorial Hall £6000 in all! Well done to all who helped in the organisation.

Things are changing a bit at the Deli and we have to say farewell to Lynne Stubbles who has been manager there for 30 years!

And CADS are holding their panto at the very end of November on 28-30 November so do go along and have a great laugh!

Happy Christmas to you all.

Susanna Finch

**Please note the deadline for articles for the Spring issue is 1st February 2025
Please send all articles to editor.chronicle@outlook.com**



A photograph is worth a thousand words

Photographs give us a glimpse into a past that is hard to recreate through words alone. As well as recording major events, they convey a wealth of social history through portraits of people, their houses and occupations. Photographs help us see what has changed but also what has remained constant over the years. Look at the picture of Dyers Hill taken in the 1890s and compare it with the one taken recently. The buildings and road layout are essentially the same and still recognisable yet there are also startling differences.

The museum is keen to make its large and fascinating archive of pictures more accessible, and eventually make them available online. So two of us have taken on the job of digitising the collection. While still preserving the physical photographs, we are working to get as much of the archive scanned, catalogued and keyworded as we can, making it easier to search through and find pictures.

A large number of photos had been scanned over recent years and these formed the basis of the first phase of the project. Keywording has taken us longer than we anticipated – it is painstaking work as there are dates and spellings to check, locations to identify and people to be named. We have also had to take into account how the names of houses and

even streets change over the years. (Market Street was once known as Observatory Street when a glass lantern was added to the Corner House roof.)

With roughly 5,000 photos already entered in the database, we are now moving on to sorting and scanning the many photos that have been kindly donated in recent years.

John Harrison is helping us with this task for which we are extremely grateful – thank you John.

Our oldest photos of Charlbury date from the late 19th century. Early photography was a job for professionals and the wealthy. We have some taken by Oxford-based photographer Henry Taunt (1842-1922), and by Frank Packer and Percy Sims who were professional photographers based in Chipping Norton. Photographers were commissioned to record special occasions like weddings or family gatherings such as that of the Horniblow family shown here.

Some make you smile, like the blacksmith at work with a small child and a dog perched on the back of a very well-behaved horse (a personal favourite). Others are very poignant – many of those who enlisted during the First World War had their portraits taken before heading to the front, some of them never to return.

Annual shows and fetes were a popular source of entertainment in the town in



Dyers Hill photographed in the late 1800s and in 2024

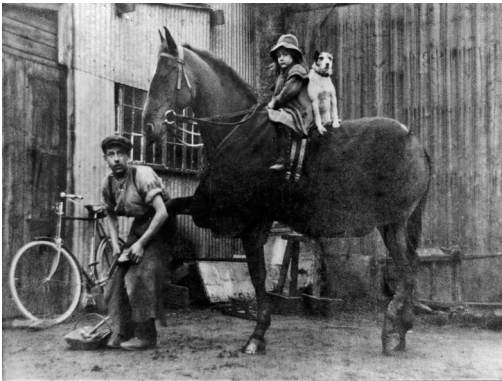
the early 1900s. We have many photos of the annual flower shows and fetes run by organisations such as the fire brigade. These often took place in the grounds of Rangers Lodge and Lee Place.

They were very popular events and everyone wore their best clothes – unless they went in fancy dress. The people of Charlbury seem to have always loved dressing up and some of the outfits and floats must have taken months to put together.

It was only with the coming of roll film that cameras became mass produced and affordable. Cameras became much more common after the Second World War and this is reflected in the number of photos taken from the 1950s onwards. Today people take snaps all the time with their mobile phones though few get printed out. So if you have recent photos which you think would be of interest for the archive please do get in touch with the museum.

info@charburymuseum.org.uk

Judy Dod



Fred Hopkins shoeing a horse in Hopkins yard



The Horniblow family in the 1890s



Dog Show at Lee Place Fete 1929



Charlbury School Football team 1970 with Mr Asbridge, head



Charlbury Probus Club

2024 has been a tough year for Charlbury Probus Club. Having lost our 'home' at Witney Lakes Resort, where we had enjoyed many years of great lunches in beautiful surroundings, we had to wave goodbye as steeply rising fees made it financially prohibitive. We wanted to relocate our lunch meetings to Charlbury, but after a few months at The Bell again costs and lack of facilities sufficiently large for our after lunch presentations meant another relocation. Unfortunately we were unable to find what we needed in Charlbury, so we eventually moved to Sturdy's Castle at Kindlington, where we were welcomed with open arms and rewarded with excellent lunches, friendly service and perfect facilities.

This year we have had a run of really good presentations on subjects ranging from Education and Opportunity, the Lawrence Nurses, Oxfordshire Lowland Search and Rescue, the Ladies of Blenheim – Lust and Laudanum and Charlbury Community Centre. Our final presentation at our November Lunch is on Designing for Climate Change. Already for next year we have an exciting range of speakers and subjects lined up for our members and guests.

This year we have also managed, in these difficult economic times, to provide our members with the chance to enjoy an evening on the Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway, and whilst tucking into fish and chips, a chance to solve a murder mystery on the Cheltenham Fryer Train. Next year we are already planning an outing to the Birmingham Symphony Hall for an afternoon classical concert.

Membership is currently £25 per annum, and lunches at Sturdy's Castle are offered at £20 for a one course, or £27.50 for a two course meal; tea or coffee with chocolate biscuits are provided to finish off the meal. Most meals are followed by a presentation. New members are welcome: please contact Mike White on CPCKingfisher.ed@gmail.com or our Secretary Simon Handley on simon.handley8@icloud.com for further information.



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Charlbury Beer & Wine Circle

After September's meeting being largely devoted to the formalities of our AGM, October saw the first of our tasting sessions and on this occasion the presentation was given by members Andrew and Kozue. With Andrew's known passion for red wine, it was of little surprise to anyone that red was the dominant colour for the evening, with a modest concession for those wanting something with a little less colour - in the form of two very enjoyable rosés. At the end of the evening, the consensus was that never before had a member's presentation featured such a wide variety of prices - with a range of £40 from the lowest priced to the highest and the wines coming from Aldi, Majestic and Virgin Wines. Of the five reds tasted, there were various favourites, of course, with an Argentinian Cabernet Sauvignon from Aldi suiting some and others preferring the same variety from Chile via Virgin Wines. However, the star of the show was surely another offering from Virgin in the shape of an award-winning Nauna Primitivo from Puglia, with tastes of dried fruit and smokiness on the nose - and packing a mighty 16%. Thank you Andrew and Kozue for an enjoyable introduction to some very interesting wines.

In November there will be a professional tasting, presented by Preet Sahota from Edmond Wines in Newport, Salop and the following month will be our Christmas dinner when we will again be using the services of Tilia Catering from Stonesfield.

2025 will start with a member presenting their choices and then we will have return visits from local professionals Goedhuis Waddesdon, Eynsham Cellars and Haynes, Hanson & Clark.

Our tastings are held in the Memorial Hall, usually on the third Monday of the month. Guests and new members are

always welcome but we do ask that you tell us of your wish to attend.

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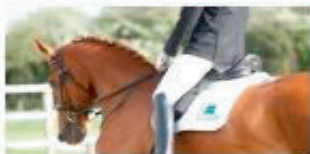
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News from the Charlbury Deli & Café Community owned and run since 1991

As you may have heard, it's been 'all change' at the Deli & Café this year.

First of all, Sir Stephen Bubb stood down as Chair and as a Director in July after over 3 years at the helm. And then a seismic shift occurred with our long serving Manager, Lynne Stubbles, retiring after 30 years in post, hotly followed by her Assistant, Nick Hoyle who is moving on to a new career after 6 years at the D & C. We can only wish all of them well in their various endeavours.

As you can imagine, this left us with large boots to fill so of the 3 remaining directors, I offered to take over as Chair and Hugo Pickering, who himself has been a director for 3 years, has taken over as Manager for the time being.

He will be reviewing the operation with a view to recruiting a permanent new Manager in the New Year. And of course our lovely staff have rallied round to help see the business through a period of major change in the D&C's 30+ year history. We really couldn't manage - indeed nothing would happen at all - without them!

If you're a shareholder, you'll also know that over the past year or so, we've been engaged in talks over the future of the business and a possible move from the Old Bank House - it's no secret that

our lease there has only about two and a half years left to run. I was a Director when we negotiated the lease and can hardly believe those 7+ years have gone so quickly.

All this means we can't and aren't sitting on our laurels. At the time of going to press we are looking to recruit a couple of new directors (who are all volunteers) as well as reviewing the business and setting up a 'user group'.

By the time you read this we expect to have held an inaugural meeting for the group - look out for the next one if you missed it but would still like to give us your feedback and are interested in helping to see us through the next 30 years!

Equally, none of this means we are ignoring the fact that Christmas will be rapidly upon us - as if...! So as well as all our usual fare, there will be a selection of goodies, wines, spirits and presents all designed to help your Christmas be as merry as possible. And we'll be hosting some late opening evenings and no doubt some wine tasting, including I hope some Port with a personal connection - have a look in the window!

