

NHS Beds Shock

NHS nurses no longer to staff our 14 Hospital Beds

Anger broke out in June as Oxfordshire County Council announced they will no longer pay for NHS nurses to staff the Town's 14 'intermediate care' beds – which provide a specialist service for NHS patients after treatment in the main hospitals.

After months of unresolved contract discussions, County Council and NHS say firmly that this NHS service will continue and that standards of service will not be affected. But they want to simplify things by using nurses employed by the Order of St John Care Trust – the charity that runs the building and the care home. They say this could be £1000 per week per bed cheaper.

Local councillors, the Hospital Action Group, and UNISON are upset, with fears of downgrading or eventual loss of NHS service – perhaps with the County eventually switching NHS money into cash-starved residential and home social care. MP David Cameron and the Oxfordshire Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee want detailed explanations – but there may not be any more public consultation. Full report page 2.

Magna Carta moment



Chipping Norton Mayor Mike Tysoe crowns King John and Queen Isabella at June's magnificent Magna Carta celebration hosted by St Mary's Primary School. More on p3.

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Chippy Summer Fun

Welcome to a summer in Chipping Norton. Lots of things to do inside – including our 4-page centre supplement with trips into the countryside, festival info, and a cunning Town Trail quiz.

The NHS bed issues in Chipping Norton

Since Chipping Norton's new hospital and care home opened over four years ago, the NHS has funded 14 'Intermediate Care' beds specifically for NHS patients mostly recovering from treatment in our NHS hospitals. The beds and equipment are to 'hospital' standards and staffing has (to date) been by NHS-employed nurses from Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, who had worked in the old hospital.

What is changing and why?



While this is still clearly an NHS service, the NHS nurses are working with beds and building physically operated by the Order of St John Care Trust – the charity that runs

the adjoining Henry Cornish Care Centre. This has meant some kind of joint responsibility for the unit. Chippy's vicar Rev James Kennedy, on behalf of local users, said that after initial difficulties, since early 2014, 'the systems and services have improved such that the Unit has grown to be a happy, safe, efficient and well-managed facility.' The NHS budget for all this is in fact now run by Oxfordshire County Council, who also fund social care. There have apparently been problems agreeing a new contract since 2014. All parties say there are continuing management and regulatory issues with the joint arrangements and a very significant 'funding gap'. The result is that OCC are now going to contract directly with OSJCT to provide the whole hospital bed service more cheaply, entirely with OSJCT staff. NHS nurses are being consulted on whether they want to change employer (with guaranteed 'TUPE' terms and conditions) or be redeployed elsewhere by Oxford Health.

OCC say 'no change to service'

An official statement sent by David Smith, Chief Executive of the NHS Clinical Commissioning Group says 'OCC will continue to fund this NHS service, which will be provided by OSJCT. There is no need for any concern. The change is not to the service provided to the people of Chipping Norton, rather a change in who is responsible for providing that service. It had proved impossible to make the system work with two sets of management arrangements. Continuing with the current arrangements would cost for each bed nearly £1,800 per week (over £1m per year) while it costs £823 per week for a comparable OSJCT service at Isis House Care and Retirement Home in Oxford, fully compliant with the CQC.' In the statement John Jackson, Director of Adult Social Care at the County Council said, 'OSJCT is an experienced care provider which has received good ratings from inspections held by the CCG, the County Council and the Care Quality Commission'.

Accusations of 'downgrading'

Mayor, Local Councillors and the Hospital Action Group – formed previously to help safeguard NHS services – all have major concerns (see statement from Chair of HAG). The main issue is whether Order of St John can provide the same

service standards of qualified nursing staff. Doubts are raised about OSJCT's abilities, everyone sees the cost cutting, and some fear that demands on the County to provide more social and residential care might squeeze their budget and commitment to local NHS 'hospital' beds. Cllr Jo Graves, Chair of the Hospital Friends, was 'appalled' at the decision and was very concerned at potential 'downgrading'. A local UNISON statement talked about OCC trying to 'push a significant service change through the back door' and 'care beds being handed over to the private sector' when 'David Cameron promised that the NHS was safe in his hands'.

Challenge and scrutiny

Many want a public consultation. Mayor Mike Tysoe's protest letter suggested that OSJCT's pay, skills, and staffing levels would be lower – potentially risking patient safety. An angry response from Cllr Ian Hudspeth, the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council accused the Mayor of 'misrepresentation of facts', ignoring their briefing statement, and making 'completely unjustified' and even actionable statements about OSJCT. It looks like, even with loud local protests, forcing a formal consultation based on 'significant service change' may not be easy. Cllr Yvonne Constance, Chair of Oxfordshire's Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, has this item on her 2 July agenda. She, along with MP David Cameron, has demanded a detailed report, and wants closer monitoring of what happens. But this of course may not satisfy everyone in Chippy.

Statement from Chipping Norton Hospital Action Group



It is with a great deal of concern that our Action Group learned that despite the written commitment OCC gave us last year that our beds and nurses would be fully staffed and managed by the NHS, for the next three years, they now plan to replace the NHS Intermediate Care Bed service with one from a private provider. We believe it is nonsense to suggest patients' treatment will be identical; the private provider simply does not possess the clinical expertise and experience of the NHS. We are told that The Orders of St John employ over 1000 staff in Oxfordshire however less than 5 in every hundred are registered general nurses. They simply cannot operate in the same way as the NHS. OCC seem to be chopping and changing and just giving contracts to today's lowest bidder. If everyone followed the OCC model the NHS would very soon cease to exist. This is why NHS spending is supposed to be ringfenced; so why is OCC cutting Chipping Norton's NHS budget when it is supposed to be protected? We will be fighting this and need the support of people in the community. This is a fight for the very existence of the NHS in Chipping Norton. We are launching a postcard petition and hope as many people as possible will sign and post a card to show OCC how much we object to the threat of losing our NHS beds and nurses.

Robert Townley, Chairman

What future for Beales?

