



Festival Fun

It's June, it's summer and time for the Town Festival

The election is over and good luck to all those representing us. Now it's back to work – but maybe, if the sun is shining on Chipping Norton, there's time in June to join in with some of the Town's summer events.

Town Festival 21 June

Put Sunday 21 June in the diary for joining everyone in Chippy's town centre which will be closed off for the Town Festival. An outdoor stage, over a dozen great acts, stalls, games, food and fun. A great family day out and a chance to say hello to all your friends round town. Don't miss it and it's free – thanks to Rotary and the organising team. More on page 3.

Fetes and fun all around

June is also a good time for fetes and festivals, There are Charlbury & Chadlington Beer Festivals, plus fetes at Chippy's St Mary's Church, both our Town primary schools and a host of others in Churchill, Bledington, Enstone, Rollright, and more. Come and join in. Full list on p12.

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Skeleton found

Big news this month includes the major find of a female skeleton near Long Compton. She was a saxon lady – nearly 1400 years old – now nicknamed 'Rose of Rollright. Full story on page 3.

Elections

A new District Councillor and Conservatives do well in local and national elections. Results on back page.

Budding Banksies



Photo: Don Davidson

Around 20 budding Banksy-style artists show off their work after a fun session with a visiting artist up at Chipping Norton's Glyme Hall. More on page 13.

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Premier Inn plans

Town and District Councillors to debate planning application – will it boost local economy and fit in with our Town? Report p5.

PROMOTING CHIPPING NORTON

Chippy for best Market Town?

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Could Chipping Norton get the award for best Market Town? Experience Chipping Norton was formed to help promote the Town. ECN members recently visited Belper in Derbyshire, Market Town of the Year in 2014, and now ECN are aiming to enter Chipping Norton in the Market Town category of the GB High Street Awards, with a July deadline looming. ECN's Shaun Fagan said 'You don't have to look very hard through Chipping Norton's activities and achievements



to realise that the Town boasts an impressive community record.' The ECN team tries to feature as many local people as possible on their website, including innovative shopkeepers and dedicated landlords, involved celebrities, go-ahead community groups

and charities seeking local involvement. All this is part of a thriving market town. The ECN team needs to compile a worthwhile submission and says that Chippy deserves to win real recognition of its many strengths. The team are after help with this and are looking for interesting local personalities, activities, events and projects to enrich their website and connect the community as much as possible. ECN says it wants to help take the Town to the 'next level in growth, involvement and prosperity'. See www.thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk for more about the awards.



Latest ECN events

April's Experience Chipping Norton public meeting at Jaffé & Neale Bookshop heard about Kingham-based charity The Rafiki Thabo Foundation. Chippy cafes, restaurants, pubs and clubs are being urged to add a Rafiki Sandwich or special meal to their menu, charged at an extra 35p – the cost of a school lunch in Uganda, Kenya and Lesotho where the charity supports education for disadvantaged African children. Several local eateries are now on board, and ECN is working to spread the venture to eating places across town. ECN is looking for an enthusiastic person to co-ordinate this launch, so if you're up for it, let them know! At the meeting Delicious Italian refreshments were laid on by new business G & G Fine Italian Foods, run by Sales Manager Giuseppe Grassi. The May ECN session was at The Red Lion in town, now with Stuart Taylor at the helm as new landlord. Local TV presenter, motivational speaker and World Rally Car driver Penny Mallory was coming to talk about about the power of flexible thinking. Maybe we could all use a little more of that?

Prizes for Chippy photos

It's time for Chippy to Bloom. As Chipping Norton warms up, Experience Chipping Norton, is celebrating the arrival of summer with a challenge to residents and visitors alike – to capture the essence of Chippy in Bloom in a photo or video and win a hot prize. Throughout June, the #LoveChippy photo competition will showcase the seasonal charm and character of Chipping Norton, calling for entries featuring the natural beauty of flowers, gardens and trees around the town and surrounding countryside. Rules and details are on the ECN website (<http://www.experiencechippingnorton.com>), and regular prize updates on the ECN Facebook page. There's never been a better time to frame your town in its best light. So carry your camera, get out and about and – most importantly - get snapping. ECN look forward to receiving all your images, and showcasing them through their social media. They like seeing our town from new angles! Perhaps you have a favourite vantage point, or much-loved spot tucked away from view? With a little imagination, you could be a winner!



Teddies on Chipping Norton Washing Line by Rupert Parsons

Joining to help promote the Town



ECN now has a range of team members leading key projects including Shaun Fagan (High St Awards, Events, Marketing, and Photo Comp), Patrick Neale (Christmas Shopping Day), Emily Wild (ECN Merchandising), Sophie Carson (ArtWeeks, Promotional Videos and Photos), Rupert Parsons (ChippyFoodFest), Ken Norman with Sainsbury's (Community Liaison), and Chris Hogan (Fundraising Co-ordination). ECN still needs help to lead Chippy in Bloom and smartening up the Town. ECN has recently welcomed local media student Liam Bellenie (pictured), who is helping with community videos, reports and website images. So if you see him interacting with locals in town this Summer – the ECN T-shirt will give it away – he'd love to have a chat . . . ECN is keen for their projects to include everyone – not just those in business. They are particularly keen to include people from a broad spectrum of the community. Shaun Fagan said, 'Maybe you're outside the workforce – unemployed, or a mum at home – and feeling isolated? Why not contact us and see if you can help? If we're not able to use your time and skills here, we might be able to hook you up with another community group eager for fresh heads and hands. Sometimes it's just about making the first move . . . so don't hold back. You never know what's out there until you give it a try.'

Contact Shaun@ExperienceChippingNorton.com

Town Festival on 21 June

The Town Festival is only three weeks away, and will start at 11am on Sunday 21 June right in the middle of Chipping Norton, only three days before Midsummer Day. The purpose-built stage will have been erected next to the Town Hall on the previous day, and will be the focus for all the performers throughout the event. There will be continuous entertainment throughout the day until 8pm, and acts will include: The Reaper, FiddleBop, Peerless Pirates, Amy Bee, Chaser, Subway, Good Intent, St. Mary's School Singing Group, Jasmine Faulkner, The Fuss, Rhythm of Life and The Breeze.



There will be a whole host of stalls to browse, with local charities well represented: Emma's Trust, St Mary's Church, Cancer Research, Sunshine Cats, British Legion, Trefoil, the Museum, Horticultural Association, WI and others. You will find stalls where you can buy jewellery, gifts, furniture, plants, fashion, wooden toys .. and of course there'll be children's rides and games plus food outlets selling burgers, hot dogs, pork rolls, etc and strawberries and cream, sandwiches and snacks. Add to that a display of classic and interesting cars and you couldn't have a better selection of things to hear, see and do throughout the day.

If you want to know more about the event and a timetable of when performers are on stage you will have to buy a programme on the day – it will also hopefully help to keep the sun out of your eyes! The whole show is organised by the Rotary Club of Chipping Norton in conjunction with an outstanding team of local people. All the profits raised will go to local charities – details in a future edition. Thanks again to all the sponsors of the Festival, and especially to the major sponsor – the Midcounties Co-operative.

Simon Hamilton

See also p12 for a list of local Fetes & Festivals in June – Eds

Home for Scouts needed

The 6th Chipping Norton Scout Group have been considering their options for a replacement facility to the current hut, located at Greystones, because of its age and the lease agreements with the Town Council. This item is now high on the Scouts' Executive Committee agenda. The Scouts have been looking at trying to fund a new hut. Andi Robinson, Exec Chair, told the News that all options about what to do for a permanent solution are how being considered but whatever the outcome, a suitable temporary home is needed in the near future. A number of local locations are being investigated for suitability where space, flexibility and on-site storage are

caveats to the Scout Group. If anyone has an idea for a space for the Group, they would be keen to hear from you. The venue times for use (ideally to keep the schedule currently in place) would be: Wednesday 6.15–8.15pm Cubs; Thursday 5–9.15pm Beavers then Scouts; Friday 6.45–9.15pm Explorers. Please contact Andi on 07803 130666 or andi@chippyscouts.org.uk.

Skeleton revealed at Rollright

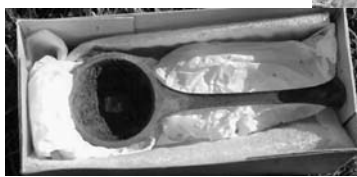
Behold – the Rose of Rollright! On 28 March, the same day that the Rollright Trust was celebrating the award of the Dark Sky Discovery to the Rollright Stone monuments, word came that a significant archaeological discovery had been made close to the site. The Muddy Boots Metal Detecting Club was scanning, with permission, on nearby private land when a strong signal indicated a large metal object. Careful and fairly deep excavation revealed a 15" long, perfectly preserved metal ladle – subsequently determined to be the only one of its type found intact. With admirable professionalism, the experienced team immediately recognised its significance and contacted the Finds Liaison Officers and the site was secured.

The following day in rain and gales, archaeologists from Oxfordshire, Surrey and Bucks with members of the Muddy Boots Club began a painstaking and professional excavation and just before noon the top of a perfectly preserved skull emerged. More skeletal remains came to light together with metal and other artefacts including amethyst, quartz and a



Photos Meredith Sassoon

Above: Archaeologist Anni Byard painstakingly exposes the skeleton Left: Bronze ladle approx 15" long



rock crystal spindle whorl. A perfectly circular bone disc with a hole in the centre was found under the spine. Following complete exposure, the preliminary assessment shows the skeleton to be that of a woman, between 4'11" and 5' tall, buried between 630 and 680 AD with a North/South orientation indicating a Saxon burial.

The complete skeleton and grave goods were removed for further investigation. At this time the fate of this 'Rose of Rollright' is not known but hopefully she may go on display locally. Following removal, the site was meticulously scoured and the ground returned to its natural state. Charles Wood, the detectorist who first found the site, considers that 'further tests and investigation could well lead to a rewriting of the Rollright history' and Leslie Webster, a leading authority on Anglo Saxon history, compares the bronze ladle find to similar finds on the Isle of Wight, Whitby and Desborough, all of which dated from Saxon times. The discovery has added to the fascinating story of the Rollright Stones area and a fuller picture should be shown at our

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Autumn public forum. Until then, the Rollright Stones offers everyone a fascinating journey back in time and we urge everyone to take some time out to visit the monuments and imagine what life may have been like in those far off Saxon and distant Neolithic times.

(Report abbreviated from text written by Mark Davison of the Muddy Boots Metal Detecting Club)

Robin Smitten Trustee of the Rollright Stones

Rampant sheep hit town



In April astonished shoppers in Chipping Norton's High Street saw a flock of 15 ewes (led apparently by Mavis) rampage down the main road. They had escaped from a temporary pasture off Spring Street and apparently made it as far as Wilcox Road and Dunstan Avenue. Car technician Adam Lewis, a 27-year-old from Witney, was in town and captured a video of the scene on his mobile,

showing the heroic efforts of a Thames Valley police officer who saw one of the sheep while driving past in his van, and quickly pulled it across the road. The video went (a bit) viral. Police and local volunteers struggled to herd all the sheep into a resident's garden before a friendly farmer offered to take them back home in his trailer. They had been free for four hours. Ursula Halifax who owns the sheep, which were

temporarily pastured in fields next to her home on Spring Street, thanked the people of Chipping Norton and the Police for their intervention.

Caffè Nero open for business

Caffè Nero opened its doors on Chipping Norton's Topside on Sunday 26 April. It had a 2-hour 'soft opening' the previous day, with people queuing out of the door for the promotional free coffee and croissant offer. Manager Aggie Alksne, who takes over after recent years in Stratford, said she was delighted with the response. She told the News she had recruited and trained eight baristas, all local to the



Pictured with manager Aggie are local sisters Sandra McCabe and Doreen Wilson

Chippy area, and would be selling paninis, sandwiches and snacks alongside the brand's full range of hot and cold drinks. Speculation that an awning that appeared might signal a move to try and put table and chairs out front seems to be premature. Aggie replied that it wasn't their intention to do this as it could cause an obstruction. Such a move – and indeed the changes to the frontage of the listed building –

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would require approvals or consents from the planning authorities.

Changing role for Dr Edwards

With our GPs' new Chipping Norton Health Centre fully up and running, the News visited the Centre to talk to Dr David Edwards about his changing future role, which will include continuing to practise part-time as a locum GP here. As a longstanding and senior partner at the old White House



Dr David Edwards, pictured in the new Health Centre told the News he was 'delighted with the new building and the facilities'

practice, David was heavily involved in both the initial idea and planning of the move to merge Chippy's two GP surgeries. The merger 'went live' in April with a brand new single partnership formed by a core team from both surgeries, and the old White House and West Street partnerships coming to an end. David, who is now 60, announced he was taking this sensible moment to step down from any partnership role in the new practice – but many of his Chipping Norton patients will be pleased to hear he is staying on as a 'locum' doctor part-time at the new surgery to help out for some time to come.

David also now wants to spend more time on some of his wider medical interests. He already runs specialist men's health clinics which he aims to continue. His medical specialism of dealing with both men and women's sexual health problems also takes him much wider afield than Chipping Norton. He is a Past President of the British Society of Sexual Medicine, and a member of a national Men's Health Experience Policy Group. David is also a lead researcher on a major multicountry patient-based study on more effective uses of aspirin.

So patients visiting the now 'up and running' Chipping Norton Health Centre will continue to see Dr Edwards' familiar face helping out, particularly at a time when both patients and staff are getting over all the typical start-up problems that come with working in a new environment. David himself is delighted with the new building and the facilities saying it is 'wonderful to see it all blossoming and it should provide a major boost for maintaining and growing primary care health services in Chipping Norton'. Tony Love, now the Business Manager of the larger single practice, told the News that everyone was pleased David would still be providing experienced support and advice as and when needed.

Friends of St Mary's events

The Friends of St Mary's Church have some exciting events planned for the year and would like to invite everyone along. On Saturday 13 June they are holding a Summer Garden Fete from noon to 4pm at the Old Vicarage in Church Street – entry is free and there are lots of activities for children, plus craft and plant stalls. Try your hand at croquet and enjoy other entertainment, afternoon teas and a grand raffle. It will be great fun. See you there! Future dates for your diary are Saturday 15 August at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, when there will be a Concert of Songs by The Jigsaw Sound – tickets £10; under 18 £5. Looking even further ahead, how about joining everyone for a BARN DANCE in the Town Hall on Saturday 17 October – more information to follow.

The Friends of St Mary's exist to raise funds for the upkeep of this significant and beautiful building in Chipping Norton. If you are interested in joining us please contact Jo Graves, Chairman, on 643976 or jograves46@aol.com.

Jo Graves

Work starts at Baptist church

It looks like work is finally starting on the renovation of Baptist Chapel down New Street. It will be converted into eight two-bedroom apartments and a smaller hall underneath. After years of delay since its closure new signs have



gone up under the aegis of estate agents Chancellors announcing that the apartments will be ready early in 2016.

Premier Inn application submitted

The planning application for a 72-bedroomed hotel with restaurant on the site of the former Castle View Care Home and ambulance station on Spring Street was submitted on 2 April. A review shows no significant changes from the proposals displayed in the public exhibition, reported in May. Premier Inn say they received 31 responses and 'the overwhelming majority of comments supported a new Premier Inn in Chipping Norton.' They say detailed comments focussed on design and traffic levels. However, in their application Premier Inn do not report all the comments they received, only a 'representative sample'. As reported last month at the initial exhibition, Mayor Mike Tysoe said that he and some councillors were positive in that hotel guests might bring spending to the Town. Now councillors and planning officers will consider the merits of this in the detailed application – and may well focus on issues such as suitability of design, views from surrounding area, access, congestion and parking.

Benefits to local economy?