*Rod Evans
Chair of Directors*

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Charlbury Bowls Club

Coming up in this issue from the Bowls Club: the final league positions in the Men's League, the Ladies Triples and Pairs at Leamington, the Mixed League and news regarding the Christmas Bingo.

A great achievement for the Ladies Triples and Pairs finishing as County Runners-up and their qualification for the Finals at Leamington.

Despite some great bowling neither were able to progress in their respective competitions but thoroughly enjoyed the experience and want to repeat it in 2025.

The men's league team finished the season in second place in division three by just 1.5 points.

Under normal circumstances, second place would have been enough to see us return to division two but, due to the need to re-balance the league structure, only one team was promoted this year. Consequently for next season the Men's League will continue as four divisions of 7, 6, 6 and 6 teams and we will continue in Division three.

We finished fifth in the Oxfordshire Mixed Triples League, an improvement on last year's 6th place. However, as was decided at the OMTL AGM in September, next season there will be two divisions of eight

teams, so we have retained our Division 1 status for next season.

Our Summer Short Mat teams had a season to forget. The evening league had us finish at the bottom of the league. As mentioned last issue, winning is not everything and despite competing in a very strong league we enjoyed our games. Better luck next season!

The Winter Short Mat season is now fully under way. Currently our teams are experiencing a mixture of results but we will continue to improve and enjoy playing.

Our Christmas Bingo will be held on Monday 9th December. See the poster in this issue for more details and also the posters around Charlbury nearer the date.

The club hall remains available for hire and enquiries should be addressed to:

enquiries@charlburybowls.co.uk

If anybody would like to try their arm at Short Mat Bowls, please contact us at the above email address or drop by on a Friday afternoon at 2.00pm when both formats are being played.

*Chris Webb
Secretary*

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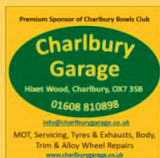
We are now accepting new recipients. Please ring Susan Merry on 07979 840438 or email susanmerry2@gmail.com.

We also urgently need an additional cook to join the team on a monthly rota. If you are able to help please contact Susan in the first place.

Charlbury Bowls Club

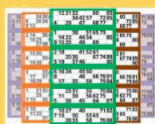
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Coffee break page

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Charlbury Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS)

Charlbury Amateur Dramatics Society or CADS as it is known by, still thrives today after almost 50 years. For many members and friends it is a family where you receive a warm welcome however you would like to contribute.

Members come from several surrounding villages including Shipton under Wychwood, Finstock, Chadlington, as well as Charlbury, alongside various ages, experiences and abilities.

As mentioned in a recent article for the Oxford Mail many thespians have been involved with the Society for decades. Our present Chair Olive Woods is serving a third term of office and the Secretary Sue Haffenden has been with CADS for over 45 years. Treasurer John Kearsley is also a longstanding committee member.

The Real Inspector Hound by Tom Stoppard was the most recent production being performed in Chadlington Memorial Hall in May 2024. Well attended and supported by the local area the matinee performance helped raise money for the Hall, besides giving complimentary tickets to the residents of the village home for the elderly.

The audience that afternoon shared tea afterwards with the cast which all thoroughly enjoyed. Having rehearsed for many fun filled months with the same group of people you really do miss them, like a family once the show is completed. However, we all look forward to the next one.

Charlbury Memorial Hall was the venue for Cagebirds by David Campton and An English Man Abroad by Alan Bennett in September 2023. Chipping Norton

Theatre, St Mary's Church Charlbury, local gardens and Festivals have hosted CADS various genres of shows. A mixture of readings and music to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee was held at St Mary's. Events are produced to help fund raise for local resources eg Charlbury Community Centre.

A Christmas or Epiphany Party as well as play readings, workshops, barbecues, and after show lunches are part of the social side of the Society. CADS have always welcomed opportunities to help raise funds for local causes.

The pandemic of 2020 did affect the groups' numbers but this is building again. Enquiries are welcomed from all however if you would like to contribute; on stage, off stage help is always needed. Which leads me on nicely to the CADS Panto at The Memorial Hall, Charlbury in November this year which we are preparing for as I write.

If you would like to find out more or have a fund raising idea please do contact our Chair ollywoods77@gmail.com.





Charlbury Pre-School News

We've had a wonderful start to the year, full of exciting adventures, learning, and community involvement! The children have settled in beautifully, and we're thrilled to share all the amazing experiences we've had so far. Here's a look back at what we've been up to and what's coming next!

Our Adventures So Far

Exploring Our Local Community:

- We've enjoyed walks around the local area, visiting the park, the community centre, the nearby church, and even taking a trip to Cornbury. These outings have been a great way for the children to learn about the world around them.

Learning About the Postal System:

- The children had fun writing their own postcards, buying stamps, and posting them home. It was a wonderful hands-on way to understand how letters and the postal system work!

Cooking Fun:

- Our weekly cooking sessions have been a hit! Through cooking, the children are learning about quantities, measurements, and numbers, all while creating delicious treats.

Celebrating Diwali:

- We hosted a special Diwali craft morning, which was extra special with parents joining us for the fun. The children loved making beautiful crafts to celebrate this important festival.

Visit from the Local Vet:

- We were lucky to have a local vet come and speak to the children about animals and how to care for them. It was a wonderful opportunity for the

kids to learn more about pets and their health.

Starting French and Spanish:

- We've introduced French and Spanish lessons, and the children are already picking up new words and enjoying the fun activities that go along with learning a new language.

Learning About Autumn:

- As the seasons change, we've been exploring the wonders of Autumn, from collecting colourful leaves to creating beautiful artwork inspired by the season.

Looking Ahead

Fire Service Visit in November:

The fire service will be visiting us in November to teach the children about fire safety. We are looking forward to their visit!

Christmas Disco:

Mark your calendars—the Christmas disco is coming soon! More details will be sent out closer to the event.

A Special Thank You

A huge thank you to Mizue, who ran the Oxford half marathon to raise funds for our preschool! Your dedication and effort mean so much to us. We also want to thank the committee for organizing a fantastic Paediatric First Aid course, which was a great success and might even become an annual event!

We've had an incredible start to the year and can't wait for all the fun that lies ahead. Thank you for your continued support!

Josie Cope



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Cotswold Line Promotion Group

CLPG have recently participated in some significant meetings with Great Western Railway. Firstly, our Chair, Colin Major accompanied the senior management of GWR and other interested bodies to the Palace of Westminster, to a meeting with all of the MPs representing constituencies served by the North Cotswold Line. The case was put for further re-doubling of the line and improvements to the service with the aim of operating a 'two trains an hour' service. That might seem like 'pie in the sky' but just consider that sixty years ago, just as Beeching was arriving on the scene, Charlbury had a train approximately every two hours, with only one in the morning running through to Paddington.

The journey time was more than two hours and there were no trains at all on Sundays. It has been a long struggle getting from one through train a day to the present hourly service but CLPG will keep working with GWR to improve things although, of course, we must wait to see the effect of the recent budget. All of the line's MPs agreed to support the proposals through Parliament.

Following on from that meeting, six management figures from GWR and Network Rail came out to Moreton in Marsh to a meeting with the CLPG Committee to discuss things of mutual interest and to listen to our concerns and suggestions. It is gratifying that both rail organisations value the presence and efforts of CLPG, and the cooperation between us. Oh that be the case with the Department for Transport also!

For the first time in a good many years, September saw CLPG take a stall at Street Fair. Our aim was to raise membership numbers, raise some funds and, of course, raise the Group's profile – the latter was achieved by our displaying posters publicising the group's origins,

aims, achievements and activities. Membership leaflets and timetables were freely handed out and readily received, with past and current copies of the Newsletter being sold, as were the much-admired '[From The Thames To The Wye](#)' books of walks between stations on the Cotswold Line.

We also had a simple 'Treasure Hunt', where visitors to our stall were invited to donate £1 – or multiples thereof – and, for each pound given, choose a square from a map of the railway line from Didcot to Hereford., with the chance of winning entrance tickets to one of the visitor attractions to be found on, or adjacent to the Cotswold Line. With prizes donated by Didcot Railway Centre, Oxford Visitor Guiding, Blenheim Palace, Oxford Bus Museum, Charlbury Museum, Cotswold Falconry Centre, Wellington Aviation Museum, Batsford Arboretum, Bourton on the Water Model Village, Severn Valley Railway and Hereford Cathedral 'Chained Library' there was surely something for everyone. CLPG thanks all of the above for unhesitatingly and generously supporting us by donating family tickets to their sites, enabling us to raise much needed funds.

It was a lot of hard work and to the questions 'was it worth it?' and 'will you do it again?', the answers must be 'yes' and 'yes'. We did gain some new members, we did raise some funds and we did raise the profile of CLPG, at the same time as helping the Street Fair Committee raise circa £6,000 to help maintain the Corner House and the Memorial Hall.

Copies of '[From The Thames To The Wye](#)' are available at 5 Market Street, formerly *Cotswold Frames*, priced at £5.00.

