



Chippy inspired

Team GB's Olympic success and the volunteering spirit sees this month's *News* full of local stories of inspiration and effort.

Raising the bar

Leading the way are Chippy's football club up a Division, and local cricket teams winning their Leagues. Our local Four Shires swimmers report an Olympic boost with more membership enquiries and 44 locals into the Oxford annual club championships. CN Town Swifts were awarded FA Charter Standard status and now have the Swifts Soccer School, for boys and girls aged 5-9 years – all about making friends, improving fitness and having fun.

Just do it!

Our badminton, bowls and golf clubs all want to get you interested ... and the gym at the Leisure Centre is being redecorated with new equipment installed. The Town Council's Recreation Committee starts the search for the next Town Sports Award winners this month. Could you be one? Local schools are all at it, with reports of an Olympic themed sports day, taster sessions for hockey, martial arts and boxfit, football tournaments, and a sports trip to South Africa – who said competition was dead?

Generations inspired

'In the Spotlight' has local lass Victoria Bartholomew's inspiring story as a GamesMaker at the Paralympics. Chippy heroes are off cycling in Cambodia and running a half marathon for charity. Rotary's Jazz Day is supporting Riding for the Disabled (Chipping Norton was one of the first

Jubilation!



GCSE celebrations at Chipping Norton School – full report p6.

branches). Last but not least Stuart Rigg, after a severe stroke in his mid 50s is 'back to work' getting fit – with great help from the Leisure Centre, regularly cycling 5 miles, foot strapped to the exercise bike and putting many of us to shame!

It's all in this month's *News*. Readers inspired by the Olympics to get more sporty are urged to visit WODC's online directory of sports clubs – www.westoxon.gov.uk/sportsdirectory

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Cottsway explain the Vernon and Churchill House saga. Canon Weston's on the move.
Town Council's £15000 tip 'ransom'.

All change for village pubs

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



The long distance Paralympic GamesMaker

Local Chipping Norton lass Victoria Bartholomew tells the News about her summer experience as an Olympic GamesMaker.

Inspired by Dame Tanni

Following a television news article and listening to Eddie Izzard and Dame Tanni Grey-Thomson, I was inspired to apply to be a GamesMaker for the 2012 Olympics. At the time I was at school studying for GCSEs. I had completed the application online and made reference to the fact that I had helped with Arts Week at Penhurst School as part of work experience. It was in November 2011 before I heard that I had been selected. A short while later I received an email asking me to attend for an interview. I travelled up to Canary Wharf by train and was amazed at the wonderful reception I was given. Everyone was very friendly. A few weeks later I received an email from the organisers telling me I had been selected for the Paralympics 2012 and the training began.

Winter training

By this time I was a second year student at Oxford Cherwell Valley College studying for my BTEC in Travel and Tourism and I found the Olympic training experience helpful in my studies, which I'm sure helped me gain my BTEC with distinction.

The training was held over the winter and spring. One Saturday night we had had very heavy snow but this didn't stop me, I attended the Sunday training with the help of my brother Richard and his four wheel drive taking me to Banbury to catch the train. The Olympic Committee gave me an Oyster Card for London Transport for the duration of the Paralympics. I purchased a short season ticket for my journeys to and from Banbury to Marylebone. A spreadsheet was emailed to me with my shift pattern and I realised I would have some very early starts!

Long shifts and a goodiebag

Most of my shifts were from 7am, this would mean starting from Chipping Norton at 4.30am. Fortunately I passed my driving test in August and was able to drive myself to Banbury to catch the train to Marylebone and then it was 13 stops on two tube trains to Stratford. Eight days in total. On Saturday 25 August I travelled up to the Uniform Distribution Accreditation Centre (UDAC) in east London to collect my uniform and complete my training at the Olympic Park. I was presented with a huge bag of goodies which included two sets of uniform, a pair of trainers, a shower proof jacket, umbrella, Swatch watch, shoulder bag and much more.

Working in security

Every day was a wonderful experience and very different to how I'd imagined it would be. Very often when I was on the train another GamesMaker would come and sit next to me

and strike up a conversation and share their experiences of the Olympic Park, all positive and everyone seemed really happy to be a part of it all. I was given a meal card each day and the food was excellent with something for everyone. My role was in security and my day involved helping visitors with enquiries, checking tickets and putting bags through the scanners and asking visitors to empty pockets and put everything being taken into the stadium through the scanner.

They were all were excited at the prospect of being a part of it. I could hear the crowds from where I was working and had to rely on our team leader for results.

... and watching events!

Then on Tuesday 4 September I was given a ticket for the swimming at the Aquatic Centre. I saw Ellie Simmons get her bronze medal in the women's 50 metre freestyle, Heather Frederiksen get her gold in the women's 100 metre backstroke, Oliver Hynd bronze in the men's 100 metre backstroke, Stephanie Millward silver in the women's 400 metre freestyle and Matthew Walker bronze in the men's 50 metre freestyle. Fantastic! This was very exciting.

On Thursday 6 September I was given a ticket to the athletics and saw some of the wheelchair heats. A

wonderful atmosphere. My parents travelled up with me for the final weekend and I was fortunate enough to get them tickets for the athletics which they really enjoyed.

I would like to thank my parents, family and friends who have supported me. I am very fortunate to have understanding employers (CETA Insurance) who allowed me to have the time off, which enabled me to have this once in a lifetime incredible experience. I had the time of my life!



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the site is going to go for housing with no community benefit or facilities. Mayor Martin Jarratt told the News he was personally pleased that the 'old hospital building was being retained and the plans are complementary to the area', but was disappointed there was 'not enough parking for the size of the properties' and 'no community gain for the Town. All rather as expected'. Another town councillor, David Heyes, also wrote regretting the 'opportunity lost' for community, but noted the Old Hospital building would be a centrepiece in the development. He wanted to keep pressure on WODC to preserve such 'assets of community value'. Cllr Chris Butterworth said the 'plans were reasonable and the artist's impression of the pedestrian walkway was pleasing'. He noted that the number of homes (14) fell below the normal threshold requiring community benefit but that WODC might adopt the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) whereby even small developments would be liable for putting some money back into the community. (See more on letters page)

Future unclear for empty site

With the old hospital in Chipping Norton going for housing, what will happen to the other large site (Castle View, Ambulance Station, and Chestnuts) which is being sold as a single site by Oxfordshire County Council? Will this now simply be for more housing? County Councillor Hilary Biles told Town Councillors at their meeting that a 'planning brief' had been prepared for its sale. The News understands from Jon Westerman at WODC that this is in fact a development brief from the sellers (the County) as advice to possible buyers on potential uses of the land. It suggests there could be several possible uses: housing, retail, a hotel, restaurant, employment, or community – it will be up to any buyer to propose. Any 'community use' (for example for a new Library) would, however, need funding and commitment from the County or other public bodies, and there is currently no sign of this.

WODC do say, however, that the brief includes input from the 'public consultation' three years ago and the District will expect any development proposals to be the subject of more public consultation before a formal planning application is made – so the public may still get a chance to have their say. WODC say that any proposal will simply be determined under normal national planning policies and the local Development Plan. The News understands this might be as a 'windfall' brownfield site, perhaps allowing housing, but with the District asking for some affordable housing element or financial contribution to the Town.

Vernon House plans on hold

There has been a further delay in the redevelopment of Vernon House on Burford Road. The existing building has been demolished, as seen in last month's News, in readiness for the replacement flats for Cottsway Housing Association. Planning approval was given in February this year for 21 sheltered affordable flats for those over 55 years old. However, Cottsway have been reviewing their policy for housing this age group to reflect changes in funding, which means they have submitted a revised planning application increasing the number of flats from 21 to 24. The revised plan was for a taller building with additional windows overlooking the neighbours' gardens, reducing their access to natural light. Residents made strong objections and the Town Council recommended refusal. Cllr Alexander Corfield, himself a practising architect and town planner, said the extra

height was 'a gross invasion of privacy for principally the two properties below who are already enduring additional windows



Churchill House residents – uncertain future

overlooking them at the Bell Yard development under construction'. WODC planners advised Cottsway they were recommending refusal and that the owners withdraw the revised application. They will need to redesign and resubmit. So it's back to the drawing board. The residents of Churchill House, who were due to move into the new development, are now unsure what the future may bring for them.

Cottsway Statement

*The News received the following statement from **Adrian Redmond**, Director of Property and Development at Cottsway Housing.*

Cottsway are in the middle of a long term strategy to replace our outdated sheltered housing stock with more modern, energy efficient housing suitable for the long term housing needs of Chipping Norton. The original intention was to demolish and redevelop the Vernon House site, allowing the residents of Churchill House to move into the redeveloped Vernon House or alternative suitable accommodation prior to the redevelopment of Churchill House into much needed family homes.

Cottsway were successful in securing funding from the Homes and Communities Agency for both the redevelopments however the timescales for the funding are very specific and the developments need to be finished to an agreed timeframe. Equally, we need to balance the cost of Vernon House redevelopment with the cost for our residents. The replacement building as designed was expensive and would have led to high service charges for our residents in terms of heating, lighting and cleaning the corridors.

It was therefore decided to review the design with a view to getting better value of money.

However, with the new scheme planning authority had concerns about overlooking and we are reviewing again to achieve a mutually acceptable solution for both Cottsway and our residents. This means that the completion of the redeveloped Vernon House will take longer than originally planned.

Regrettably we will need to find alternative provision for the residents of Churchill House. Having met with our residents to explain the situation, we are now working closely with them individually to seek alternative accommodation either permanently, in that alternative more suitable accommodation may be found, or on an interim basis until the redeveloped Vernon House is complete. Clearly the prospects of a double move are daunting and Cottsway will do all it can to minimise disturbance including a Home loss payment and moving expenses as well as help with the day to day issues surrounding a move.

Air crash memorial



On Tuesday 21 August over 100 people gathered at St Mary's Church to mark the 70th Anniversary of the mid-air collision over the Town of a Vickers Wellington Bomber and an Airspeed Oxford trainer in which eight aircrew lost their lives.

We welcomed John Mawson who was an 11-year-old on holiday in the Vicarage at the time and who initiated the erection of the commemorative plaque in Church Street 20 years ago on the 50th Anniversary. The service included eye witness

accounts from Mary Pulker of Church Street and George Harris of Over Norton. Attending the ceremony, and laying wreaths beneath the plaque, were the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Oxfordshire, the Mayor, serving airmen and air cadets, the police, the British Legion (who organised the event) and Lieutenant Will Harwood of the Royal Australian



Transition Chipping Norton's Autumn Fair

Saturday 6 October
With just days to go until the Autumn Fair here are more details of the day's events and competitions.

Town raffle

This is your chance to win one of dozens of fabulous prizes, including a top prize of £100 cash! To enter, simply make a purchase from a participating shop (look out for the orange balloons outside).

Fancy dress parade

Get the kids, young and old, involved in the fancy dress parade. The theme is 'living scarecrows', so start stuffing those jumpers! Parade starts 12.30pm in the market place.

Children's pumpkin competition

Have you grown the biggest or smallest pumpkin? Is yours the 'best dressed'? Take your pumpkins to the gazebo in front of the Jaffé & Neale Bookshop before noon to find out!

Baking and preserve-making competitions

Pick up your entry form at the Library, Gill's, Oats, Harpers or the Oxfam bookshop. There are £20 vouchers for the winners of each category.

As well as all these great events there's plenty of shopping, entertainment and inspiration to be had. The action starts in the Town Centre from

10am on Saturday 6 October

Air Force on behalf of the two Australian airmen. Later, wreaths were laid at St Peter's Church in Little Rissington on the graves of three of the airmen from this crash.

Heather Leonard

St Mary's vicar to move on

Canon Steve Weston and his family will be moving from Chipping Norton to Devon in the New Year. He has been appointed the first Team Rector of the newly-formed



Otter Vale Mission Community, and will be based at Ottery St Mary, 10 miles east of Exeter, and six miles from Sidmouth. He told the News, 'my appointment was unanimously agreed by the 14-strong interviewing panel in early September. We will be moving in January or February. It has been a difficult decision for us to take, but we feel it is the right one. We have very mixed emotions. We have had so many happy years here in Chipping Norton (nearly 17!) and will have many, many happy memories of lovely people and community events to take with us. We are deeply grateful to you all for putting up with us for so long!' No doubt there will be many farewell parties and events to mark his departure – not least church services and celebrations at Remembrance and Christmas to which the whole community will be welcome. The first of these festivals will be the harvest services on 14 October to which everyone is invited.

Charitable will-making!

For one week in October (15-19) solicitors in Chipping Norton will make or update your will for free. They have agreed not to charge fees – but they will ask you to make a donation to Katharine House Hospice. You should book an appointment in advance with any of the solicitors: Bradley Saul, Dyakowski Gafford, or Denis Wynn & Co. Contact Sheila Norton on 01295 812161 or visit www.khh.org.uk for more details.

TCN Autumn Fair Saturday 6 October

Free short talks in the Town Hall

If you're interested in the local ecology – or healthy eating – come to the free talks in the Town Hall:

11.30am & 2.30pm **Craig Blackwell**, former Oxfordshire County Ecologist: with an illustrated talk: *'Understanding the landscape and biodiversity in your local parish – Chipping Norton'*

12.30pm **Catherine Chichester**, founder of Village Barn, home to abundant health, will give a short introduction to the healing properties of raw food: *'Living raw, healing from our land'*.

Salford fun and sun



An amazing sunny Saturday in September saw the annual Salford fete bring hundreds of visitors into the village centre. There seemed at one point to be as many dogs as humans as the fun dog event saw a packed arena with all shapes and sizes. It didn't really matter much who won, everyone seemed to

be having a good time – with relatively little inter-dog rivalry. There were all sorts of shapes and sizes (see pictures!). Other big attractions were an enormous combine harvester, a mini JCB – with some expert children using it to pick up objects – craft and book stalls, and much more. Charlbury Morris Dancers were there to entertain with Liz Teal on the penny whistle to keep them in time. After a hot session watching the dogs, the News team reporters retired to the village hall for a refreshing cup of tea and a slice of Victoria sponge. Well done to all, with around £2500 shared between Salford Church, the Village Hall and Lawrence Home Nursing Team.