The proposal points to a potential boost to the local economy from extra hotel visitors. An additional £1.1m visitor spending is claimed. Premier Inn anticipate 23,000 overnight visitors per year (assuming average occupancy of 1.2 people and 64 rooms every night of the year). Normally about 1/3 of their visitors eat out in the evening but Premier Inn anticipate more here due to their

'limited fare food and beverage offer, which will be principally aimed at providing guest breakfasts' in their 66-seater restaurant. They calculate that local bars and restaurants could see 9,000 extra customers a year, who will, apparently, have on average £41 per head to spend on food, drink and travel, which we calculate totals £369,000. This doesn't quite equate to the £1.1 million benefit to the local economy that caught the headlines. Presumably the big gap comes from indirect spending, including by the people to be appointed to the 15 full time equivalent new jobs on offer.

Big additions of hotel space

Lots more local hotel rooms are on the way. Construction is well underway of a 34-bedroomed hotel at The Cotswolds (golf) Club. Four extra bedrooms at the refurbished and extended Fox Hotel should be available soon. Thirty cabins at the up-market private members club outpost Soho House near Great Tew are opening imminently, so these 72 proposed Premier Inn bedrooms will take the tally of new hotel rooms in the Chippy area to 140! Is Chipping Norton set to become the visitor hub of the north Cotswolds?

Russian Medal for Bob

One of the residents at Chipping Norton's Henry Cornish Care Centre is being honoured for his Second World War exploits. In April Bob 'Badger' Smith joined a small select group, all in their 90s, at Oxford Town Hall to collect the Ushakov Medal from Russian Diplomat Dr Alexander Yakovenko after Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a decree, awarding this to all of the Veterans of the Arctic Convoy. Called by Churchill 'the worst journeys in the world' 78 convoys over four years in 1400 merchant ships, under constant U-boat threats, took supplies from the west to the northernmost parts of Russia. Then, on 4 June, Bob is off to Buckingham Palace for another memorable occasion – the Blind Veterans' garden party.

Blossom & Bodger at Orchard

Chipping Norton's Community Orchard saw an abundance of blossom in May with many varieties of apples and pears, quince and plum all in full bloom. The kind weather brought out many people with one new member recruited and new families discovering our community orchard. Well over £200 was



raised towards the upkeep of the Orchard cared for by Green Gym members. Spring was heralded to welcome the fertile earth with Beltane ceremonies performed with coloured ribbons tied on trees and wishes made for the earth and community. Traditional craft was represented by Bodger Phil Chesterton

from Over Norton who set up his pole lathe and demonstrated making chair legs and dibbers. He had on display items made with green wood including a very intricate baby's rattle. As a member of the Oxfordshire Woodland

Market fruit and veg

Continuing the News' occasional features on the stalls at Chipping Norton's Wednesday market

Come rain or shine every Wednesday you'll find Mark of Saywards of Whilton on the corner of the market busily and cheerily serving his customers with a wide range of fruit, vegetables and free-range eggs. 'Customer loyalty is important to us' said Mark, 'so whatever the weather we keep up a presence here.' Judging by the number of returning shoppers each week the stall certainly has a loyal following. Saywards have been in Chippy market for 15 years though Mark himself has worked in market trading for some 40 years, since his teens, continuing the tradition of his marketing family. Produce is sourced from a wholesaler in Leicester and British products are supported as much as is possible; for example at this time of year, asparagus and



Jersey Royal potatoes and soon strawberries. They have stalls at two other markets and also supply some small wholesalers and retail outlets. Comparing his three market stalls Mark said 'The rent is more expensive in Chippy but trade is better here. This is in spite of parking having become more of an issue over the years'. Local business owner Sophie Evans, a regular customer, had this to say about Mark and his assistants: 'They are always friendly and will carry my bags to the car. There is a good range of produce which is always fresh, ripe and juicy'. You might think that Mark would put his feet up on non-market days but not a bit of it. Swapping produce for livestock he keeps busy as a part-time farmer breeding South Devon cattle.

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Craft Group, Phil helps keep alive this wood-turning craft called Bodging.

There were home-made cakes, chutneys, bread and cheese, games and music. Good Intent, a four-piece band played for most of the day; with some old favourites which got visitors of all ages dancing or foot-tapping and the Chipping Norton Singers sang well in four-part harmony, entertaining us with selection of songs ranging from a Zulu prayer to folk songs.

Ladybirds at Oxfam bookshop

Ladybird Books are 100 this year and in their honour, and also to support the ChipLitFest, the Oxfam Bookshop held a Ladybird Readathon last month. The ladybird-festooned shop was host to a non-stop



sequence of five-minute readings from a wonderful array of Ladybird books donated over recent months. The aim was to read from 100 books during the day – and a sequence of 80 different readers rose to the challenge, starting at 9.30 with *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* and ending at 5.45 with a rousing sing-a-long of Nursery Rhymes. There were not only children in the audience; adults were also entranced by the old favourites they'd last heard in childhood. The ceremonial cutting of the ladybird cake (pictured) made by a talented volunteer took place late morning amidst the great homemade ladybird bunting also created by a volunteer. There are still plenty of Ladybirds in the shop: on the shelves, walls and even the ceiling. Do call in. And if you'd like to join the team of volunteers, or donate books, DVDs or records, do visit the shop just opposite the Town Hall at 6 Market Place.

Screen by the Green

On Saturday 20 June Churchill and Sarsden Village Hall are showing *Mr Turner* starring Timothy Spall and brilliantly directed by Mike Leigh. *Mr Turner* is a biopic with a difference which explores the last quarter century of the life of the great, if eccentric, British painter J M W Turner. The film is alternately sad, funny, bitter and baffling with the painter seen as sometimes vulgar but sublime with a paintbrush in his hand. Like its subject, it has an irascible charm creating a portrait of a man almost wrestling light with his hands as if it were a physical element both tangible and malleable, and in the process becoming for most people this country's greatest painter. All films start at 7.30; tickets £4.50 pay on the door. For more information and to book ring 659903 or email screenbythegreen@btopenworld.com.

Recycle your phone – & win!

24 June – 4 July sees the annual celebration of all things co-operative with 'Co-operatives Fortnight'. All co-ops nationally join in to show 'why they are local, loved and trusted'. This year the focus is the 'Big Co-op Clean' to help communities clean up their local area and homes with any excess items donated to good causes. The Phone Co-op in Chipping Norton will be helping people dispose of their old mobile

phones. Valuable minerals in old phones can get reused to reduce the mining of minerals in conflict-affected regions. Any mobiles unable to renew life elsewhere will be disposed of with care for the environment, with any sensitive info removed beforehand. The recycling scheme will be launched via the website and old handsets can be handed in at The Phone Co-op's Half-Yearly Meeting at Chipping Norton Town Hall from 9-11.30am on Saturday 4 July. Any proceeds go to charity and donors will enter a competition to win a brand new Fairphone, the world's first smartphone to put social values and ethical production first. The Phone Co-op, here in Chippy, is the sole UK Fairphone supplier. The week celebrates the work of around 6,000 co-operative businesses.

VE Day Remembrance

Friday 8 May saw the 70th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. In Chipping Norton a short ceremony was held at the War Memorial. At that event the British Legion Branch Standard was officially charged into the care of new



Bearer Tjark Andrews. Parade Marshall Peter Clarke was presented with a new RBL insignia cane and a wreath was laid.

Town Council report & issues

April saw the annual public Town Hall Meeting where Mayor Mike Tysoe and the 'retiring' Town Council members faced around 35 members of the public to report on the year and answer questions. The Mayor covered key achievements including investments in recreation equipment, the Town Hall and smartening the Town, all contributing to Council Tax increases covering current and future costs. Plans such as a new skateboard park and major Town Hall repairs will need considerable investment. The Mayor also announced a gift of £1000 to the Chippy Trixsters Roller Hockey team to support them representing Great Britain. But the Council's idea of buying the Police Station building has made little progress – the plan may well be too ambitious. Deputy Mayor Chris Butterworth gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan now due for final inspection before putting it to a Town Referendum. At this Town meeting and at the April Council meeting a number of questions were asked on other issues. Here is a run down:

Need for more Town infrastructure – one questioner asked, with big housing growth, where were plans for more town infrastructure – schools, roads, parking, utilities, public transport around town and beyond? The Neighbourhood Plan

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mentions this but it will need money and collaboration to achieve it (see separate News feature on p17).



Flashing reminders warn drivers not to exceed the speed limit

Green and a new school entrance. All for more debate. A mirror to help with the blind turn at the top of The Leys seemed to be another 'not easy' question.

Worcester Road speeding and parking – longstanding speeding issues are about to be partially addressed by new flashing 30mph signs, but there are still complaints about cars parked on the pavement and verge blocking pedestrian access – and for those with mobility vehicles – see picture below.



Dangerous pavements – complaints to councillors over dangerous pavements in the Town need action – everyone should report risks to the County. Get your tape measure out: an uneven 'rise' of over 12 mm between pavement slabs requires action!

Shop signs and frontages – Town Councillors are getting uppity about rogue new shop signs and lights – and even potential awnings and furniture – many raise planning and consent issues in our 'historic' town centre. West Oxfordshire District Council (who seem to have little appetite for compliance) are to be asked to do some kind of audit.

Footpath from New Street car park – and old chestnut – why is the footpath up to the Town Centre (past Bannor Electrical) not open at weekends? Some years back the Town Clerk's office apparently lost the paperwork logging a claim for a public right of way through continuous usage – and the private owners have now set a

new precedent. The *Chippy News* has sent the Mayor past issues setting it all out.

Blocking off Middle Row – Plans are still progressing (slowly) to block off Middle Row with bollards to avoid rogue through traffic. Signage and permissions are all rather slow in coming.

Who owns the railway cutting? – There is a mystery of who owns the railway track land at the bottom of the Common between the old railway bridge and the tunnel. It's all now flooded and needs drainage. Is it Network Rail, the Field Reeves, or someone else? No-one seems to know nor take responsibility – more investigation is needed.

Chipping Norton's new Town Council – working with District and County representatives, will no doubt be picking up many of these issues in the coming months.

Chickens visit Southerndown

The eggs definitely came first at Southerndown Care Home in Chipping Norton back around Easter. But then the eggs – courtesy of the Living Egg Company – cracked and hatched, with soft chirps being heard from inside the shell! Nine of the 10 eggs hatched and residents loved it. 'This has made Easter even more special,' said General Manager, Mandy Vettraino. 'Spring has certainly sprung at Southerndown.' After a fortnight the chickens, then too big for their box, were returned to their farm.



Easter visitors charmed the residents at Southerndown

What's new at The Museum?

Now open for the summer, Chipping Norton Museum of Local History (next to the Co-op arcade entrance) has some new things to explore. The winter closure has seen the reorganisation of the Bliss display and a general tidying up of the family history and archives area. There is also a considerable amount of research material from the estate of the local history expert, the late Ralph Mann, numerous family name files and an estimated 30,000 plus name index cards. Last September the Museum welcomed two visitors from Australia who donated two framed samplers and a booklet detailing their history. Both were made in Chipping Norton one in 1818 by Elizabeth Howse and another in 1847 by her daughter Louisa Hannah Green. Louisa married in 1864 and shortly after the family left for the goldfields of South Australia, taking the samplers with them. So after about 150 years away they are back home.

Finally, a reminder that the Museum has a wide range of museum-published books on local history for sale together with a selection of cushions and scarves made of genuine Bliss tweed. The Museum is always on the look-out for volunteers to give a few hours of their time once a month to staff the Museum during opening hours – call 641712 for details.

Pauline Watkins

Life at the Lido



With the Lido season in Chipping Norton well underway, summer is only just catching up! That hasn't held back the keen swimmers and steamers, who have been very complimentary about the newly refurbished pools. Don't let any lack of sun put you off – the water's

always warm, as is the welcome from Kim in the Café. With coffee, cake, panini and chips to warm you up, or cold drinks and ice creams to cool you off from the sun, a trip to The Lido can be so much more than a swim. Some of the regular activities are going well: mini polo every Sunday evening, 6.30-7.30pm, for ages 8+ and beginners welcome; synchro for all every Monday, 7.30-8.30pm, again beginners welcome and open to all ages, you just need to be able to swim a length of the pool and be comfortable swimming underwater.

Could you be one of our lifeguards? The Lido are running an NPLQ course for anyone age 16+, from 5 to 9 July. Not only could this qualification secure you a job right here, it is recognised around the world, so offers the potential to work if/as you travel. Last but by no means least, for when that heatwave comes and/or the schools break up, it's still well worth getting a Season Ticket! The Lido hopes to see you

soon. For details or to get a season ticket contact info@chippylido.co.uk 643188 or see www.chippylido.co.uk.

Claire Williamson

VegToTable in town

This month should see a new fresh fruit and vegetable shop opening up in Hitchman Mews of West Street – up by Robert John Hairdressing and the Bookmakers. Called VegToTable (try saying it fast) the venture is being started by Dave Smith (an ex-Natwest bank



manager who manages the Bookmakers) and Rizann Crystal (an ex-hairdresser who works also at the bookie's). Rizann also currently helps at the Fruit and Veg stall in the Wednesday market in Chipping Norton so knows the local customers well. Rizann told the News they hope to open in June selling locally sourced fruit and veg and other food-related items. They will be having a tasting day and will handle pre-ordered boxes made up fresh on the day as daily produce arrives. They will open Sunday to Saturday but not on Wednesday, in support of the Wednesday market stall. They also hope to have a fruit and veg stall at Chippy's summer festival.

Duke of Edinburgh Award Diary

The Adventure begins!

CNS Year 11 student Connor Vellinga continues his series about what it takes to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Award

Welcome to DofE Diary! This month marks the start of the expeditions with the Silver students being first off the line. After completing their training sessions in April, the Silver students set off for their tough practice expedition in the Forest of Dean. There were three groups of students, accompanied by four teachers. Students were asked to mark their own route and in no time all groups were on their way, walking around 12km on the first day. Due to the bad weather, all groups had set up their tents beforehand, which saved a lot of weight in the 15kg bags! Back at camp, food had to be prepared. Most groups succeeded in making a lovely meal, except my group where there was some general confusion about how to cook rice.

On day two of the expedition, we all packed our bags, including the wet tents from the heavy rain during the night, and headed off at different times on a 21km journey to Tintern Abbey. Overall, the day went very well. Although

every group got lost somewhere along the route, all were able to complete the trek using a compass and a map to guide them. In the evening, after an exhausting day, all groups



The Silver students survived dire weather and dodgy cooking

were driven back to camp and set up their tents in the rain. Once again, all groups cooked their meal but, as expected, my group weren't too sure about pasta either. This resulted in undercooked pasta and cold sauce.

The final day came as a delight to the tired and exhausted students and everyone was keen to start the final trek, whilst dreaming about their warm and comfortable beds back home. After a slow start, all groups began their final 16-18km walks. After a day of injuries, blisters and general tiredness, all groups were happy to return home and to say goodbye to DofE, for now at least.

Next time we will be taking a look at the two-day Bronze practice expedition.

Katie's hair disappears



On 9 May Chipping Norton's Katie Hickman took a deep breath and had 16 inches of her hair cut off in aid of charity. The hair was sent to the Little Princess Trust where they make wigs for terminally ill children. As well as this generous gesture Katie did some fundraising for the charity CLIC Sargent who support children with cancer and offer advice, care and support to the families. Katie told the News, 'I work with children and I have had family members and friends suffer from cancer so I felt it was a good charity to support. I would like to thank everyone who sponsored me and for all the words of encouragement. I was able to send over £200 in sponsorship. I would also like to thank Colin Rose from Colin John hairdressers in Morton-in-Marsh for cutting my hair in aid of charity'.

Lawrence Team news update

The Lawrence Home Nursing Team has had a busy year with 51 nights covered so far since January. Since April they have expanded the area covered by the Nursing Team to include patients registered with Bloxham surgery. If you are unsure whether your area is covered by the Nursing Team please contact 641549, email: lhntoffice@gmail.com or ask your GP or Community Nurse.