A sign in Beales department store in Chipping Norton says 'under new ownership' and '70% off'. Behind this is property businessman and 30% shareholder Andrew Perloff, former owner of 11 of the freeholds of Beales' 29 stores. He has now bought out all the shares of the struggling company for £1.2m – apparently partially because his representative was ejected from the Board. Mr Perloff, recently described by the CEO as 'an eccentric guy', has also put a £2m deposit in Beales' bank to help them with financial issues, some caused by debt 'overstretch' after taking over the 19 Anglia Co-op stores (including the one in Chipping Norton). Mr Perloff has said he did not foresee widespread store closures but, according to local press, 'has not ruled out the possibility of a small number of branches closing'.

A great day out for the WI

2 June 2015 heralded a very special day as thousands of ladies from all over England and Wales gathered for a garden party at Buckingham Palace to celebrate the centenary of the Women's Institute movement.

Celia Storry from West Oxfordshire WI based in Chipping Norton, told the News 'I was



*Above :WOWI's Celia Storry (rhs) with the representative from Steeple Aston
Left: Over Norton's Becky Pearman (rhs) with Bea Bates (Churchill WI) and Freda Seath (Enstone WI) waiting with excited anticipation to enter the Palace*



lucky enough to win the ballot at WOWI. We left home dressed in our summer finery, hats and fascinators in dismal rain and gusting winds, not ideal for a garden party, but by the time we arrived at the Palace the sun shone – a truly memorable day!' Long queues to enter were soon forgotten as everyone explored the landscaped gardens around the lake and enjoyed music from two military bands. Delectable refreshments were served by courteous attendants while members from every federation watched the Yeomen of the Guard escorting the Royal Party – including the Duchess of Cornwall, Countess of Wessex and Duchess of Gloucester. Colourful and stylish outfits abounded.

The weather was fine but windy, and many an elegant hat had to be chased across the lawns. Becky Pearman from Over Norton WI said 'We had a wonderful day with 8,000 other finely dressed WI members' and mentioned seeing Princess Alexandra, enjoying the delicious tea, walking the famous herbaceous borders and rose gardens and leaving 'slightly

footsore, but happy after such a special occasion'. As the afternoon drew to a close everyone left across the Palace forecourt back to coaches in the Mall. CNWI's Prudence Chard summed it up, 'I thoroughly enjoyed the day, and feel extremely privileged to have been part of a truly unique event'. Prudence, with other local representatives including Hilary Dix from WOWI, also went to the Centenary meeting in the Albert Hall. They were inspired by speakers such as Lucy Worsley, Tanni Grey Thompson and Helena Morrissey, and members of the Royal Family joined the Queen – who cut a cake and spoke of the impact of women in the last century. Hilary Dix reported 'a wonderful day and hugely privileged to have been able to go'.

Celebrating Magna Carta



Photo: Don Davidson

St Mary's own 'Magna Carta' proclaimed by the Mayor

June saw many celebrations around the UK marking 800 years since the Magna Carta was sealed. In Chipping Norton, St Mary's Primary School hosted a celebration event with a grand medieval fayre to which governors and Town Councillors were invited. Emily Weaver, History Co-ordinator at the

School, told the News 'All the children and staff came dressed up and organised their own medieval games and decorations. Mayor Cllr Mike Tysoe was invited to crown our own 'King John & Isabella' which was followed by the signing of their own class Magna Carta and celebratory dancing. All children were then treated to a pig roast, funded by the Town Council, for which we would like to thank them.'

Meanwhile in Stow on the Wold former TV News correspondent, local writer and historian, Derek Taylor launched his new book *Magna Carta in 20 Places*. This tells the story of Magna Carta through places associated with its birth and later history. It tells us that the popular notion that King John was a tyrant, the barons were champions of civil liberties and Magna Carta was the foundation of democracy, is a myth. Mr Taylor looks at the reasons why today it is more revered in America than in the land of its origin and how it has inspired those who have struggled over centuries to win democracy in their own countries. The book is £18.99 from History Press.

Problems at Churchill House

Building work on the affordable homes development at Churchill House (at the bottom of Hailey Road) have hit some major snags, bringing the work to a stop. Apparently, according to one officer in West Oxfordshire District Council, the developers 'unbelievably' had been building from the plans that had been refused permission rather than those later given approval. WODC officers are meeting the developers to see what needs to be done to get them back

on track. This may need a new planning application and in the meantime building has stopped. The issues appear to relate to the design and appearance of the new housing.

Future of Chippy Jazz

The Rotary Club of Chipping Norton has announced they are stepping down from running the Chippy Jazz and Music September event – which was started by the late Mike Howes 17 years ago. Rotary President Simon Hamilton said that with reducing membership, the Club have found organising both the Town Festival and the Jazz Day too much to ask of its members. However, the venues who have been hosting the musicians over the years have expressed an interest in keeping their part of the Jazz Day going, and the Rotary Club wishes them the very best in continuing to provide a jazz presence in the Town.



Big issues with Premier Inn

Premier Inn's plan for a 70+ bed hotel along Chipping Norton's Spring Street is hitting significant objections – mostly about the design and scale of such a place in a traditional Cotswold town. At a special planning discussion in May Chipping Norton Town Council 'agreed in principle' to the idea of bringing new hotel space for visitors and some more jobs to the Town, but they have written to West Oxfordshire saying they 'strongly disagreed' with details of the proposal and have asked WODC Planning Officers to suggest a resubmission with several changes. The Town Council said the design is unsympathetic to the area which adjoins a conservation area and Spring Street which has considerable historical significance being the original 800-year-old main street of Chipping Norton. They also said the scale and height should be reduced to improve the visual impact from the west and south and the number of proposed rooms reduced accordingly to lessen the traffic demands on Spring Street and residents. The Town Council want to see a resubmission with proper traffic analysis and proposals for signage. The plan for a

Stained glass window unveiled

Some 60 people from the British Legion, Chipping Norton School and the local community gathered at Chipping Norton School on 5 June to see the unveiling of the stained glass window to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the First World War. After a tasty cream tea Headteacher Simon Duffy welcomed everyone and spoke of the truly collaborative nature of the project, with input from School, British Legion and Town Council. Mayor Mike Tysoe further outlined the journey of the project from the initial idea, the competition at the School, the expansion of the memorial to



to continue her art studies at Oxford Brookes.