Case for a mini skatepark

Chipping Norton Town Councillors are again to investigate ideas for a skateboard park in the Town, possibly at the New Street recreation ground. Cllr Eve Coles was to bring more details, including information about the Moreton-in-Marsh skatepark, to the next Recreation Committee meeting. Interested kids may also be invited. WODC may be approached about a Community Facility Grant. Long-term readers may recall the skateboard ramp on the recreation ground back in the 1990s, which was vandalised and eventually dismantled. Time for another try?

GCSE results at Top School

The end of August saw GCSE results at Chipping Norton School with over one fifth of students achieving at least five A* or A grades. Well over two thirds of all grades were awarded at A* to C. Notable high achievers with seven or more A*s and As are Sam Barnes, Kirsty Beacham, Tom Dee, Emily Densham, Poppy Facer, Mark Ferguson, Daisy Hall, Joe Holland, Sam Humphreys, Sophie Johnson, Theo Knowles, Amelia Lennon, Esther Mead, Charlotte Phillips, Kate Turner, Adam Urwick, Chloe Warburton, Meredith Watkins and Joe Yapp. The School said, however, that it was disappointing to see only 47% getting five A* to C, including English and mathematics, with too many students achieving the standard in either English or in mathematics but not in both. The previous week the School had celebrated achieving its best ever 'A' level results and students had university places confirmed, most at their first choices. Simon Duffy,

Headteacher, said, 'There are some really exceptional individual results this year. Quite rightly many students, along with their teachers, are delighted.' On the disappointing A* to C percentage he said 'Some students appear to have done significantly better in English Literature than English Language this year and we are going to look closely into this within school and with the examination board concerned'. He looked forward to welcoming many of our talented students back into the sixth form in September.

Chatterbox sessions

There are now regular coffee and cake 'Chatterbox' sessions in Chipping Norton's Lower Town Hall on the first and third Thursdays in the month, from 10am-12noon run by Highlands /Age UK. The session now includes regular speakers with the one on 11 October called 'More Money in your Pocket!' – the later monthly talks are listed in the advert on the page opposite.

At the Chatterbox sessions Carers Oxfordshire are also on hand to offer advice and support to any adult who is voluntarily looking after another adult, whether family, friend or neighbour. Their services are available throughout Oxfordshire and whether you just want to stay in touch through a newsletter, have questions about any caring issues, or would like a visit from a local support worker, they are here to help. To find out more, drop into any Chatterbox session between 10.30 and 11am. To contact them at any other time, please call Carers Oxfordshire on 0845 050 7666 or the local contact, Alizon Reynolds, on 07557 430879.

Pat Lake

Molehill mania

Molehills and tunnels have been causing havoc at the New Street Recreation Ground – and Chipping Norton Town Council have been on the march, collapsing and filling in the irksome



tunnels. Moles are industrious diggers and can create 20m of tunnel per day. They leave characteristic mounds of earth on the surface as they excavate their tunnels. Large chambers within the tunnel system are lined with dry grass and used for nesting during periods of rest. Each mole has its own burrow system, a network of firm-walled tunnels. The tunnels are about 5cm wide, 4cm high and may be over 70 metres long; they vary in depth from just beneath the surface of the ground to a depth of about 70cm. When digging close to the surface, the moles push the displaced soil up vertical tunnels and these form the familiar molehills. A mole can run backwards through tunnels and turn round by doing a somersault! Its velvety fur can lie backwards or forwards so that it does not become stuck against the tunnel walls when squeezing through them. The territories of several moles may overlap, but the residents avoid each other if they can, except in the breeding season. If two males meet, they may fight fiercely, even to the death.

Stuart's back to work

Stuart Rigg, who lives on The Leys with wife Jo, suffered a severe stroke in June 2010 while still in his mid-50s. He had been attending his daughter's graduation ceremony in Cambridge. After six months in three hospitals he was left in no doubt that walking and talking again was going to be a real challenge. Meeting Stuart now, two years later, is an emotional and inspirational experience. This is a man who was in a very bad way indeed but is now at the Leisure Centre gym three



times a week, getting there independently on his mobility scooter and enjoying the occasional pint at the Chequers to quench his thirst! Jo explains how amazingly supportive everyone in Chippy has been, including fantastic neighbours. Two local volunteers have given their time regularly to support Stuart with his communication skills and help him get out and about while Jo is at work. In particular the Leisure Centre who, through the BETTER programme, worked out ways to help him stay fit and increase his mobility, while boosting his confidence and sociability. Exercise specialists went out of their way to make small adjustments to aid his recovery, such as strapping his foot to the exercise bike so that he could push more easily, and now he can regularly cycle five miles, no doubt putting many of us to shame!

In addition, Stuart enjoys art classes at Glyme Hall and creates beautiful stained glass; is an active member of the Horticultural Society, reflecting his love of gardening; and is a regular customer at Jaffé & Neale where they make him very welcome with tea and cake. It is easy to see that this delightful man, who until two years ago was CEO of charity Advance Housing and Support in Witney, is still determined

to get the best out of life and communicates animatedly with chosen phrases, one often repeated being 'bit by bit' reflecting his slow but steady rehabilitation. Jo said that he now 'goes to work' to prepare for his retirement at 65 as before, except that work is now keeping fit, healthy and sociable so that those golden years can be enjoyed to the utmost with Jo and their four children. Stuart, we salute you!

Roger Sinclair

Top School goes green

Pupils and staff at Chipping Norton School will have noticed some changes to the school buildings on their return last month. Thanks to a £460,000 grant from the Department for Education, the School has been able to install new double glazed roof lights and windows and update toilet facilities to help reduce water usage and energy consumption. It is felt the changes will improve the learning environment. This work follows the building of the new science block, which saw photovoltaic panels installed to provide energy.

Pedal Car Parties



Want something different for a party? Everyone remembers their best ever childhood birthday party, and Pedal Car Parties, a new business run by Carolyn Baxter and based in

Churchill, wants to capture some of that magic. You can hire a fleet of little vintage-style pedal cars to delight and entertain your children and their party guests. Pedal Car Parties has ten high quality, metal pedal and ride-on cars (sports cars, tractors, a fire engine, police car, tow truck, and more) plus a petrol pump, mini traffic lights, road signs and cones for the complete effect! Some are feet-on-the-floor 'scoot along' types suitable for children from 1 to 3 years, others have pedals; suggested age range for these is two to six years old. The cars are delivered to your venue for a party to remember. For more information, give them a call 07780 001239 or look at their website for all the details of how to create a great party. www.pedalcarparties.co.uk

Step back into history?

Chastleton House, the picturesque National Trust Jacobean manor nestled off the road to Moreton, has been inspiring visitors for centuries. This timeless home lays claim to having been in the same family for four centuries. The Jones family, merchants from Witney, who built the house in 1612 quickly ran out of money which means there have been very few alterations to the house and garden over the subsequent centuries, leaving the National Trust with a unique Jacobean time capsule. The House and garden is now open longer, enabling more visitors to come and view. The Trust needs more volunteers to welcome visitors and help in the house, garden and stalls. If you have a few spare hours contact them on 01608 674981 or Chastleton@nationaltrust.org.uk. Volunteer open mornings are also on Wednesday 24 and Saturday 27 October, 10am start.

Highlands in the Community



Why not pop in for a coffee and a piece of cake every Thursday from 10am-12pm in the Lower Town Hall?

We also have a series of talks and chats:


11th October: 'More Money in your Pocket!' (Age UK I&A)

15th November: 'How to maximise your sense of Wellbeing' (Oxfordshire Mind)

6th December: Create for Christmas

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Those Giant Vegetables again

The sun shone last month on the annual Giant Vegetable Competition held at the Red Lion in Chipping Norton, courtesy of landlords Sheila Belton and Mick Taylor. The



Junior prize-winners Luca Louis Scott and Chunk Brooke

midday judging rewarded a variety of entrants including Geoff Murrell and Mick Hawtins who both won in more than one category. The horses from the Hook Norton Brewery arrived and a sizzling barbecue was available for the hungry crowd. The Lawrence Home Nursing Team will profit by £200 from the day which also included a raffle. The weekend also saw the Red Lion's beer festival which on the Saturday saw a jovial crowd supping and humming to Chaser performing outside. The summer's 3-legged race organised by the Red Lion raised £1,200 and Sheila at The Red Lion is now delighted to report that the pub is in the Camra Good Beer Guide for 2013.

Mayor's Charity Bingo

Chipping Norton Mayor's charity Bingo evening is being held again this year on Friday 16 November in the Town Hall at 7pm. Roll up for a full house!

Progress with the Local Plan

The Chipping Norton Neighbourhood Plan (CNNP) is moving towards its next stage of producing a 'State of the Town' document. To this end, a professional company of consultants is providing a facilitator for four Focus Groups to gather the views of people who have not already been involved the Neighbourhood Plan.

Two groups met on 25 September: the Business Group, kindly hosted by Owen Mumford, and the Working Age People Group which met in The Fox Inn, to discuss how they would like to see the Town develop over the next 15 years. On 2 October two further Focus Groups will be meeting. These are the Older/Retired Age Group, and a Young People Group mainly from Chippy's Top School. All these Focus Groups are entirely independent of our active Task Groups which have previously met. This is to ensure that a wide spectrum of views can be harvested on the issues already raised in the Task Group exchanges. The outcomes of this community engagement activity and its analysis against the 2003 Town Appraisal is to be presented in a State of the Town Report. This report will make a significant contribution to the evidence base for the CNNP and will encompass the issues for the Town which CNNP will seek to address through further development. This Focus Group

procedure will also help meet the stringent scrutiny requirements set out in the legislation which governs how Neighbourhood Plans are produced.

Cllr Chris Butterworth

Green Deal for locals

West Oxfordshire District Council has become a shareholder in a new Community Interest Company that allows homeowners and businesses to cut energy bills and reduce their carbon footprint. The Green Deal provides householders with upfront capital finance to carry out energy efficiency improvements to their homes, e.g. loft and cavity wall insulation, installation of energy efficient boilers and solar panels etc. The cost of installing energy efficient measures will be repaid over time through a charge on the property's energy bills (specific to the property not the individual) which must not be any higher than the anticipated savings. Alongside the significant business and employment opportunities created, the Green Deal will mean that homes are easier to heat, residents will be able to reduce the costs of their energy bills and the impact of energy consumption in the environment will be reduced. West Oxfordshire, along with several other councils, have agreed to partner with the United Sustainable Energy Agency, who are based in Witney. They will arrange for feasibility work to be carried out with organisations capable of providing any service outlined above. Residents should have confidence that WODC is actually providing finance to ensure that Green Deal opportunities are offered to the District's residents. Contact 01993 861000 for more information.

Dangers at Recreation road



Town Councillors in their July meeting were getting exercised by the road dangers down at the New Street recreation ground. First, on busy days, rows of cars park half on the pavement on the busy main road. Second, crossing the road can be a hazard, and the halfway island is some way up New Street. At August's Town Council meeting County Cllr Hilary Biles was reported to be looking into providing a new crossing to make it all safer. Councillors also asked why not put a small car park into the recreation field itself. Councillors were reminded that this would be a decision for the Field Reeves – and some commented that the prospect of any such permission might therefore be somewhat remote. What do readers think?

New assertiveness course

Oxfordshire Mind Wellbeing Service is running an Assertiveness Course at Glyme Hall, Chipping Norton, on Tuesdays from 6 November-18 December from 10-11.30am. This is free and open to anyone who might want to improve their assertiveness techniques. Please contact Jade Sullivan on 01865 263744 or email shortcourses@oxfordshire-mind.org.uk for more information or to book a place.

Council rejects Festival proposal

2012 saw another successful Chipping Norton Town Festival on Jubilee weekend – despite the rain! But the Festival's future could now be in doubt. Current trustees who have formed a Community Interest Company to run it, and have put all the effort with volunteers into getting it going, want to hand over the running to some new enthusiasts. Paul Aitken, Trustee and Festival founder, who has led much of the effort, has also now put a formal proposal to the Town Council asking the Council to adopt the Festival – 'on behalf of the Town' – to make it more secure as an event seen to be 'owned' by the Town. Paul's proposal was that much of the work would still be delegated to the CIC and volunteers.



Representative of the CAB (top)
The Albion Centre (middle)
and The Museum (right) receive their cheques



The Town Festival has run successfully for three years and again raised more money for local good causes. £1,000 cheques were presented this summer to this year's recipients: The Citizen's Advice Bureau CN, The Albion Centre and the Town Museum, by Paul Aitken, Festival Trustee and its Executive Director, with Councillor Martin Jarratt – Festival Trustee and Town Mayor. During the last three years

the Festival has donated £6,500 to local projects as well as providing a great day for the whole town to enjoy for free! Paul wrote to the News thanking everyone for their support, and really hopes it can continue with a new team and more 'ownership' by the Town, to ensure that the Festival and effort involved are appreciated and enjoyed by all.

However, at their meeting in September, Town Councillors were reluctant to take over responsibility and felt unable to accept the proposal due to lack of staff resources and expertise. Cllr Don Davidson, who himself had personally been a Trustee of the Festival and part of the team who had put many hours and expertise into the project, told Councillors that the Festival would need much technical expertise and a large amount of management and effort from volunteers. The Town Council had little resource itself to oversee something like this. So at the moment the future of this enjoyable festival – the only one that aims to bring the

whole town together in the Town Square – seems very uncertain.

Once Bitten, Chippy smitten

Regular Farmer's Market users will have spotted the Once Bitten stall selling, amongst other things, delicious handmade biscuits. Having spent 20 years in the trade, Jo Thompson is now well established on the Elmsfield Industrial Estate with an impressive production kitchen turning out her



home-made quality patisserie. Having recently worked at Daylesford, she has branched out on her own with a new website oncebittenltd.co.uk and regularly attends both Chippy and Charlbury farmers markets. Jo loves working in Chippy and is 'chuffed and overwhelmed by such positivity' at the local market and the overall sense of community spirit. She believes that small is beautiful and plans to keep running the business on her own with occasional help when needed, for instance in the pending run up to Christmas (yes it's not far away folks!). Also in this internet age she sees the website as an important tool for the Once Bitten brand and reaching out to the wider population, but stresses that the local markets are a vital and vibrant source of networking and income – this *Chippy News* Reporter's kids tried one of Jo's traditional fresh lemon cakes and the verdict was 'super-duper gorgeous' (Josh) and 'so gorgeous and very nice' (Faith). Not bad from a normally critical jury!