The Jane Phillips Memorial Golf Day and Gala Dinner is on Friday 26 June at the Cotswolds Club, Chipping Norton. If you would like to enter a team of four players, book an individual place and/or attend the Gala Dinner please download a booking form from our website: www.lawrencehomenursing.org or call 684475 for more details. A Special Guest Auctioneer is expected and live music is to be provided by Steve Phillips' band. Forthcoming summer events supporting the Lawrence Home Nursing Team include the Charlbury Beer Festival on Saturday 27 June and SwanFest2 Folk, Ale & Cider Festival at The Swan Inn, Ascott-under-Wychwood on Saturday 25 July from 1pm. The restaurant scheme continues in June with The Mill House Hotel, Kingham. Please telephone 658188 to book your table. If you wish to join our mailing list, receive our forthcoming newsletter and details of all our fundraising activities please visit our website: www.lawrencehomenursing.org, email verityfifer.lhnt@gmail.com or telephone 684475.

Verity Fifer

Labour Councillors' Surgeries

West Oxfordshire District Councillors Geoff Saul and Laetisia Carter hold drop-in advice sessions regularly from 5.30 to 7pm on the first Thursday of every month at the ground floor meeting room of Bradley Saul Solicitors at 2 Market Street. The next date is Thursday 4 June, or you can contact Geoff Saul at geoff.saul@westoxon.gov.uk if you have

concerns over housing, planning, recycling and refuse collection, parking, anti-social behaviour or any other local issues.

Vivace! Join our youth orchestra

Chipping Norton's Youth Orchestra – called *Vivace* – is looking for new members. The News team was invited to a weekly rehearsal (Tuesday 3.15pm-4.45pm at St Mary's School Hall) by Natalie Chambers who not only plays but also helps newcomers and whose two children Daniel and Emily play



Orchestra practice conducted by Jess Gray of Oxfordshire Music Services

too. She is keen for new members to join. Nick Wright, Music Development Leader at Oxfordshire County Music Services, while on a special visit said 'the Orchestra helps build children's teamwork, attention to detail and maths skills'. He added 'money and school budgets are the biggest challenges'. However, the positive benefits come from this type of orchestra, where Chippy kids are among 10,000 children every week in Oxfordshire taking part in music in some shape or form. Nick has seen a big improvement in the Orchestra since he last visited and when these 16 young musicians launched into Beethoven's famous 'Ode to Joy' along with a rousing Caribbean jazz number, your Chippy News reporter was moved to applaud – the playing was really good. These children come from all Chippy schools and the Orchestra is aimed at those starting to learn an instrument right through to around Grade 2 standard.

Typical ages are 10 to 13 years old but Nick wanted to stress that it's more about musical ability than age. Charlie,

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from Year 5, who had just joined and has recently started playing the cornet told us, 'it's cool to meet up with others from other schools; it was a bit nerve-wracking but fun to try out. It's not like lessons because of the different instruments – including clarinet, piano and trombone'. Daniel Chambers, one of the founding members and a clarinettist, simply said 'Orchestra is amazing!'. So why not come and join the Orchestra even if you have only started learning an instrument – it's free during the first year with Music Services. Just turn up and play. Speak to Jess Gray for an enrolment form – Jess is pictured conducting the Orchestra practising in May. Call 01865 740000 to speak to West Oxfordshire Music Services and ask about 'Vivace'. Also see – www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/vivace.

Ballet workshop for charity

There was an enthusiastic turnout from Chippy residents on 2 May for the latest charity dancing workshop organised by Karen Biles up at Glyme Hall. This time (after News team members tried out jive on a previous occasion) it was ballet.



Attendees included some professional ballet dancers plus many who had never attempted ballet before. It was a wonderful afternoon, filled with lots of giggles. They raised over £200 in total, all of which will be going to the Lawrence Home Nursing Team. There will be more charity workshops to come and if you have any suggestions please email Karen on bileskaren@aol.com.

Free Museum entry for Veterans

The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, recently opened in Woodstock, are offering free entry to Second World War Veterans to mark the anniversary of the end of the Second World War. This is for anyone who served between 1939–45 in the Army, Royal Navy, RAF, ATS, WRNS, WAAF and members of organisations that supported the war effort including the Merchant Navy, Women's Land Army, Civil Defence, Bevin Boys and others. The Museum is also carrying out a project to record the memories of Oxfordshire residents who lived through the Second World War – both veterans and civilians. Any veterans who visit the museum will be encouraged to share their memories, and the Museum would like to hear from any residents of Oxfordshire who are interested in having their memories recorded for posterity. If any readers are interested in being recorded for the archive, or wish to find out more, please contact Matthew Smaldon on

01235 526734, email matthew.smaldon@sofo.org.uk, or write to FAO Matthew Smaldon, SOFO Office, Harrison's Lane, Woodstock, Oxon, OX20 1SS.

Too far to nearest tip

April's Town Council saw another exchange of views between Town, District and County Councillors on the (lack of) action



Flytipping continues: New Street Car Park Recycling Area pictured in April

to replace Dean Pit waste and recycling centre which was closed by Oxfordshire County Council. While flytipping and residents' complaints are still happening (see last month's News), the County does not appear to see this as an urgent issue and continues to say 'strategy is being reviewed.' They say the nearest tips at Alkerton and Ardley can serve the north of the County. County Councillor Hilary Biles suggested at one point in the Town Council meeting that the nearest County tips were 'only a 20-minute drive away'. District Councillor Geoff Saul, who wants the WODC and the County to set up a working party, subsequently wrote to the News saying, 'I will be interested to see if you can get to Alkerton in 20 minutes – the AA route planner shows a round trip on main roads from our front door to Alkerton is 37.8 miles with an estimated journey time of 38 minutes one way (ie a round trip of an hour and a quarter). If you go via Hook Norton and use back roads the distance is reduced to a round trip of 27.4 miles but the estimated journey time increases to 50 minutes each way'. Readers' views and experiences are welcome.

Oxfordshire Past in town

Oxfordshire Past is an annual day of talks and presentations for anyone interested in local history, buildings and archaeology in the County, held in a different Oxfordshire location each year. At the invitation of Chipping Norton's Museum and Local History Society, Oxfordshire Past 2015 will be held in St Mary's Church on Saturday 13 June from 10am to 4pm with talks and exhibits about discoveries over the past year. The programme can be seen at <http://oxfordshirepast.org/> and it includes talks on the current project exploring Chipping Norton's early buildings, on managing the Rollright Stones, and on Charlbury's 200-year old British School. Attendance for the day costs £7 which includes coffee/tea but not lunch. All are welcome but pre-booking is required: either pay online at <http://oxfordshirepast.org/> or send a cheque for £7 payable to 'Oxfordshire Architectural and Historical Society' to Adrienne Rosen, 5 Field House Drive, Oxford, OX2 7NT.

Concert in Swerford Church

On Saturday 27 June the Camerata of Curiosities (Harpischord, Violincello, Mezzo Soprano) are providing 'Music in a Country Church' at St Mary's Swerford at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 from Jaffé and Neale Bookshop or from Charlotte.douglass@care4free.net, or at the door.

Fetes & Festivals

Sat 30 May **Chadlington Beer Festival**, Memorial Hall, 12 onwards. Kids activities, food music and beer! Free for non-beer drinkers!

Sat 6 June **Bledington Fete** lunch at noon then start at 1pm, Games, BBQ and beer tent, stalls, bowling, aunt sally, jousting, tug of war and more

Sat 6 June **Enstone** Primary School Summer Fete 11-3. BBQ, pony rides, games, facepainting, Happy Hour cocktail tent – see p33.

Sat 13 June **Longborough** traditional village fete 2-4.30 – along the high street with Morris Men, Hog Roast, bar, artists exhibition etc

Sat 13 June **Friends of St Mary's Church** Chipping Norton Summer Garden Fete 12.00 - 4.00pm at Old Vicarage Church Street – croquet, activities for kids, craft and plant stalls. Free. Details p5.

Sat 13 June **Broadwell & Donnington** Fete 12-4 on the village green, fun dog show, Jake the entertainer, kids activities, duck race

Sun 14 June **Holy Trinity Primary School** summer fete and fun day. 11.30-2.30. Bouncy slides, games, pony rides, bungee, crafts, BBQ, bar and more - see advert p31.

Sun 14 June **Churchill Village Festival** 12-4. Fun dog show, pony rides, car boot sale, BBQ, stalls, cream teas, flower festival and more. Free.

Sat 20 June **Great Rollright** Primary School summer fete. Village Hall from 2pm Music from The Breeze, Dog Show, games and more

Sat 20 June **Moreton in March** St David's School summer fair 11-2. Fairground rides, Pimms, skittles, ponies, BBQ and much more

Sun 21 June **Chipping Norton Town Festival**. 11-8. Main stage music acts, stalls, food, veteran cars, games, rides and more. Town Centre. Free

Sat 27 June **St Mary's Primary School** Chipping Norton summer fete from 12 to 3. All on a seaside theme and all the usual fun

Sat 27 June **Charlbury Beer Festival** noon-10pm. Food, live music, culture club tent, plus 5th world aunt sally singles competition.

Sun 28 June **Middle Barton** Primary School summer fete. 12-2

Sat 4 July **Great Rollright Big Bake** and Food Fayre, BBQ, stalls. Bake competition and more – details opposite.

Join the Rollright Big Bake!



Saturday 4 July sees the Great Rollright Big Bake and Food Fayre in aid of Tearfund's No Child Taken campaign. 2pm start. As well as lots of stalls, teas, a BBQ, Pimms tent and more – there is a wonderful Big Bake competition that anyone can enter. From cupcakes to the men's scone challenge. Pick up a leaflet and entry form at Jaffé & Neale or Wyatt's Plant Centre. As part of this event a series of Masterclasses has also been taking place in Great Rollright

during April and May. These have been very well attended and great fun. First up was the Perfect Afternoon Tea, followed by Bread Making, Cake Decorating, Dinner Party Pudding and Pie Making. June's Junior Baking and Foraged Feast are fully booked. In response to such demand, a new class is arranged for June: Succulent Seafood, 14 June, 2.30–5.30pm – fee £20. Contact: Patrice on 646786, call in at his Chipping Norton fish shop down New Street or email debbie.roger1@Hotmail.co.uk. For more information visit <http://rollrightreview.webplus.net> or email: mail@Brendahayden.com.



Salford Summer Concert

A Summer Concert is to be held in St Mary's Church Salford and the garden of the Old Rectory on Sunday 28 June at 4pm. The Burford Chamber Choir will be conducted by Brian Etheridge and accompanied by Bernard West. Tickets £5 including a glass of wine. Children free. Contact Sally on 643969 or Gilly on 643276. The Concert will start in the garden and continue in the Church. Garden open from 3.30; bring chairs/rugs for the garden.

Katharine House update

Change of Phone Number Please note that the new contact number for the Katharine House Fundraising Office is now 01295 816484. **The 9th Annual Midnight Walk** in Banbury on 4 July. You can register online at www.khh.org.uk or ring fundraising. **Tadmerton Heath Golf Day** Tuesday 2 June. Registration 7.30am – tee off at 8am. Contact the Club Secretary's Office on 01608 737278 or email secretary@tadmartongolf.com. **'Deer Jam' Music & Beer Festival** 1pm, Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 June at The Reindeer Inn, Parsons Street, Banbury. **Jenners Charity Golf Day** Friday 12 June. Email jennersgolf@outlook.com. **Charity Fitness Day** Saturday 13 June, 10am-3pm at Banbury Rugby Club. Bookings at www.justgiving.com/TinaBFitness.

Festival of Open Gardens various locations open at weekends in June – including the main Hospice Gardens and Farthinghoe (7th), Broughton Grange (13th), Broughton Castle (14th), Moors House, Station Road, Hook Norton (20th),

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Middleton Cheney, Hornton, Weedon Lois (28th). For full details visit www.khh.org.uk, or pop in to the Chipping Norton shop and pick up a leaflet.

Done graffiti, try kick boxing



Photo: Don Davidson

The Youth Committee up at Chipping Norton's Glyme Hall is organising a series of events for young people. Last month they asked if there were any 'Budding Banksies' out there. Committee chair Don Davidson told the News that 19 turned up to the Graffiti Wall Project at Glyme Hall on 9 May and he sent pictures of all of them with the finished product! He said 'it was a very enjoyable and productive afternoon'. Don reports that the next event is a Kick Boxing session run by Paolo Oliveri on 13 June. Anyone interested should contact him on 01608 643674. Details of future events and plans for more young people's activity up at Glyme Hall will appear in due course. Anyone interested in helping with all this and to work with our young people, please contact DonDavison@btinternet.com

Vandalised trees finally replaced

Visitors to Chipping Norton Town centre may have noticed that the young tree vandalised last year near the crossing has finally been replaced. Town Councillor Martin Jarratt told the News, 'I have been nagging Oxfordshire County Council about that since last October when the town centre tree was vandalised, and also asking them to replace the broken one in the Banbury Road near Applegarth Nursery'. Other trees seem to have been replaced at the same time – including a new cherry tree spotted down The Leys. A nearby News team resident who had pursued the Council by telephone six months ago was pleased by the positive action at last. Apparently the work was carried out by contractors Treotech presumably on behalf of OCC.



Police & crime updates

This month's update is from PC Mick Anderton and local press

Crime figures – At the last Town Council meeting, police reported 68 crimes recorded last month in the local area. Around 20 were domestic issues, 15 theft, around 8 traffic offences and the rest ranged from assaults to shoplifting and antisocial behaviour. Generally, this is a low figure and down from previous months.

Theft from vans – power tools were stolen from work vans around 6/7 May in Hailey Avenue and Lord's Piece Road in Chipping Norton, Meadow Way in Kingham and St Michael's Close in Shipton-under-Wychwood. Three out of the four had no forced entry and yet the vans had definitely been locked.

Lock your sheds securely – There have been several burglaries from sheds, garages and greenhouses including a lock cut off at a house on Churchill Road, Chipping Norton overnight on 19–20 April when a large lawn mower was stolen.

Nuisance Drone aircraft – Police had reports of young people using Drone type aircraft. Their use has to adhere to the guidelines for the safety of people, vehicles and buildings – so watch out.

Shooting birds – Reports have come of people shooting wood pigeons taking bird food from feeders in gardens. This is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act. Wood pigeons can be shot only if they are damaging farmers' crops. These incidents have been passed to the Wildlife Crime Officer to pursue.

Those rampant sheep – A pat on the back has been given to the Chipping Norton neighbourhood police team who had to deal with escaped sheep – 'part of the job that they don't offer any training for!'

For advice contact your neighbourhood team on the police non-emergency number 101. You can also email: ChippingNortonNeighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

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 Sat 6th June, 7.45pm
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Café Corners... Restaurant Roundup... Popular Pubs

The Chipping Norton News from time to time has featured new places opening for eating and drinking around and about the Town. There's lots happening on the local scene including kebab sellers and coffee shops and the promise of a local gastro pub. We have also recruited a new Newsteam member to review what's available locally.

Wild Thyme wins 'Best Restaurant'



New Street's Wild Thyme restaurant has won the Best Restaurant category in this year's Muddy Stiletto Awards! For those not 'in the know', in just three years Muddy Stiletto has, they say, grown into an 'award-winning publication with over 20,000 smart, urbane, fun-loving AB women, 10,000 subscribers and 8500+ social media

followers – all in the local area of Oxon & Bucks. Written by Hero Brown (ex-editor of the *Indy on Sunday* lifestyle mag, and deputy editor at *Red*) Muddy Stiletto is the ultimate 'urban guide to the countryside – a witty, informative guide to the very best food, walks, boutiques, day trips, hotels, interiors and events in the area.' So there! Wild Thyme told the *News*, 'Competition was fierce but our wonderful customers and supporters came through for us to vote us winner. A big thank you to everyone who voted – all of us at Wild Thyme are absolutely delighted.' Wild Thyme are now open a little earlier on Friday and Saturday evenings at 6.30 pm, with last orders at 9.30pm – hoping to entice some Friday and Saturday pre and post theatre diners.