Brian Murray
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Wellbeing is key to the Community Workshop

It's been nearly a year now since Charlbury's Community Workshop opened its front door for 'business', so here's a quick look at what's been happening. One of our big success stories has been the number of people who have come in with a wide variety of things that need fixing: thus far, we've turned our hands to garden furniture, to ornaments, to kitchen scales and pans, to tool handles; the list goes on. We've even repaired a rucksack and a prom dress (not for the same person, though!). There have been special soft-craft sessions. And, of course, we've held two very successful sharpening days, where we've restored garden tools, kitchen knives and scissors to a usable condition.

Positive as all of that is, it's not actually what we had in mind when we first aired the idea for the Workshop a number of years ago. The concept came originally from Australia, where it was realised that a really good way of reducing social isolation is to provide a place where people can connect, enjoy conversation and be creative. People need people, and the Workshop's aim is to give anyone and everyone a place where they

can find help to improve their wellbeing by reducing loneliness.

Our problem now is reaching out to more of the people within Charlbury and the surrounding communities who could benefit from what the Workshop has to offer. People who have maybe recently lost a loved one, or are facing the challenges of retirement or redundancy, or simply have worries about their own wellbeing that they don't feel able to share. The Workshop is a friendly place to come and have a chat, a cup of coffee and even a biscuit (or two). And, if you're so inclined, it's a well-equipped place to learn, make things, repair things, and pass on your skills to other people.

Charlbury's Community Workshop is here both for ladies and for men. Come along and see for yourself what's going on. We're usually open on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, and on Thursday afternoons, or look at www.charlburycommunityworkshop.org.uk. And if you know someone who is lonely and could benefit from some camaraderie, we'll make them welcome too.

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Charlbury Town Youth Football Club is looking to fill two important club positions – Club Secretary and Facilities Manager.

The Club is entirely run by volunteers and provides football for over 100 local children between the ages of 5 to 18 years old.

The club is reaching out to the wider Charlbury community to see if there are any people who would be prepared to give up some of their time to join the committee to undertake these roles (more detailed descriptions are available on request):

Club Secretary – to coordinate with the club committee, coaching teams and league officials to register players and teams, monitor compliance with league requirements etc.

Facilities Manager – CTYFC play and train across a number of different venues, and the role will include the coordination of these (availability, equipment etc) with the coaching teams and venue stakeholders.

The role are voluntary, but essential for the ongoing participation of the local youth players.

Please contact Tom Greaves on tg.ctyfc@gmail if you would like more information.



Charlbury Street Fair

Very many thanks to everyone who helped in any way to make Street fair a success again this year! Thanks also to those who came along, despite the weather.

We will be passing a cheque of £6,000 to the trustees of the Memorial Hall and Corner House to go towards installing double glazing and better insulation in the Morris Room.

Our next event will be our Quiz in early

March and we are keen to hear your views about the format of this. Please email to tell us whether you would like the price to remain at £15 for Quiz and nibbles or, if you would like to pay more for Quiz and food.

In the past we have had this event on a Saturday, but if you would prefer a Friday, again please let us know.

Many thanks

Liz Partington (Secretary)



News from Charlbury Library

Christmas is around the corner but it feels like we've only just finished the Summer Reading Challenge! We had lots of local children signing up for the challenge, reading books over the summer holidays and collecting their stickers and rewards. We also had two Summer Reading Challenge-themed Stories & Craft sessions over the summer holidays and an Autumn/Halloween one in the October half-term. We hold these free events during most school holidays so look out for the next one which should be in February half-term.

Starting in December, there will be a Winter Mini Challenge organised by the Reading Agency, that runs through to February and is free to join. It encourages children to keep reading during those colder, darker months and they can collect rewards for logging and reviewing books. They can also unlock special badges and earn a certificate of achievement once they have reached their reading goal! This is an online only challenge, with more information at wintermini.org.uk

We've got our Christmas/Winter range of children's books out on display now, some from last year's collection and plenty of new ones too.



Look out for the Christmas craft-type books on the children's trolley or in the Junior Non-Fiction section. They're always popular and great for keeping the kids involved in making decorations and presents for Christmas and beyond.

If we don't have a title in Charlbury, we can order in from other branches which

only takes a few moments and costs £1.30 per item. Joining Oxfordshire Libraries means you can borrow from, and return to, any library within Oxfordshire for free (though some items like Audiobooks incur a small hire charge). You can join in person in any branch, or online at Oxfordshire Libraries, though you will need to go into a library to collect your library card once you've applied for it.

Susie continues to be our Digital Helper volunteer once a month on Monday mornings. You don't need to be a library customer but it's helpful if you've booked an appointment in advance (though it's worth dropping in on the off-chance she's free).

Susie will be able to spend some one-to-one time in the library with anyone looking for help, either with specific queries or just a general confidence booster with digital technology. Look out for the adverts in the library and on the Charlbury.info website for how to sign up for the next session.

Please remember to bring your library card with you if you wish to use the self-service machine during unstaffed times. The self-service machine takes debit and credit card payments, but not cash.

Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas! *Julie Ward*

*Library Manager
01608 811104*

charlbury.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk





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News from the Charlbury Patient Participation Group.

Recently CMC has successfully appointed **two additional GPs** who are keen to work in a small family practice such as ours. Dr Jakeman is already working for a few sessions before commencing employment in early November. Patients who were registered with Dr Hurney will for the most part move to Dr Jakeman's patient list. Dr Harumi's sessions will be on Tuesday and Friday starting from 11 October.

It is hoped that when fully staffed this will result in a significant increase in available appointments.

Positive and negative comments. We have recently discussed the best and most effective way for patients to comment on services received at CMC, or if necessary make a formal complaint.

This is from the newly updated feedback page on the practice website: <https://www.thecharlburymedicalcentre.nhs.uk/feedback>

“The NHS Friends and Family Test (FFT) is a way of gathering your feedback, so we can continually review our service. Your feedback will help us learn more about what you think of your experience – what you like and what you think we could improve. Ultimately, you're helping us to make changes that will ensure we can offer the best possible care. {Forms for the Friends and Family test are on the desk by reception}. “We make every effort to give the best service possible to our patients. However, we are aware that things can go wrong resulting in a patient feeling that they have a genuine cause for complaint. If this is so, we would wish for the matter to be settled as quickly, and as amicably, as possible. To pursue a complaint please contact the practice manager who will deal with concerns appropriately.”

Comments, both good and bad, and complaints can be made using the

feedback form, by telephoning and asking to speak to Kathy Gale, or in writing. All complaints of a serious nature are escalated to NHS England.

If the issue is regarding prescriptions, please ring dispensary directly and they will be able to help. Leave a message if the call is unanswered. Messages are checked frequently during the day. If regarding appointments please discuss with reception but after 10:30 am.

The practice is always pleased to receive positive feedback, letters and cards of thanks. It is important that they know when services are working well so they can build on good practice.

Vaccination clinics. Three covid and flu vaccination clinics in October were well attended and ran very smoothly. Thank you to Charlbury for helping elderly and disabled patients park near to the Sports Centre. And to the community centre for agreeing to their parking area being reserved for clinic attendees.

Do you sometimes find your call from the CMC (a No ID number) is immediately cut off? It is time consuming to have to phone to reinstate it, and annoying for the clinician to lose the slot for your consultation. You can alter your settings to accept a call from a 'No ID' number, but it is better to tell Reception that this might happen and they can ensure from their end that the call gets through.

Finally all GP Practices are concerned about the considerable additional cost of the employer NI contributions recently announced in the Budget, and the implications this has for running the Practice and recruiting new staff. You will have heard about this on the News and hopefully, by the time you are reading this, the issue will have resolved.

Nikki Rycroft, on behalf of the Patient Group Committee

Join in with others – activities and opportunities with people living with dementia and their carers in

Charlbury Memory Café

Held every first Monday afternoon in the month starting at 2.00 p.m. at the Charlbury Bowls Club, Ticknell Piece Road. Opportunity for friendly conversation and involvement in a range of seated activities including word games, dominos, speciality bingo and arts and crafts, followed by a cream tea (in all seasons!) Designed specially for people living with dementia and their carers by volunteers from St Mary's Church – just drop in. For further details contact Dementia Friendly Charlbury (details below), who help with publicity

Bowled Over sessions

Held every third Monday afternoon in the month starting at 2.30 p.m. at the Charlbury Bowls Club – friendly coaching and support from Bowls Club members. Again designed specially for people living with dementia and their carers – just drop in. No equipment needed – just bring clean flat shoes. Outdoor bowls from May to September, indoor short mat bowls in other months. For further details contact Dementia Friendly Charlbury (details below), who help with publicity.

Moving Music

Moving Music concerts combine performance by professional and other musicians of a high standard, along with sing-along songs for the audience. Refreshments are served from 30 minutes before the concerts, allowing the audience time to park, come in, settle down and socialise before the concert starts.

The concerts are held 4 times per year, on varying days of the week, with the option of attending in the morning or afternoon.