Free blanket testing

Residents in West Oxfordshire are being encouraged to look ahead to winter and think about safety by signing up to get their electric blankets tested for free. Residents need to book in advance to attend testing sessions being held in the autumn by West Oxfordshire District Council in conjunction with Oxfordshire County Council's Trading Standards and Fire and Rescue Service. A local session will take place on Friday 26 October in Chipping Norton. Last year, 204 electric blankets were tested at sessions in West Oxfordshire and nearly a third (62 blankets, 30%) were found to be unsafe. Bookings for be made online via www.westoxon.gov.uk/blankettesting or by calling 01993 861060.

Events at St Mary's Church

This month elsewhere you will read of our vicar Canon Stephen Weston's new appointment. Our sincere congratulations and best wishes are extended to him and Cathy. Our words of thanks will be following in due course. He has often reminded us that we combine 'faith' that our ministry will never fail for lack of the wherewithall of people to fulfill the tasks in hand and the finance to make it possible, and on the other hand, the need for careful businesslike

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management of sometimes limited resources. We rely on an income of close on £2,000 per week. Hence some fund-raising such as our involvement with Transition Chipping



Some Mad Hatters at the recent summer tea party organised by The Friends of St Mary's to raise funds for the church

Norton's Autumn Fair on 6 October, Coffee Mornings on 3 November and 1 December in the Parish Centre and a Quiz night with a fish and chip supper also on the evening of 1 December – the bonus is that these are times of good fellowship. All welcome.

However, a Parish Church is not only the 'spiritual home' of the members of its congregation but a focal point of personal and community life; every baptism, every wedding, every funeral, and times such as the recent moving Royal British Legion memorial service to mark the 70th Anniversary of the plane crash in Chipping Norton. If Jesus has been called 'a Man for others', the church must not lose sight of being . . . 'for others'. Harvest Festival is on 14 October; our Benefice 'Day-away' will have been held by the time this issue is published (report next month) and as always, for information on all our services and activities: e-mail: office@stmaryscnorton.com.

And a final word of thanks: £250 was raised for St Mary's Flower Fund by Barbara Ambrose's 'Dining Diary'. The prize of a meal for two at Bitter & Twisted was won by Cicely Maunder. Many of you contributed your £1 and the flowers always enhance our church which is appreciated by local worshippers and also visitors from the UK and overseas.

Gerald Forse

Katharine House news

5 Ways Barbershop Chorus Concert – Friday 2 November (7.30pm) at Marlborough Road Methodist Church, Banbury. 19th century minstrel songs to Everly Brothers, the Beach Boys and Walt Disney! Tickets £8 (concessions £6) from 01295 812161. **Calling All Knitters!** – Knit some mini Christmas puddings, robins and Santa hats. Our pattern booklet is on www.khh.org.uk or ask in the shop. **Hospice Christmas Cards** (16 designs) and 2013 Calendar are now on sale at our Chipping Norton shop. **Chipping Norton Shop Volunteers** – Our shop is looking for volunteers to help with day-to-day tasks, including till work and sorting donated items. No experience is necessary. Shifts 9.30am-1pm and 1.30-4.30pm most days. Ring Paula or Jenny at the shop on 646651 or pop in. **Village Contact needed**

– Would you be happy to take on the role of volunteer Village Contact for your village? Contact 01295 812161 or email nicky.hanson@khh.org.uk. 2012 **Santa Fun Run** – is on Sunday 9 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury. Entry forms from www.khh.org.uk or call 01295 812161. Adults £13, children £7, under 6's free.

Sarah Brennan Community Fundraiser

Screen by the Green

Movies coming up at Churchill and Sarsden Village Hall include *Chariots of Fire* on Saturday 13 October at 7.30. Hugh Hudson's 1981 Oscar-winner about Harold Abrahams and Eric Liddell at the 1924 Paris Olympics, gets a deserved re-release – a tale of hope, honour and belief. *The Pirates, Adventures with Scientists* will be shown on Saturday 20 October at 3pm. Directed by Peter Lord and with the voices of Hugh Grant, Martin Freeman and Imelda Staunton, this is another brilliant animation from Aardman (*Chicken Run, Wallace and Gromit*). Pirate captain (Hugh Grant), helped by an inept bunch of buccaneers, strives to become 'pirate of the year'. Some great humour with all-ages appeal! Under 15s tickets now reduced to £3! Tickets £4.50 unless stated otherwise, pay on the door. For more information and to book ring 659903 or email churchillmovies@btinternet.com.

Season for allotment winners



Winners of the 2012 William Fowler Allotment competition were given awards by Mayor Martin Jarratt at the September Chipping Norton Town Council meeting: 1st prize Mr C Keen, 2nd Mrs Herbert, 3rd Mr I Terry; Highly commended Mr A Thomas, Mrs A Burns, Mr A Legge; Commended Mr C Hemmings, Mrs J McCarthey, Mr R Huckin.

Help for those with dementia

People living with dementia are being invited to light up their lives by joining a new club which will encourage them to build friendships and learn new skills. Lights Up is a free friendly club that will bring people living with dementia together with their friends, families and carers. The Club will enable them to share their experiences as well as take part in a host of arts activities from dancing and making music to storytelling. Recent studies have shown engagement with arts brings benefits both to those with dementia and their loved ones through sharing activities. It also accesses the creative part of the brain, which overrides the stresses of memory loss and restores a sense of personal identity. It will also help reduce the feelings of isolation and seclusion that many people with dementia suffer as they struggle to communicate with others.

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West Oxfordshire District Council is working with a host of organisations to run the six-month pilot project, which will take place twice a month in Chipping Norton. The club begins on Tuesday 9 October at Highlands, 73 Burford Road, from 10.45am–12.30pm. People can turn up on the day and do not need to book in advance. Help with transport is available for those who have no other means of transport. For more information call: 0845 1204048.

Methodists' new minister

Elaine Lugo wrote to the News, saying that on 30 August the Methodist Church was packed for the special welcome service for their new minister, Rev Soba Sinnathamby, who has joined with his wife Navamani from a circuit in Wales. As well as members of the church, others attending included the Mayor of Chipping Norton, representatives from other churches in the area, the Chair of the District, Rev Peter Hancock, and members from Wales. Elaine added, 'we all look forward to Soba's ministry with us'. Future dates: 21 October at 11am, service including the Chipping Norton Silver Band; 4 November at 11am Church Anniversary followed by lunch; Thursday 29 November-Saturday 2 December Christmas Tree Festival.



New minister Soba wrote, 'When my wife Navamani (Nava) and I were invited by Chipping Norton and Stow-on-the-Wold Methodist Circuit, we did not hesitate to say "yes".'

The invitation process in the Methodist Church is generally known as match-making. The matching actually happens when the priorities of the churches find a common ground with the area of strength and experience of ministers. The Methodist churches here want to move forward with an emphasis on prayer-based ministry and mission. Besides that, when we visited the circuit in November, we felt the beauty and history of this area and the friendliness of the people were really endearing. Therefore, after 22 years of life and ministry in Wales we took the bold step to come this way. We are thankful for the welcome we received within and outside the churches. And we are looking forward to serving the churches and communities in the years to come. With warm regards, Soba & Nava Sinnathamby.'

Progress with new scout hut

Town Councillors heard that Chipping Norton Scouts are making progress with funding for their new hut which they hope to locate up at Greystones with the support of the Town Council. They will be submitting a planning application in due course.

Cardboard games at Dad's Club



On 6 October between 10.30 and 12.30 the Dad's Club at Chipping Norton's ACE Centre are joining in Caine's Arcade Global Day – a day to celebrate the simple things in life and get away from electronic gadgetry.

Two Chipping Norton boys, Aidan and Leo Hughes (pictured), have volunteered to be organisers to host the day. Kids and Dads are very welcome. They are aiming to build lots of their own cardboard arcade games. Dad's Club is only £1 per family. The Day takes its name from Caine Monroy, a nine-year-old boy in Los Angeles who spent his summer vacation in 2011 building an elaborate DIY cardboard arcade in his dad's used auto parts store. Caine dreamed of the day he would have lots of customers visit his arcade, and he spent months preparing everything, perfecting the game design, making displays for the prizes, designing elaborate security systems, and hand labelling paper lunch gift-bags. But there were no customers – until a passing visitor spotted it a year ago, made a film, which went viral, and supporters have now set up the Arcade Imagination Foundation (see www.cainesarcade.com) which aims to work with schools, clubs and families to help foster creativity and entrepreneurship in young kids.

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Help clear up cemeteries

Can you come and help keep the Town's cemeteries neat and tidy? The Town Council's Cemetery Committee are organising the next 'clear up' days at 10am on 13 October at the closed churchyard at St Mary's and 10am on Saturday 10 November at the Worcester Road Cemetery. All volunteers welcome – contact the Town Clerk with any queries on 642341.

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Plans for Rollright Stones



With the weather settling down Wardens and visitors have recently enjoyed many peaceful afternoons at the Rollright Stones. Visitors and passers-by will have noticed the new fencing pictured above. Not only has this made the frontage much tidier but it has also added a small measure of security, encourages everyone to use the main entrance and deters the wearing of paths through wide gaps in the old fencing. We aim to continue the wardening as much as possible well into the late autumn as well as maintaining the site over the winter months. Already planning for next year, we are in the early stages of looking at involving the Rollright Stones in next year's Arts Weeks events, a falconry event and another Neolithic Tea Party. The Rollright Stones are part of the heritage of Chipping Norton and, if you would like to find out more or would like to be a part of the team, take a look at the website www.rollrightstones.co.uk or contact us – 07527 224411.

Robin Smitten

Chippy's own Green Gym



An enjoyable tea break for the jolly Green Gym folk!

From the beginning of October a new Green Gym will be centred on Chippy and the surrounding area, and will act in parallel with the existing (Woodstock) group. We meet every week on Wednesday or Thursday mornings and will continue to work on the Common, Pool Meadow, the Community Orchard, St Mary's Churchyard, the gardens of both primary schools and further-flung sites such as the nature reserve near Hook Norton and Kingham Millennium Wood. We clear brambles, plant hedges, clear streams and much more. We are always interested in working on new community sites, so if you manage one that needs clearance or tender loving care, do get in touch. And we welcome new members. Are you interested in doing your bit for the environment, keeping fit in the fresh air and in good company? There are tasks for all ages and abilities, there's no joining fee and lifts may be available. For further information visit www.chippygreengym.org.uk or contact me (643269/jennyharrington@btinternet.com).

Jenny Harrington

ACE Centre events

An International Coffee Morning is being held at the ACE Centre in Chipping Norton Friday 19 October 9.30-10.30am. Come along and meet new friends! For more details please contact Lynn or Steph on 644440. Then on Thursday 1 November (10-11.30am) the ACE Centre will be holding its annual 'Big Draw'! Come along and take part in drawing and mark making on a grand scale! The theme this year is 'Lines'. This event is open to families with children up to the age of seven. All welcome. For more details please contact Maggie on 644440.

New Villager Bus



A million miles . . . that's what the Villager Community Bus service has provided over the last 30 years to residents of the North Cotswolds – a service run totally by volunteers. In August, as well as celebrating 30 years

of this valuable service, the latest bus in the fleet was launched. At an event held in Churchill, a gathering of volunteer drivers, County Councillors and generous donors celebrated this milestone and watched Mrs Ackland of the Notgrove Trust, which contributed to the cost of the vehicle cutting the ribbon to declare the new Villager Bus ready for service!

The Villager provides essential transport for over 200 people per week living in the villages of West Oxfordshire, North Gloucestershire and South Warwickshire. They go to local markets, shopping centres, hospitals – with 10 regular scheduled routes. The Villager Bus is available for private hire for clubs, school runs, weddings, charity events and outings. Information from your County Council or www.villagerbus.com. If you would like to volunteer contact chairman Keith Gowing on 658579. Here's to the next 30 years!



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Cambodian charity trip



Monica and friends out training

In November this year, Chipping Norton's Monica Overbury and three local friends are joining a group of cyclists to ride 450 kilometres through Vietnam and Cambodia in just under a week, through difficult terrain and blistering heat up to 35 degrees! And it's all for different charities. Monica, who has already done 1,000 miles in training, told the News, 'This trip will inevitably be a great challenge for us all, and any donation you can give is gratefully received! 100% goes to charity'. You can sponsor Monica, who is raising money for the Lawrence Home Nursing Team, at www.justgiving.com/monicaoverbury. Claire Quick is also cycling for the Lawrence Team, Shani Napier is supporting Cancer Research, and Marilina Roxborough the British Heart Foundation. Contact Monica on 642459 for more details.

New venue for Widowed club

The National Organisation of the Widowed (NOW) is for men and women who have lost their partners. There is now a local branch which will hold 'get togethers' for friendship and support in Chipping Norton's Lower Town Hall from 1-3pm on the last Saturday of the month. So the next meeting is 27 October. Contacts are Patricia Smith (678456), Joan Perriton (643025) and Paddie Arnold (677172).

Matt's on the run for charity

On Sunday 21 October Matthew Berry will be running the Birmingham Bupa Half Marathon in memory of his daughter Evelyn, who died just after she was born. The money raised will be donated to Sands, a national charity which supports anyone affected by the death of a baby and promotes research to reduce the loss of babies' lives. Evelyn was born on 27 October 2011 and Matt will be running almost to the day of her first birthday. The aim is to raise £1,500 for the charity and so far the total stands at £500. Matt said, 'my world fell apart when Evie died and running has helped me a lot over the past year. It seemed fitting to run for Evie and raise money for such a worthy cause. People don't like to talk about babies dying but now being a bereaved parent has shown me that it is vital to talk about such a shocking tragedy and support the work of



charities like Sands'. Matt will be supported on the day by his wife Lydia and his family and friends. To donate go to: www.justgiving.com/run4evie

Lido lottery

This month's results are as follows: Total tickets sold: 147; Prize fund: £220.50; 1st prize: £110.25 Mr K Harvey (8); 2nd prize: £66.15 Elaine Parsons (119); 3rd prize: £44.10 Brenda Smart (100). The Lottery is open to all over 18 and tickets can be obtained from Jaffé & Neale Bookshop & Cafe.