Chef on the move

In the same awards the recently refurbished Wild Rabbit in Kingham – owned by Lady Bamford of Daylesford fame – won the Best Boutique Hotel award. But one of their ace chefs, Adam Caisley, is moving on. Adam, previously at 3* La Gavroche, is off to The Feathers in Woodstock as Head Chef.

Plans for The Black Horse

The Black Horse pub, Salford, was sold at auction held at the Fosse Manor, Stow, on Wednesday 22 April, following the death of the landlord, Max Humpherson. The auction was conducted by Tayler and Fletcher's Stow



branch in a packed room. After some lively bidding between two competitors, it went under the hammer for £449,000. The purchaser is the owner of the Hollow Bottom, a pub in Guiting Power. The *News* has visited the pub, and learnt that it has a spacious bar area and a restaurant. Their chefs use only locally sourced produce, cooked to order. They aim to

combine both a pub buzzing with people who simply want a place to drink and meet friends with somewhere to dine at reasonable prices. They intend to create similar facilities in Salford. Extensive refurbishment to the Black Horse will start in July, and is expected to take about a year to complete.

Sue's appetite for local eateries

Local Chippy resident Sue Hadland has recently joined the Chippy News team and hopes to focus on the enjoyable task of reviewing local places to eat and drink. Sue went to Faringdon School then attended London University in the swinging 60s to study Economics. With this background her first job was



market research for AC Nielsen in Oxford, then in 1968 she started her family, having four children in five years! You can imagine how many plates she had to keep spinning with this change in her life and having brought them up she moved to getting those plates on tables by setting up her own business Picnix. With no previous experience, she was soon picking up corporate work such as Salter's Steamers and catering for organised events, with as many as 500 to 700 covers per day and doing all the cooking herself, along with the ordering and overall running of the business. Soon her daughter Sally joined her and added her strengths in hospitality and management. Together they ran a very successful operation catering for some extremely high profile names that Sue is too modest to name, until she retired in 2007 and sold Picnix after over 20 years in business. Sally then went on to start her own catering company, while Sue cooks two days every fortnight for Abbeyfield sheltered housing in Chadlington.

Sue's big passions beyond catering include travel and photography – she decided in 2000 on the 40 photographs she wanted to take in her lifetime, and to date she has taken 25 of them including one of her favourites, a black bear up an Alaskan creek fishing for salmon. She has also visited Antarctica, the Galapagos and Australia, capturing more great shots along the way. In addition to all this she loves bowling and does all the catering there, and is the local group coordinator for U3A. Sue is looking forward to working on our team and has a genuine appetite for reviewing our local eateries both in town and further afield, saying it's not just about the food. 'Service, comfort and the welcome when you arrive are all important' said Sue, and it's something she always focused on when she was in the business. Welcome to the *News*, Sue and we await your reviews with interest!

Roger Sinclair

Readers' experiences and comments on local eateries and cafés are all welcome to help contribute to future reviews put together by our own News team members.

An interview with Cllr Eve Coles

Chipping Norton's Eve Coles decided this year not to stand for re-election to West Oxfordshire District Council after representing the Town for 21 years. But she stormed back on to the new Town Council topping the poll – a sign of how well known and respected she is in the Town. The Newsteam's Linda Rand spoke to her for some reflections:

Eve, you are real Chippy girl, aren't you? Yes, I was born here. After the war, my family moved to the East End of London and I was terribly homesick. I have lived in Chippy most of my life, except for my years as a student nurse in Banbury. I was married here, worked here and raised my children here.

What changes have you seen in Chippy over that time? Well, Chippy has changed, of course, but evolved, rather than changed suddenly. It's not pretentious; it's really friendly and has kept its identity as a real working town.

Before we talk about your public life, what about your other interests, many in caring for others and in environmental issues? Yes, I trained as nurse at the Horton, I worked in Chippy Hospital and then at Castle View Care Home for 38 years of weekend night duty, from when it opened in the 1960s until I retired. As trainee nurse, I cared for my mother, who wasn't in the best of health and sadly died aged only 42.

But you were a Governor of Penhurst for 20 years and a member of the Hospital Action Group. At present you are a Trustee and Governor of the Ace Centre and a Trustee and Secretary of Age Concern Chipping Norton, which runs The Highlands Day Centre, the shop, Chatterbox etc. The Ace Centre is a wonderful place. I was there recently and saw many children but not a single tear. The staff are fabulous; it is a supportive and non-judgemental place for young parents and babies. We have great staff and volunteers at our Age Concern services, not forgetting our Thursday morning Chatterbox in the Town Hall with home-made cake and coffee.

And what about environmental issues? Well, I have always loved the countryside. I have tried to do my best for the Town and get the recreation facilities that it needs. That's really why I became involved with the District Council.

So tell me about how that began. Well, the late Charlie Withers had been fighting for a new leisure centre for the Town and he wanted me to carry on. I was first elected in 1994. And with the support of others, such as John Hannis and Tony Walker, we succeeded. I think it is great asset for families and youngsters.

But aren't your environmental interests wider, including air pollution in the town centre caused by lorries? Well, I must admit I have been a bit of a thorn in the side of the powers-that-be about the damage that heavy lorries do to Chippy. Our A44 Action Group had some success in getting the nitrogen dioxide monitoring station and getting evidence about air pollution and possible alternative HGV routes. I don't think we need a by-pass though, as this would kill the Town, but we do need an alternative route for HGVs.



For some time you were a lone Labour voice at West Oxfordshire. Yes, but now there are several excellent Labour Councillors and so I don't feel so bad about standing down when I know Chippy is in good hands. Laetisia Carter and Geoff Saul work hard and Geoff is really excellent on the Planning Committee.

The Labour Party recently gave you an Award of Merit for services. Was that a proud moment? Well, it was lovely of course but I wasn't interested in the award as such. I prefer to concentrate on what we can achieve. I didn't

want a big do, just to be amongst friends at the Christmas party.

You have been on Chipping Norton Town Council for 39 years, and topping the poll! Is it really that long? Well, I was delighted to be re-elected in May. There is so much to do. I was Chair of the Recreation Committee and have been working for better play facilities. I must say Mayor Mike Tysoe has been very supportive. I am determined that we should secure green spaces and recreation areas in our new developments. Children need places to let off energy and socialise, not just sit in their bedrooms with their computers.

But you have never been Mayor, why not? Oh well, I don't like the trappings and networking. I'm a Socialist not a socialiser! I'd rather be hands-on doing things.

So this year you stood down from West Oxfordshire, what will you miss and what will you have more time for? Well, I won't miss standing around on cold evenings waiting for buses to Witney for one thing! I hope I will have more time for my family and friends whom I fear I have neglected.

Eve, we wish you a happy time ahead. But it certainly doesn't sound like you have retirement plans just yet!

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Can you afford to live in Chippy?

16% house price surge

On 23 April the *Banbury Guardian*, quoting the *Telegraph*, said 'Chipping Norton' house prices had risen 16% during 2014, double the UK growth rate and more like London. A typical price of a detached 4 bedroom home was 'now £602,000' and the 'average' house price was up from £340,000 to £395,000. Apparently these soaring prices are down to our town's many attractions, with Mayor Mike Tysoe saying 'we have excellent pubs, restaurants and a theatre' and that Chippy 'as a whole is a nice working Cotswolds town'. Experienced estate agent Max at Fairfax & Co told us he thought that 'in town' the prices had increased by 'only' around 10% on average but the big increase in the top whack prices might be distorted by being the wider OX7 area

which includes some 'desirable' villages. But on RightMove there certainly are a number of four-bedroom 'in town' properties around £500,000. Max at Fairfax welcomed the prospect of more housing for the Town which

could in turn support an improved town centre and better infrastructure – making the Town even more attractive for top end developers and house buyers perhaps escaping from even more expensive areas.

Not enough 'affordable' homes

All very well, but what about homes for young people trying to get on the ladder or low income households increasingly struggling to find places to live in and around Chippy as a 'working Cotswold town'? Mayor Tysoe himself said 'some of the youngsters are being forced out' but he did know others who have 'worked their socks off' or had 'help from mum and dad' to buy in the Town.

Chipping Norton District Councillor Geoff Saul told the News that in March WODC's Head of Housing advised that

there were 187 households on the Council's waiting list that would qualify for 'affordable' housing in Chipping Norton. But he said there has been little new affordable housing built in Chipping Norton in recent years, although Green Square (who took over development from Cottsway) are now completing a limited number of new houses and flats for affordable rent on Cornish Road and Hailey Road. There are currently no new shared ownership properties available in Chipping Norton at all. The nearest Cllr Saul could find

currently advertised were outside West Oxfordshire in Wallingford and Wantage or across the County border in Northamptonshire or Warwickshire.

Better future prospects?

Cllr Saul explained that the new West Oxfordshire Local Plan – with 1800 new homes earmarked possibly in the Chipping Norton area – should be finally in place next year and could help. Any future development in Chipping Norton with more than 15 houses must provide 40% 'affordable' housing on site.

So with 228 new homes south and east of Walterbush Road, 91 are affordable houses and flats. Two thirds of these (59) would be 1/2 bedroom homes and the rest should be 3/4 bedroom homes. Similarly, if the big Tank Farm site has 600 new homes, then 240 of these should be affordable homes with a similar proposed split of sizes. Of this affordable housing, the Council will push for two 'affordable rented' homes to be built for every one 'intermediate' home (which includes shared ownership housing where you buy a share of a newly built property outright and pay a subsidised rent to the housing association on the portion you don't own).

But 'affordable' to whom?

But the problem remains that so called 'affordable housing' is often still not affordable to many people. Housing Association 'affordable rents' currently have to be 80% of a market rent which can in itself be a prohibitive amount. To be eligible for Shared Ownership buyers must have savings of at least £3,500 to £4,000, have a good credit history and the ability to fund both a mortgage to cover the part share bought as well as the rent on the remaining portion. Many young families would struggle to meet these criteria even if the homes were available. But this is academic – until the larger developments (such as the new Walterbush Road site) are actually built the options are not there anyway. And with market prices still rising well above inflation, will our housing still be out of reach for those local people that need it?

Views on Chippy's housing issues are welcome from Councillors, other local residents and all readers.



Top: 4 bed Cooper Close home recently on sale at £455,000
Bottom: Hailey Road affordable rent homes



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EXPANSION ISSUES

Who's paying for Chippy's growth?

With big growth signalled for Chipping Norton – up to 1800 new houses in the town and nearby in 15 years – big

questions are now being raised by residents about their impact on the Town and the need for some real investment in what is delightfully called 'infrastructure'. That means dealing with traffic congestion, HGV pollution, parking, road safety, overflowing schools, inadequate sewers, poor public transport around and out of town, town centre development, library and leisure facilities and more. Who is planning this and, more important, who pays and how? Central government will only deal with big items such as major roads – and your local Council Tax only supports existing services. The 'system' is about to change and how do we get the best for Chippy? The Newsteam took a look at all this.



Top: £1m needed for more buses
Bottom: More schools will be needed

A long list of 'what's needed'

In February West Oxfordshire's final Local Plan set out some of what is needed to support Chippy's big growth. Some things are clear: when 600 houses are built at Tank Farm developers will have to fund a new primary school and things like better sewers and water will be funded by Thames Water (out of your payments). Then, in what WODC call the 'Infrastructure Delivery Plan', there are some costed items listed including a big subsidy for making the S3 bus half-hourly, some limited 'highway infrastructure' and the odd new zebra crossing.

But then there seems to be a list of uncosted, unfunded items, with no specific plans – a bit of a shopping list. For example, the aspirations for HGV restrictions and dealing with air quality pollution get only a fleeting reference and no committed plan. Improvements to bus stops, rail bus, and cycle paths get a mention but are uncosted. Then WODC say that Chipping Norton's Neighbourhood Plan will 'explore' the idea of 'additional off street public car parking' and will 'further inform future leisure needs of the Town' including an all weather football/rugby pitch and the future of Greystones. However, neither in WODC's Plan nor in the Neighbourhood Plan are these items costed nor apparently funded – and there is no specific reference to play, open space, footpaths and other green infrastructure, nor to upgrading the library, visitor centre and other social and community facilities.

So where is the money?

One current system, called Section 106, has seen some infrastructure improvements paid for in planning agreements with house developers. But this is being scaled back in order to focus on developers providing affordable housing. We now need to look to a brand new system, called the Community Infrastructure Levy, to fund infrastructure. Under the Levy scheme, WODC plan to charge developers who build more

than 11 homes £100 per square metre of floor space (£200 per sq m if less than 11 homes). This will apply to normal homes, sheltered and extra care housing and some commercial development – but affordable and self build homes, offices and industry will be exempt. The rate is out for consultation – and WODC need to weigh up whether developers will see this as viable.

If it works – then the site with 600 homes at Tank Farm (with 40% affordable and exempt) could produce around £3m, nearly £10,000 per home, for new infrastructure.

The money will be levied by the District Council as a one-off charge, once planning permission is granted. Under the new guidance 15% must be passed to the Town Council but, where a Neighbourhood Plan is in place, this amount can be

increased to 25%. So just from Tank Farm our Town Council could be £750,000 or so better off!

So what action is needed?

On the surface a lot of money could be available. But any money could easily disappear – for example a big bus subsidy for the S3 could alone cost £1m – and if the County find no other money for the HGV action we might have to put that in the 'list' and hand over a lot of the Levy. What is critical now is that the projects we really need (and not just the shopping list) must be clearly laid out, costed and prioritized. And for action on things such as the HGV plan our Councillors will have to go back to the County and bid for funding from somewhere else, or the Town will not get all the other 'infrastructure' it really needs. Finally, if the final Neighbourhood Plan is of any use, it must link clearly to a specific costed Delivery Plan and then be adopted as official.



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THE ARTS

Festivals in photos

ChipLitFest 2015

Once again the ChipLitFest laid on a catholic mix of events with Performance, Workshops, Talks and an outreach programme for schools (see *Schools pages for details*).



Above: Award winning children's author and illustrator Petr Horáček working on his special ChipLitFest window display

Right: the finished display in the window of Jaffé & Neale



Festival volunteers

Pictured below are just a few of the festival volunteers who were visible around town and offered a welcoming presence at every event. Over 40 local residents were organised by Sue Klatt and Ros Richardson.



Clockwise from top left: Frazer Chapman, Sheila Mountain, Sue Richards, & Naomi Morton at the Methodist Church; Alex Martin at The Chequers; Ros Richardson & Hannah Chinnery at the Town Hall; Eva Williams at The Chequers



Very Short Introduction series: The Middle Ages

There are over 400 books in the Oxford University Press series which are written to help readers discover a new topic or subject. Four titles were talked about in the relaxed atmosphere of The Chequers to a capacity audience. In her talk, Professor Miri Rubin provided an exploration of the variety, changes and sheer complexity of the Middle Ages. She felt that the self-celebration of the Renaissance denigrated what went before, but used the time given to tell us otherwise. We were reminded that the legacy of what was achieved in the Middle Ages laid the grounds of much of the democracy, rules and rights our lives today.

Kaye Freeman

Artsweek 2015

This festival of art and craft provided a showcase for the talented artists and craftspeople who live in the area. It was a privilege to see some of the artists at work, too.



Left: work by Andrew Harrison & below Natalie Hamill's ceramic work in the exhibition at the Town Hall.



Left: Crabby Taylor at work, creating a ceramic piece.