For details go to this website <http://soundresource.org.uk> and click on

Moving Music. Otherwise contact Danielle Battigelli, email: movingmusicconcerts@gmail.com Tel: 01865 251305 and ask to be put on her mailing list.

Chipping Norton Theatre

Details of relaxed performances can be found on the Theatre website: <https://www.chippingnortontheatre.com> – Your Visit - Access - Relaxed Events

Oxford Playhouse

Details of Relaxed Performances (marked R) and Dementia-Friendly Performances (marked DF) can be found on their website: <https://www.oxfordplayhouse.com> Go to Your Visit - Accessibility

Talking Objects reminiscence sessions at the Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock

Monthly group sessions for people to meet up, reminisce about the old days and share memories. Meetings are on the first Friday of each month from 10.30am - 12.30pm in the Coach House at the Oxfordshire Museum in Woodstock. Fletcher's House, Park Street, Woodstock OX20 1SN Sessions are free, but a donation of £1 per person is very much appreciated. Tea and coffee served. (Not specifically aimed at people living with dementia and their carers)

News of support services which will also be of interest

See the article submitted by All Together In Charlbury (ATIC) in this edition.

Dementia Friendly Charlbury (DFC) is a group of volunteers who want Charlbury to be a friendly and welcoming place for everyone to live, especially people with memory and thinking problems. If you have any comments or concerns to pass on to DFC, you can contact us on 01608 810192 or email us at charlburydf@gmail.com.

Meryl Smith



Charlbury Garden Society

We had an excellent turnout of members for our AGM and Harvest Supper in October. It was an opportunity to review the year's events and plan for the future. We have a very full programme ahead with a show in the Spring which is shared with the Art Society and our Annual Show at the end of the summer.

There are talks planned for this winter and we will arrange garden visits next Summer. We will organise the popular Open Gardens event in June to raise money for Street Fair and we continue to plant bulbs around town whilst planting and maintaining public spaces such as the Corner House and Memorial Hall gardens and at the station. We will also be holding plant swaps and workshops.

We said goodbye to Hugh Belshaw who is retiring from the Committee after many decades although he will continue to advise and volunteer when appropriate. If anyone with enthusiasm for gardening and good IT skills would like to join the Committee do get in touch. We also welcome volunteers who help at our events but are not on the Committee.

When the Committee does meet it is usually in our homes or in the back of the Rose and Crown and always enjoyable. After the AGM we sat at long tables in the Hall for a two course Harvest Supper with wine and John Moore set us an excellent quiz between courses. It was a marvellous community evening and people loved the decorated hall and tables which glowed with the beauties of Autumn.

On November 21st, at 7.30 Tim Mitchell from Asthall Manor is coming to talk about his approach to Organic Gardening. There will be an opportunity

to join or renew membership beforehand and at £10 for a couple and £7.00 for a single person it remains excellent value giving you 10% off at local garden centres and free entry to our talks. Our website provides more details <https://www.charlburygardensociety.org.uk/>

On January 16th 2025, Melinda Hilliard is talking about the History of garden Design- What goes around comes around and on March 20th Rachel Green is talking about Brideswell Organic gardens where gardening provides therapy for people with mental health difficulties.

We are also in the planning stages of organising a joint Garden Society and Charlbury Wildlife Society Forum on Gardening for Nature Recovery on February 27th.

This will follow on from the Nature Recovery Workshop afternoon tea event in Memorial Hall on January 11th. Our gardens are vital sources of food and support for birds, insects, amphibians and mammals.

Now with the increasing effects of climate change and environmental damage to habitats biodiversity is at serious risk. Meanwhile do let leaves lie in your garden for ladybirds, beetles, earthworms and woodlice and make piles of leaves with old branches for hedgehogs to hibernate. *Wild BBOWT Summer 2024*

On December 2nd, Matthew Franklin Maiden is leading the popular wreath making workshop at 7.00 pm in the Hall. On this festive note, a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all from the Garden Society.

Alison Derham



ST MARY'S CHURCH CHARLBURY 6th CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

We are excited about holding our 6th Christmas tree festival this year and hope you will participate by decorating a tree. The festival will run from 13th December - 2nd January 2025

As in previous years, there will be competitions and events to enjoy. Information and timings about the festival will be on the Charlbury website and in other local publications.

Ways of helping include

- Encouraging your school, charity, street, lane, friends or family to decorate a tree. Booking forms available from the Charlbury website, or Anna at the CTF email below.
- Providing help in setting up or catering support for the Festival
- Sponsoring the publicity, the opening event, the quiz or the set up of the festival

If you or your organisation want to participate in the festival this year, support us, or have any queries, please register through the QR code or contact Anna. The money raised will be donated to the St Mary's appeal and will contribute to the parish's outreach work. We would love to hear from you if you would like to be involved.

We will also collaborate with Cornerstone to support local families struggling to afford Christmas gifts for their children with the Giving Tree. Please consider stopping by the Community Centre, Cornerstone, or St Mary's to help support a local child in need!

St Mary's Church Office - Anna - charlburyctf@gmail.com
parishoffice@charlburychurch.uk



**All Together In Charlbury –
a local helping hand**

If you need:

- Transport to appointments or activities/ visits
- Occasional household tasks/gardening
- Shopping
- Help with a form or letter or something else
- Someone to pop in for a chat

Local ATIC volunteers are here to help

December Services

Sunday 1st December

- 9am Community Breakfast and Christingle making
- 10am Parish Communion with Christingle and Sunday Club
- 6pm Advent Choral Evensong

Sunday 8th December

- 10am Parish Communion with Sunday Club
- 6pm Ignite contemporary worship service

Sunday 15th December

- 10am Parish Communion with Sunday Club

Sunday 22nd December

- 10am Parish Communion with Sunday Club

Christmas Eve

- 4pm Family Carol Service
- 6pm Carol Service
- 11.30pm Midnight Communion



Christmas Day

- 8am Holy Communion
- 10.30am Christmas Day Parish Communion

Sunday 29th December

- 10am Parish Communion



Each Sunday at 8am there is Holy Communion;
a reflective, half hour service without hymns.
Each Wednesday at 9.30am there is a Holy Communion
without hymns.

See notice-board for details of other services.

Charlbury Church Services



Charlbury Baptist Church, Dyer's Hill

Contact: Secretary (01608 810107)

Sundays 10.30am. Weekly worship with Communion usually on the first Sunday of each month

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

Our garden. A place to sit quietly and enjoy at any time.

Friday 6th December: Carols and Cake 2.30pm

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www.facebook.com/dyershill/



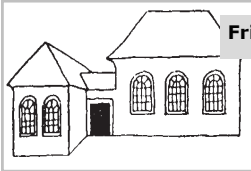
St Mary's C of E Church, Church Street

St Mary's Church, Charlbury and All Saints Shorthampton

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

Parish Office (01608 810230)

www.stmaryscharlbury.co.uk



Friends' Meeting House, Market Street

Meeting for Worship at the Friends Meeting House

Sunday mornings 10.30am

For further details contact Sue Terry (01608 811033)

email: sueeterry@btinternet.com

You are very welcome to join us



Methodist Chapel, Fishers Lane

Sunday services at 10.30am

Further information from Gill Grason (01608 810154)



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

Wednesday Mass: 9.15 am (followed by Adoration/ Benediction) except in Lent when Stations of the Cross)

Friday Mass: 9.15 am

Sunday: 9.15 am Parish Mass.

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

Churches Together in Charlbury

In July we elected a new government. The new Prime Minister has announced five missions which he modestly hopes will change the country for the better. Two thousand years ago, one of the first Christian missionaries, St Paul, travelled through the Roman empire preaching the new faith. When he reached Thessalonica in mainland Greece, he and the small group of Christians there were accused of turning the world upside down – a bit more than Sir Kier Starmer is expecting.

At the time of writing this the UN conference on biodiversity is taking place in Colombia. If anything needs turning upside down it is our attitude towards the natural world that nourishes and sustains us.

The extinction of species, the takeover of land for intensive farming, the plunder of fish stocks and damage to the sea bed, the clear felling of forests should alarm us and provoke us to change our habits rapidly. The UN conference on climate change taking place in Azerbaijan in November should reinforce the urgency of our situation.

It takes courage to change, belief that change is possible and hope that together we can make a difference. This is something that members of churches and other faith groups know well although we haven't always lived as if we believed it. When governments and commercial enterprises see that people are determined to change, their attitudes change. We may not feel we are turning the world upside down but many small

changes to the way we live, the food we eat, the clothes we wear, the way we spend money, can make a profound difference to the protection of our environment and future developments.

Charlbury is full of people trying to make a positive change to the world around us. Think of the CRAG committee raising money for services to refugees and asylum seekers. Think of Cotswold Wardens maintaining and protecting the rural environment. Think of all the volunteers involved in the sports clubs, the Beer Festival, the library, the Arts Festival, the Street Fair, Cornerstone and many other activities which enrich our lives and support charitable causes.