Apple day at the Orchard



Wassailers arriving at last year's Apple Day

In spite of a poor harvest nationally, the Orchard Group will be hosting a fun Apple Day at the Community Orchard, Elmsfield Paddock, from 11am-2pm on the National Apple Day, Sunday 21 October. Take the road before the cemetery on Worcester Road, or come across the Common. Bring all the family and follow the birds to the Orchard where you can join in games and quizzes, apple dishes and apple punch. Bring your apples, if you have any, for identification or crushing, and bottles for the juice. Arrive in time to greet the WASSAILERS who will join everyone at 12 noon to sing, dance and play, and bless the trees for a better harvest next year. If you'd like to come and help, or join the Orchard Group to keep informed on activities and events ring 643691.

Heather Leonard

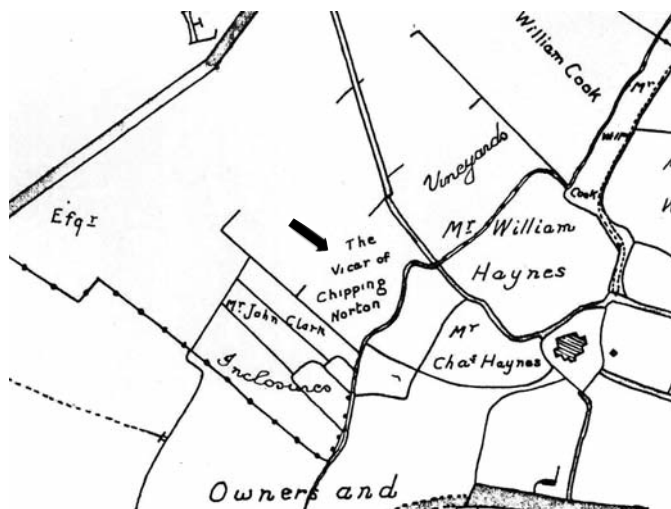
Vicar's Field for sale

The Church of England is selling a piece of land that has been associated with the vicars of St Mary's Church for over 400 years. The land, known as the Vicar's Field, lies at the end of Church Lane on the west side of the stream opposite Pool Meadow and extends south to Elmsfield Industrial Estate. It was originally part of the estate of the Lord of the Manor of Chipping Norton and can be traced in sales of the Manor in the 16th and 17th centuries in documents transcribed by Jan Cliffe, a member of the Chipping Norton Historical Research Group. Jan explains that vicars with meagre stipends needed the use of some land to augment their income by growing crops or grazing sheep.

This use was confirmed after the 1770 Enclosure Act for Chipping Norton and Salford, when, on 23 February 1769, the then Vicar, Henry Dymock, petitioned Parliament that he 'conceives it is reasonable that his Income, as Vicar of the said Parish, should be improved by the said Inclosure . . . but that no Provision is made within the said Bill for any such purpose'. The resultant Enclosure map of 1770 clearly indicates this land as awarded to The Vicar of Chipping Norton. And so it has remained in church hands, until now,

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when the Diocese is offering it for sale as part of a programme of land sales.



A detail from the 1770 Enclosure Map with The Vicar's Field arrowed. Many thanks to Chipping Norton Museum for supplying this image.

John Grantham, author of *The Regulated Pasture* (a history of common land in Chipping Norton), which deals with the 1770 Enclosure, declares, 'This is probably the worst field in the County!' Steep, partly subject to flooding, with a spring, often muddy and probably of poor agricultural soil quality, and with a public right of way running along the northern edge, it is difficult ground. But agents Carter Jonas, acting for the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance, are inviting offers of £60–80,000 for the 5.6 acres, which also includes a length of Church Lane. Add to that 20% VAT, because the Church has chosen to waive its exemption to charge VAT, and the valuation could be as much as £100,000, equivalent to about £20,000 per acre. This might seem expensive for agricultural land. Described as 'amenity grassland', it comes with vacant possession, the previous tenancy having terminated last year.

The agents told the *News* that the land was suitable for grazing and that such a valuation was not unusual for horse grazing or garden land (neither of which, incidentally, are classed as agricultural uses). Although the agents didn't seem to think getting planning approval for loose boxes and horse jumps would be a problem. The field is in open countryside, lies within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and is close to the Castle Mound Scheduled Ancient Monument, all of which would be taken in to consideration. So do the agents really believe the Vicar's Field has development potential? The sale particulars outline a claw-back provision of 50% of any uplift in value to be imposed on any non-agricultural development for 20 years. The land immediately to the north-west was the subject of a (now withdrawn) planning application for three timber holiday lodges earlier this year. A purchaser might possibly take a long-term view and hope for potential to extend the Elmsfield Industrial Estate once this comes up for upgrading. But planning restrictions would, and many would argue must, prevent development of this sensitive historic landscape so close to the ancient heart of our town.

The Enclosure Map indicates the field to the north of the Vicar's Field as Vineyards, so maybe, with climate change, this south-east facing slope could once again be producing Chippy's very own vintage!

Festival fun



Cheesemaking pop drummer Alex James declared this year's Big Festival, held on his farm in Kingham, a great success and said 'bring it on next year'. He joined forces with celebrity chef Jamie Oliver to put on the show – which combined music with top notch food production. Chipping Norton's Jaffé & Neale Bookshop were also there and Patrick Neale said cookbooks were 'selling like hot cakes'. Organisers said they had 10,000 visitors on both the Saturday and Sunday, which hopefully should help the festival meet its financial targets as well. Last year, Harvest, run on the site by Big Wheel Promotions caused the company to collapse owing nearly £60,000 to local firms.

Local dentist's charity trip

Local dental therapist Morgan Williams, who works at Chipping Norton's Cromwell Park Dental Care, is seeking sponsorship to help her make a volunteer charity trip to a Cambodian orphanage. 26-year-old Morgan, who trained at University College London and has worked in Chippy for two years, is off in November for two weeks, volunteering with charity Dentaid. Morgan said, 'In Cambodia, children often have 6 to 10 decayed baby teeth and by the time they are teenagers they will probably have six decayed adult teeth. Having a tooth taken out is seen as a luxury and if you've ever had toothache, you will know how debilitating it can be. I know that my efforts will merely scratch the surface of what's really required, but I would really appreciate any donation, however small'. If anyone would like to sponsor Morgan (she needs £2,500 to cover the whole project) they can donate on her justgiving page <https://www.justgiving.com/Morgan-Williams2>. Morgan says the Cambodian kids would be really happy about it too!



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Police and safety round up

This month's news from Neighbourhood Officer PC Mick Anderton, local press and the Town Council.

Cannabis sniffing: It has been another busy month for the Neighbourhood Police Team. In August a drugs warrant was executed and a large quantity of cannabis was seized with assorted drug dealing paraphernalia. A 19-year-old man was arrested and is the subject of an ongoing investigation. Again the Police thank members of the public. Snippets of information enabled the team to obtain a drugs warrant from a sitting magistrate. So please keep your local officers informed of any suspicious smells or activity – information will be treated in complete confidence.

Air crash memorial:

Police attended the memorial of the war time air crash in Church Street 70 years ago. The event was organised by the Chipping Norton Royal British Legion and was particularly poignant for PC Anderton to attend as he had served in the RAF for over 20 years prior to becoming a police officer.



Hunt tyre slasher: Thomas Macfarlane, a 40 year old member of the Heythrop Hunt, was convicted, at a Banbury trial, of criminal damage: slashing the tyres on an antihunt campaigner's car in Chipping Norton. He was fined, with compensation, victim's surcharge and costs all totalling £720

Zealous wardens: Chipping Norton Town Councillors were concerned about traffic wardens (allegedly) being over zealous when they were in town, causing delivery drivers problems with unloading as they were ticketed the moment they stopped. WODC are be contacted about this.

Bike thefts: In recent months several bike thefts have been reported. A local youth is due to be interviewed about this but if you have any information please contact police on 101.

Your views please: If you have a few minutes to spare please let Police know what you think of policing and community safety issues in and around Chippy. Each year they use an online survey (www.surveymonkey.com/s/53XX5LJ) to determine residents' top issues and then tackle these in conjunction with the Neighbourhood Action Group.



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Cheryll's Clipboard

From Chipping Norton PCSO Cheryll Harrison

It's been a while since I submitted Cheryll's Clipboard but I have a few issues that I would like to highlight.

Underage drinking: Is this your child?

There is a drinking den in the woodland area of Worcester Road with mattresses, wooden pallets and empty bottles and cans of beer, involving as many as 30 youths. There has been criminal damage to the surrounding walls and a resident's property. This land belongs to the Town Council and any repairs or cleaning up comes from their budget which will affect you as a taxpayer. The den is being removed and we are patrolling the area and dealing robustly with those involved, many aged 14-16. The parents have been informed as will their schools. If this behaviour continues, we will consider an anti-social behaviour contract. So, parents, please tell me if you smell alcohol on your child and we can find who is supplying them. My other concern is for their welfare – out late at night and under the influence of drink.

Anti social behaviour: An eviction notice has been served on a tenant for anti social behaviour. We work closely with local housing authorities and District Council anti social behaviour officers. We will take robust action against anyone causing issues that impact heavily on other residents' quality of life.

Speeding on London Road: The speed limit is 30mph. We have run a series of operations at London Road and will continue to do so. An alarming number of speeding tickets have recently been issued – you have been warned!

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Time, please, ladies and gentlemen!

Several local village hostelrys are changing hands with landlords keen to serve locals. Good to see some local pubs on the up, particular with four closing in Chippy recently. A News reporter went visiting enjoying a sociable drink in the process.

The Tite Chadlington: family friendly



Chadlington was without its village pub for 18 months until it reopened this summer with new owners Ann Griffin and David Pye, formerly of Bourton on the Water. This is their first time running a pub, both enjoy working with people, and they wanted to work together in the hospitality industry. They've spent five months refurbishing the commercial kitchen and their own living accommodation, opening for wet sales in June and food in

July. David explains, 'We want to be part of the community and create the atmosphere of inviting people into our own home. This is a traditional pub, not a restaurant, but a pub that sells good food at affordable prices to attract local trade'. With the large sun-trap terrace and garden, the pub should appeal to families. Certainly local residents Harvey and Ruby (pictured) reported the food to be delicious! Sounds just what Chadlington needs!



The Chequers, Churchill: all change?



When Assumpta and Peter Golding moved from Upper Oddington's Horse and Groom to The Chequers in 2003 the building, in a dismal state, had been vacant for six years. With characteristic energy and enthusiasm they transformed it creating a sizeable restaurant and function room as well as bar. The pub is renowned for the warm personal welcome from Assumpta for everyone. The pub hosts regular book club, film club, bridge club and WI meetings, and sell-out quiz nights.

Early evening drinkers voiced a fondness for the couple, confirming the pub had become the heart of village life. But after ten years Assumpta and Peter have decided to move on. Assumpta said, 'I will be really sad to leave. This is the best thing I have done. The locals have been smashing and I will miss every one. But after 10 years, it's time for something new.' We wish Assumpta and Peter all the best for their next project, or maybe a very well-earned rest. More about new owners and plans next time.

The Tollgate Kingham: local boy back

With news that Lady Carole Bamford, of Daylesford fame, had bought The Tollgate, speculation mounted that this country pub might see significant change. The listed former farmhouse offers traditional pub food, priding itself as a place for locals. New manager, Rob Barnsley, born in Chippy Hospital, where mum Frances was a midwife, has spent eleven years managing restaurants in London and Brighton. Retiring owners Paul and Annie Smith, recommended Rob to Carole Bamford and he was delighted to return home with his young family. Rob assured the News it will remain as a country pub with a small restaurant with rooms, saying, 'It is important to continue as the hub of village life, with Aunt Sally and Morris dancing'. Chef Dean Collins is staying, food will be sourced locally including from Daylesford Farm Shop, but the pub will not be 'branded' Daylesford. The name The Tollgate, given to the pub when it was converted from a farmhouse some 10-15 years ago, doesn't actually reflect the former use of the building, so the new team might rename it. The suggestion of The Bamford Arms was greeted with laughter. Something reflecting local rural character is more likely. It closes in January for bedroom refurbishment and restaurant expansion.



Mill House, Kingham: a family affair



Many will remember Maria & Paul Drinkwater when they ran Top Marks on Topside. They are excited with a new challenge running the 21 bedroomed Mill House Hotel, the Mill Brook restaurant and conference facility.

Son James will be behind the bar and husband Paul's Top Marquee hire business is on hand for large events. Maria told the News, 'Paul has lived in Kingham all his life, we got engaged at the Mill House and the date we finally take over, 31 October, will be our 31st wedding anniversary!' The family enthuse about the hotel and its extensive 10 acres and its own stream. The hotel currently enjoys many repeat bookings, often older visitors, but plans to appeal to local people and families (including ducks on the Cornwell Brook for children to enjoy). The chef is staying, a new restaurant manager, Will Collins, has started and Maria is advertising for a chef de parti. Bar and facilities will be updated, but the two course £10 lunch offer remains.

THE ARTS

The Theatre

Ciao Cinderella To celebrate 40 years of panto at The Theatre, this year's show will add glamour to the traditional story of Cinderella by being staged in Venice, city of romance and dreams. Along with the classic tale of ugly sisters, glass slippers and the handsome Prince, there will be sunlit canals and masked carnivals. Will Cinderella arrive in a coach or gondola this year? Booking now for performances from 20 November to 6 January: www.chippingnortontheatre.com or phone the Box Office: 642350.