Kingham Choral Society

Linda Sale from Kingham Choral Society reflects on their recent performance – *All Creatures Great and Small...*

It was lovely to have such a fun concert and such an appreciative audience. 'The best yet!' was one of the comments. Our pianist Mary Wilson, was wonderful, Charlie Care stole the show with *The Hippopotamus* and everyone was beaming as they joined in the chorus of *Mud, Mud, Glorious Mud*. We are delighted at its success, as this was our final concert with Lesley Sutherland, who has conducted the choir for 22 years! It was also lovely to see people in the audience who have been associated with Kingham Choral over the years showing their gratitude, as we gave our thanks and made our presentation to Lesley and her husband Adrian. It is truly the end of an era!

However, Lesley and Adrian are hoping to enjoy our future concerts in a new era, with a new conductor. With this in mind, we would be happy to hear from anyone interested in taking up Lesley's baton. Contact Gwyn Devas (658090), Linda Sale (658647) or any choir member. Please help us to ensure that local people will still be able to enjoy singing together in Kingham Choral.

June Events

Summer Stones and Ancient Magic

Saturday 13 June, 2.30pm-10.30pm

A spectacular afternoon and evening for all the family at the Rollright Stones. Activities throughout the day including rural crafts, dowsing, music and dance and storytelling, culminating in the premiere of *Summer Solstice*, the first play by local writer Marie-Annick Jubé, performed inside the stone circle. For full details go to www.summer-solstice.uk or phone 642350 for tickets. All proceeds to the Rollright Trust.

THE ARTS

Dean & Chadlington Summer Music Festival

25-28 June

Highlights of the festival this year include a Festival Jazz concert with Jacqui Dankworth (pictured), and Desert Island Discs with Sir Michael Parkinson. The 2015 Festival Singing Competition is again open to singers between the ages of 18-28 and will be judged by an experienced panel of experts, including Dame Ann Murray, who will also perform at the popular Ditchley Park Gala Picnic Concert on Saturday evening.



Festival Programme

Thursday 25 June, 7.30pm *All in a Garden Green* – The Wychwood Chorale, Chadlington Church. Free admission & refreshments with retiring collection in aid of charity.

Friday 26 June, 7.30pm *Festival Jazz* with Jacqui Dankworth, Chadlington Church. Tickets – £15 (to include interval glass of wine).

Saturday 27 June, 10am *The 2015 Festival Singing Competition*, Chadlington Church. Guest Adjudicator: Dame Ann Murray. Free admission.

Saturday 27 June, 3pm *Desert Island Discs* – Sir Michael Parkinson, Chadlington Church. Tickets £15 (to include afternoon tea and cakes).

Saturday 27 June, 7.30pm, *Ditchley Park Gala Picnic Concert*, in The Great Hall Tickets £50 (to include glass of wine). The Dean & Chadlington Summer Music Festival Orchestra (led

by David Juritz) joined by Anna Hashimoto (clarinet) and Angela Whelan (trumpet). Compered by Brian Kay.

Sunday 28 June, 8am *Early Morning Coffee & Croissant Recital* – David Le Page (violin) & Richard Jenkinson (cello), Chadlington Church. Tickets £12 (to include coffee and fresh croissants).

Sunday 28 June, 2pm *Music with Pimms & Poetry* – *The Manus Wind Trio*, Dean Manor Barn. Tickets £15 (to include Pimms/afternoon tea and gardens).

Sunday 28 June, 7pm & 9pm *Candlelit Twilight Vocal Recital* – *Cantabile* – the London Quartet, The Chapel at Sarsden House. Tickets £15.

Tickets and festival package deals from the Festival Box Office: Tel: 658857, e-mail: boxoffice@chadlingtonfestival.org.uk

Other events

Wychwood Benefice Literary Festival



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Saturday 6 June. Marking 900 years of St Mary the Virgin. Speakers include Lord Hurd of Westwell (Politician, Historian & Author); John

Gittings (Historian & former Journalist); Reverend Dr Michael Lloyd (Theologian & Director of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford). Tickets £20 to include morning coffee and a light lunch. Coffee from 9.30am, 1st speaker 10.15am. For details and to reserve a place, please call: 01993 830244 / 831001 / 832199 www.wychwoodbenefice.org.uk

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

The lecture this month is *The History of the Harp* by Sarah Deer-Jones. Using illustrations from carvings, wall paintings, pottery, mosaics, sculpture, stained glass, illuminated manuscripts and 18th and 19th century paintings, this lecture traces the history of one of the world's most ancient and beloved musical instruments. 10 June, 11am with refreshments from 10.15am. Bradwell Village Hall, Burford. Non-members welcome, no need to book (suggested donation £8). For more details see website www.cotswolddfas.org.uk

The Burford Singers at the Burford Festival

The summer concert brings together music by three of the world's most popular choral composers with music to lift the spirits: Karl Jenkins' *Gloria*, Bob Chilcott's *Little Jazz Mass* and John Rutter's *Feel the Spirit*. The Singers will perform with the Cotswold Youth Choir and the Cotswold Chamber Orchestra with conductor Brian Kay. Sunday 14 June, 7.30pm at the church of St John the Baptist, Burford. Tickets reserved at £25, £17.50, £13.50, unreserved at £10. From The Madhatter Bookshop in Burford or Tel. 01993 822412. Public rehearsal at 2.30pm. Tickets £5. More details and booking form available at www.burfordingers.org.uk

Chipping Norton Choral Society Sing Day

Come and Sing Will Todd's *Mass in Blue*, conducted by Peter Hunt, on Saturday 20 June in beautiful All Saints Church, Churchill. The day will start with registration at 9.30am, and there will be a concert at 7.30pm. Cost for the day is £15 plus score hire. Tea and coffee will be provided. Tickets for the concert £5. For further information visit www.cnscs.org.uk, email singday@cnscs.org.uk, or call 07836 518868.

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Step into summer

With the nights getting lighter, the days warmer and the summer holidays finally on the horizon., Rod Noble Community Sports Manager for Better which runs Leisure Centres across West Oxfordshire has sent The News the following tips to boost your energy levels, shed pounds and feel body confident this summer.

Take control: The best way to kick start a lifestyle change is to write down your goals and the reasons you want to reach them. Set realistic goals and then stick to them. If you 'fall off the wagon' for a day or two, don't give up, refocus and pull your fitness programme back on track.

Go for a run: If you've been inspired by the London Marathon then get your trainers on! Running is the best aerobic exercise you can get and offers a wealth of different options. If you're happier working out inside, then try the treadmills at your local leisure centre. If you prefer being out in the fresh air then contact BetterGOActive@GLL.org and book onto the next Just Jog course and step out with like minded friends.

Make a splash: Pool-based exercise is also a great way to get fit and lose weight. It's non-weight bearing so you're less likely to injure yourself and it's ideal for people not used to exercising or with injuries. You can try just lane swimming or sign up for lessons to improve your technique, aqua aerobics or even synchronised swimming.

Add some weights: Adding some simple weight training, using hand weights, barbells or resistance machines, will burn even more calories and tone your muscles more efficiently than cardio exercise alone. Try performing three sets of 15-20 squats, with a 30-45-second rest between sets, while holding



dumbbells. It's a great way to tone your lower body.

Stretch it out: If the lithe, lean look is what you're after then take a Pilates or Yoga class. It'll help you focus on your breathing and stretch out your muscles, helping to tone without increasing bulk. Lower impact activities like these are a great way to de-stress after a hectic day at the office or looking after the kids.


Have fun: If you have fun whilst keeping fit, you will be more likely to keep it up. If you don't like running, don't run. Find an activity that gets your pulse racing and you enjoy – that way you won't want to stop exercising.

More info: For anyone embarking on a fitness campaign there are a host of activities designed to suit every taste and fitness level. The Leisure Centre (www.better.org.uk) has regular classes, a gym, and indoor pool and expert fitness trainers who can create tailor-made programmes and help keep you motivated and on track. The Lido (www.chippyldo.co.uk) is open until 6 September if you fancy open air swimming. Local Yoga and Pilates classes can be found via Google. If you want to join a local sports club many are listed in the Chippy News's Guide to Local Contacts (available via chippynews.org or pick up a copy from the Guildhall One Stop Shop).

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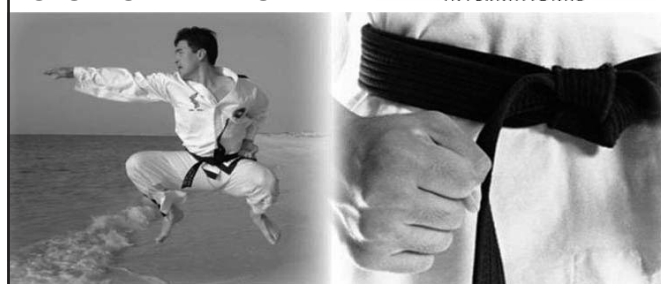
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SPORTS NEWS

Football

Chadlington U9s

The team triumphed in the Blue League in a two-game final played in the swirling wind and relentless rain at the end of a long and tiring season. The brave dozen played two matches against



Kingston Colts – a few sizes bigger than Chad and supported by some very vocal fans. This did not prevent our heroes getting hold of the game early and keeping this electric match in some form of harmony. Result 1:0 to Chad. The second match only had to be a draw to win the Trophy. 15 minutes of sheer tenacity and determination secured the result 1:1. The whistle blew. The mums and dads leapt with joy. The coaches crashed to their knees. Well done lads!!

Mike Guest & Shaun Fagan

Chadlington Whites U13 Great anticipation preceded the end-of-season celebration match which pitted parents against



players at the end of April and was a precursor to the Team Party! Glorious sunshine warmed the hearty crowd which enjoyed 30 minutes of tremendous gamesmanship culminating in a parents' win by 3:1 that reflected some canny footwork that Roy Hodgson would have been proud of!

The team sampled the delights of Bournemouth for their 2015 Football Tour in early May. The 12-man squad gave strong performances in the Tournament, finishing sixth in their league – against robust opposition from across the UK. Well done team, for excellent behaviour on and off the pitch.

Seymour Mincer & Drew Duncan

Chipping Norton Town Swifts are coming into the 'business end' of their season, with all teams playing their last games of the season.

The *Under 7s and 13s* are continuing to improve as they come to the end of their first campaigns as Swifts. The 13s are 6th with two games left at the time of writing.

The *Under 10s* have carried on from a superb 2013/14 and also a brilliant start to the current season. They have one game left in the league in which they have only lost one match. They are one win away from topping their second cup group and reaching the last eight of the League's 36 team Trophy Event.

After a tricky start, the *Under 11s* rallied at the end of the season, gaining results in the league and instilling confidence which was lacking in some of the boys.

As the club's oldest team, the *Under 14s* are setting an example for the rest as they are second in the table with two games to go. A win in both would see them comfortably return to the 'A' League after a single season away.

Chipping Norton Town Swifts welcome enquiries from players wanting to join the club, either contact Shaun Green on 07845 216412 or via www.chippyswifts.co.uk.

Luke Newman

Chipping Norton Cricket Club



New President ... new season

Under the auspices of new Club President Russell Collins, Chipping Norton & District Cricket Club kicked off in promising fashion with the 1st XI triumphing away at Broughton & North Newington by one run, while the 2nd XI beat Shrivenham 2nd XI at home by 8 wickets! Russell was formerly Captain of the Club in 1969, two years after his debut following a move to the area from London. Russell says, 'I look forward to getting involved in the 2015 season. Please feel free to introduce yourself to me when you see me up at the Club!'

Fixtures for June & July:

- Sat 6 June 1st Vs Garsington (H)
2nd Vs Kidlington (A)
- Sat 13 June 1st Vs Marsh Gibbon (A)
2nd Vs Westbury (H)
- Sat 20 June 1st Vs Clifton Hampden (H)
2nd Vs Great Horwood (A)
- Sat 27 June 2nd Vs Hanney (H)
- Sat 4 July 1st Vs Broughton NN (H)
2nd Vs Shrivenham (A)
- Sat 11 July 1st Vs Wantage (A)
2nds Vs Broughton NN (H)
- Sun 12 July Oxford United Legends Friendly
- Sat 18 July 1st Vs Faringdon (H)
2nd Vs Farringdon (A)
- Sat 25 July 1st Vs Witney Swifts (A)
2nd Vs Brill (H)

Training is at the Cricket Club, Banbury Road every Wednesday evening at 6pm. All are welcome. The club will also have a Sunday & Midweek XI, which is a great atmosphere for young and old alike.

Youth Setup The club now has a junior/youth committee led by Sue Powell who sent the following report. The Club

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had a tremendous turn out for the Youth Registration night with almost 100 boys and girls signing on. As a result the U8s are now closed for the season though there will be a waiting list in case of vacancies. The U11s and U17s are practising hard but still have a while to go until their first matches whilst the U13s had to postpone their first two due to lack of players and prior commitments on the part of existing players. More U13s are badly needed. The U15s have now played two matches, both against vastly superior sides. They were beaten by Great Tew by 10 wickets and then by Bicester and North Oxford, fielding a team full of County/District players, but Chipping Norton's young team, captained by Morgan Stevens, battled bravely on to gain two more runs than against Great Tew. Well done boys! Each week is an improvement. Training for everyone 6-7.30pm U15 on Fridays and U17s on Wednesdays. We still need more U13s and U17s so if you want to play but haven't signed for a club or your current club isn't playing your age group please come and give us a try.

All club information can be found on our website – www.cndcc.co.uk, alternatively 'like' our Facebook page – Chipping Norton & District Cricket Club.

Andrew Phillips-Tebb

Riding

11-year-old Emily Notman of Holy Trinity School reached the National Schools Show Jumping County Finals at Bury Farm Equestrian Centre in Hertfordshire in April. The fortnight before she had qualified for two classes at Addington Manor and been crowned Oxfordshire County Champion against a very strong field. In the final itself she represented Oxfordshire and her school Holy Trinity and came third nationally. She was thrilled



with the result and very proud of her little pony, Take A Chance, which was the smallest in the competition!

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4 Shires Swimming Club

Another great month for 4SSC which started with a weekend at the Gloucester L2 Meet which gave us some amazing swims. The 11 swimmers produced 19 Personal Bests (PBs) with 8 Golds, 3 Silvers and 3 Bronzes.



Our own Spring Sprint Championships which included the Luke Jeffery Memorial 50 m Freestyle Trophy took place on Saturday 18 April at Carterton Leisure Centre. Nearly 100 swimmers competed producing 223 PBs, and many swimmers achieved new times in events they hadn't raced before. The next day saw our Masters swimmers at Gloucester, competing for the first time. This gave us 12 PBs out of 15 swims and resulted in a Silver, 2 Bronzes with 6 Fourths, a Fifth and 4 sixth places. A great start for our more mature swimmers. Both Rebecca Hoadley and Fe Darwent headed off to Millfield aiming for more Regional times, collecting 5 good PBs as well as 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals. Fe also qualified for the prestigious Skins final. A squad of 22 went to the City of Milton Keynes Annual Spring Open Meet producing 70 PBs, with 3 Golds, 3 Silvers and 4 Bronze Medals: a busy but successful weekend. Our Swimmer of the month was Tag Curwen whose hard work and good attitude have delivered some great results. If you would like more information go to our website www.4ssc.co.uk

Swimmer of the month Tag Curwen receiving his award from Head Coach Kim Weetman

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CLUB NEWS

Air Cadets with the RAF past & future

The Chipping Norton Air Cadet parent committee held its AGM in April. We were delighted to welcome Mr Jack Denny, president of Witney RAF Association which is closing due to an ageing membership. They wanted to help a future RAF generation and Cadet Mitchell, Cadet Oliver-Hall and Officer



Present, past and future RAF: Flt Lt Martin Christlieb, Jack Denny, president of Witney RAF Association, Cadet Mitchell and Cadet Oliver-Hall

Commanding Flt Lt Martin Christlieb accepted a cheque for £1,238 from Mr Denny, thus representing past, present and future generations of the RAF. We would like to thank Witney RAF Association for their generosity.