One of the things we can do this Advent is help make a collection of useful things for The Porch in Oxford. The Porch provides a day centre with meals, showers, a clothing store, access to computers and above all company and support for people without secure housing or no home at all. Information about what is needed and where to bring donations can be found in the churches, on the Charlbury website and at Cornerstone. Everything from a few biscuits or stock cubes to a box full of supplies will be useful for helping The Porch continue to offer a welcome to people who need a place to rest and be cared for over Christmas and into the New Year.

*Rosalind Scott
Secretary to Churches Together in
Charlbury*

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

Font Cafe

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

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

Calling all teenagers

We are excited to announce the launch of the all-new **CHARLBURY YOUTH CLUB!**

For the past couple of years, there's been a drop-in youth session running on Friday evenings at the Community Centre – the new Charlbury Youth Club continues to offer this, and so much more!

Charlbury Youth Club (CYC) is led by Bryanna Bone, our Youth Ambassador. Many of you will know Bryanna from the years she's spent running similar child and youth activities in the town. It's vital in a town the size of Charlbury that we have a vibrant, popular and successful youth club offering a range of activities that enrich the lives of our young people. CYC enables youth in Charlbury and surrounding areas to pursue interests and look at careers they may otherwise never see, giving people of all backgrounds the chances in life they all desperately need. CYC offers connection and mentorship, providing younger generations who are struggling, the support they need with social media, climate anxiety and lack of economic opportunity.

Following our first community-wide event led by Bryanna and 14 of our youth at the Halloween Haunt, we are proud to announce our first tranche of regular events:

Youth Badminton Club

Tuesdays 5–6 pm at Charlbury Community Centre

Challenge your mates to a badminton match! Hone your skills with training from seasoned players. No experience or equipment needed – just turn up and play!

We're looking for two additional adult volunteers to help support this club one Tuesday a month. If you're interested, please email Bryanna.

Pizza & Paradoxes

Tuesdays 7.30-8.30 pm – see website for venue

This new Youth Philosophy Club features free pizza and engaging discussions on critical thinking and philosophy. This is a fun opportunity for deep conversation in a relaxed setting.

Youth Art Club

Wednesdays 7–8.30 pm in the Art Room (at the back of the Corner House)

The YAC is already off to a fantastic start, and there's still room for more young artists to join! With help from talented Charlbury Art Society volunteers, budding artists can work on their personal or GCSE art projects, be mentored by professional artists – and go on trips to art museums and galleries. No equipment needed – just bring your enthusiasm!

Charlbury Youth Club Drop-in Session

Fridays 7–9pm (school term times) at Charlbury Community Centre

For anyone and everyone in Year 7–12, come to the Friday Night Drop-In at the Community Centre! Chat with mates in the café – play table tennis, shoot hoops or practise your penalty shots – play games – take advantage of mentoring.

For all sessions, drop in on the day or email youthclub@charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk.

Keep up-to-date

Web:

www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk/charlbury-youth-club-cyc/

Insta: www.instagram.com/charlburyyouth/

Facebook: 'Charlbury Youth Club'

Parent and guardian sign-up: <https://tinyurl.com/CbyYthClubReg>

Help us thrive

“Everything’s so expensive these days” – something we all say all the time – and that includes running a youth club! Could you help by contributing towards our costs? Our two main expenses are:

- administrative (scheduling, programme planning, event planning, marketing, safeguarding, networking, fundraising, etc.); and
- costs associated with running specific Youth Club programmes (venue hire, equipment and materials costs, costs of youth workers and volunteers).

A group of community volunteers under the aegis of the Thomas Gifford Trust (TGT) employ our Youth Ambassador on a part-time basis. To put on our current programme, we need £15,645 in the first year. Through donations from TGT, the Glasgow Foundation, Cottsway Homes and Cllr Liz Leffman’s discretionary grant, we’ve raised a fantastic £11,520. We

need a further £4,125 to be able to complete our offer. *Please visit our crowdfunding page <https://www.spacehive.com/charlbury-youth-ambassador> and join the generous souls who’ve already helped us towards our goal.*

All being well, we plan to bring even more clubs to the town soon, for example: a club specifically for girls, a club for boys’ issues, an LGBTQI+ club, a climate action group, a junior leadership programme, a cooking club – even a drone football club.

Looking forward to meeting you soon!

Bryanna Bone – Youth Ambassador – Charlbury Youth Club

youthclub@charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk
www.charlburycommunitycentre.org.uk/charlbury-youth-club-cyc/



A poster for the Youth Art Club. The background is light green with various art supplies like paint palettes, brushes, and tubes of paint scattered around. The text is centered and reads: "youth art club" in a cursive font, "EVERY WEDNESDAY 7:00-8:30PM YEAR 7-12" in a sans-serif font, "Art Room, Corner house" in a cursive font, "A SAFE AND SUPPORTIVE SPACE TO EXPLORE YOUR ARTISTIC TALENTS" in a small sans-serif font, and "YOUTHCLUB@CHARLBURYCOMMUNITYCENTRE.ORG.UK" in a sans-serif font.



A poster for the Youth Badminton Club. The background is dark green with white and yellow accents. The text is in white and yellow. It reads: "YOUTH BADMINTON CLUB" in large white letters, "TUESDAYS 5-6PM" in white letters, "CHALBURY COMMUNITY CENTRE" in white letters, "Join us for weekly badminton training sessions and improve your skills!" in white letters, "want to coach?" in white letters, "YOUTHCLUB@CHARLBURYCOMMUNITYCENTRE.ORG.UK" in white letters, and "MUNITYCENTRE.ORG.UK" in white letters. There are illustrations of badminton rackets, a shuttlecock, and silhouettes of people playing badminton.

CHRISTMAS AT ST TERESA'S



You are invited to
CAROLS FOR GAUDETE SUNDAY

Sunday, 15th December, 3pm
St Teresa's Church
(corner of Sheep St and Fisher's Lane)

MASS OF CHRISTMAS NIGHT
with carols

24th December, 8pm

MASS OF CHRISTMAS DAY

25th December, 9.15am

Charlbury Society

Our excellent programme this season continues at 7.30pm on Zoom in the three winter months, with a lecture on the 5th December by Paul Booth on recent findings of a Romano-British rural settlement, near Chipping Norton; followed on the 9th January by Sharon Connelly, who will introduce us to the women who controlled the politics of the turbulent 12th century in England, a time of conflict and lawlessness.

In February, Bill King will tell us about Coleshill, the top secret training headquarters of the auxiliary army in the Second World War, established should an invasion take place, known later as Dad's Underground Army.

The Society is keen to appoint a chairperson to take over from me in the early summer 2025, when my tenure comes to an end. The role includes chairing each meeting, with a brief

introduction to the speaker, being responsible for 4-5 committee meetings a year, with some administrative work to support the AGM, and, with others, drawing up and organising the programme of eight talks a year, as well as planning an annual outing and social events.

In all this I am very well supported by a committee secretary, finance and membership secretaries, a Zoom host, and others who contribute to the running and publicity of the lecture series and social events.

If you feel you would be interested in taking on this role, possibly shadowing me during the season, please do contact me, either at a talk, or by email to chair.charlsoc@gmail.com

Nikki Rycroft
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The Cotswold Wardens: steps for slippery slopes

This year, the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens have been making improvements to the footpaths through Wigwell. In the spring, we rebuilt the permissive path through the swamp below the burial ground, and during the summer we were kept busy for several work-party sessions installing the flight of steps up the steep slope beyond the brook.

If you haven't already tried them out, they have made getting up the bank there much easier.

The materials for the permissive path were paid for by the Evenlode Catchment Project, while funding for the Wigwell steps came from two sources: from local councillor Liz Leffman, who gave a generous sum from her discretionary allowance, and the rest from the Oxfordshire Trust for the Environment [TOE]. Thanks to both for helping us to keep our Public Rights of Way useable year-round, working in close cooperation with OCC.

And there's more to be done! As well as maintaining the Rights of Way and permissive footpaths around Charlbury, our area covers South Warwickshire as far as the M40, and during the autumn, we carried out a major reconstruction project on another flight of steps up to the windmill near Tysoe.

The last time we worked on those steps was about 20 years ago, but time and weather have taken their toll of the timber.

Aside from that, we have spent a lot of time and energy clearing footpaths of vegetation that has loved the constant

rain. This can't be said by those wardens who lead guided walks, though! Underfoot conditions can become tricky – so all the more reason for the Wardens to try to sort out the slippery bits.

The Wardens' walks programme for the winter months is never as full as those during the summer, but please keep checking www.cotswolds-nl.org.uk and follow the guided walks link. There will be pre-Christmas walks, a snowdrop walk, a walk from the Cotswold Distillery and more – with dates still to be confirmed.

Some of you may have noticed copies of the *Cotswold Lion* in the Community Centre. Full of interesting articles, the *Lion* no longer carries a list of future guided walks, so check the website. The *Lion* is free, so please pick one up if you spot one.



Rosemary Wilson and Simon Walker



New Beginnings at Charlbury Primary School

Autumn Term is always an exciting time in Reception Class. We welcome our new children and families and help them all settle into school life.