As the curtain drew back to reveal the three glass panels there was an immediate, palpable silence for a few seconds, followed by gasps and finally warm applause. Neville Edwards, President of CNRBL, spoke for many there saying 'It warms my heart that there are students so talented and caring, so wonderful, to design such a thing'. It was a very poignant moment when he recited 'The Ode', 'They shall not grow old . . . we will remember them'. Following a presentation to the three students and a prayer and blessing by the Reverend James Kennedy, Vicar of St Mary's Church, Headteacher Simon Duffy made a short closing address.



Above Steve Kingsland & Neville Edwards of the RBL with Mayor Tysoe
Right CNS students Beth Coombes, Zoe Foster and Georgia Jukes



three windows and finally the commissioning of stained glass expert Graham Brant. Cllr Tysoe said it was 'a fitting but less traditional memorial with input from the younger generation, a modern tribute by this generation'. The unveiling was by Steve Kingsford, Chairman of Chipping Norton Royal British Legion, together with the three students whose designs had been built into the final windows, Beth Coombes, Zoe Foster and Georgia Jukes. Zoe told the News, 'It's a complete honour to have been chosen. A lot of thought went into my design (the evocative central 'bleeding' poppy) though it was quick to draw'. Not surprisingly, seeing the standard of her work, Zoe is hoping

Graham Brant told the News about the design and execution of the windows: 'There is nothing here to glorify war. Many of the images are representational, for example the stark trees, the going down of the sun (with the soldiers walking down), the dawn (with the soldiers walking up), the threatening clouds, the drips of blood on the poppy stem. There are the three services represented and the role of women is acknowledged'. He seemed delighted with the finished work in situ, as well he might be. Readers are welcome to visit the School and ask at reception for a convenient moment to look at the windows. Donations to the project are still welcome and can be made at the School reception.

Photos: Don Davidson

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Spring Street community car park with 13 public spaces was welcomed but the Town Council would like to take over ownership and responsibility for its governance, given that OCC and WODC have declined to do so. In June the Mayor said that Premier Inn representatives had been a little disappointed by Town Council comments. English Heritage, amongst others, has also registered strong objections, but WODC planning officers are recommending approval. It all goes to the Uplands Committee on 6 July.

Mayormaking ceremony

Councillors Mike Tysoe and Richard Benfield were formally elected and sworn in as Mayor and Deputy Mayor respectively of Chipping Norton at the Mayormaking ceremony in the Town Hall on 18 May. Arrayed



in full mayoral robes Cllr Tysoe gave a resumé of the year's events, following which formal nominations and elections took place. The Mayor moved a vote of thanks to the Mayoress, Mrs Monica Tysoe, who continues in office. A reception was held in the Lower Town Hall after a brief Town Council meeting, the first for the four newly elected councillors, Richard Averill, Stephen Jordan, James Kitcher and Andrew Villars. Four outgoing councillors were thanked for their contribution to the Town: Sue Bartholomew, Mike Dixon, Charles Watson and Sarah Wilkes. Prizes for the Mayor's raffle (originally intended for the cancelled Ball) were drawn at the Mayormaking and a total of £225 was raised for the skate park fund. Thanks were given to the many organisations and people who had donated all the prizes.

Civic Sunday Service

Chipping Norton's annual Civic Service will be held at St Mary's Church on Sunday 12 July. Those attending should be seated by 10.35am. The Mayor and Councillors are invited to join other members of the community to acknowledge all civic and community service provided to the Town.

Bus cuts on the way?

With Oxfordshire County Council likely to face another £60m of savings – over and above those already announced – attention, particularly in rural areas, is focusing on what will be next to go. OCC's Cabinet Member for Finance, Lawrie Stratford, gave a stark warning that 'everything is at risk'. First of all, the County's Cabinet has voted to 'consult' on a review of every bus subsidy on all routes across the County – looking for £2.3m savings. 105 bus routes have subsidies as they are not fully 'commercially viable'. Chipping Norton's S3, X8, 488 and others will be looked at. A 12-week consultation is underway; see www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/stconsultation. Secondly, the County may need to make another £6m in cuts in Children's Centres. Similar cuts planned in 2013 caused a public outcry – including in Chipping Norton. More will be known after the Chancellor's July 'emergency budget' when the next finance settlement for Local Authorities will become clearer.

'Troubles' at Penhurst site

The major development – new houses and a new care home – at the old Penhurst School site on New Street is well under way. Commenting on the rise and fall of buildings and huge piles of earth and crushed concrete, one Penhurst neighbour recently remarked that the skyline from Diston's Lane had been 'heaving up and down like the bedding of a deeply troubled sleeper' for eight months. Nearby residents, including many from Diston's Lane, formed the Penhurst Liaison Group (PLG) to monitor the works. A PLG representative wrote to the News with continuing concerns: 'The "troubles" began with the demolition of the school buildings in November 2014, with much noise, dust and smoke. Concrete breaking and crushing continued till early February, soon succeeded by a tall hole-boring machine notable for its painful high-pitched screech on striking rock. In early March, excavations finally began for the Care Home on the Lane side of the site. Foundations for the sheltered housing had already begun creeping along the playing field boundary, with the first units rising above ground level at about this time. The staggered start of the two developments – Porthaven for the Care Home, Beechcroft for the houses – means the period of disruption will be longer than expected.'



Both stalled at times, hampered by piles of waste retained on site. Though progress has speeded up recently, it is hard to imagine the shell of the Care Home will be complete by Christmas or marketing commence in March 2016. Clarification is still being sought on the final project completion date, with the end of July 2016 being the most recent estimate obtained. Actual occupation of the care home will then be subject to CQC certification'.

Residents formed the PLG when the site was first sold and have pressed developers for information, and voiced concerns where appropriate. Their concerns have included protection of tree roots, clouds of wind-borne dust, excessive machinery noise, danger from large numbers of contractors' vehicles parked on New Street, and occasional extensions of working hours. A recent proposal to use a tower crane with a 40m swing, extending deeply over several residential properties, is believed to have been withdrawn. The PLG said 'With all these issues, together with a general lack of initiative in keeping neighbours informed, the claim of being 'Considerate Developers' seems hard to justify. Sadly, the Church will eventually no longer be visible from the playing fields nor parts of the Worcester Road and Diston's Lane. So much for protection of important views of listed buildings in Conservation Areas! Sad, too, that the new skyline will bring sunset an hour earlier for nearby residents!'