Parade nights continue, with sports, fieldcraft, BTES lessons and heartstart plus a wide range of weekend activities: 24 cadets attended a tactical leadership course, four gained their radio operator's certificate, four went flying, four visited Snowdonia and 14 attended a scenario exercise.

Next month we have the wing athletics, wing 5-a-side football and a sponsored walk in full kit to Broadway Tower in memory of Sam Taylor, a past cadet.

Air Cadets meet every Tuesday and Thursday evening 7-9.30pm in Chipping Norton in the small building between the fire station and Chipping Norton School. Visit www.136atc.com or email 136@aircadets.org for details.

Helen Haine

Cropredy in History Society spotlight

The last meeting of the season ended with a battle, that of Cropredy Bridge. Stephen Barker, who has worked for the Battlefields' Trust, outlined the various cunning manoeuvres of the leaders of the Royalist and Parliamentarian forces. The former won this battle, which is recorded on plaques on Cropredy Bridge. There are artefacts in the church and you can stand where Charles I stood and view a landscape little changed since then. Why not visit Cropredy and some of the venues mentioned in our talks. In Oxford find St Michael's at the North Gate, the Martyrs' Cross in The Broad, admire the Victorian architecture, and see if you can find the science building with the wall which changes colour with the light. Or, maybe, you would prefer to take a trip down the river on a Salter's Steamer. In Chipping Norton Museum we have an amazing collection of archive material and interesting items. Come and see, and bring your visitors. The Committee will be busy. Brenda and her team will be serving teas at Chastleton to help museum funds. If you can help in any way, by baking a cake, perhaps, contact her on 643779. Roz Boylan and Jan Cliffe will continue organising archive material, and Dave Nobbs will be on hand to deal with family history enquiries.

Our new programme starts on Monday, 14 September with a talk by Mark Davies on one of Oxford Castle's well-known gaolers. Put the date in your diaries. In the meantime, all good wishes for a happy summer.

Liz Whitaker

Folk Club in good cheer

One would have thought that a post election Folk Club would be a sombre occasion but on Monday evening the Chipping Norton Folk Club was anything but. Folkies of all descriptions rolled their sleeves up, their repertoires set in stone and raised their voices in good cheer covering every genre from the traditional, through contemporary to blues and classical. Gemma sang the Gypsy Rover and Victoria (from Shipton, Texas) sang a self-penned song. But it was Brian's World War 2 song about the Slapton Sands disaster that set the spine tingling with the words, 'When lions are led by donkeys, it's sure to end in woe'. A sentiment we can all understand. As usual, it was a great evening and hopefully, we all did the right thing. We meet the 2nd Monday of every month at the Blue Boar at 7.30pm. Come and play, sing, recite or listen. £1.50 on the door. Our next meeting is on 8 June. For more information and photos visit www.chippingnortonfolk.org.uk

Dave Oakley

Over Norton WI join celebration



The WI Centenary Baton made its way from Shipton under Wychwood to Bloxham School in April via The Gate Hangs High pub and Broughton Castle. Various modes of transport included a Brewery Dray, a cyclist and a (fine!?) Lady on a White Horse. Seven members of ONWI joined the celebrations at the School and are pictured enjoying a delicious afternoon tea which was served there. Twelve members attended the Group Meeting hosted by Chipping Norton WI. Our April meeting was a Photography Workshop where we learnt how technology can help to create the perfect photo. Becky Pearman will represent us at the Buckingham Palace Garden Party in June to celebrate the WI Centenary. If you would like to come along to a meeting as a guest contact Ros Millard 07932 180407.

Horticultural trip to Sudeley

The summer season of the Horticultural Association has begun with a good response to the four trips that have been planned and there are still a few spaces for the visit to Sudeley Castle in July – see website for details: chnha.uk We are planning the stall for the Town Festival on Sunday 21 June. We welcome anyone who has spare garden/house plants to donate them to our stall and it's not too late in the season to make purchases. Hope to see you there. For more details contact the secretary Eileen Forse on 643275.

CLUB NEWS

Lions Club seek new members

Lions are taking a short break from fundraising, but we have been working in the community with the provision of a mobility scooter and supporting a youngster who will represent GB at In-line Roller Hockey at the junior Olympics in Vancouver this summer. Our thanks to the Co-op Staff for their donation, and we wish outgoing Red Lion licensees Mick and Sheila all the best for the future and thank them for all their fundraising. We hope to be at the Town Festival and we are still looking for new members so come along and find out more about us. We meet at The Chequers on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. Our current President is Graham Raven on 645134, incoming President and Membership Retention Rob Caswell 646003.

Liz Nason

Rambling in the spring



We were delighted to welcome two new members to the Chippy Rambling Club this month. We all enjoyed a walk in the spring sunshine, despite a doubtful forecast and at one point dark mauve

clouds on the horizon contrasting dramatically with the bright acid yellow of the rape field. As usual we gathered in the New Street car park, and this time drove to Cleveley. The path there led us up to a minor road and then across fields to a ridge above the River Glyme. As we went down towards Radford bridge we enjoyed seeing lambs in the valley and then up again past primroses and violets to the busy A44. Safely across, we went up a tree lined avenue to Asterleigh Farm, zigzagged around fields and back up to the main road. Back on the north side we walked up a lovely tree lined avenue called Green Eye Way, lined with blue bells and back to Cleveley, admiring the cottage gardens on our way to the cars.

We meet on the first Sunday of the month in the New Street car park at 2pm (1.30pm when the clocks change), get into 2 or 3 cars and make for the start of the walk, which we take in turns to lead. We walk at a leisurely pace for a couple of hours and new members are very welcome. Enquiries to Heather Leonard (643691 or rheatherleonard@yahoo.co.uk) or to me.

Jenny Harrington 643269

Summer skies beckon Chippy stargazers

A fantastic evening under clear skies with pupils, teachers and parents from Kingham Primary School was a fitting end to a highly successful CNAAG Stargazing Live and Winter observing season. We now hone our equipment for a busy season of late nights and daytime Solar astronomy. Solar Sundays will be semi regular at venues around the area, keep an eye on www.cnaag.com for information and come along. Major highlights will be our participation at the Summer Stones & Ancient Magic event on 13 June at the Rollright Stones (see article p18) and at Wings & Wheels at Wellesbourne airfield on the 21st – both these are fantastic low cost local events for all the family. Our guest speaker in

the Methodist rooms on Monday 15th is Charles Barclay, Director of the Blakett Observatory and Fellow of Green Templeton College, Oxford.

Balmy nights under the Milky Way, chasing mighty Jupiter into the twilight and anticipating the rise of fantastic Saturn are just a few of the sights that we look forward to as Summer beckons. Everyone welcome to any of our meetings, indoors or out. Just bring your enthusiasm, the stars will do the rest.

Robin Smitten

Man Overboard at the Yacht Club

April's speaker was Sticky Stapylton, a teacher of practically everything in the sailor's repertoire up to Yachtmaster Ocean.

Sticky surprised us before the meal by saying a bloodthirsty Grace, calling for doves with sharp beaks to cut the throats of those who sell bad beer to sailors. (Google Tom Lewis sailor's prayer if curious.)



His theme was Man Overboard (MoB) – see photo above – a rich, life and death subject. It could have been a bit dry (or wet?) but Sticky entertained, provoked and informed us, speaking from a wealth of experience at sea, with the authority of an ex-military man. While there are devices on the market to help retrieve an MoB, to really manage the risks crew briefing and practice are fundamental eg can they start the engine, or find the flares and safely fire them? Important stuff, worth discussing in detail; many of us reviewed our own arrangements as we listened. One day we could find ourselves indebted.

Next meeting is 24 June, a visit to Chadlington to see a yacht build in progress. See cnyc.co.uk for details and to book.

Roger Backhaus

Amnesty focus on human rights

At our May meeting we wrote letters to Human Rights Defenders in Danger who, along with their families, face constant intimidation. We studied a short summary of each individual then each wrote to them showing our support and concern. At our May meeting Sam Dastor, a volunteer from the Oxfam bookshop, talked about his recent trip visiting Oxfam projects in Rwanda. As a member of Amnesty International he also described what he discovered about that country's human rights record. Please come to the Tolsey at Burford to buy bargain books from us on 20 June and visit our stall the next day at the Town Festival. New members welcome: call Priscilla Peace for details on 01451 830459 or visit www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chipping-norton

Kaye Freeman

Flower Club off to Winchester

April's talk at Chadlington Flower Club was about Batsford through the year. Sue Burn showed us a selection of photos of the Arboretum illustrating what an array of colour there is in each month of the year. In June we are looking forward to a trip to Winchester Flower Festival organised by NAFAS and hope to be inspired by a variety of displays of flowers from around the world.

Elaine Parsons

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Sociable times at CNWI

On 29 April Chipping Norton Women's Institute hosted a lively gathering, welcoming members from all six WIs in the Norton Group. Author and broadcaster Judith Holder gave a witty and entertaining talk based on her series Grumpy Old Women which was much enjoyed by her attentive audience.

At our May meeting a discussion took place on the healthcare resolution which is to go forward for debate at the Centenary AGM in June, and we also explored more aspects of the WI movement's 100 year history.

On 10 June Eileen Forse will lead us in a flower arranging workshop when our practical skills will doubtless be tested in full. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us in the Lower Town Hall at 7pm.

Prudence Chard 642903

Lunch with Ladies Probus Club

Four new members were welcomed at the Chipping Norton Ladies Probus Club meeting on Tuesday 28 April at the Crown & Cushion. After a very nice lunch we were entertained by Martin Hannant speaking on the History of the Pantomime Dame. It was good to welcome our Secretary Chris Carpenter back after her recent illness.

With great sadness the death was announced of Yvonne Cutter after a long illness so bravely borne. She was a very hard working committee member and will be greatly missed by all her friends at Probus. Our condolences go to her husband John and family.

Anyone interested in coming along to our meetings please contact Chris on 642155 for further details.

Cicely Maunder

Great Rollright WI & Countrywomen

Saturday, 18 April saw a dozen members attend the WI Centenary celebration at Bloxham School, where the baton



Great Rollright WI members pictured at the Centenary Celebration at Bloxham School

was handed over by a lady on a white horse and a sumptuous cream tea followed. An enjoyable event and a great opportunity to meet other Oxfordshire Federation members.

On the following Monday, members met to hear a talk given by Mary Gregory about The Associated Countrywomen of The World (ACWW), one of the largest international organisations for rural women. Affiliated to the WI, its principal function (other than bringing women together) is to fund overseas development projects through education and training to encourage self-sufficiency in girls and women.

Members will participate in a pottery workshop in June and in July hear from a Denman College representative. The group meets on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30pm at Great Rollright village hall. New members are always welcome.

Judy Midwood

Positive signals for Railway Club

Mike Walker returned to the Railway Club on 5 May, with the second part of his talk on Railway Signalling; this time, 'The Electronic Age' and travelled from Marlow in Buckinghamshire to entertain us. Mike is a trained Signaller and instructs apprentices throughout the network. He used a PowerPoint presentation, using slides and diagrams to illustrate his very informative talk.

Summer dates:

On 2 June, an old friend of the Club, William Hemmings talk on 'Main Line Steam on the Western Rails'.

On 7 July, Stanley Jenkins will return, for his talk on 'The Kingham to Cheltenham Line'.

We have a new speaker for 4 August, Cyril Parsons; talking about 'The Travelling Post Office & Bucks Railway Centre'.

Finally, on Sunday, 6 September the autumn outing will be our first visit to the Spa Valley Railway in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. More details later.

As always a warm welcome for new members and visitors; with free coffee/tea and biscuits served in the interval.

Estelle Brain

Summer Garden visits with NOOG

North Oxon Organic Gardeners enjoyed a stroll around The Grove in Middle Barton as a private viewing before it was open for the NGS in May. A delightful garden packed with a wide selection of plants punctuated with sculptures. On Wednesday 3 June we will make a return visit to Bridewell Organic Gardens in Wilcote. Visit their website

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www.bridewellorganicgardens.co.uk. This walled garden is a therapeutic garden for people who have suffered from mental health problems, and has a mix of cottage plants, vegetables and fruit, as well as a five acre vineyard. We meet at 7pm.

On Wednesday 1 July we will gather at Chipping Norton Allotments to visit two members' plots to see how the fruit and vegetable season is progressing.

The visits are open to members and guests. Details www.noog.org.uk. or call Tracy on 01295 780710.

Tracy Lean

Scouting News

Beavers: On Saturday 9 May Beavers who have achieved their Chief Scout's Bronze Award attended the County Awards Day at Youlbury Scout Activity Centre.



Leaders pictured with Beavers & Scouts who received their Chief Scout's Awards at Youlbury in May

Beavers have been working on the Cooking Activity Badge and tried a new sport – tag rugby. Thanks to the two Mr Joneses who helped out. The Beavers are looking forward to the Group Camp at Chastleton in June.

Cubs: We recently welcomed Drs Elliot and Chambers. They quizzed the cubs on their knowledge of GP surgeries and then everyone used stethoscopes to listen to their hearts. The cubs were shown how stitches are put into wounds – using orange peel. This was linked to the first aid aspect of the Community Challenge. The cubs have also been working towards their Athlete badge.

Scouts: The recent District St George's celebration was a huge success! Scouts who have achieved their Chief Scout's Gold Award attended County Awards on 9 May to receive their awards and take part in lots of exciting activities! We have embarked on the brand new Scouting badges this term, for which one of our challenges is to raise money to 'twin a toilet'. The scouts have to do their own fundraising in groups to achieve this, with little help from the leaders.

Explorers: Explorers cooked up tomato sauces and pasta at a recent meeting. It was quite a revelation how different the sauces tasted and looked with the same ingredients but no doubt the skills learnt will serve them very well when they go to college (anyone for green spag bol?) Another evening was spent on a snapchat treasure hunt round Chippy with clues sent by mobiles. This summer we are hoping to run a camp in Derbyshire for those Explorers not going to camps in Holland and Japan.

The Explorer scouts are looking for more leaders who can commit regularly –if you are interested please contact Ian Bushrod on ian@northoxfordshirescouts.org.uk

Spring Time and U3A

Spring has come and we have had a lively start to this season. Our walking group have been busy on two walks. The first, pictured here, was from Daylesford to Cornwell taking in the spring flowers; the next one was



through the woods from Leafield. Unfortunately our May speaker was not able to come, but luckily George and Frances Yiend stepped in with extracts from 'Cider with Rosie' performed by George with Frances providing musical interludes on the piano.

Other events included a small but friendly coffee morning at the Crown & Cushion where we reminisced about our school days. Our Architectural Group is to visit Sandham Chapel and a reading group is off to Kelmescott.

If you would like to find out more, do come along to one of our monthly meetings (the first Wednesday of every month 2.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall), visit our website (u3asites.org.uk/chipping-norton) or phone Peter Nuttall (238 671). New members are always welcome.

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WOWI goes under the bonnet!

May's News included a feature on the WI Centenary. In July's issue we shall cover events such as the Centenary Buckingham Palace Garden Party and the National Federation's Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall in the presence of The Queen, The Princess Royal and The Countess of Wessex! WOW — what a line up!!!

At our April meeting, Gillian Cane, gave an informative and amusing insight into the lives of the Mitford Sisters. In May, Tim Howse from Wheelers Garage is taking us 'Under the Bonnet' of the car!! We can learn how to get our cars ready for the winter and what is tested in an MOT. June's meeting on the 15th has Judy Taylor showing us how to plant a good hanging basket with an opportunity to plant your own pot. Compost and some plants will be available to buy. We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms.

Hilary Dix 646228

Green Gym tends new trees

This month we travelled outside Chippy for one session: once again clearing brambles at the Millennium Wood in Kingham – to stop them encroaching onto the paths. Then we went to the Community Orchard preparing for Blossom Day, scything the grass and weeding round the fruit trees. If you would like to get fit while caring for the local environment, join us on Wednesday mornings. There are jobs for all ages and abilities, there's no joining fee and lifts may be available. All are welcome. Visit website: www.chippygreengym.org, call me on 643269 or email jennyharrington@btinternet.com.