The Last of the Haussmans A play by Stephen Beresford, filmed live from the National Theatre, London. Another collaboration between the theatres; this time giving us the opportunity to see this much-acclaimed production. *The Observer* calls it a 'knock-out; entertaining, sad yet outrageous'. Julie Walters stars as a feisty but aging mother to Rory Kinnear and Helen McCrory who join her, with others, to spend a few months in her dilapidated house on the Devon coast. 7pm Thursday 11 October.



Pocket Henry V This is a performance that brings history to life for young audiences. It is an inspirational way to introduce Shakespeare to children with an invitation at the end of the performance to discuss the play with the actors. 1.30 & 7pm Tuesday 16 October.

Oxfordshire Relate Film Festival A two-day Film Festival showing films which portray contemporary relationships. Filmmakers have been invited by Relate Oxfordshire to take part in a Short Film Competition. The Festival will be the first public showing of the best entries which will be judged on the day and a chance to meet the filmmakers. Michelle Williams was Oscar-nominated for her performance in *Blue Valentine*, the evening film. On Saturday there will be three full length feature films, *Dr Seuss' The Lorax*, *The Kids Are Alright* and *Sideways*. In between the last two films, there is a thought-provoking talk on the theme of modern relationships by Kate Figes, acclaimed author of *Couples*. Each film will be introduced by a member of Relate Oxfordshire, and event profits go the charity, founded in 1946 as the Marriage Guidance Council, which offers counselling to individuals, couples and families and trains other counsellors. The Festival runs from noon on Friday 12 October and finishes the next evening with films and events throughout each day. More in the Theatre's brochure.

Art in the Gallery A photography exhibition by Nigel Francis who lives in Kidlington and has worked in Oxfordshire as a professional photographer for over 30 years. He has an intimate knowledge of the city of Oxford, from the dreaming spires to the more unassuming little nooks and crannies. His black and white photographs reflect his interest in architecture and he travels all around the world photographing cities and landscapes, often from the air. This exhibition celebrates these aspects of his work. Until 23 October.

Half term Children's workshops

The Theatre Chipping Norton has plenty of daytime workshops (all in the Town Hall) lined up for young people during the October Half Term under their Take Part community and education programme. See www.chippingnortontheatre.com, call the Box office on 642350 or pick up the Theatre's new brochure.

Just Jhoom! will introduce participants to India, Bollywood dance and Just Jhoom Dance Fitness, ending in a dance performance for family and friends. Monday 29 October sessions for 5-7s and 8-12s.

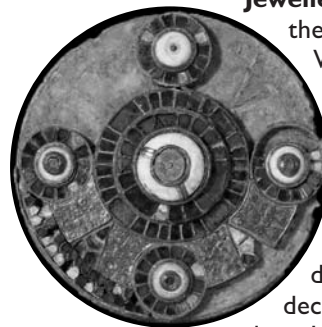
The Willow Pattern Plate is a magical story told through hand-made wooden puppets, music and sound effects. Following the show, the participants create their own 'willow pattern' plate. Tuesday 30 October for 5-11 years.



The Orange Hat Happy Hallowe'en Adventure joins Peggotty the Hen and her other puppet friends. Wednesday 31 October (£7.50 includes tea/coffee for carers).

Arts and crafts

Jewellery Ancient and Modern at the Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, includes a spectacular Anglo-Saxon brooch found in West Hanney, South Oxfordshire as the centrepiece of an exhibition running until the end of December. The brooch is rare, dating from the 7th century, decorated with garnet and gold inlays. Its style and fine craftsmanship indicate that the individual buried at West Hanney was of high social status. The brooch is displayed with other objects from a nearby grave including two newly restored pots and a knife unseen since their burial almost 1,500 years ago. If your interest lies in more modern jewellery there is currently an



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exhibition by the Jewellery and Silver Society of Oxford presenting individual work covering all aspects of silver and precious metal work including stone setting, enamelling and silver smithing. Exhibition runs until 13 October.



Be Creative It's the time of the year when it is nice to be indoors and get creative. If you want to help there is a wide choice of one-day workshops run by Fibreworks in the workroom above the shop in Middle Row. Here are ones you can join this month, followed by more

Festive ones late in the season: Gingerbread wall-hanging 1 Oct 10am-4pm; Make a handbag 20 Oct 1030am-3.30pm; Jewellery upcycling 27 Oct 10am-1pm. More from 645970 or visit www.thefibreworks.co.uk

Art in Woodstock This is the fifth festival of Art in Woodstock showcasing work by visiting professional artists and local talent. Around the town a host of unusual venues will open their doors to become showcases throughout the nine-day festival: galleries, halls, museums, restaurants, shops, and even private houses and churches. In addition, a 'free expression' art space will be erected in the town square for visitors to contribute to and create a unique work of art; there will be creative workshops for adults and children, and performance art and talks by leading artists, critics and authorities in their field. Tues-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm 27 October to 4 November Details: www.artinwoodstock.com

A Passion for British Art A lecture entitled *The Paul Mellon Foundation – A Passion for British Art* will be held by The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society. Lecturer Hilary Hope Guise will talk on Mellon's extraordinary collection of British art which is one of the world's most comprehensive and representational collections of a single culture ever assembled. See www.cotswolddfas.org. 10.15am for coffee & tea for a start at 11am 10 October. Bradwell Village Hall, Burford. Non-members are very welcome (suggested donation £8).

The Chequers Comedy Club

Comedyknights At The Chequers in Chipping Norton on Wednesday 17 October 8pm. A 'sharp and sardonic night of classy stand up' featuring the beloved award winning Stuart Goldsmith, Andrew Watts, Stuart Laws & Jay Cowle, and Bobby Carroll. £10 Details 644717.

Join and sing

Benjamin Britten's War Requiem The Burford Singers invite singers of all ages and abilities to join them for a Workshop, led by Brian Kay, featuring Britten's War Requiem Saturday 20 October 9.30am-4.15pm. see www.burford-singers.org.uk or phone Jan Campbell on 01993 822412 for full details.

A Cappella Adult Singing Group A new group starting in October at the CN Methodist Church 7-8pm on Thursdays. Phone Rachel (646901) for more details and dates.

Great Rollright Village Hall

The Monster Ceilidh Band are playing on Saturday 27 October, featuring four musicians and a caller: energetic music to get your heart beating faster. The band's credentials are excellent: Amy Thatcher talented folk accordionist; Carly Blain a fiery fiddler, Kieran Szfris a mean mandocellist and David de la Haye fabulous bass guitar. Tickets £9 (£5 u16) from Sarah (730888) or Ian (737568). Doors open 730 for an 8pm start. The organisers are going to try to get a licensed bar and there will be a raffle. The Good Night Out scheme is supporting this event – visit www.goodnightout.org for details of a whole host of entertainment held in local village halls.

Featuring the Lenthall Concerts at 21

Last month we featured The Norts (Chipping Norton Amateur Dramatic Society). This month it is the turn of the **Lenthall Concerts** in Burford. If you would like to write an article about your group and its origins please email us as we would be interested to hear from you. Email: chippymail@aol.com.



The Lenthall Concerts began in October 1992 when Michael Bochmann brought the The New Bochmann Quartet to Burford School, where he had been a pupil before his illustrious musical career. Clarinettist David Campbell joined them for a programme of work by Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. Other concerts followed until in 1997 a season of six or so concerts was established during the winter months, gradually refined to the current monthly pattern. In 2000 the Lenthall Concert Society was formed with Michael Bochmann as Director of Music.

Works by Mozart, Beethoven, Haydn, Brahms, Shostakovich, Schubert, Dvorak, J S Bach, Debussy, Vivaldi and Mendelssohn have been prominent. They have had 'The Joy of Toy' (a concert played on toy pianos), the intriguing 'Naked Voices' and an 85th birthday concert with the English Strings conducted by the birthday boy, David el Kabir. The scope of the concerts has widened over the years to include young professional musicians and groups from abroad. The 21st season features some eminent new artists as well as old friends.

There are six concerts at Burford School in the season from October 2012 to March 2013. The first is at Burford School Wednesday, 7.30pm 3 October with the Zelvova String Quartet playing Dvorak, Schubert and Shostakovich. The second is on Wednesday, 7.30pm 31 October at St John's Parish Church Burford with Klanglust, a young group from Germany returning for a third time and playing Purcell, J S Bach, Mozart and Grieg. Season membership for all concerts is £45 (further details from www.lenthallconcerts.org.uk). Tickets for individual concerts £10 in advance from Lenthall Concerts (01993 824949), or £12 at the door.

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Sports Awards

Oxfordshire Sports Awards Nominations are invited for eleven awards to celebrate sport in the County. In previous years we have managed local nominees with several being short-listed – but still no winners! Nominations close 5 October. Visit www.oxfordshiresport.org for details.

Town Sports Awards The Town Council's Recreation Committee starts the search for the next Town Sports Award winners this month.

Leisure Centre Gym refurb

The gym at Chipping Norton Leisure Centre will be refurbished starting on 26 October. The 11-day project includes redecoration, new gym equipment and an expanded stretching and free weights area with temporary gym available during this time. For more information, contact the Leisure Centre on 01993 861951.

Cricket round up

Chadlington do the double double

Chadlington Cricket Club ended another successful season in the OCA by lifting the league and cup double. They added the



Division Two title to the Airey Cup won in August. Last season they won the Division Three title along with the Telegraph Cup. It's an enormous achievement with the majority of players coming from the village. Next season they will face the likes of Charlbury and Hook Norton in Division One. Visit www.chadspostsclub.co.uk for more information.

CN Cricket Club

Wow! The 1st XI have done it yet again! They have won their league again. This time they have won Division 3 of the OCA – despite being a lowly seventh at one stage. Congratulations to Captain Ben Tew and his players. They have now achieved five promotions on the trot, including winning three league titles.

The 2nd XI are now third in their league with one game to play. If they win their last game they will win the league. What a turnaround! Looking back at the *Chippy News* of November 2006 both sides had been relegated to their lowest positions.

Performances to date:

Batting 50+ runs: S.Townsend 119 2nd XI, A.Underhill 72 not out 2nd XI, J. McGeown 64 not out 1st XI, B.Tew 62 not out & 62 not out & 59 1st XI, A.Cripps 62 2nd XI, I.Widdows 61 1st XI, M.Grantham 61 2nd XI, S.Evans 57 1st XI, M.Tompkins 56



not out, 53 & 53 2nd XI, D.Symes 50 not out 2nd XI.

Bowling 5 wickets+: D. Warner-Carter 8-24 & 5-34, J.McGeown 6-7 & 5-14, M.Elliott 6-10, S.Baxter 6-24, R.Warner-Carter 5-19, A.Tompkins 5-25.

Congratulations to Trevor Evans and his team for the recent car boot sale at the Club. The Club football team (pictured) played recently losing to Enstone 5-1 & to Kingham 2-1.

Graham Beacham

Football roundup

Local Men's Football Update

September saw the start of the 2012-13 football season for local teams competing in the Witney and District League. Promoted Chipping Norton Town will join Charlbury Town in the Premier League and have already been made second favourites for the title. Chadlington re-join from the Oxfordshire Senior League and will compete in Division One alongside Kingham. Chadlington themselves have been named as early favourites for the title. Charlbury Town Reserves play in Division Two. Chipping Norton Town Reserves in Division Three. Newly re-formed Chadlington Reserves will face Kingham Reserves and Greystones in Division Four. With so many local teams it's sure to be an eventful season! For all scores and tables visit <http://witneyanddistrict.pitchero.com>

Old Boys

Unfortunately due to the loss of seven players and their manager to new team Northleigh, Chippy Old Boys were reluctantly forced to resign from the UHL Veterans League ten years after they re-formed. But they continue to play friendlies starting with a match v Goring Good Old Boys last month with a view to competing in the OFA Veterans County Cup in November. As ever new players from the town and district 34+ are especially welcome and with enough interest the club will look to re-enter the league next season.

John Daly

Swifts

There are exciting times ahead for Chipping Norton Town Swifts. They were awarded FA Charter Standard status at the



end of last season, and have built solid foundations for mini soccer, to improve facilities and have qualified coaches. The Swifts continue to enter teams into local leagues, but this season sees the start of the Swifts Soccer School, for boys and girls aged 5-9 years. Chippy Swifts are not just about

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playing football, but also a great way of making friends, improving fitness and most importantly having fun. For more information, contact Martin Driscoll on 07885 883488 or come along to one of our sessions, Fridays 6-7pm at Greystones, Burford Road.

Chadlington Whites



Chad Whites (U11s) who include a number of Chippy players, have started their season with friendlies vs Charlbury, Croughton and Chippy Swifts U12s.

Results of the four 15-minute games against

Chippy Swifts were as follows: Chad Whites won one, drew one and lost two. Onward & upward!

Motor Racing

Alice Powell has had a frustrating first season in GP3 but finished eighth gaining her first point in the final event of the season at Monza – the first woman to achieve this. Sean Walkinshaw has also had a tough first season, driving in three forms of racing. However a pleasing weekend in Anglesey secured two wins in the MSV F3 Cup.

Chipping Norton Bowls Club

The Outdoor season is now over with the green having played exceptionally well despite the weather. Well done to our greenkeepers for all their hard work. The finals produced some new names and the winners are as follows:

Ladies' Singles ~ Val Harris, Men's Singles ~ Keith Field, Never Won Singles ~ Justin King, 2 Wood Singles ~ Dennis Barnes, Over 60's Singles ~ Dennis Barnes, Ladies' Pairs ~ Nina Boulton & Val Harris, Men's Pairs ~ Charles Worrell & Stuart Davis, Open Pairs ~ Scott Ritchie & Mike Harris, Married Couples ~ Roberta & Bill Jarvie, Triples ~ Rosemary Brooks, Val Harris & Len McDonald. We also had a new competition in memory of our late President John Quinn and the winner was Nicola Jones. Well done to everyone.

Indoor leagues and weekend friendlies started at the end of September. If you have never been to the Bowls Club and would like to see how we all spend the autumn and winter months in warm, friendly and relaxing surroundings visit our clubhouse at Greystones. Beginners can borrow bowls and shoes and help is always at hand. For more information please call Roberta Jarvie 643556.