Celebrating the end of the War – August 70 years ago

Can you help identify any more of this group pictured at the London Road & Rock Hill tea party held on 15 August 1945 to celebrate VJ Day – victory over Japan and the final end of WWII. Some names have been provided by Peter Keen, Janet Hendy (née Keen) and other friends who recently attended Joan Bowen's Funeral. Please let us know if you can add more.

1 Mrs Langton, 2 Bill Keen, 3 Mrs Lillian Keen, 4 Mrs Stanbridge, 5 Mrs Aslan, 6 Mrs Elsie Peachey, 7 Michael Peachey, 8 Mrs Brittain, 9 Jean Harris' Mother, 10 Mrs Harding? 11 Mrs Ethel Keen, 12 Janet Keen, 13 Mrs Bailey, Newspaper Correspondent (next door to Bill & Lillian Keen) 14 Two sisters from Albion St, 15 Mrs Kite, 16 Mr Allen or Mr Sanders, Electrician 17 Alfred Patrick, 18 Joan Keen (later Bowen).

Diary Date: Saturday 12 September Chippy's Royal British Legion are holding their own **End of the War Dance** – with swing band and 40s dress optional – tickets inc buffet £20 from the venue – The Crown & Cushion

Music therapy benefits

Katharine House Hospice has secured funding to provide music therapy to patients three days a week for 12 months. Families with relatives or friends at the Hospice will see that music therapy can act as a welcome and soothing distraction from pain, agitation and anxiety. It can also provide a conduit between patients and their families, enabling shared memory and emotion, says the Hospice. In 2013 The Theatre Chipping Norton co-ordinated a programme of music therapy in three care homes in Chipping Norton. At Southerndown Care Home, activities co-ordinator Stacey Davies told the News that, since then, they have continued with weekly choir practice, which residents absolutely adore. 'We have quite a big repertoire,' says Stacey 'including songs from musicals, hymns, war-time songs and sea shanties. Many residents know the words without needing song sheets. We are hoping to work with St Mary's School choir on a joint concert.' Music therapy has benefits that go beyond the feel-good factor associated with singing, particularly for those living with dementia. 'The power of music, especially singing, to unlock memories and kickstart the grey matter is an increasingly key feature of dementia care. It seems to reach parts of the damaged brain in ways other forms of communication cannot' say Age UK.

Le chatting – oui oui

Are you interested in learning or improving your French and would you like to meet up for a chat around Chipping Norton? If so, there are several groups in the local area that meet to chat informally in French at different levels of ability, who would welcome new members.

Burford Franglish Group are people who have lived, or would like to live, in France or just have an interest in practising French, some fluent, some still learning, and who meet to chat in French over a cup of coffee in Burford Garden Centre on Monday afternoons on an ad hoc basis. No charge. Contact angela.renshaw@yahoo.com and 07500 135966.

In **Chadlington**, a long established, welcoming group meets on Wednesday 10am-12 noon. A spin-off from an Advanced Conversation Class at Adult Education, they have discussions based on magazine articles, language work and listen to various forms of French media or read classic French literature such as Molière's *Le Misanthrope*. It would suit people looking to maintain a good standard of French. £70 for 10 sessions. Contact annetimpson7@hotmail.co.uk, 07787 609633.

In **Stow and Chadlington**, Muriel Summersgill, a French native speaker, organises groups. Her Monday group meets fortnightly at 7.45pm at participants' homes in Stow. The level

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is for people not fully confident with speaking and they use a book (series *Practice Makes Perfect: French Conversation*) to work on conversation skills. £5 to attend. Two other groups are for fluent speakers who want to keep their language skills: Thursday fortnightly at 9.30am at homes in Chadlington and Friday fortnightly at 4.30pm in the White Hart in Stow. These are informal, with texts to discuss and start a conversation. £5 in advance. Muriel will also be running more formal daytime or evening taught groups for adults on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Ideally these will be for four to five people of similar level. Lessons last 90 minutes, £110 for 12 weeks. Contact mstraductions@aol.co.uk.

Adult education provision in Oxfordshire has been transferred to Abingdon and Witney College; they released their 2015–2016 timetable on 1 July with some French and other language courses in the area. Minimum enrolments are required to ensure that the classes are viable.

Horsefair takeaway open



Sahin, Yunus and Filiz Tuncel at Express Kebab Pizza

Filiz and Sahin Tuncel are the owner and manager respectively of Express Kebab Pizza, a friendly, family-run takeaway restaurant in Horsefair. Already getting a reputation for quality takeaway food, all the kebab meats, pizza dough, as well as marinades, sauces and salads are freshly prepared on-site every day. Filiz and Sahin say they appreciate the friendly reception the takeaway has been getting since it opened in Horsefair, and they're already building up a list of regulars. It's open 1pm-10.30pm during the week, and until 11.30pm at the weekend. Telephone orders are welcome, phone 643571.

Doctors do the JOGLE!

JOGLE is a 1,000 mile, 10-day Charity cycle ride starting on 3 September from John O'Groats to Land's End. Amongst the riders are doctors and nurses involved with OOSO (Oxfordshire Oesophageal and Stomach Organisation). The ride is expected to be fun (if extremely hard work) and is an essential fundraising event for supporting OOSO and particular projects to improve patient care on the Oxford Upper GI Centre at the Churchill Hospital. One of the riders is Shane Carter of Worcester Road, whose father-in-law, also of Chippy, is receiving treatment at this Centre. It takes a long time to recover from treatment for oesophageal and stomach cancers, and OOSO plays a vital role in this. It provides support to patients (and their relatives) undergoing treatment – an integral part of the care patients receive. There have been huge improvements in the treatment of oesophageal cancer in the last decade, but the survival rate is still worse than from many other cancers. At present, together with stomach cancer, it kills more than 10,000 people each year in England

and is on the increase. For more information, contact www.charitycheckout.co.uk/1152733/cycle2015.