Jenny Harrington

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Legion Evening with Steve Morgan

On Tuesday 14 April some 70 members of the local branch of the Royal British Legion and guests enjoyed a social evening



Photo: Don Davidson

Four generations of red beret holders – Steve Morgan is in the grey jacket

featuring Steve Morgan, a veteran of the 2nd Parachute Battalion and Operation Market Garden, who fought on the bridge at Arnhem. We were especially pleased to welcome his friends & family including his niece Debbie Betts, who has collated his memories (see www.paradata.org.uk). We were honoured that Group Captain Simon Edwards, Station Commander of RAF Brize Norton was able to join us and delighted that an old friend of the branch, Bernard Rumbold came over from Worcestershire with six of his ATC members. The evening opened with an introduction by branch President Neville Edwards and the ode from Chairman Steve Kingsford. Vice Chairman Trevor Hodgkinson gave an overview of the campaign. Prompted by questions from the audience, Steve then gave a thoroughly enthralling account of his experiences which was in turn moving and inspiring, funny and sad. We then had a photo opportunity with four generations of holders of the red beret. View this and more photos of the event at www.chippingnortonbritishlegion.com.

The evening closed with an excellent buffet and the chance to chat. Our thanks to Steve, Debbie and their family and friends for a memorable evening. It was a great privilege to meet them. Thanks also to Don Davidson for taking photos, Richard Simmons for the PA system and of course Linda and her staff at the Crown & Cushion for all they do for us.

Steve Kingsford

Local Yoga for those with MS

The West Oxon Branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society is now finalising the details for yoga sessions in Chipping Norton starting on Fridays in mid June. Yoga can help those affected by MS. The sessions will be led by a qualified instructor and will assess individual needs and capabilities to ensure participants obtain the best from them and do not put themselves at any risk. We already run weekly sessions in Witney for Pilates on Tuesday, physiotherapy on Wednesday and hydrotherapy on Thursday. These are beneficial to both physical and emotional wellbeing although results vary and they are not cures for MS. If you are interested in trying the new yoga sessions, or any of the others mentioned then get in contact with me by telephone or e-mail.

Contact details are:

West Oxon branch www.mssociety.org.uk/westoxfordshire

Helplines: Local 0800 917 9790, National 0808 800 8000

My contact details are as follows: Tel: 01608 645988 or you can e-mail me – westoxfordshire@mssociety.org.uk

Peter Branson

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A welcome from a lively Art Group

North Cotswold Arts Association is a lively Art Group with members from Chipping Norton and the surrounding area with interests in all the Visual Arts – anyone who would enjoy developing their knowledge and skills, is welcome. Sandi Garrett, was re-elected chair of NCAA at the recent AGM, she said, 'I really enjoy organising the Association's workshops and we have some exciting demonstrations coming up this year'.



NCAA members enjoy developing their skills

Our summer exhibition for members will be at St Edward's Hall in Stow on the Wold, starting in the evening of Thursday 9 July and daily, until Monday 20 July.

To find out more or how to become a member contact Frances 644425, or email fran.buckel@btinternet.com

Frances Buckel

Ukip corner

The election is over – not the results we had hoped for, but as they say, Rome was not built in a day. As I expect you are all politic-ed out like the rest of us, we are not going to have a support group meeting for a couple of months, however, we

are planning some purely social events over the summer, so I will keep you informed via this column.

Thank you for all your support with the Elections, maybe next time will get the result we seek. Any queries to my usual contact e mail UKIP.ChippingNorton@gmail.com

Jim Stanley

Alzheimer's Society June dates

People with Dementia and their carers are eligible to use all the services the Society offers, so you can choose the meetings that suit you best.

Chipping Norton Carers' Support Group Mondays 12th & 26th 10.30-12 at the Town Hall, Chipping Norton

Singing for the Brain Mondays 1st & 15th 10.30-12 at St Paul's Church Centre, Prescott Avenue, Banbury OX16 0LR

Dementia Café Wednesday 3rd 2-4pm at St Mary's Centre, Horsefair, Banbury

Banbury Carers' Support Group Fridays 5th & 19th 10.30-12 at Colin Sanders Innovation Centre, Banbury

Bicester Carers' Group Tuesdays 9th & 23rd 10.30-12 Bicester Health & Wellbeing Centre, Launton Rd, Bicester, OX26 6DJ – note new location

Bicester Café Wednesday 24th 10.30-12 at the Methodist Church Hall, Bell Lane, Bicester, OX26 6JQ

Kidlington Memory Café Monday 29th 2-4pm Baptist Church Hall, High St, Kidlington OX2 7RF

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Artist Angela Palmer visit: Angela Palmer talked to students about two of her projects: The Ghost Forest and



Adrenalin. Students and staff were all enthralled by her and her amazing story of how she acquired huge rainforest trees from the Suhuma Forest in Ghana and brought them to Trafalgar Square to help raise awareness of the impact of deforestation.

For the Adrenalin project Angela used innovative techniques such as M.R.I to produce an extraordinary collection of sculptures based on the award-winning Renault RS27 engine.



Year 7 STEM Challenge Day:

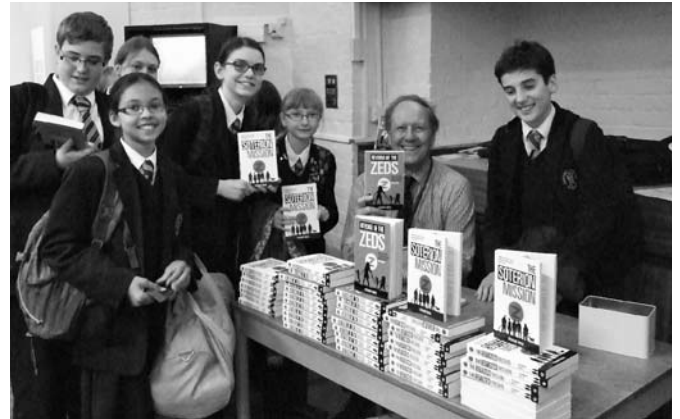
13 Year 7 students took part in a STEM Challenge Day at Gosford Hill School organised by The Smallpeice Trust. The students were split into small teams and were challenged to design and build the fastest super capacitor-powered car. All the Chipping Norton School cars performed brilliantly. The car produced by Ettie Rux-Burton, Keira Koch, Matilda Donaghy and Santi Kenneford was the overall winner with their car reaching speeds of just over 7mph.

Year 8 Enterprise Event: Year 8 students recently competed in the annual 'Duck Game' where teams create a business making and selling origami ducks. Each group appointed a CEO and Finance Director and the other members were divided into buyers and sellers.

The winning team were Amanda Antal, Max Foster, Jack Mitchell, Will Peachey, Oliver Pieroni, Harvey Shaw and Sam Tailby (all from 8SN). The best CEO was judged to be Matthew Mann (8GN), the best Finance Director, James Ingham (8SS).

KS4/5 Geography fieldtrip to Iceland: The KS4/5 Geographers had a fantastic week exploring the south coast of Iceland. With its volcanoes, lava fields, geysers, hot springs, ice caps and glacial scenery, geothermal fields, cascading waterfalls, fjords and rift valleys, this trip was an invaluable opportunity to study at first-hand many aspects of the GCSE syllabus. The students had a wonderful week and were a credit to the School.

Chip Lit Fest at CNS Year 9s were treated to a talk by author Stewart Ross as part of this year's Chipping Norton Literary Festival. Stewart came to school to talk about his exciting dystopian novels, *The Soterion Mission* and *The Revenge of the Zeds*. The students very much enjoyed Stewart's energetic and thought-provoking talk.



In the evening football fans (of a certain age!) enjoyed a fascinating interview with Matt Dickinson (Chief Football Correspondent at *The Times*) and Mark Edwards (Sports Editor at *The Oxford Times*) about Matt's brilliantly researched biography of Bobby Moore (*Bobby Moore: The Man in Full*). Thanks are due ChipLitFest committee for organizing these talks.

Partnership events: Year 4/5 pupils from the primary partnership schools took part in a Great Inventions Science Workshop. The pupils were divided into groups named after three inventors; Hippocrates, Hermann Staudinger and Mo Constantine. The children learnt about some of the scientific discoveries associated with these inventors (water filtration, discovery of the existence of polymers and invention of the bath bomb) and carried out a series of practical experiments.

201 Year 4 pupils visited school to take part in the Primary Languages Festival. The sessions were all planned and were run by Sixth Form Languages Leaders, who were so skilled and professional that some of the primary teachers who came with their classes thought they were actually teachers!



Sixty Year 12 students have been working towards achieving Community Sports Leader Awards this year. At the end of last term the students planned, organised and managed a fantastic School Olympics Festival for 440 Year 2/3 pupils. The competition between the teams was fierce but fun and the winning team including pupils from Charlbury, St Mary's, Enstone and Middle Barton primary schools. Congratulations to all the pupils that took part – you were all amazing!

St Mary's Primary



MFL Language Festival: *Joanna Pike reports* On 22 April, 28 Year 3/4 children attended the MFL language at Chipping Norton School. The children were split into groups of different countries and they

learnt some words in three foreign languages, French, Russian and German. They also had to try different types of cheese such as Brie.

Year 3/4 Science: *Kaya Malone reports* A few weeks ago all of Year 3 and 4 were focusing their topic on how light travels. The pupils worked on a project that showed that light travels in a straight line. To prove this fact the children took 3 pieces of paper with holes in them. The pupils put these pieces of paper in a straight line, making sure they were straight by threading string through the holes; a light was then shone through the holes. The experiment was good fun.



Competition Winner: *Charlie Weaver reports* In April I won tickets to go to Cornbury Music Festival. I took part in a competition in St Mary's School along with other musicians and singers; there were more singers than instrument players.



All of the acts were brilliant and many people were applauded with great enthusiasm. However, there could only be one winner and the winner was chosen by the Head teacher and the musical correspondent. They chose me to win! I will be receiving the tickets at a presentation at Chipping Norton School.

Welcome to Hannah Harvey: I am Hannah Harvey and after I qualified in 2003 I began teaching in Norfolk. I then managed a preschool for a short while before becoming a teacher at Bledington School. I am very excited to be teaching at St Mary's and looking forward to getting to know the children and staff who have already made me feel very welcome!

And Les Bayliss: Having grown up across the border in South Warwickshire I joined the RAF in 1988 after leaving school, with a view to seeing the world. I married, became a father and then a widower during the subsequent six years and left the Air Force as a lone parent in '92. Since completing a four-year course in Primary Education at Birmingham City University, I have taught across key stages 1-3, as well as EYFS

(Early Years Foundation Stage), in a variety of schools with significantly different social and cultural backgrounds. I am now looking forward to returning to the locality and settling in at St Mary's.

Church Visit: Our Foundation Stage classes were thinking about Sleeping Beauty and christenings. We took our school doll down to the Methodist Church so that she could be christened. The children chose to call her Annabel Jasmine and we selected the parents, Amber and Calum and the godparents, who were Lexie, Alfie, Darcy and Eddie. Mr & Mrs



Hannant kindly met us there and explained what happens during a christening. Lily reported, 'We christened Annabel Jasmine and then we had a big party and we had a biscuit and drink. You have to put water on the baby to christen it'. Georgia added that 'Baby Annabel had to have a cross on her forehead'. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Hannant for making this experience so real.



Author Visit: On 23 April Steven Butler came to St Mary's Primary school to talk about his book the *Diary of Dennis the Menace*. He read nine of the ten menacing rules and said we had to read

the first book to find out what the final rule is. After that he read part of the *Diary of Dennis the Menace Bash Street Bandit* which is the fourth and final book so far.



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Holy Trinity Primary

May Procession: We celebrated 'Our Lady, Mary' in our annual May Procession at Holy Trinity Church on 7 May. Each class prepared for this special occasion by creating artwork, writing prayers, poems and reflections.



Chipping Norton Literary Festival: Author A F Harrold came to the School as part of the Chipping Norton Literary Festival. He kept children and staff entertained with his hilarious anecdotes and in the words of Clara (a year six pupil) 'he embraced our imaginations'. He recited extracts from his poems 'Midnight Feast', and 'Kitten Man' and read a section from the first of his *Fizzlebertbooks*.



Mock Elections: As the tightest election battle for years dominates the news, our Year 5 children ran an exciting and dramatic Mock Election in our school. Here is the manifesto of the winning party, Heef.

H.E.E.F – The Party That Cares (members pictured above!)
We stand for:

- Health** (improved NHS facilities)
- Education** (have daily outdoor learning and regular Forest School for each year group)
- Environment** (plant more trees)
- Fun** (we believe that every child needs to have fun)

Tom's Midnight Garden: M & M Productions performed a version of *Tom's Midnight Garden* for the whole school. This proved to be very thought provoking and produced some excellent fictional writing.

Forest School for Foundation Stage: Foundation stage class enjoyed their first experience of Forest School this month. They looked for signs of spring in Worton woods and Pool Meadow and found lots of evidence that wild creatures live nearby. They enjoyed exploring the outside environment and came back muddy but full of fun!

Holy Trinity Primary School

SUMMER FETE and FUN DAY!

Sunday 14th June, 11.30am-2.30pm

Come and join the fun! All welcome!

Fantastic raffle prizes, pony rides, bungee run,

giant bouncy slide, traditional games, craft stalls,

BBQ, bar and much, much more!

Katie's hair: On 9 May, Katie Hickman had 16 inches cut off her hair and donated it to the charity 'Little Princess Trust'. They will use her hair to make a wig for a terminally ill child with cancer. Katie is also fundraising for the children's cancer charity Clic Sargent and has set up a Just Giving page and donations can be made via www.justgiving.com/owner-email/pleasesponsor/Katie-Hickman. Katie thanked Colin John Hair in Morton in Marsh for cutting her hair.

(See also photo and article p10)

Sporting Talent at Holy Trinity: This term we have won five trophies in total, four in athletics and one in tennis. Well done to both our A & B teams who are pictured right. Our tennis team



(pictured left) won decisively by 60 points and have qualified for the WOSSIP finals.

We would like to congratulate Emily Notman who competed at Addington Manor

Horse Trials during the holidays and came first in both her classes. She went on to come third in the National Championships and will be representing Holy Trinity School and Oxfordshire. (See report and photo p22)

Also, congratulations to Isabella Howard and Grace Jarrett Rawlence (Y5) who have been selected for the U17 Climbing Squad at Far Peak, Northleach.

Maths Morning: On 21 May we held a Maths Investigation Morning in our classrooms. Parents and carers had the opportunity to work alongside their children to solve a range of fun maths activities.

Explorabox in School:

Amy from Explorabox spent the day working with the children in Foundation and KSI. Using her wonderful collection of resources based around popular children's books, her aim is to inspire the children's imaginations through role play and drama. During their workshops, the children explored and experimented with descriptive language and were encouraged to empathise with the character in the story. The day ended with a presentation to their parents showing them some of the activities they had taken part in.



Chadlington Primary



Scarecrow Festival: As part of Oxfordshire Art weeks in May the Friends of the School organised it's annual Scarecrow Festival in and around Chadlington. This year's popular theme was Disney and Mary Poppins, Snow White (complete with Dwarves), Tigger (pictured here) and Alice in Wonderland have been some of the highlights...

Whole School trip: The whole school have been lucky enough to go on another trip this term funded by the Friends of the School. The trip was to Bristol where the various year groups took part in workshops that demonstrate various parts of our exciting new curriculum. The Wizards visited BBC Bristol as well as the M shed Museum. The Dragons explored the SS Great Britain with the Pixies and Elves and had a tour of the harbour on The Matthew followed by a visit to the Bristol Aquarium.