Here are some of the exciting things we have got up to so far this year...

Making Friends:

We have made lots of new friends and have enjoyed playing with them. In our provision we enjoy activities like making music, role playing characters from stories, building, water play and riding the wheeled toys.

Outdoor Learning:



We love our Outdoor Learning experiences and we are lucky to work with Little Wild Things and visit their site at Little Cranehill

Copse. One of our favourite sessions this term was Hedgehogs and as well as exploring a Hedgehog Hospital and making worm soup, we brought some Hedgehog learning back to school in our art and design activities.

Show and Tell:



Every week one group can bring in a special object to share with the class. This is a great opportunity to develop speaking and listening skills. So far this year we have seen lots of special items the children

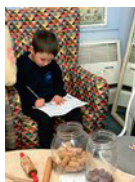
have brought from home and they have been able to explain why they are special and answer questions from their friends.

Rewards and treats:

We enjoy collecting marbles for

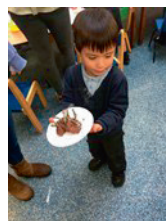
displaying our amazing behaviour, hard work and kindness in school. We filled the whole jar and chose to have a trip to the park as our reward. We enjoyed climbing, sliding, swinging, playing football and going on an autumn walk through the woods. We also enjoy being part of whole school assemblies where we get recognised for our learning behaviours with certificates from Mrs Robertson.

Drawing Club:



We have enjoyed starting our writing journey by learning new sounds in our daily phonics sessions. We also have enjoyed joining "Drawing Club" which is the opportunity for the children to respond to stories by drawing characters, settings and events. We have created masterpieces like our own Loch Ness monster and designed a menu for the Tiger who came to Tea.

Stay and Play:



We ended the term with a lovely stay and play session when our parents and carers came to school and joined in some activities. It was lovely to see the children working with each other and the adults.

I am so proud of the whole class for how well they have settled into school life and how they are already proving that they are amazing at learning. A huge thanks also goes to the parents who have been supportive to the children and the school. I can't wait to see what adventures we will go on next...

*Rachel Claridge
Reception Class Teacher*



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

New Councillor in town

We welcome Jack Wells to the Council this month. As a young person living in Charlbury he is keen to work with other young people to ensure the town has something for everyone. We all look forward to working with him

Parking

A major piece of work undertaken by the Town Council over the last few months has been on the increasing problem of parking in Charlbury. We have worked closely with Oxfordshire County Council to draw up a draft resident's parking scheme. This is currently out for consultation with a closing date for submissions of 22nd November. Whether you love or hate the idea please submit your views here: https://letstalk.oxfordshire.gov.uk/charlbury_parking2024

We want to hear from as many residents as possible so we have a truly representative view.

Further work on parking has consisted of a survey of how Spendlove car park is used as well as talking to businesses about where their staff and customers park. NEWS FLASH (which surprised us all) -there was no evidence of people parking at the Spendlove car park to go to the station! We did find, however, that people drove very short distances to go to the Co-op.



**CHARLBURY
COMMUNITY
WORKS!**

Charlbury Community Works! is another new initiative from the Town Council. We are encouraging residents to get involved in their area of town, with clearing leaves and snow, sprinkling salt, clearing

soil and weeds and cutting back their own hedges where they are overhanging paths or pavements. Town Councillors with support from residents have made a start along The Slade and we would love for you to work with your neighbours to give a bit of TLC to the area outside your house. We would like to invite you to send in photos if you get out and do a session with your neighbours – to celebrate this community spirit and care of your area. It would be amazing if you could, thank you!

Councillors are also holding leaf clearing sessions on Saturday mornings where they identify a specific area of Charlbury each time. Please keep an eye out for the sessions on charlbury.info and social media as we would welcome your help.

Walkers are Welcome

Thanks to matched funding from Cotswold National Landscape, we are reinvigorating our Walkers are Welcome initiative.

If you have been down to Wigwell Nature Reserve recently you will have seen the much-improved surface to the path, installed by the Cotswold Wardens. We are also about to print a new Walkers are Welcome map to be displayed outside the Co-op and on the noticeboard at the station (thanks to our resident map expert Richard Fairhurst). Revised Walkers are Welcome leaflets and more copies of the updated Town Trail will follow shortly. And finally, you may have seen the interpretation boards that have been installed at Mill Field and Centenary Wood. Hopefully they won't be bare for much longer but will have lots of interesting information





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and pictures on—the result of the hard work of Christine Elliott and Frances Mortimer.

Solar Panels

The Town Council's Buildings Team is facilitating a project for residents to explore the benefits of installing solar panels on their properties and also investigating if multi-installation discount can be obtained. We have received six enquiries so far and are awaiting comparative prices from potential installers for five properties. **Please note, the Town Council is not funding or managing this project but just acting as an intermediary.**

If you are interested in having solar panels installed, please contact arthur.sinclair@charlbury-tc.gov.uk. He can give you more information on how to go about this.

Speeds

Following the success of second Speed Indicator Device (SID), purchased last year and the support of our Community Speedwatch team in moving it around town, the Town Council has agreed to buy a third SID. This will display (and record) vehicle speeds on roads -you may have seen the data published on charlbury.info and charlbury-tc.gov.uk. There are increasing calls from residents to have the SID placed on their roads because it does make a difference to speeds and thus to pedestrian safety.

Honoured Citizen Awards 2025

We invite you to nominate a star in the community for an Honoured Citizen Award. Is there someone who has gone above and beyond for many years and you think they should be recognised for their invaluable contribution to Charlbury? The nomination must be

backed by a seconder and you can submit your application here: <https://charlbury-tc.gov.uk/honoured-citizen-award-scheme/> or ask Lisa for a hard copy form. Closing date for nominations is 31st March and the awards will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting on 25th April.

Permissive paths

Permissive paths through Nine Acres Recreation Ground and from the Cemetery extension to the bottom of Pound Hill (part of one of the Gateway Walk routes) will be closed all day on Wednesday 8th January 2025 in accordance with recommended practice to ensure that the accesses retain their permissive status. Similar closures of permissive paths through Wigwell will occur on the same day by order of the Wychwood Forest Trust. Residents with gates opening onto Oxpens Allotments, Nine Acres Recreation Ground and Wigwell are also reminded that these do not constitute a Right of Way. The permissive path between Hundley Way and Banbury Hill Farm (and the Old Shed) will also be closed on Wednesday 8th January 2025.

Charlbury Christmas market

Don't miss the special Christmas market from 9.30am until 12 midday on 21st

December in the Memorial Hall. Buy your last-minute Christmas gifts and some indulgent food to save your cooking for the big day





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The last regular Saturday Market, the local food market held outside Charlbury Community Centre, was held on 19th October and will return again when the weather gets warmer next spring. Keep an eye on: <https://charlbury-tc.gov.uk/charlbury-market/>.

Thanks to all the amazing volunteers that have helped out all season. You may have seen that the delicious bakery stall, selling Missing Bean produce, was staffed by local people and all profits are going to local good causes.

And finally.....

**Talk to
us!**

We want you to talk to us and we would love to let you know what we are doing . This is how you can do it:

- Monthly Councillor surgeries
- Weekly Town Clerk presence at the Community Centre
- Social media #charlburytowncouncil
- Public time at Council meetings
- Annual Parish Meeting
- Annual Town Survey
- Charlbury alert system (sign up to receive emails via the Town Council website)

Details for all of these can be found at charlbury-tc.gov.uk, on social media or by phoning the town clerk (phone number at the top of this article)

*Lisa Wilkinson
Town Clerk*



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News from the Land and Nature Group (LNG) Meadow on the Mill Field

The Mill Field Meadow restoration project continues. It has just been cut (mid-October) and the next stage is sowing more yellow rattle seed to suppress the growth of grasses to enable wildflowers to be sown and flourish (thus improving biodiversity). Thanks to Sustainable Charlbury for their funding of this project.



Volunteers in action on the Mill Field

Nature recovery

The Nature Recovery Framework (for Charlbury, Fawler and Finstock) is still out for consultation. The framework, a one-page summary of it and a questionnaire can be found here: <https://charlbury-tc.gov.uk/land-and-nature-team/>

This draft nature recovery plan is about creating a framework for addressing the biodiversity crisis in a systematic way in this locality. We would love to hear your views on this so please follow the link and complete the five minute questionnaire.

Charlbury's Year of Nature Recovery Launch Party Saturday 11th January 2-5pm in Charlbury Memorial Hall

2025 is Charlbury's **Year of Nature Recovery!** The LNG (and Town Council) is launching this with an afternoon tea party on 11 January in the Memorial Hall, to which organisations and groups of all types in the three parishes are invited – many of these are already doing interesting and inspiring things for nature. The event will be an uplifting and positive opportunity to come together to plan and facilitate activities that will take place through the year to not only restore nature but also build even stronger links across our amazing community. For more information see the article on page 38.