Maralyn King

If you are involved with any fundraising for a worthy cause, and would like to tell our readers about it, please contact the News as we are happy to help.

More at West St Newsagents



Recently retired Town Councillor Mike Dixon has been busy making changes at the West Street Newsagents since he took over the shop in January 2014. There is now a much extended range of newspapers and magazines, and a makeover at the back of the shop sees more card racks, a wider range of gifts – and an excellent set of new

Above: Mike Dixon & Rachael Barnes

Right: their new postcards
postcards of Chipping Norton with photos taken by Don Davidson and cards printed by Kopyrite. There's also



Chipping Norton fudge and the only Slush Puppie machine in Town. The shop is also selling lots more *Chipping Norton News* copies as Mike has screwed the box prominently to the end of the counter. While Mike has stood down from official council duties, the Council have asked him (with his years of experience driving local bus routes) to stay on as the Town's representative on local bus service consultations – which will be critical next month as the County is reviewing all the bus subsidies and possible cuts.

Chippy best Market Town??

Experience Chipping Norton are preparing a submission to enter Chippy in the Market Town category of the GB High Street Awards, with a mid-July deadline. Business, Community and Tourism categories are included. ECN have been asking local organisations to contribute to the bid. If you haven't yet heard from ECN but think your group should have a mention, please contact info@experiencechippingnorton.com or see the ECN website. ECN continue to hold regular open meetings – the last one, on 16 June, featured Chiplitfest's Clare Mackintosh. Clare's debut novel, *I Let You Go*, is now in the top 10 fiction paperbacks nationally. Also see the ECN website for a new range of Chipping Norton merchandise.

Chippy Christmas plans

This year Experience Chipping Norton and the Town Council are working on a joint weekend event before Christmas. The programme will include a Friday shopping evening (4 December), a full day on Saturday 5 December which will include a Food Festival followed by the Mayor's Christmas Dinner/dance in the Town Hall that night. Daytime events will

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not, as in the past, be to a Victorian theme – but probably a ‘Christmas jumper’ theme with allcomers invited to show off their jazziest jumper (reindeer ... or whatever!). More details nearer the time.

#CHIPPYHOUR has landed

Do you fancy joining a Twitter Hour to chat about Chipping Norton? Every Wednesday between 8pm and 9pm, courtesy of Delicacy Deli owner Jon Squires and Red Lion landlord Stuart Taylor, you can join the online chat. The idea is to link up around a chosen topic of common interest for one-hour Twitter chats. Anyone with the hashtag #ChippyHour will be included in the chat, and can check out everyone else participating at the same time. So to try your hand at speed networking, tune in at 8pm next Wednesday and see what the buzz is about. If you come up with a new theme, check in with Jon and Stuart, either through their businesses or the ECN website (www.experiencechippingnorton.com).



Help run our News website?

Could you be our new website editor? Have a look at www.chippynews.org. The Chipping Norton News’ current website editor is reluctantly stepping down after five years, due to work commitments. That means we’re looking for a new, digital-savvy member for our team. Could it be you?! You may already be a natural – or would like to learn to use WordPress/blogging, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram.

Have you got the time to update our readers on news and events that we can’t get into our print edition, due to timing or space; to spot stories and images relating to our town that you can put online quickly; to engage with our followers on social media? If so, email us at chippymail@aol.com and tell us about yourself, call 01608 643219, or come to our next team meeting on Monday 3 August 7.30pm in the Barn at The Chequers. This is a voluntary position, but a rewarding one, working with a friendly news team in your community.

Summer at the Lido

As soon as school holidays start the Lido in Chipping Norton start summer swimming lessons: Monday–Friday for the four weeks from 20 July, with improvers classes at 9am; beginners at 9am, and complete beginners at 10am. New this year are our swimming challenge awards: running the week commencing 27 July, for young swimmers able to swim at least 400m continuously. On Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, Bronze award training will be 10.30-11.30am, with Silver & Gold awards training following at 11.30am.

You can hire The Lido for your summer event, after hours most days and now on Saturday mornings 11am–12pm – perfect for children’s parties. Have a cake and coffee with Kim in the Café and ask how she can help with party catering. And don’t forget to join the Lido Lottery to help the charity keep

the Lido going or donate directly, either cash or cheque directly to The Lido, or via Totalgiving.com. More information at info@chippylido.co.uk | 643188 | www.chippylido.co.uk.

Lido Lottery results

Winners of the May Lido lottery are: 1st: Susan Smith: £101.25, 2nd: Joan Thomson: £60.75, 3rd: Sheena Blundell: £40.50.

Chippy Tweeters hit Guardian

Many Chipping Norton residents may be completely unaware that a ‘Twitterstorm’ broke over the Town recently. *Guardian* journalist Sam Wollaston wrote what he now admits was a ‘throwaway headline’ in a TV review: ‘Benefits Street: just look at the community spirit – you don’t get that in Chipping flipping Norton’ on 12 May. The main problem, as I told Mr Wollaston when he accepted the challenge to visit and find out for himself, is that, particularly in the election run-up, the



Sam Wollaston’s apologetic article appeared in The Guardian after his eye-opening visit

media uses ‘Chipping Norton’ as shorthand for some sort of upper middle class elite, without knowing anything about the Town. What brought Mr Wollaston to the Town was a backlash on social media. Those who knew the Town weighed in, accusing him of lazy journalism and rudeness. Rupert Parsons, who runs award-winning Womersley Foods, tweeted: ‘You are hereby cordially invited to visit our community of Chipping Norton’ and Mr Wollaston, to be fair, accepted.

Rupert is also on the steering committee of Experience Chipping Norton (ECN) with more than a passing interest in protecting the Town’s public image. He spent the best part of the day taking his visitor around the Town, stopping at the new hospital, the Lido and The Theatre, going around the town centre and ending at ECN’s public meeting at the Red Lion. In his follow-up article (pictured above – Google ‘wollaston chipping norton’), he accepts he used the Town’s name in vain and that the community spirit is alive and well here. It probably won’t stop others using ‘Chipping Norton’ in an ill-informed and lazy way, but at least it’s one small victory.