Four Shires Swimming

Following the Olympics and Paralympics, the Club has received many enquiries from potential members. We now have more swimmers than ever before. We welcome any swimmer with above average ability (good front crawl, back-and breast-stroke and at least basic butterfly) who wishes to improve stamina and technique and eventually compete. Anyone interested can come for a trial at our club night 6-8pm on the last Thursday of the month at Kingham Hill School. One of our coaches will assess ability and advise on training. For further information visit www.4ssc.co.uk

4SSC entered 44 swimmers in the annual club championships at Temple Cowley pool in Oxford last month. A fantastic turnout and a chance to achieve county times ready for the County Championships in the New Year.

Sarah Holland

Badminton

The new season started last month. New and old members welcome – the first session is free! Give it a try and keep the Olympic Spirit going! Wednesdays 7-9.30pm at the Leisure Centre. Check the website Chipping Norton Badminton Club.

Jeff Batkin

Golf Club

July news

Chipping Norton Junior Emily Melling won the Cherwell Cup with a very impressive 43 Points. Bryony Saint from Studley Wood was second, with Harry Melling third. Both Emily and Harry reduced their handicaps in the process.

Shaun Kench is Men's Club Champion for the 3rd year for the 36 Hole Competition. He won by two shots beating Chris Heslip with Matt Johnson third. Countback decided the top three places in the Handicap Championship, Chris Dyer is the Club Handicap Champion, David Howlett came 2nd with identical scores, with Rob Stagg third.

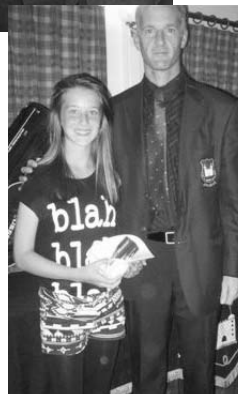
Under very difficult conditions, Claire Reynolds returned impressive rounds to secure the Beamish Trophy, Ladies Club & Handicap Championship, having also won the title in 2010. She is pictured here receiving her trophy from Ladies' Captain Lyn Usher. Imogen Vessey finished second with Ladies Vice Captain (& Claire's Mum) Jenny Reynolds third. Claire also won the Handicap Title, beating Junior, Harriet Hancock with Denise Sexton third.



August news



Chris Dyer & Camilla Hancock with Mens' Captain Alistair James



144 members and guests entered the Annual Captain's Day Competition and in addition to the well stocked 'Half Way House' Captain Alistair James also arranged superb weather! The evening's entertainments commenced with another fine display from 'Trick' Golfer Jeremy Dale. Dinner was followed by the

presentation of prizes and then a charity auction which raised £600 for the Captain's Charity, Katharine House Hospice. The overall winner of the Stableford Competition was Chris Dyer, Keith Fisher came second and Reece Ditchfield third. Camilla Hancock was top placed junior.

Marius Harte

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Probus at Brize Norton

In September sunshine, 12 members of Chipping Norton Probus Club visited 47 Squadron based at Brize Norton, thanks to Probus member Air Commodore Peter Merriman, commander of 47 Sqn 60 years ago when based at RAF Abingdon. 47 Squadron and the Hercules force have recently



been in Iraq and remain a constant presence in Afghanistan supporting UK troops, putting pressures on personnel and their families. The current commanding officer explained they also have two crews and two aircraft 365 days of the year on standby at Brize Norton, for UK Search and Rescue and UK Special Forces Worldwide. The Hercules aircraft fly low level to avoid enemy radar, and were used for recent extraction of British Nationals in Libya. We had a hands-on opportunity to feel what it would be like to be flown to Afghanistan on the RAF C-130 Hercules. (Sadly no time for an actual flight). Don't complain about budget airlines! Aircrew and passengers sit at the back for 6 to 10 hours with no gin and tonics and a glorified bucket for a toilet.

Peter also set up the unit now known as JADTEU (Joint Air Evaluation and Test Evaluation Unit) based at Brize Norton, which regulates safe airborne dispatch of equipment for different aircraft types to theatres such as Afghanistan, Libya and the South Atlantic. It also measures, monitors and checks the vast range of equipment. We were told how parachute teams work from high altitude jumps requiring

oxygen to low level exit without any reserve chutes. They carry everything from search dogs to fully inflatable RIB speed boats. Parachutists have an extra £3 per day when testing parachutes falling from some 30,000 feet at 200 mph – including freefall, opening and discarding main chutes and using a reserve for the final landing to terra firma!! We learned how Chinook Helicopters, integral workhorses of the air-force, test equipment to withstand being manhandled and dropped in a range of conditions. The whole team includes administrators, fitters, engineers, and flight personnel to keep the squadron on schedule. Air Commander Merriman, in his time an advanced Flying Instructor gave all the presenters, including our guide Flt Lt C Lofthouse, A*s for clarity and response to in depth questions. A great time was had by all.

For more about Probus call Geoff Norris, 676997 or e mail – mandgnorris@aol.com. We meet at the Crown & Cushion on the third Tuesday every month. Mike Howes

Anything Goes at the Folk Club

The theme was Anything Goes at Chippy Folk Club on Monday 10 September and we had a near full house with lots of new faces. We hope you found a warm welcome - we certainly enjoyed having you with us. Some of the highlights from our newer faces included Brian from Eynsham Morris who teamed up with one of our regulars, Gemma, for a happy rendition of I love to go a-wandering. New-comer John was a hit on the accordion with Poke the Pig Further in the Fire (a great tune and cheerier than the name suggests!). It was great to listen to Rosalie and Claire giving a Brazilian flavour to an old Irish song. And Jenny and Claire's version of Careless Love went down really well. First time visitor Dave sang a powerful self-penned song about whale watching – if that isn't brave enough – we found out he had only moved to Chippy that very day! We had some new songs as well as new faces: Paul's song Nostalgia was hot off the press – he had only finished it that morning! (And very good it was too.) There was also a song from Terry B, specially written for Chippy Folk Club, which got a huge round of applause.

As ever, our thanks to The Blue Boar for their hospitality and beer which was fully appreciated by many We meet next month on 8 October at 8pm with the theme Americana. All are most welcome. Just £1 on the door.

Rachel Chai

Folk Concert

Chippy Folk Club are hosting another concert at St Mary's Parish Rooms on Saturday 27 October. The guest artists will be Crucible and Pete Grassby, two very different but complementary acts combining terrific musicianship, song and, of course, humour! Subsidised by Folk Club, the tickets are only £7 and will be available from beginning October. Contact Pen Greenwood on 642296 or see www.chippingnortonfolk.org.uk for further details.

A first for CNWI

Members of Chipping Norton Women's Institute were given a real treat at their September meeting when well known local John Grantham gave his first ever talk to a WI! Using his own detailed maps and diagrams John fascinated his audience with a comprehensive history of Chipping Norton's Common and Pastureland, interspersed with anecdotes of the Town's development through the ages – an excellent evening. We commence our autumn/winter afternoon meetings at 2.15pm

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on 10 October when Karen Wiseman will tell us about Winston Churchill's connection with Blenheim Palace. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us in the Lower Town Hall. We also hope to see townsfolk at our stall in the Co-op arcade on the morning of Wed 17 October.

Prudence Chard 642903

A busy astronomical autumn

The doors to autumn begin to swing open for CNAAG astronomers as the summer constellations slip slowly offstage. We took full advantage of the weather conditions on Friday 7 September with a post midnight observing session at the Rollright Stones basking in shirtsleeves under clear skies with very little dew, a rare occurrence in our climate. On



Sky At Night co-presenter and Oxford Physicist Dr Chris Lintott chats to CNAAG members in the Theatre bar after the film 'Nostalgia For The Light'

Monday 15 October our guest speaker at the Fox Hotel is Dr Phil Marshall, Astrophysicist from Oxford University who will be talking about 'Weighing The Milky Way' – everyone welcome. Having assisted in their gaining a 'Dark Sky' status, on Saturday 20 October we will be hosting an evening of astronomy at the sports field, Long Compton from 6.30-10pm. Full facilities are in the refurbished Sports Clubhouse and there will be refreshments and food on site, any proceeds going to the Sports Field funds. Tuesday 23rd will find us at Orchard Fields Primary School in Banbury as part of our ongoing outreach autumn programme. Another project is collaboration with Chipping Norton School staff and pupils to construct a large high performance powerful reflecting telescope to be in operation for January. Our monthly meetings in The Fox Hotel prove to be informative, well supported and sociable. If you have an interest in astronomy, space or the Universe you will be made most welcome to any of our meetings experience or equipment are not required, just enthusiasm and inquisitiveness – the Moon, Stars and Universe will do the rest. Visit our website – www.cnaag.com or phone 07527 224411 for more information.

Robin Smitten

NOOG looks at local ecology

Craig Blackwell, who had led a fascinating walk around rural Chipping Norton in June, took us on an in-depth photographic tour at North Oxfordshire Organic Gardeners' September meeting. Continuing the theme of Oxfordshire's diverse ecology, his photographs showed how the area's geological formation has influenced the different plant and animal habitats, alerting us to a number of lesser known nature reserves along the way. We ran out of time for everyone's questions so it's good news that he'll be giving two

additional half-hour talks in the Town Hall on Saturday 6 October at TCN's Autumn Fair, open to the public.

NOOG's Wednesday 3 October meeting will provide down-to-earth insights into 'Road-kill, river trapping and pickings from the field' with Oxford zoologist Dr Henry Bennet-Clark. Do join us at 7.30pm in the Timberyard Room, Little Tew. Call 683624 for further details of our activities.

Lindsay Johnstone

History Society ready to brew

The History Society runs from September to May, and the opening meeting for the new season was held on 10 September. We were treated to a fascinating talk given by Dr Gillian White about 'The Great Fire of Warwick'. An hour passed very quickly as we learned from maps and photographs how Warwick must have looked before the fire, and why it looks the way it does today.

We are looking forward to our next talk 'Barley Beer and Barrels – The mystery of Brewing' to be given by Martin Way on Monday 8 October at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall.

Remember that there is still time to visit the interesting local exhibits in the Chipping Norton Museum before we close for the winter at the end of October.

Roz Boylan

Life with the Lions

Our 26th Birthday Charter Dinner and Dance is on 13 October at the Crown & Cushion Hotel with dancing to the band 'Stiff Upper Lip' – tickets £30 from Rob Caswell or any Lion.

Our Photography Competition runs from the 1 October 2012 to 1 August 2013 – the subject is Nature in the Cotswolds. Open to all amateur photographers from 8 to 18 years up, split in to three age groups. For more information send for an entry form from Lion Paolo Oliveri at 14 Park Road, Chipping Norton OX7 5PA or download one from Morris Photographic website: www.morrisphoto.co.uk.

And don't forget our Reindeer Race Night on 1 December with reindeers racing instead of our usual horses. Small companies can sponsor a race either for £50 joint sponsorship, (3 free tickets) or £100 sole sponsorship (6 free tickets). If you're interested in a good Christmas night out, please contact our President Robert Caswell (646003) or Graham Raven (645134) for more information. Everyone is





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welcome; tickets £3 from any Lion.

All this shows how busy and involved Lions are in helping the community and having fun. If you would like to know more about Lions and have time to help the less fortunate and enjoy new challenges in a friendly team then please get in touch with our President or talk to any of the Lions at one of our events. We meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month at The Chequers at 8pm.

Liz Nason

Chipping Norton Rotary roundup

New Rotary year: The Rotary Club took the opportunity of a few minutes' dry weather at the beginning of July to hold



an 'indoor' barbeque and celebrate our New Year and welcome in the new President Edwin Wilson, a retired headteacher who lives in Shipton under Wychwood. He is pictured here with his wife Rosemary and our new Vice President Geoff Norris, a retired solicitor who came to settle in the area a few years ago and lives in Chadlington.

ChippyJazz: was on Sunday 30 September and next month's edition will include pictures and a report of the amount raised for this year's charities: the Thames Valley and Chiltern Air Ambulance, Riding for the Disabled and St Mungo's which provides support and temporary accommodation for young homeless people locally.

Riding for the Disabled: Two members of the local Riding for the Disabled branch came to tell us all about the charity. The RDA in the Chipping Norton area was one of the original branches set up 43 years ago. It meets every Thursday and provides riding for those with both physical and learning disabilities. Riding improves the core muscle strength of the physically handicapped and the concentration and communication skills of the mentally disabled.

The Inner Wheel Club: held their traditional coffee morning and sale on Bank Holiday Saturday. The rain held off and many contented visitors left with books, plants, cakes and tasty winnings from the tombola stall. The club made £764 for charity. Thanks to everyone who gave their support.

Simon Hamilton 677156

Railway Club events

On 4 September we welcomed our old friend Dave Baker with even more archive railway films. This was Dave's 21st annual visit to the Club and he did us proud, showing several films. Three had bridges as their subject, namely, the Menai Bridge and two wonderful stories about the Forth Bridge. Building and painting the bridge when health and safety appeared non-existent, no cradles or hard hats! An exciting film on the 1969 London to New York Transatlantic Air Race, sponsored by the Daily Mail, followed and finally (my favourite) a 'Look at Life' film (remember them?) about the annual Brass Band Competition held at the Albert Hall. Brass bands from all over the UK gathered in London for this

prestigious event. Growing up in a musical family, I remember this well. We hope that Dave keeps well and continues to drive up from London each September to entertain us.

On 7 October we visit Churnet Valley Railway for their 'Farewell to Summer' event with classic cars, Morris dancers and, of course, train rides.

On 2 October, more films, shown by Mike Clemens from Pershore, and filmed by his father Jim in the 60s. We always look forward to seeing the local line and especially Chipping Norton Station.

As always, new members and visitors welcome, with free tea/coffee and biscuits during the interval.

Estelle Brain

Chipping Norton Army Cadets

Having just completed the two week annual camp at Oakhampton, where the cadets enjoyed a variety of activities from drill competitions, motor bike riding, a day trip to Bude beach and gorge jumping, a number of cadets from Calais company



attended the Battalion swimming tournament and had fantastic results with the winning cadets being selected to represent Oxfordshire at the Nationals. Well done all. Visit www.oxonacf.org.uk for more photos. If you are interested in joining us please call 07838 233272 for more information. We parade on a Wednesday evening 7.30-9.30pm between the fire station and TopSchool. Come and see what we do.