Bridewell Gardens Celebrates 30 Years of Mental Health Recovery and Launches Exciting New Transformational Campaign

Bridewell Gardens, a pioneering mental health recovery service proudly celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. Since 1994, Bridewell Gardens has been at the forefront of the field of Social & Therapeutic Horticulture in supporting people whose lives have been significantly affected by mental ill-health to work towards recovery.

"I know I wouldn't be here, if it wasn't for Bridewell and the excellent team there."

A Legacy of Healing and Growth

For three decades, Bridewell Gardens has provided a safe and nurturing environment where people can work together to create and develop a stunning walled garden and care for a 5-acre vineyard.

In the heart of West Oxfordshire, the garden is a peaceful setting where people can find tranquillity, build confidence, and develop new skills.

The combination of therapeutic gardening, personalised support, and a strong sense of community has made Bridewell Gardens a beacon of hope and healing in Oxfordshire.

"Bridewell gave me a purpose. It gave me fulfilment. It provided meaning in my life. It gave me relationships I value. It brought me even closer to nature. It provided a focus on the seasons (of the year and of life). It made me feel valued and useful."

About Bridewell Gardens

Bridewell is a mental health recovery service operating since 1994 to support adults recovering from serious mental ill health to rebuild confidence and self-esteem and to find hope in the future.

The service is part of the Oxfordshire Mental Health Partnership and receives referrals through Oxford Health, GPs, and voluntary sector organisations.

Exciting New Fundraising Campaign

In celebration of its 30th anniversary, Bridewell Gardens is thrilled to announce the launch of an ambitious fundraising campaign for a new £160k capital project within the gardens.

This project will expand its therapeutic programme to better serve the community. An overhaul of crumbling infrastructure, a new year-round activity space and outdoor kitchen and a new polytunnel to increase production of plants.

The first phase of this fundraising campaign has just been launched – a crowdfunding campaign to raise £59k for a key working space at Bridewell. See here: <https://www.spacehive.com/bridewellgardens> This campaign represents a unique opportunity for the community to contribute to the future of Bridewell Gardens and help them contribute to support people finding hope in recovery for the next 30 years.

Gratitude to Supporters

The success and longevity of Bridewell Gardens are a testament to the unwavering support from volunteers, donors, the local community, and the many people who have accessed the recovery service. The team extends their heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to these 30 years of growing and nurturing.

Join the Journey

Bridewell Gardens invites everyone to learn more about its work and support a new fundraising campaign. For more information, please visit the website at [Donate 30th Anniversary | Bridewell Gardens](#) or contact Bridewell's Communications Officer, Rachel Green, at rachel@bridewellgardens.org

"I'm still not sure what the future holds, but the main thing is I can see one now."

From County & District Councillor Liz Leffman

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I write this following the Chancellor's budget statement on October 31st. What will this mean for us in Oxfordshire? It isn't entirely clear at the moment and we will not know for certain what the effect will be on council services until December, but there was some good news.

The extra £500 million for potholes is welcome (though it won't go very far, unfortunately, as we need an extra £45 million a year to properly manage our roads in Oxfordshire alone), and the news that the government is investing in East West Rail is also very encouraging. But we have no news on what might be available to support our North Cotswold Line and I am still lobbying, along with councillors from along the line, to get the investment that we need to make this a frequent and reliable service.

An event was held by the North Cotswold Line Task Force on September 4th to show the business case to our new MPs. The MPs along the line are setting up an all-party group to lobby for improvements to the line in support of NCLTF

I am also pleased that the cap on bus fares will continue, though it's a pity that it will go up to £3 from the current £2. The capped fare is available on both the S3 and the X9 bus, and the new X9

Sunday service is being well used by local people and I hope will continue to be.

Here in Charlbury we have a very active Community Action Group (CAG) in the Charlbury Green Hub, and I am particularly pleased that OCC and the 112 CAGs across the county won a national award in the partnership category at the 2024 Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee awards in October.

Our partnership has been going strong for over 20 years, and in 2023/24 diverted around 2,000 tonnes of material from being thrown away in landfill. Charlbury Green Hub is one of the most established and active of the CAGs.

As many will be aware, there has recently been a consultation on parking in the town. The consultation closed on November 22nd. We are very fortunate to have the station as well as shops and businesses in our town, but this does pose issues around parking. I would like to thank the many people who have contributed their thoughts and ideas to the consultation.

I wish everyone in Charlbury a very happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

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Charlbury's Year of Nature Recovery Launch Party. Saturday 11th January 2-5pm in Charlbury Memorial Hall

2025 is Charlbury's Year of Nature Recovery, which is going to be launched with a (tea) party on 11th January. It will be hosted by the Land and Nature Group, which brings together some of the voices and groups involved in Nature and Wildlife activities in Charlbury and the neighbouring parishes.

In 2022 the UK signed up to the UN commitment to protect and conserve a minimum of 30% of land and sea for biodiversity by 2030: known now as "30 by 30"! That means we have just 6 years left in which to deliver this goal. In this area we are fortunate to be surrounded by wonderful wildlife and countryside and to belong to a vibrant and active community, with a multitude of different societies, clubs and five different churches!

Many individuals, landowners and groups are already doing interesting and inspiring things for nature locally so we are really well placed to make a difference.

The Year of Nature Recovery will be an opportunity for people to help make 2025 a real community building celebration of nature and how we can make it even bigger, better and more joined up as a haven for wildlife of all sorts. We want to celebrate what is happening already to restore some of the missing wildlife, share our understanding of what history can tell us about nature in the past, and look to the future.

We want to hear what you already do and would like to do in our gardens, greenspaces and the wider landscape. We would like to hear from musicians,

writers and artists for whom nature is a source of inspiration. Nature is vital for the health and well-being of young and old, and we would really love to hear from young people in our community. We hope also that the medical centre, sports clubs, the school and the businesses across the town will also want to be involved in various ways throughout the year.

As the world feels more turbulent and with the dark days of winter on us, we want to provide an uplifting and positive opportunity to come together to plan and facilitate activities that will take place through the year to not only restore nature but also build even stronger links across our amazing community.

The afternoon will begin with a short talk by Catriona Bass, who runs the inspirational Long Mead nature recovery project in Eynsham, who will share how the Eynsham Nature Recovery Network have built a successful 'bottom-up' approach to helping nature there.

We will also have a few pop-up speakers telling us briefly about some of the local initiatives already happening or being planned. But we really want to hear from you and how you would like to contribute over the year ahead, as creatively as possible, over tea and coffee and of course this is Charlbury so..... There will be cake!

If you want to be involved and have not already been approached through any of the local societies or clubs, then please contact Lisa Wilkinson, the Town Clerk, who will make sure that you are kept up to date with plans and activities.

Anne Miller



Charlbury Refugee Action Group

CRAG

For those of you new to Charlbury, or to 'The Chronicle', first of all, welcome! And a brief introduction to CRAG. We are a registered charity that raises funds in and around Charlbury by organising events for the benefit of refugees. We also raise awareness about the difficulties faced by asylum seekers and refugees in this country and abroad.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our supporters in Charlbury and beyond, we have so far raised over **£160,000** and been able to help refugees facing appalling conditions and fleeing wars in many countries.

In September, we welcomed **Dr Lizzie Alarcon-Clark** who gave a very informative talk about her recent experience as a medical volunteer in Calais for **FAST** (First Aid Support Team), a small NGO providing essential medical care to displaced people. Due to the generosity of those who attended, £330 was donated directly to FAST.

Also, thanks to your kindness in September, we were able to send another sizeable collection of clothes, tents, bedding and hygiene items to **Care4Calais**, one of our partner charities.

Our **24/25 Concert Season** kicked off in October with a delightful programme of works by Bach, Handel and Purcell performed by four world-class musicians. This raised over **£2,000 for Refugee Resource in Oxford** which helps refugees, asylum seekers and vulnerable migrants build meaningful lives as part of the wider community. A speaker from Refugee Resource came to tell us more about this organisation at CRAG's AGM in October.

In November, we welcomed cellist Caroline Dale and pianist Paul Turner who gave us a wonderful concert with works by Bach, Bruch, Rachmaninov and Chopin.

We round off this year's fundraising with another unmissable event as we prepare to welcome renowned baritone Roderick Williams and pianist Susie Allan to the Memorial Hall for a Christmas-themed concert on December 8th at 6pm.

Complimentary mulled wine and home-made mince pies will be available after the concert. Tickets are £17 (£5 for under15s). Preparations are also well on the way for a very special

GALA CONCERT on January 25th at 6pm with THE KING'S SINGERS.

It is a great honour to have this iconic and internationally acclaimed 'a capella' group here in our Memorial Hall. We were amazed to hear that their concerts preceding the Charlbury show are in the Vienna Konzerthaus and London's Wigmore Hall, and they then go on to perform in premier venues in Mexico and the USA! This will be an eclectic programme of favourites from their varied repertoire.

Tickets for this Gala Concert are £30, (£15 for under 15s) and include complimentary refreshments. Places will be limited, so advance purchase is advisable!