Chris Hogan

Town’s monthly clear up

The idea of doing a volunteer Town Clear Up has been restarted for the first Sunday every month. The next one is on Sunday 2 August and enthusiastic helpers can turn up at the Town Hall at 10am, and help tidy up the Town Centre and other parts of Chippy. Equipment will be supplied. Town Councillors, members of Experience Chipping Norton, and

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other willing hands are hoping to turn out. Why not come along? More information from Cllr T Hasan 07903 740131.

Ancient Magic at The Stones

If you want one good reason why the Romans were eager to quit the UK, then try the weather that engulfed the Rollright Stones for the **Summer Stones, Ancient Magic** event on 13 June. Clammy drizzle dominated but visitors enjoyed the interesting mix of activities under gazebos with hot drinks and food. Spoon-making, woodturning, weaving, singing and storytelling were weaved throughout the afternoon



Knights David Haine & Ian Cotterill whisper in the woods

and a steady stream of public, many with little idea of what was going on, wandered around and enjoyed the atmosphere. The drizzle fizzled out around 6pm in time for the play, *Summer Solstice*, written by local playwright Marie-Annick Jube. Storyteller Lizzie Bryant began by taking the entire audience down to the Whispering Knights where, with a deafening blast from her Viking cow horn, she began the tale of the Rollrights. Under darkening skies the entourage strolled to the King's Men circle as the story unfolded. With the stalwart audience comfortable within the circle, the play eventually began at twilight, the mist forming over the

surrounding crops. The story unfolded of a family counting the stones and falling out, a young girl's ghost appeared and eventually magnificent knights, resplendent in mock armour adorned with glowing swords and shields (pictured left), emerged from the woods to pay homage to the story's heroine, Lizzie Bryant. Lit up by her glowing staff she brought the magical story, and the event, to a close with resounding and well deserved applause. It was, despite the weather, a great success with a higher than expected turnout and a doggedly determined audience and event team. The word 'tenacity' neatly sums up the whole event!

Robin Smitten, Trustee of the Rollright Stones

Lawrence Team summer news

We are delighted to announce Midcounties Co-operative Society, Chipping Norton has chosen the Lawrence Home Nursing Team as their Fundraising Partner for the next year. We will soon be announcing many joint initiatives. The Lawrence Team also thanks all supporters donating the proceeds from summer events to the Charity including The Waywiser Ensemble, a string quintet performing in Enstone on Sunday 5 July and The Swan Inn, Ascott-u-Wychwood which is organising two events, SwanFest2: Folk, Ale & Cider Festival on Saturday 25 July from 1pm and a Summer Party and Village Shindig on Friday 21 August from 7pm. Wild Thyme Restaurant is taking part in our Restaurant Scheme for July. Please call Sally on 645060 to book your table.

Please save the date – Friday 18 September – when 'Rhythm is Life' Choir including Soloist, Robin Martin-Oliver, 'Cotswold Concertiers', and young musicians from Chipping

Emma x

**SUMMER
FESTIVAL**

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Join us for one final weekend to celebrate 10 years of supporting local young people in sports & arts.

SATURDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Emma's Day is back with its signature big top and day of free family fun at Chipping Norton Cricket Club.

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Get ready to be a Dancing Queen with an incredibly special line up of stars from London's West End, alongside our wonderful Young Company. This promises to be an unmissable night!

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Norton School will perform in an Evening of Music, Song and Readings at St Nicholas Church, Chadlington to raise funds for the LHNT. Tickets £15 include interval refreshments. For a detailed programme and to book please visit: www.lawrencehomenursing.org or telephone 684475.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising a free donation for the Lawrence Home Nursing Team? Nearly 3,000 retailers have signed up to [easyfundraising.org](http://www.easyfundraising.org) including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, thetrainline and M&S, who will donate a percentage of your spend to the Lawrence Home Nursing Team. All you have to do is go to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/lawrencehome>; sign up for free and get shopping – your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to us.

Verity Fifer

Objections to Foxfield plan

A plan to build three new detached houses above the back of Foxfield Court cul-de-sac in Chipping Norton



has hit strong objections from local residents and the Town Council. The application proposes three houses in what Councillors call a 'tree belt buffer zone' of trees and natural habitat – which would screen current residents from any future 600-house development on the Tank Farm site. Issues of height, privacy, flooding, loss of woodland and open space have all been cited in objections. Councillors were also angry that the prospective developer has already cut down many trees. Last November a specific permanent Tree Protection Order (TPO) was agreed by WODC for a number of the trees, citing 'protecting the trees in the event that an application for development was received for the site and would prevent their removal'. Town Councillors now await the official application verdict from the next Uplands Committee meeting and will want to know what legal sanctions WODC might take if TPOs are ignored.

New houses on vets' site

A new planning application has been submitted for five dwellings in Albion Street on the site of the old vacated Vets' surgery. At their May meeting Chipping Norton Town Council agreed in principle to the application but there was concern over car parking and traffic from five properties. The Town Council recommended three instead of five dwellings on this site. The application now goes to West Oxfordshire Uplands Committee.

Walking tour App for Chippy

You can soon download a new phone app with a walking tour of the Town – sponsored by local businesses. Local group Experience Chipping Norton have organised this to help visitors with a free informative tour of the Town's high spots. Local traders who sign up, for an annual fee, to the Handheld Tour venture will get their profile onto the digital map which will feature a range of clearly signed interesting pubs, cafes, restaurants and shops. The App will show images, video and facts. Larger national attractions such as Blenheim Palace and

Cotswold Wildlife Park will be included to increase the reach. See the App page on www.experiencechippingnorton.com for how to sign up.

A big smile in Chippy



Dentist Claire Hudson and her team at Cotswold Dental Wellness have been raising awareness for National Smile Month, the UK's largest and longest-running oral health campaign, by holding a 'design a poster' competition promoting a healthy smile.