Clare Sands

Have a wizard time with the Nortons

Chipping Norton Amateur Dramatic Group meet on Tuesday 16 October for a read-through of *Dracula* at the Barn, The Chequers, Chipping Norton, 7.30pm start. Just turn up and we would be thrilled to see you there.

Come and see our next production *Wizard of Oz*, at the Methodist Church, Chipping Norton on Thursday 8, Friday 9 and Saturday 10 November. Tickets go on sale on 1 November. Come and meet the Lion and other members of the cast in Chippy on 13 October. See you there! For any other details email Andrewpitman123@btinternet.com

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This vibrant group of over 100 members meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the Methodist Hall in West Street. At each meeting we have a speaker and over a year the subjects range over a wide spectrum. On 3 October we have Jan Long who spent 25 years working for the British Council. An afternoon with Dylan Thomas takes place on 7 November with two excellent performers: George and Frances Yiend. Hollywood Memories is our December offering and Robin King will show excerpts from musicals of the 1930's 40's and 50's

As well as the monthly meeting, for your £20 subscription a year, there is the chance to join Special Interest Groups with over 20 meeting at least once a month. These include Reading,

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Science, Music (classic and jazz), Sport (yoga, bowls, walking, table tennis), Living History, Travel, Crafts and many more. We also arrange outings and have recently been to Bletchley Park.

All retired people are welcome at the U3A. Not only is it a stimulus to the mind and body it is also a wonderful way of making new friends. So why not come along to our next monthly meeting at 2pm. For more information contact Sue Hadland 641695 or Barbara Walters 643750.

Amnesty welcomes MEP

Summer fund-raising: Our annual book-sale in Burford on 25 August raised £122.02. The Chipping Norton street collection on 8 September raised £252.30; thank you to all who contributed.

MEP to talk on human trafficking: You are invited to an Amnesty meeting at which our MEP Catherine Bearder will talk on Human Trafficking. She is campaigning to end this modern-day slave trade here in Oxfordshire and overseas. Thursday 11 October, Lower Town Hall. It's free!

Planting an AmnesTree: To mark UN Human Rights Day 2012, Amnesty will hold an oak-planting ceremony on the Common Recreation Ground at 2.30pm, Sunday, 9 December. Human Rights Day commemorates the proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights on 10 December 1948. Amnesty members will read the 30 Articles of the Declaration and the AmnesTree will be planted by Charlbury resident Malcolm Harper, who was a long-time Director of the UK United Nations Association.

New members always welcome: call Priscilla 01451 830459

Kingham and Daylesford Rotary

Behind the scenes at Chippy Theatre: Wednesday 10 October we welcome John Terry, Director of Chipping Norton Theatre to talk about the challenges of running a vibrant theatre in the current economic climate. 6.30pm at The Mill House Hotel, Kingham. Call Mike Clark 01451 830684 to book a place and perhaps stay for a meal after.



Olympic Gold for Rotary:

When gold medallist long jumper Graham Rutherford lost his funding after Beijing, Bedford Rotary Club stepped in and supported him. Is there anyone out there we can support for Rio 2016? Call Paul Jackson 01993 831967

Take a look at Rotary?! We are a new non-traditional mixed club. Do come and take a look. We meet fortnightly with a meal which is optional. We have fun putting something back to the community at home and abroad. Call Martin Dare 07733 306856 or Graham More 01451 810 413.

Green Gym helps schools

As well as our usual work at Woodstock water meadows and Chippy community orchard, we have worked in two woods – the Millennium Wood at Kingham and the William Fowler wood in Chippy – and also two schools. At Charlbury School we weeded the flower beds and at St Mary's School in Chippy we created three new beds ready for a project on 'Dig for Victory' (see photo p26). This is the last time I shall be reporting on work in Woodstock as we now have two



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separate Green Gyms – one for Woodstock and one for Chippy. Come and join us to work locally on Wednesday or Thursday mornings. For further information see p12.

Jenny Harrington 643269

Single File enjoys variety

We are a group of unattached people between 50 and 70 who enjoy doing a variety of things together. (No! We are not a dating agency, though occasionally surprising things do



happen!) In the last two months we have visited the Burford Wildlife Park, listened to jazz at Chastleton House, enjoyed a 'literary walk' at the home of the Mitford Sisters, had a slap-up meal at a member's house, seen films at Chippy Theatre, visited a beautiful garden at Bourton House, enjoyed the Cirque du Ciel's extravaganza at Oxford's New Theatre, heard live music at various pubs, gone for several walks and much more! We have a regular pub night at the Crown & Cushion on Fridays when anyone thinking of joining can come and meet us. The next ones will be on 12 and 26 October. We are a friendly group and new members are very welcome.

Daphne Lever 01295 788474

Horticultural tour of Scotland

After a very successful summer of day trips, Chipping Norton Horticultural Association is looking forward to its winter programme. The first meeting is on Wednesday 17 October at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall when Graham Soden will conduct A journey through Scotland. This is a return visit by Graham whose photography last time was excellent and all thought it a splendid evening; so why not join us! We shall also have a sales table, to raise funds to keep the membership fee as low as possible. For more details contact the secretary Eileen Forse on 643275.

Ramblers explore the Evenlode

2 September saw 15 Chippy ramblers enjoy the Evenlode valley near Ascott-under-Wychwood. Leaving Ascott along its pretty High Street we encountered sunflower 'scarecrows' with faces and hats nodding over the wall of a garden which also boasted sundry ironworks, including a pincer gate which kept us guessing from local character 'Roley'. Later we went through the centre of a corn field while a combine harvester churned around the perimeter, spewing golden grain down its chute. On part of the Oxfordshire Way, the Evenlode and Chilson village behind us, we strolled back into Ascott near Manor Farm admiring the old granary built on staddle stones – a redbrick feature amongst the mellow Cotswold stone. The walk was four miles, and we thanked Keith and Pat Chamberlayne for leading it.

Our next walks are on Sunday 7 October and Sunday 4 November. We meet in New Street car park, at 2pm in

October and the at 1.30pm in November as the evenings draw in. Please call 641222 for further details.

Heather Leonard

Sing along with West Oxfordshire WI

Our traditional rummage sale last month was lots of fun, with members jostling for bargains and catching up with friends after the summer. On Monday 22 October we welcome singing tutor Jane Gridley, who will be running a singing workshop for us. She assures us it's not necessary to have perfect pitch, and promises to have us all singing harmonies by the end of the night! The evening is free to members, but anyone is welcome to join us for a contribution of £3.

West Oxfordshire WI (WOWI) is a fun and enterprising WI meeting at 7.30pm at St Mary's Parish Rooms, Chipping Norton on the third Monday of the month. Talks over the last year have included wine-tasting, car maintenance and felting. We are a sociable group with around 35 members, and you are welcome to drop in on any meeting. For more information visit www.westoxfordshirewi.co.uk or call 646830.

Claire Storry

Conservatives consider antiques

In September we had a presentation by Caroline Maclean, CAB and County Council Volunteer Manager who stressed the importance of helping older people to access information and services to improve the quality of their lives. As the world gets more complicated with greater opportunities, the challenge is to access information especially for those living on their own with limited support from family or friends. Community Connect needs a network of volunteers to assist in making and retaining contact. Please contact Caroline if you can be of assistance via 648099 or email her atcommunityconnect@wocab.org.uk

If you would like to come along to The Crown & Cushion on Friday 2 November for an evening with Philip Mould of BBC's Antique Roadshow fame, please contact Cicely Maunder on 643680 or Richard Anning on 641151 for tickets at £12.50 including buffet.

On 11 October we welcome Nigel Moor, who is the Chairman of the Moreton-in-Marsh Conservative branch, who will discuss Conservatism and working with local residents and businesses. We meet at The Blue Boar for a meal and coffee for £10 per head. To book a place please contact me on 642423 or mikehowes36@gmail.com

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St Mary's Primary

New Reception children: Our new children have settled in



very quickly and easily. Our first topic during term 1 is 'Names'. The children have been writing their own name using different materials and learning the names of all the staff at the school.

Years 1 & 2 children have had an excellent start to the term and are becoming so independent already. They certainly are a hard working lot, which is great to see. Here are some of their comments:

Kaya Malone Y2: 'School has been going well since I came back from the holidays. My favourite lessons are maths and literacy. I've got lots of new friends and my work has been much harder and I love to do hard work because it makes me learn more! I also really enjoy doing art.'

Eden Van Jaarsveld Y2: 'I have enjoyed coming back to school after the summer holidays. I really enjoy literacy and I really like writing stories. I also enjoy drawing pictures for Miss Henderson usually mermaids and schools of fish. When doing art I like making cards and drawing pictures on the front.'

Faith Sinclair Y1: 'It's been fine moving from reception up to Miss Henderson's room and I think Miss Henderson is really nice! My favourite lesson is literacy and I enjoy spending time writing stories.'

Year 6 results – congratulations! *Head Yvonne Barnes reports:* I am delighted to congratulate last year's Year 6 classes on their achievements in attainment and progress. 31% gained Level 5 in English and Maths (the national figure was 22% in 2011). 74% gained Level 4 in English and Maths (74% nationally last year), 90% made better than expected progress from KS1 in English (83% nationally in 2011). I would like especially to congratulate the following children who attained the new top Level 6 marks: George Tuckwell (Writing/Maths), Joe Frater (Writing), Jake Darby, Owen Ward & Rowan Woodell (Maths). Well done to the whole year group. We look forward to hearing of their future achievements!

Christmas is coming..... On Friday 30 November our singing club will be hosting our community tea party from 2pm. We have groups from Southerndown, Tall Trees, Albion Co-op, Cornish House, Highlands and Penhurst who regularly come to these events. If you are involved in a group of people who may be interested in being invited then please contact St Mary's school office for further information. On Saturday 1 December, we will be singing at the Christmas Tree Festival at the Methodist Church so please come and support us there.

A Visit from the Green Gym: On a dull grey morning during the summer holidays we welcomed the 'Green Gym' volunteers who we had approached to help us with the next stage of our 'Sensory and Sustainable Garden'. This will encourage our children to grow and taste their own vegetables and also help towards our ECO School Gold Award.

It certainly was hard work forming the three allotment plots, 2 metres by 2 metres, for our year 5 & 6 children to grow vegetables, which they are hoping to harvest and sell at our school gate, or for the children to cook and taste in



school. The Green Gym Team were able to use the contents of two of our school compost bins and we are looking forward to them coming back in October to put in the wooden edging around the plots, donated by Travis Perkins.

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The staff and pupils of St Mary's would like to thank The Green Gym Volunteers and Travis Perkins for their time, help and donations.

Drop off club: This term saw the start of our 'Drop off club', a facility for parents who need early morning cover so they can get to work. The club starts from 8am until school doors are open. We offer time for children to do homework, read, write or just chill out and watch a DVD!!! If you would like more information or take up this facility then please contact Mrs Anne Strick in the School office on 642673.

Acting achievements:

We were delighted to learn that four of our pupils have managed to gain a part in Chipping Norton Theatre's pantomime. Hannah Burman, Charlie Hill, Charlie Weaver and Maisie Frater are pictured celebrating their good news. We are looking forward to seeing them perform as the whole school is going to watch the pantomime.



Great Rollright Primary

New pupils: This term has welcomed a substantial number of starters at Rollright into every class and already the newcomers are settled and comfortable taking part in all the school and its social life has to offer. We were especially delighted to see how quickly the very youngest children have settled down and become very confident members of our community. Evidence of the swell in numbers can be seen in the playground and the frequency of bus trips to and from Chipping Norton! We now run three trips to collect children from various parts of Chipping Norton.

Fundraising: With the success of the Summer Fete behind us – an astonishing £2,250 was raised despite dreadful weather – The Friends of Great Rollright School is now a registered charity and preparing for an active autumn.

Tear Fund: By the time you read this we will have held our Harvest Service in St Andrew's Church as well as our Soup Supper, which always provides the perfect opportunity for new parents and pupils to meet and mingle. All money raised at this event goes to the Tear Fund Project that our local church is raising money for.

School trips: Coming up is the annual Children Singing for Children event, organised by Banbury Rotarians at the beginning of November in St Mary's Church, Banbury. We have a reputation to maintain there for being the smallest school with the loudest voice and this year will be no exception!

Welly Wednesdays: The beginning of the year has brought another new exciting plan for the children in Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 who spend every Wednesday afternoon exploring the natural world out and about in and around Great Rollright. We are very grateful to all our volunteers who are a crucial part to the success of these afternoons.

Please contact the school office for further details about any

of our activities or to make appointments to visit the school tel 737202 or email office.3408@great-rollright.oxon.sch.uk

Chadlington Primary

New Pixies: The school was very excited to welcome to the school 15 new pixies into the Reception Class – the teachers are thrilled at how quickly they are all settling down into school life.

Staffing: The school is very pleased to welcome to the full time teaching staff Mrs Alison Stevens who is teaching Dragons as well as leading all the musical activities at the school. We hope she is very happy with us.

Autumn Term topic: The topic for this term is 'Behind the Scenes' where the children are exploring film making. To tie in with this, the Wizards and Dragons are very excited to be going to the Warner Bros Studios in London in late September where they will take a tour entitled The Making of Harry Potter and explore sets from the Harry Potter Films such as Diagon Alley and the Gryffindor Common Room. The Pixies and Elves will be taking a trip to Farmer Gow's Farm Park where they will be taking their own footage of the animals! The topic will culminate in a wonderful end of year Oscar themed event at Chipping Norton Theatre when the children and parents can watch the films that are going to be produced over the year by all the classes complete with red carpet!



Sports Day: The school had to cancel their Sports Day in July due to the rain and as they had an especially exciting series of events planned to tie in with the Olympics the day was re-scheduled for a glorious sunny day

in mid-September. As well as the normal Sports Day activities such as hurdles, sprinting, relay and long jump the whole school were lucky enough to do an afternoon of Olympic themed sports led by various members of the community organised by the Friends of Chadlington School and supported by Sainsbury's of Chipping Norton – the school's sponsorship partner for 2012-13. The children thoroughly enjoyed taster sessions in sports such as Hockey, Martial Arts and Boxfit!! Huge thanks go to Jason Biles of Heythrop Park resort and Claire Maden of Oxford Sport and Traditional Martial Arts.