School numbers: Our school is completely oversubscribed for the coming academic year with us sadly having to turn down a number of prospective pupils. However the School is extremely keen to maintain its special status as essentially a

small school with relatively small class sizes. This helps to create the nurturing, vibrant environment that we are increasingly proud of.

Middle Barton Primary

As we go into the summer months the school community continues its busy and exciting curriculum. Yet again we have been lucky to benefit from lots of extra-curricular activities. Last month the children learnt about keeping healthy through a visit from the Life Education bus. They enjoyed Harold the Giraffe, who helped give some important messages to the children.



As part of the wider Chipping Norton community we were delighted to take part in the Chipping Norton Literary Festival and had an enlightening and entertaining visit from an author/illustrator, Adam Stower, who showed the younger children how he created his characters.

The children have been set the challenge of designing a new mosaic to symbolise our school. The lucky winner will have the honour of having their design set into the floor in our school reception, to replace the current one which is getting a little past its best. Watch this space for the winning design!

The school year has flown by and we are already thinking about summer events. FOMBS (Friends of Middle Barton School) are holding a music concert on Saturday 13 June 3-5pm on our school field and our summer fete will be held on Sunday 28 June 12-2pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Great Rollright Primary

School life continues to be busy and the year seems to be flying by! We have welcomed our visitors from Finland and thirteen Year 6 children enjoyed a fabulous five days in Vasa, West Finland before the mid-term holiday! Children in Years R to 4 have been out on school trips; Year 4 to The Ashmolean Museum in Oxford to study the Egyptians, and the younger children to the Farm Park!

We are now looking forward to our annual Summer Fete held in and around the Village Hall in Great Rollright on Saturday 20 June, starting at 2pm. Whether it's a pony ride or a chance to take part in the Dog Show you are after you will be rewarded! We have live music from The Breeze, a variety of refreshments, all the usual stalls and games and we can guarantee you a great afternoon, so do come along and support us!

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SCHOOL NEWS

Enstone Primary School

Summer Fete Saturday 6 June 11am-3pm There will be pony rides, lots of games and prizes, tombola, face painting, BBQ & more. NEW for 2015: Happy Hour Cocktail Tent! And free Events Tent with storytelling, music and crafts for children. For further info please contact lynnjenkins@btinternet.com

Town Nursery

We have had a very busy few weeks with lots of visits. Our first visit was to the Library on a Friday morning. We had a great time exploring all the books and choosing some that we could take back to nursery. Lots of the children said that they came to the library with their Mummy and Daddy and recognised books that they had at home. We now have a great selection of new stories that we can read at nursery.



We have also had a walk to Gill and Co to buy our tomato and cucumber plants. There were lots of things to see on the way down and we enjoyed looking at all the plants outside and particularly liked all the beans and seeds that were in pots inside the shop.

We had great fun on Nicki's farm, seeing the horses, chickens and cows. We also enjoyed building a camp fire and roasting marshmallows. A very exciting day filled with much laughter and lots of exploring.



Part Time Cleaner Required

We are looking for a permanent additional cleaner, with a good eye for detail, who is flexible, reliable and self-motivated to join our small team.

Part time hours: 2½ per day with a flexible starting time between 3.00 & 5.00pm Monday to Friday, term time only

Pay: £6.51p per hour

Previous cleaning experience preferred but not essential. Candidates must be willing to learn the skills required.

For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Kingham Primary School office during school hours on 01608 658366 or email VBar6285@kingham.oxon.sch.uk

Sibford School

Sheila Hancock meets

Sibford Head: The pair met at the 2015 ChipLitFest where Sheila was speaking about her recent novel *Miss Carter's War*, her life with Morse actor John Thaw and her Quaker faith. The School sponsored the talk which took place in front of a sell-out audience at



Chipping Norton Theatre. Michael Goodwin said, 'We were delighted to discover that Sheila Hancock was one of the authors appearing at ChipLitFest. Sheila is a member of the Society of Friends and so, as a Quaker school, her talk was the perfect event for us to sponsor. It was a great afternoon and Sheila was delightful.'

Sibford School's Annual Open Day takes place on Saturday 13 June and the theme is 'Celebrating Excellence.' The day will start officially at 9.30am with a presentation of music and drama. There will be a talk for parents of prospective pupils and their families at 11am. Other events taking place include: displays; exhibitions; practical demonstrations; a French café; pig roast; and fun activities ... including zorbing and a bouncy castle. All welcome.

Rain or Shine Theatre Company returns to Sibford with its outdoor production of *The Tempest* on Thursday 18 June. Tickets £13/£11 conc/£6 child. Call 01295 781216.

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LETTERS

Carousel at the Theatre

Having attended the opening night of Chipping Norton Amateur Operatic Society's recent production of *Carousel*, we feel we cannot let the occasion pass without congratulating everybody involved in the high standard of this performance.



Chipping Norton School of Dance as Mr Snow's children performed the beautiful Ballet and Whalers' Dance

The singing was superb, with excellent soloists and the acting was first class. The professional involvement of the children from Chipping Norton School of Dance added a new dimension, giving pleasure to both young and old. We would like to congratulate the director, Pat Lake and the musical director Alena Saroka for the high standard of the performance. We look forward to the next performance and hope to be there once again.

Elaine Parsons & the Chipping Norton Methodist Church
Thursday coffee group

Please volunteer for Scouts

6th Chipping Norton Scout Group is looking for more volunteers to give up an hour or two a week to work with local youngsters and enjoy a new adventure. The Scout Group, one of the largest and most successful in Oxfordshire, has been delivering everyday adventure, fun and challenge to young people and adults for many years. Throughout this time the young people who have been through its doors have gone on to be key influencers in their local community. Whilst managing a job and a busy life, the unpaid leaders volunteer time each week to plan and run activities for their young people and have just as much fun as the kids. Jay, who works in the construction industry during the day, has recently joined the group and brings a wealth of exciting and fresh ideas to the role. Within the group, young people have tried a wide range of new activities such as abseiling and kayaking, as well as having the opportunity to visit other countries for the first time on Scout Jamborees.

I have such a fantastic time helping the young people of Chippy, gain real transferable skills that help them develop into confident individuals and have heaps of fun at the same time. For me, Scouting is all about giving something back, so that the young people can experience the opportunities that I was lucky enough to have that positively influence them for the rest of their lives. It doesn't happen without adults helping. Creating opportunities for young people to develop social skills, independence and form friendships is central to scouting philosophy and has long-term positive impact on

young peoples' lives. Scouting is shaped by young people in partnership with adults and we are always looking for new volunteers and if you fancy a go with us, why not join the adventure at www.scouts.org.uk or contact me tracey@chippyscouts.org.uk

Tracey Bushrod

Election thanks

As a candidate in the recent District and Town Elections, may I congratulate the successful candidates via your pages? While I was not selected by the voters, I will be watching to make sure our new Town Council and our new District Councillor, Guy Wall, keep the pledges made to the people of Chipping Norton. No letter of thanks to the voters of Chipping Norton would be complete without reference to the excellent work of Keith Butler the Returning Officer and his team. After working overnight to get the Westminster result out, he and his team worked tirelessly to ensure the local counts were completed with great efficiency. All the candidates put in many hours to try and get elected and Mr Butler and his team are available for any queries, however trivial and never fail to deliver the goods. We are lucky to have such an efficient team running our elections locally. My thanks go to all the voters of Chipping Norton. Remember, those you have selected work for you, so it is up to you to make sure they keep the promises they made.

Jim Stanley UKIP Candidate

Help to harness Heidi



Beth and Heidi – reunited at last

When my 8-month-old labrador puppy went missing in Applegarth Woods last week, I was helpless with worry – she got scared by a loud passing lorry and bolted into the woods. After calling out for her for a while and starting to panic, a lovely gentleman with his dog (Loris and Izzy) came along and reassured me and we spent over an hour looking for Heidi. I didn't have my phone on me (never again!) but Loris called the vets who were

wonderfully helpful and helped look as well. At the last resort we tried the nursery garden but still to no avail. By this time I was so anxious and upset that I couldn't think straight, at the thought of coming home without her – I then heard Loris shout out Heidi's name in glee – he saw her tail wagging from underneath my car where she had obviously been hiding for all that time. Thank you, Loris, for all your help and for staying with me. I am most thankful

Beth Sinclair

Wonderful wheely friends

To all Chippy folk: Now that I walk round Chippy pushing my Rollator wheels, I want to thank so many of you for your courtesy and helpfulness. I get helped up steps, through doors, across so many roads with cheerful kindness. Thank you all so much. I'm making so many friends!

Mary Howard

LETTERS

The News team welcomes letters (names supplied please) but reserves the right to cut depending on space available. The opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the Team.

Marathon fundraising thanks

I ran the London marathon on 26 April to raise funds for the Bobby Moore Fund/Cancer Research UK, and to celebrate my good health five years on from my bowel cancer diagnosis. It was an unforgettable experience – the crowds were amazing and I am very happy with my time (4 hours 6 minutes). I'd like to say a big thank you to the residents of Chippy for their generous donations, and also to the staff and customers at both the Co-op and Sainsbury's stores for their support and generosity during the 'bag packing' fundraising 14-15 March. The total raised by everybody is an amazing £4,400.

Chris Bray

Pussy cash galore

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Tin Shake in Chipping Norton on Saturday 25 April which raised a total of £188.39 for Sunshine Cat Rescue.

Karen Slater

Successful cricket recruiting

On behalf of Chipping Norton Cricket Club and myself, I would like to thank you and all of the team at *Chippy News* so very much for the extended feature you printed last month. It was exactly as I hoped it would be: beautifully set out with accompanying images, and put in to snappy sections with appropriate headings. You did my little article more than a lot of justice! Whether it is coincidence or not, at the cricket club we have recently picked up five new senior players from Chippy and the local area as well as having a very successful youth registration night – almost 70 children (so far) have registered to play cricket this summer. We will continue to raise our profile within the Town as well as we are able to, and

really are very grateful for your help with that in last month's edition of *The News*. In addition to youth and senior training and matches, we have a charity match (versus Oxford United) planned for the summer, a 'picnic day' and youth tournament. Details in future editions. Thank you all again.

Sam Townsend

Chippy friends on the waterways



Greetings *Chipping Norton News* Team and good folk of Chippy! Well, here we are, finally on Telford's Stream in the Sky 126' above the River Dee on the Pontcysyllte Aqueduct near Llangollen, North Wales. We had intended being here by Christmas, but time passes delightfully slowly on a narrowboat. (See photo!)

Pen and Peter (Greenwood and Allum)

Spend a penny ... and save

In England we talk of 'spending a penny'. I've just come back from visiting my family in America where they do just that! They have child locks on the doors at their home and you have to use a penny (a cent) to use the bathroom.

A local great grandmother

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Election results

On 7 May, Chipping Norton voters made a large turnout of around 73% for MP, District and full Town Council elections. Congratulations to all those elected and thank you to all who stood for election.

Parliamentary Election David Cameron was re-elected as Witney's MP with his share of the vote increasing from 58.8% in 2010 to 60.2%. Duncan Enright increased Labour's share from 13% to 17.2% and moved from third to second place; UKIP pushed the Lib Dems into fourth place. Main results were:

David Cameron (Conservatives): 35201
 Duncan Enright (Labour): 10046
 Simon Strutt (UKIP): 5352
 Andy Graham (Lib Dem): 3953
 Stuart Macdonald (Green): 2970
 Clive Peedell (National Health Action Party): 616

Six other candidates polled less than 400 votes altogether.

West Oxfordshire District Council

Conservative Guy Wall was elected to replace Labour's Councillor Eve Coles who has retired. Guy joins our two other (Labour) District Councillors to represent Chipping Norton in Witney. Results were

Guy Wall (Conservatives): 1782
 Sian O'Neill (Labour): 887
 Jim Stanley (UKIP): 309
 Richard Averill (Green): 273
 Ivan Aguardo Melet (Lib Dem): 181



Newly elected District Councillor Guy Wall

Guy Wall told the News, 'I am very pleased with the result and I am grateful that I have been given the opportunity to serve Chipping Norton at the District Council. Thank you to everyone who voted for me and the kind messages of support. Chipping Norton is a town that is evolving so I feel it vital to protect our residents, our services and our high street but at the same time exploring new opportunities to improve our town for everyone.'

Chipping Norton Town Council All 16 council places were up for election with 19 candidates. Those elected, including four new to the Town Council (marked*), were:

Eve Coles (Labour):	1587
Mike Tysoe (Conservatives):	1478
Jo Graves (Independent):	1440
Richard Benfield (Conservatives):	1380
Chris Butterworth (Conservatives):	1377
Annie Roy-Barker (Conservatives):	1302
Don Davidson (Independent):	1270
Alex Corfield (Conservatives):	1250
*Andrew Villars (Conservatives):	1178
*James Kitcher (Conservatives):	1176
Tahirul Hasan (Conservatives):	1156
David Heyes (Labour):	1091
Mark Walker (Labour):	1090
*Richard Averill (Green):	1043
*Stephen Jordan (Labour):	1025
Martin Jarratt (Independent):	898

The following were not elected

James Stanley (UKIP)	601
Glen Pashley (Independent)	543
Claire Sexton (Independent)	432

The new Council met for the first time at the 18 May meeting which also saw Cllrs Mike Tysoe and Richard Benfield elected and then sworn in as Mayor and Deputy Mayor at the Mayormaking ceremony.

DIARY

June (News out on Tuesday 26 May)

- 2nd **Railway Club** 7.30 Lwr Town Hall see p25
- 2-4 **Bledington Music Festival: Pianofest '15** tickets from Jaffé & Neale details www.bledingtonmusicfestival.co.uk
- 3rd **U3A** 2.30pm Methodist Hall Michael Bull - Do's & Don'ts of Antiquing
- NOOG** 7pm Visit to Bridewell Organic Gdns - details p25
- 6th **Wychood Benefice Literary Festival** see p19
- 7th **Ramblers Meet** 2pm New St Car Park see p24
- 8th **Folk Club** 7.30 Blue Boar see p23
- 9th **Lights Up Arts & Memory Club** 10.30am-12.30pm at Highlands details 07717 374484
- 10th **Methodist Coffee Morning** 9.30-11.30 for Lawrence Home Nursing Team
- CNWI** 7pm Lower Town Hall see p25
- 11th **Amnesty** 7.30 Lower Town Hall details p24
- 13th **Friends of St Mary's Church Fete** noon-4pm see p5
- Summer Stones & Ancient Magic** 2.30-10.30pm - see p18
- 14th **Churchill Village Festival & Fun Dog Show** see p12
- 15th **CNA Amateur Astronomy Group** 7.30 Blue Boar see s p24

- 15th **West Oxon WI** 7.30 St Mary's Parish rooms see p27
- 18th **Over Norton WI** 7.45 ON Village Hall Liz Atkins - Coastal Walk - Both feet and four paws first!
- 19th **CHIPPING NORTON NEWS DEADLINE** see p35
- 20th **CN Choral Society Sing Day** *Mass in Blue* see p19
- Chipping Norton Farmers' Market** 8.30-1.30
- Amnesty Book Sale** 10am-4pm the Tolsey, Burford
- Mr Turner** in Churchill 7.30 - see p7
- 21st **Town Festival** 11am-8pm details p3
- 23rd **Lights Up Arts & Memory Club** as 9 June
- 24th **CN Yacht Club** meeting - see p24 for details
- 25-28 **Dean & Chadlington Summer Music Fest** see p19
- 27th **Music in a Country Church** Swerford 7.30 - see p12
- 28th **A Summer Concert** Salford from 3.30pm - see p12

July (July/August edition out on Monday 6 July)

- 1st **U3A** 2.30pm Methodist Hall Michael Lowe - The Lute
- NOOG** CN Allotments visit details p26
- 4th **Great Rollright Big Bake & Food Fayre** from 2pm see p12
- 7th **Railway Club** 7.30 Lwr Town Hall see p25