The winner, from Holy Trinity School Year 3, is Esme Tomlinson pictured above with Claire. Her colourful, informative design will be on display in the Cotswold Dental Wellness waiting room. She won a £30 book token and electric toothbrush. The three runners up are Mia Cross, Toby Jones and Ellie Rogers, each winning a £10 book token and electric toothbrush. Claire said, 'We really enjoyed the imaginative ways that the kids put their ideas across. The more we can promote awareness and educate, the better. Dental decay is entirely preventable.'

Record Breakers at Library

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is themed on Record Breakers, in conjunction with Guinness World Records. As in previous years, children are encouraged to read at least six books over the summer holidays and on their reading journey there will be opportunities to explore astonishing real-life achievements and world records, collecting rewards such as wristbands, bookmarks, medals and certificates. The challenge can be achieved in just three visits to the library. You can join up at your local library and it's FREE! Can we break our record of over 206 children joining the scheme? Look out for fantastic new books, quizzes and activities throughout the summer – not to mention fun sessions on some Thursdays in July and August for 4-8 year olds! And we haven't forgotten the adults! Your challenge is even easier. We challenge you to try reading something different or tell us about your favourite books – pick up a postcard in the library and enter it in the prize draw.

Judith Bucknall, Library Manager

Making Chippy attractive

Experience Chipping Norton (ECN), the local group helping promote the Town, have projects to make the Town more attractive, such as Chippy in Bloom. Richard Hopkins of Applegarth Nursery has offered to lead the overall scheme to 'beautify' Chipping Norton and keep it attractive. Richard hopes to work with existing groups like the Green Gym, which has already achieved great results with places such as the Community Orchard and extensive tree planting down Worcester Road. Any other green or gardening groups and businesses keen to help are encouraged to get involved. Currently drawing up a workable plan for the Town and its surrounding villages, Richard hopes to get cracking in the autumn. Any local people interested in helping out can contact info@experiencechippingnorton.com.

Support for Rafiki Thabo

Rafiki Thabo is a Kingham-based charity providing food and educational opportunities for struggling students in Kenya, Uganda and Lesotho. After a presentation at a recent Experience Chipping Norton meeting, Rafiki is getting more local support. First, Womersley Food run by ECN's Rupert Parsons has made it their official Charity of the Year, and they are raising valuable funds at food fairs and festivals. Second, after a website feature and lots of door-knocking by ECN's Liam Bellenie, Delicacy Deli has signed up to the Rafiki Sandwich Project, asking for a voluntary donation of 35p on top of standard prices in the store. The Old Mill is kindly making a monthly donation, while Spice of India and The Red Lion are in the pipeline for support. Any local businesses interested in contributing will be warmly welcomed!

Rubbish action – but still no tip

Chipping Norton was hit with more flytipping last month – including a wonderful selection of fridges and other electrical gear and bed pieces in New Street car park again (see picture). West



Oxfordshire District Council officers were out at some of the 20 bank sites in a bid to tackle their continual misuse. They plan closer monitoring at the main troublespots and clearer signage explaining the rules. Anyone caught dumping – including in black bags – faces prosecution. Earlier this year a Chadlington resident was prosecuted for dumping commercial waste at a Chipping Norton site. Fly-tipping can be reported at www.westoxon.gov.uk/report or by calling 01993 861060.

Meanwhile there are still no plans for replacing Dean Pit – which Oxfordshire County Council closed after local neighbours objected to its continuing. County Councillors who voted for closure had been assured about a replacement, but since then, in spite of 'ongoing review', the County Council (and indeed District) have failed to do anything. The nearest rubbish tip is a 40-mile round trip. Now District Councillor Geoff Saul has told the Town Council that some local parish councils (including Charlbury and Chadlington) want to meet to discuss clubbing together for some sort of new tip and hoping OCC and WODC will support it. Chipping Norton Town Council will be invited to join any discussion. But any parish funding could see a big rise in town council tax precept – instead of the County or District doing this out of tax we already pay! Disgruntled Town Councillors, including Cllr Eve Coles, are planning a petition. Keep sending those rubbish pictures!

Grants to voluntary bodies

Chipping Norton Town Council provide grant funding to local voluntary organisations once a year. Last year this totalled around £15,000. If you are involved with a local voluntary organisation and require funding for a particular project

please contact the Town Clerk's office for an application form and a copy of the grants policy. The deadline for applications is 1 September.

In memory of dad Michael



Two Chippy brothers – James and Tom Edginton – are busy raising money in memory of their Dad, Michael, who died last November. He had been ill with Lewy Body Dementia for over six years. On 2 August, James will take part in the 100 Mile London Cycle Ride to raise funds for the Alzheimer's Society which covers all types of

dementia. Tom has signed up for The Great South Run on 25 October raising money for Lewy Body Society. They have both been in sponsored sports events before but this year have a very special reason to do so. To support them contact janetedginton@icloud.com or www.justgiving.com/tom-edginton or uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser (Jamesedginton).

There is also a Coffee Morning for the two charities on Saturday 11 July at 22 Rowell Way 10am-noon. Come and enjoy a coffee (or tea) with cake for £2 and maybe buy a home-made treat to take home.

Emma's Trust final festival



Emma's Trust was founded in 2005 following the sudden and tragic death of 18 year-

old Emma Curtis-Smith. Emma, an asthma sufferer from an early age, collapsed on a hot day while watching her boyfriend on his first parade as an officer cadet at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Emma was a bright, cheerful and beautiful young woman who went about her life with verve and enthusiasm. After Chipping Norton School she studied Sports Science at college and worked in the local community as a lifeguard at the local outdoor pool, teaching swimming and games to children. As a member of Chipping Norton School of Dance for over 10 years she choreographed a number of children's shows at The Theatre. Emma also helped organise numerous festivals for young people.

Following the massive response from the community, Emma's Trust has awarded over £100,000 to more than 9,000 local young people and organisations that, like Emma, have a passion for sports and the performing arts. In addition to raising funds for the Trust, an annual 10% donation from our award fund goes to Asthma UK, the charity dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the 5.2 million people in the UK affected by asthma.

2015 will see the Trust brought to an end, but in true Emma's Trust style, they go out with a bang, celebrating with one last Festival! The summer festival on 5-6 September at Chipping Norton Cricket Club inside a massive big top will be

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a free family festival with very best local bands, dance, children's workshops and traditional fair rides, fun inflatables, food stalls and a community market. The Theatre will run Drama Tots sessions and there is a Go Kart Party and Countryfile's Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park.