Breakfast and After School Clubs: The school continues with a great list of before and after school activities this year – the popular Breakfast Club continues before the start of school and then the clubs on offer at the end of the school day are Archery, Lego and Board Games, Cookery, Filmclub, French and Quiet Club.

Fundraising: Last academic year was a wonderful one for fundraising at the school and over the summer break the Friends of Chadlington School were very busy raising money at the exciting Wilderness Festival and outside Sainsbury's in

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Chipping Norton with a popular cake stall. There are lots of exciting fundraising events planned this academic year including a Triathlon and a Christmas Concert as well as the usual after school cake stalls and Beer Festival.

Windrush Valley School



We're back and already well into a busy term, with Forms 2 to 6 starting to prepare for their English Speaking Board examinations. We are always very proud of the outstanding grades the children achieve, and we're looking forward to some of the unusual subjects they choose to present!

We are also excited for the start of our Extended Day activities, with lots of new subjects such as; indoor hockey, horse whispering and 'history in the making' to name a few.

The school has introduced hot school meals daily from the start of term. They certainly have proved to be very tasty, with 90% of the children enjoying this lunch time treat.

Headmaster Mr Wood and all the staff would very much like to welcome all the new children and families who have started at Windrush Valley School this term.

Kingham Primary

A New School Year! We have a busy year in front of us with our new teachers to get to know and impress! We've got some great topics for this term too. Our youngest and newest children in Foundation Stage are having fun with several topics, including dinosaurs. Year 1 are going to be working on 'This is Me' and 'Healthy Me'. Year 2 are reading Beatrix Potter tales as part of their 'Victorians' topic and are going to Woodstock museum in November. Year 3's topic for this term is 'Authors and Illustrators' and they are going to Roald Dahl museum. Year 4 are studying the 'Vikings and the Great Outdoors'. Year 5 is off to the Isle of Wight for their residential visit and studying fossils and dinosaurs in preparation for exploring the beaches there. Year 6 are learning about the Tudors and are going to watch The Hobbit.

Year 5 are taking the responsibility of play leaders in the playground. They are finding it lots of fun and are making lots of young friends.

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Year 5 girls report: Our term got off to a sporty start with a Key Stage 2 football tournament (pictured below), organised



by our Year 6 children, in which our school 'houses' competed against each other on the pitch. There was great excitement as Lions competed against Tigers and Leopards played Pumas! We look forward to the next matches in October.

Chipping Norton School

Sports Tour to South Africa: From 13-27 July Chipping



Norton School senior students visited South Africa for a sports tour. The students played both netball and rugby and stayed in hotels and also in the homes of the students they played against. They enjoyed a wide range of experiences including

a safari, a super XV rugby match, a tour of Robben Island, Table Mountain and even a Segway tour! The students



were a real credit to the school and the community and it was well worth the two years hard work of planning and fundraising.

Huge thanks to our sponsors for the trip: KMS Litho, Bakers coaches, Owen Mumford, and Sweet Chariot.

A similar tour is planned back to South Africa to visit Cape Town and Durban in July 2014. If you would like to discuss this, or sponsorship of any aspect of the tour, please contact Head of PE, Jonathan Thomas on 642007.

Secondary Geography Quality Mark Award: We were delighted to learn from the Geographical Association that CNS is one of only 11 schools in the country to have been awarded the coveted Centre of Excellence status this year. The Centre of Excellence award recognises the contribution

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of those schools in disseminating quality approaches to the teaching of geography to colleagues. In these schools geography is led by enthusiastic curriculum leaders who are able to inspire their colleagues and actively work to raise the standards of geography teaching and learning for their pupils. All the award winners undergo a rigorous moderation process, and the team of assessors were hugely impressed by the manner in which the School's Geography department is embracing all the opportunities afforded by the curriculum changes at KS3.



The Head of the Geography Department, Mrs Ferguson (pictured here with Heateacher Simon Duffy and her department) said, 'We are delighted to have earned this recognition.

The department is thrilled that our efforts to make Geography relevant and engaging for all of our students have been recognised by the Geographical Association.'

Chipping Norton School students take centre stage!

Drama students from Chipping Norton School are celebrating some terrific results from their recent LAMDA Examination. Pupils from Year 10 and 11 took the highly prestigious Speech and Drama Exam in July and gained 8 merits and 6 distinctions in Grade 4, 5 and 6.



The three Year 11 students pictured above are James Hastings, Lana Sumners and Tom Page who all gained distinctions at Grade 6 which is the equivalent of a Grade C at AS Level and gives them 40 points each towards their UCAS application for University.

Kingham Hill School

How many girls can you get into a mini? Well this shiny example (pictured) obligingly allowed 17 Kingham Hill girls to squeeze in, as part of the celebrations for the opening of a third girls' boarding house. The car was bursting at the seams in much the same way the school's girls' boarding houses have been.



With more pupils at Kingham Hill at the start of this school year than at the end of the last, and with the percentage of girls at the school now 40%, more beds were needed. The answer was to convert one of the oldest buildings at the school – Durham House, dating from 1886. and the girls are delighted with their new home.

Headmaster, Nick Seward, welcomed a great crowd of parents, pupils and staff and introduced Chair of Governors, John Richardson, who spoke glowingly of the positive impact made by girls at Kingham Hill during the 20 years since the school became coeducational. Six girls then made statements about the notable achievements of Kingham girls in recent years. A ribbon was cut by Lauren, representing the new Durham, and Robert, an old boy and previous Head of School, representing the past. Champagne and tours of the house rounded-off an enjoyable but significant celebration for Kingham Hill and its growing number of girls.



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Plans for Hospital site

So now we know that the old hospital site has been sold to a developer and the opportunity to create a facility for the



community has been lost. St Charles Homes put on an exhibition of their proposals in the Town Hall on 6 September. Unfortunately they forgot to tell anyone about it so you may have missed it. Whether this is sufficient to meet their obligations to consult the community is doubtful. The proposal is to retain the hospital building itself, which will be converted into two homes. On the rest of the site they hope to build 12 new houses. Conveniently, 14 lies just below the level at which developers are required to include affordable homes, though even this limited number has been raised recently by the Government.

While regretting the loss of the building as a potential for community use, the development is not unappealing. The houses themselves are small and the site very crowded; that seems to be the commercial reality these days. On a more positive note, the hospital will become the centrepiece of the site, and be more clearly visible than it is now. The developers showed possible designs in a more contemporary style which, to my eye at least, is more appropriate than some feeble attempt to copy former glories. The Localism Act, recently enacted, gives councils the power to give some protection to 'assets of community value', such as the old hospital. We, as a community, need to pressure WODC into using these powers for other important assets in the Town.

Cllr David Heyes

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On Tuesday 18 November the Branch and Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the Crown and Cushion Hotel at 8pm, all welcome. Branch subscriptions are due from 1 October. Please contact me on 643755.

Michael Dixon

News of Ron Stares

Many of your readers will know my dad, Ron Stares who lived in and around Chipping Norton for many years until, together with my mum June, moved to Exmouth about six years ago. Earlier this year he had a fall and was taken to Exmouth Hospital where he was diagnosed with a bladder infection. During his stay in hospital he was assessed as needing round the clock care and attention. My brother Tony and I decided to find him residential accommodation and obviously, Exmouth was no longer an ideal location for either of us to visit. A few months ago dad was released from hospital and moved from Exmouth to a care home in Oxford. Whilst he remains in need of care I pleased to be able to tell you that the infection has cleared and he is settling in well. He would welcome contact from friends from Chipping Norton who can visit him at St John's Home, St Mary's Road, Oxford or can email via me at davidstares@ntlworld.com (tel 01865

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452115). At present dad does not have a telephone but we are making arrangements.

David Stares

Goodman Family Search

I'm helping my wife trace her family roots and we have discovered that she is descended from the Goodman family and specifically descended from William and Esther Goodman who lived off Albany Street in Conygree Terrace in the late 19th and early 20th century.

We would be delighted to hear from any descendants or friends of the Goodman family who may still be in the Chipping Norton area. We can be contacted on 07739 884254 or email at dickrichards10@hotmail.com. Thank you

Dick Richards

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Keith Salmon 1959-2012



Keith Salmon passed away peacefully on Friday 2 September after a long illness, leaving his wife, Pam and 15-year-old son, Kieran. Keith and Pam opened and ran The Cottage Tea Rooms in Horsefair (now Thai Shire) for some years, enjoying the people and their time in Chipping Norton. They then moved to Sidbury, Devon where they opened a restaurant and B&B before running a Post Office in Upwell, Norfolk. Keith will be missed by so many people.

Trevor Perkins

Jim Hawtin

Ann Hawtin would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes, on the sad loss of her husband Jim on 28 June. A big thank you to her family, and friends who have been a great support to her, during this sad time. Jim's funeral was very well attended by all his friends and family. He would have been so proud. A collection for the Churchill Hospital and West Street Surgery amounted to just over £200. Thank you ALL. Please accept this as a personal acknowledgement.

Ann Hawtin

Tabletop/Carboot Sale

Plus Coffee & Cakes

Saturday 27 October 2012

Village Hall, Choicehill Road, Over Norton

10am-12 noon

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Lively Library

Trying new library facilities

September visitors to Chipping Norton's library in Goddard's Lane found a new layout and new self-service computer facilities to try out. A News team member dropped by and library assistant Liz Gibbins explained how the 'booking-in booking-out' service works. It all seemed very straightforward – the friendly computer in front of you scans your library card and the books, and you only have to press a couple of buttons. The changes aim to save time, particularly when the library is busy, and it also means staff can spend more time advising library users. Our photo shows Liz helping a regular user who confessed to 'being a technophobe' but managed to figure it out and who said he was pleased to see the library right up to date. While we were there it was end of school day with lots of children with parents in and out – with the kids clearly demonstrating an instant grasp of the new computer booking system. Of course the library staff are still there to do it the traditional way if you wish. Everyone is getting used to the library layout changes which include moving the reception desk away from the door, new shelving, signage and different use of the library light and space. Library Manager Judith Bucknell said, 'It's great that the County have chosen to spend some of their money received from developers in Chipping Norton'.



Rhymetime (and more!) at Library

Library Manager Judith Bucknell writes: On Monday 20 August your library here in Chipping Norton reopened after two weeks following complete refurbishment and the word on the lips of many was 'Wow!' What a refreshing, spacious area we now have, with new shelving, increased space for the children, self-service machines for those who choose to use it, yet still the same service provision and stock, including new books. If you haven't been in yet, come on by and check us out. We're still open to good ideas for any improvements but the staff do like the bright and updated working environment – we hope you do too.

Following the summer break we are restarting the **Rhymetime** for toddlers and babies on the first Tuesday of the month at 10.30am. Pop in and join us, stay as long as you feel comfortable and share the interaction with your children. Next two dates are 2 October and 6 November. **The Summer Reading Challenge** has gone well, despite our being closed for two weeks, and there's still time to achieve your certificate, medal and rewards – can you finish by half term?

DIARY

October (News out Monday 1 October)

- 1st **Chipping Norton News Team Meeting** 7.30
Chequers Barn - call 643219 for more information
- 2nd **Railway Club** 7.30 Town Hall - details p23
- 3rd **U3A** 2pm Methodist Hall Jan Long- Highs & Lows of British Council life - details p23
- NOOG** 7.30 in The Timberyard Room, Little Tew - details p22
- 6th **TCN Autumn Fair** Town Centre from 10am see p5
- Caine's Arcade Global Day** Dad's Club at the ACE Centre - details p11
- Moonrakers Concert** 7.30 St Marys Church
- 7th **Rambling Club** meet 2pm New St Car Park see p 25
- 8th **Folk Club** 8pm The Blue Boar 'Americana' see p21
- History Society** 7.30 Methodist Hall - details p22
- 10th **Methodist Coffee Morning** 9.30-11.30 Salvation Army
- CNWI** 2.15 Lower Town Hall see p22
- 11th **Chatterbox talk** More Money in your pocket 10.30
Town Hall - see advert p7 for details
- Amnesty International** 7.30 Lower Town Hall with MEP Catherine Bearder - see advert p30
- 12th **CHIPPING NORTON NEWS DEADLINE**
- Single File** 8pm Crown & Cushion see p25
- 13th **St Mary's Churchyard cleanup day** 10am - details p11

- 13th **Trefoil Guild Coffee Morning** in Churchill see ad p25
- Chaser & Holy Smoke** 7.30 in the Town Hall see ad p15
- Chariots of Fire** 7.30 Churchill Village Hall details p10
- 15th **Astronomy Group** 7.30 at The Fox - details p22
- 17th **Horticultural Association** 7.30 Methodist Hall see p25
- 19th **International Coffee Morning** ACE Centre see p12
- 20th **CN Farmers Market** 8.30-1.30
- Sunshine Cat Rescue Jumble Sale** Milton u Wychwood Village Hall details 01993 831279
- Pirates** 7.30 Churchill Village Hall details p10
- 21st **Apple Day** at the Community Orchard 11-2 see p13
- 22nd **West Oxon WI** 7.30 in the Parish Rooms see p25
- 23rd **Trefoil Guild** Westonbirt Arboretum visit - details 641664
- 25th **Chadlington Flower Club 7pm** Chad Mem Hall
Sally Hardy - Any Dream Will Do - all welcome
- 26th **Electric Blanket testing** see p9 for details
- Single File** 8pm Crown & Cushion see p25
- 27th **Tabletop/Carboot sale** O Norton see ad p31
- N Cots Soc of Recorder Players** 2.30-5 Sandford St Martin Village Hall (OX7 7AH) details 641037
- Folk Concert** St Mary's Parish Rooms - details p21
- November** (News out Monday 29 October)
- 4th **Rambling Club** 1.30pm New St Car Park see p25
- 6th **Railway Club** 7.30 Lwr Town Hall: Forest of Dean railways