Tickets for all concerts available at charlburyrefugee.org or from No.5 Market St, Charlbury (formerly Cotswold Frames). Enquiries to angelagwatkin@gmail.com.

January also sees the return of the legendary **CRAG Bring and Buy Sale**, always an absolute treasure trove of bargains. Keep an eye out for posters with further details!

To find out about further events or become a member of CRAG please visit

charlburyrefugee.org or email charlburyrefugee@gmail.com

Felicity Brooks



Priority Services Register (priority support for eligible electricity, gas and water customers)

The Priority Services Register (PSR) is a scheme to ensure that people on the Register receive priority support and information if they are ever without electricity, gas or water either in an emergency or because of planned work. The service also helps utility companies to look after customers who have extra communication, access or safety needs and to tailor their services to support households who need extra help with everyday energy matters like bills.

You're eligible for free PSR services if you meet any of the following criteria:

- Are of pensionable age
- Live with any children under 5
- Have a hearing or sight condition
- Have a disability or chronic illness
- Have a loss or impairment of smell
- Temporarily need extra support
- Have anxiety, depression or any mental health condition
- Need documents translated into another format or language
- Use medical equipment reliant on electricity or water

The PSR is completely free and confidential. To register you can:

- Fill out an online form at www.thepsr.co.uk or
- Call your gas or electricity supplier who will sign you up to the PSR over the phone.

Local partnership to help older people and their carers stay safe and warm in their homes

AgeUK Oxfordshire (AUKO) has set up a new partnership with SGN, aimed at providing essential support to older people and their carers, to ensure that they can stay safe and warm in their

homes. This partnership will focus on delivering vital information, entitlements and tools. SGN, a leading gas distribution company, will work closely with AUKO to offer practical assistance and resources.

Key initiatives will include:

- Carbon monoxide (CO) safety: Raising awareness of the dangers of CO and distributing free carbon monoxide detectors to the most vulnerable.
- Benefits and entitlements advice: Providing in-depth advice to those living with dementia and their carers.
- Safety devices: Sharing information about a free gas safety device primarily for those living with dementia.
- The Priority Services Register: Ensuring all eligible older people are signed up.
- Home improvement information: Linking people into support service Better Housing Better Health for information about how they can make their homes both warmer and more energy efficient.

To access support, people can contact AgeUK Oxfordshire on 0345 450 1276 or by emailing contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk. People living with dementia and their carers can also find out more by contacting Julia Burgess, our local Dementia Oxfordshire Adviser. tel:07827 235451 or email: julia@dementiaoxfordshire.org.uk

Support for unpaid adult carers

Carers Oxfordshire is a service aimed at supporting anyone who is 18 or over and caring without payment for another



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adult, child or both, who relies on them for help to do everyday things. They have recently updated their Support Guide, which gives a brief overview of the support services they provide. If you would like a copy, call 01235 424 715 or email carersinfo@carersoxfordshire.org.uk. Alternatively you can view it online by visiting www.carersoxfordshire.org.uk/support-guide. If you know someone who cares for a friend or loved one please share these details with them so they can learn more about how Carers Oxfordshire can support them

Caring for your feet

AgeUK Oxfordshire is preparing to bring its Foot Care Service to Witney in the New Year. Trained staff will trim and file toenails and give a gentle foot rub with cream to moisturise and prevent dryness or itching. All treatments will take place in a private room, take around 20–30 minutes and cost £17 (plus a one-off fee of £15 for equipment on a first visit).

The Witney Clinic will be at the Witney Community Support Centre in Moorlands Road OX28 6LS (a turning off Welch Way) – just round the corner from the Witney Community Hospital

To book or register an interest, email footcare@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk or call 01865 717615

Help from ATIC and for ATIC

And finally, don't forget – to ask for ATIC help with transport to an appointment, with a practical task or someone to come to have a chat from time to time call **01993 776277**. This will get you to the staff of Volunteer Link-Up who kindly act as our call centre and who will see if one of our local volunteers can meet your request. The phone line is staffed

from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. Monday to Friday with a regularly-checked answerphone when staff are not available.

We will always welcome new volunteers to help us provide our service. By volunteering for ATIC you will not be tied to specific days or times (unless you choose this). You can help when it suits you and your life. Feedback from clients about our services is very positive. And, in return, by being a volunteer you certainly get the opportunity to meet people from parts of the town you may not have known or visited before and to have some fascinating conversations along the way. You learn a lot about our community.

If you would like to find out more, please contact ATIC on our organisational mobile number - 07487 413892 - or email: charlburyalltogether@gmail.com.

Meryl Smith

News from Charlbury School

Welcome to a few new Governors who have recently joined our Board, namely Chase Allmark (Parent Governor) link role being Health and Safety, Michelle Allmark (Parent Governor) link role being SEND, Rev Fergus Butler-Gallie (Community Governor) link role being Staff and Children Well Being and Rosalyn Hartley (Staff Governor). We say farewell to Rachel Claridge (Staff Governor) for her many years of valuable expertise and contribution to the Board of Governors. She remains with the us at CPS as Reception Teacher and Curriculum Lead. Farewell also to Emily Lewis-Edwards (Parent Governor) and hugely thank her for her time as Vice Chair and Finance and Resource Governor, being succeeded by Emma Webster (formerly SEND link Governor). Our next LGB meeting is on Thurs 5th Dec.

Kim Harrison

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Sunday 1st December Christmas Fayre 'NOT IN STEAM'

Annual Christmas Fayre 11.00am to 4.00pm.

Don't miss out, come along and bring the children - Listen to a story with Santa - get a present, (book a slot from Combe Mill Web Site) Browse the Christmas Market Stalls for a Christmas gift, enjoy a BBQ, Mulled Wine & Chestnuts, Tea Room Open, Raffle with fantastic prizes, Tombola and Gift Shop..

Combe Mill's blacksmiths will be in the Forge to make pokers, with VIEWING ONLY in the Mill, no machinery operating.

Blacksmiths items on sale, made by our very own blacksmiths, make a very popular gift for Christmas.

Combe Mill, a late 19th Century Restored Water Mill on Blenheim Palace Estate by the River Evenlode. Come along and see the Blacksmiths in the forge you might just be able to make a poker.

Dog on Leads most welcome.

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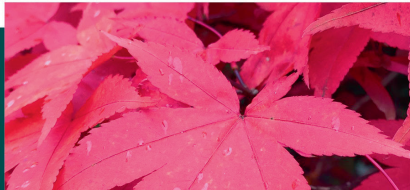


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- Or maybe you just need a quiet place to relax, a calming, scented corner, just for you?



I can provide a full garden design, planting plans or a simple garden report - some ideas of how you could best use your outdoor space and the types of plants that you like and would suit the environment.



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Help run the Corner House – and come to our public meeting

The Corner House and the Memorial Hall are resources that belong to the town and are there to promote the Common Good. Management of the buildings is delegated to the Corner House and Memorial Hall Trust, a registered CIO charity. That is run by a very small number of voluntary trustees – at the moment only five people.

The buildings are very definitely part of the life of the town and are used every single day. But we all know they could and should be improved.

That is especially so for the Corner House itself, which needs some internal redesign, better insulation and heating, and something of a facelift. There are some repairs to the walls and windows that need attention. And there is a big

request to bring another important Charlbury activity into the buildings.

All this is a big burden to place on five voluntary trustees. We have our plans, so we know what to do, but we do need some additional support.

Are you willing to join us in our endeavours? Please contact me if you would like a discussion about possibly becoming a trustee (roy@royscott.uk).

The trust offers a public meeting once a year when everyone can hear what is going on and have an opportunity to raise questions or concerns. This year's meeting will be on Wednesday December 4, in the Memorial Hall. Do come if you can.

Roy Scott



CHARLBURY COMMUNITY DIRECTORY

Please note that it is the responsibility of each organisation listed in the Community Directory to notify any changes to the Editor

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Charlbury Art Society (CAS) Joanna Shakir

secretary@charlburyarts.co.uk

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Charlbury Beer & Wine Circle - Brian Murray
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PCSO News

Tool thefts from trades vehicles and garden sheds has reared its ugly head again.

Please be aware if you have an old style Land Rover Defender. They're either being stolen without keys, which would suggest they're being hotwired or they are being stripped for parts. People are now reverting back to the old way of securing them. Steering wheel locks, gear stick locks and pedal locks and wheel clamps.

Number plate thefts are still occurring. Southcombe Garage will fit anti-theft number plate screws free of charge. Please call ahead to book in.

Please be aware of scam calls. We always have an increase in calls this time of year from scammers pretending to be from the police or the bank telling you to move money to another account or withdraw money. The Police and the bank, or any professional agency will not request this. The best advice we can give people is that, as soon as someone asks you anything about your money or personal account, treat this as a scam call and hang up. If you are concerned, call the police or bank using a different phone.



Please encourage people to sign up for TVP alerts, it's really the new neighbourhood watch and a great way to be kept up to date with what's occurring in the area. The easiest way to do that is to scan the QR code.

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