Sunday sees a Gala Concert (tickets from £10, more for VIP places and a champagne reception) with 12 performers from London's most acclaimed West End shows. The team needs 40 young people from the Cotswold School and Chipping Norton School, to form our 'Young Company' and perform on stage alongside our star-studded ensemble. Auditions are at Chipping Norton School on the 13 July, from 3.30-6pm. We will also be auditioning for local bands and musicians so email us info@emmastrust.com to book your slot. We are keen to hear from any potential stallholders, bands and musicians. There's lots more information at www.emmastrust.com and see Twitter @EmmasTrust15 and www.facebook.com/EmmasTrust.

Helen Creese

William Fowler Allotments

Allotments are available to rent in the Burford Road site. Anyone interested should contact Janet Griffin on 642341 or visit the Town Clerk's office Monday-Friday 9am-1pm. Also, a reminder that the annual William Fowler Allotment rents will be due in the week commencing 5 October.

Chipping Norton TV



Not every town has its very own TV station. Appalled by the spiralling costs which put filming out of the reach of small business, Matt and Liam

Bellenie, (the latter an Experience Chipping Norton member), have put 'community' back into their own version of television at CNTV – a video production team aimed at providing affordable filming for local residents and businesses. Directly geared to the small budget, Matt and Liam are keen to offer advertising and marketing solutions through clever use of social and visual media. They have already filmed the #LoveChippy competition promo and carried out live filming for the recent 'Rumble in the Cotswolds' boxing evening in the Town Hall. They also want to take on community projects, personal events and photo shoots. A bi-weekly news show presented by London comedian Sheraz Yousaf is under way, along with a fictional drama series written and created by themselves. For more information contact LiamBellenie@gmail.com.

New Co-op on display

July sees the full reopening of the expanded 15,300 sq ft Midcounties Co-op store and Chippy News team member Roger Sinclair was given an exclusive tour in June by Deputy CEO Andy Cresswell and his senior management. The team's enthusiasm was palpable as Andy waxed lyrical about finishing the project on time, the much improved parking (up from 50 to 120 spaces), an additional 2,700 products on sale and the fresh food that should hit your senses as you enter. They say they have listened to their 6,000 Chippy Co-op members and customers and say us locals should be justifiably pleased with the results.

After a successful 21-month building programme the new store reopens fully on Tuesday 14 July, and by the entrance will be a new 'discovery zone' with community and Co-op information and local produce. The relocated Post Office will be on the far side of the bank of 14 shiny new checkouts. For the first time, there will be a fresh bakery, deli and meat counter taking centre stage towards the middle of the store, while all traditional groceries will occupy the entire space taken by the old store, with well lit chilled cabinets. Store manager Adam Quinton introduced us to Fran who has worked at the Co-op for over 19 years and is in charge of Dairy. She and her colleague reported good customer feedback already and



were delighted with how the new cabinets showed produce at its best. In total, 32 additional local people will be employed to help run the store which is good news for the local economy. In June the Co-op held a recruiting day at The Theatre – a location used extensively recently for staff training and induction.

We asked Andy how he viewed the new Aldi coming to Chippy. He felt that the two stores would complement each other well but he added 'we will have

local produce, more choice and more fresh food than Aldi with over 8,000 lines compared to Aldi's 1,800'. He clearly sees the town centre location as a major benefit too and wants people to use the car park when they are popping into town while of course

doing some convenience shopping at the Co-op too! Asked about the growth of online food shopping he said 'only 5% of shopping is done online and while this is growing massively, there is also a significant growth in the convenience food market (such as Co-op type stores) where there are an average 4.2 visits per week to this type of store'. Co-op Travel and Co-op Pharmacy on Topside are also being refurbished and relaunched on 14 July and readers may already have noticed the fresh lick of white paint on the outside walls. This looks like a big 'reborn' asset to the Town and yes Andy, we love the parking too!



Left Deputy CEO Andy Cresswell, Right: Resources Manager Elisa Hickman with Denyse Blake of the Chippy store at the recruiting event

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High spirits at rainy day Fete

Despite a somewhat rainy day for the Friends of St Mary's Church Summer Garden Fete at the Old Vicarage in June, spirits were not saturated and there was a lively atmosphere, as Rats were Whacked and Ducks were Hooked, with some young people successfully trying their hand at Garden Croquet. The traditional cream teas were enjoyed with delicious beefburgers and hot dogs served up on the barbecue for those meat-eaters! Thanks to all who supported us – we were pleased to add over £1,750 to our funds, which support the care and maintenance of our wonderful Church building. We are looking forward to the start of work on the restoration of the Croft and Redrobe tombs this summer.

Jo Graves

Sit down and exercise!

Age UK Chipping Norton are again running seated exercises for the over 50's in Chipping Norton Town Hall. These will take place on Thursday 9 and 23 July and 6 August, from 11am-noon.

Pat Lake

Charity Cricket challenge

Local Chippy lads Phill Heath (pictured right) and brother-in-law Greg Thorley (below) recently ran the London Marathon for charities The Alzheimer's Society and Get Kids Going raising more than £9,000. On Sunday 5 July they organised another event with Chipping Norton Cricket Club



and the Oxford Utd Legends team: a 20-over match with proceeds being split between the two charities. The event was a chance to get some (old!) Oxford United autographs, have fun and also for everyone to try out the cricket nets. Well done all.

A Dementia-Friendly Town?

Dementia Friends, part of the national Alzheimer's Society's latest campaign, now has its own page on the Experience Chipping Norton website. Local Dementia Friends Champion, Claire Sexton, is currently arranging a series of information sessions around town. Watch her video – courtesy of Liam Bellenie – on www.experiencechippingnorton.com

Labour District Cllr Surgeries

District Councillors Geoff Saul and Laetisia Carter hold drop in advice sessions regularly from 5.30 to 6.30pm on the first Thursday every month in the ground floor meeting room of Bradley Saul Solicitors at 2 Market Street (next to Trev Beadle's butcher's shop). The next date is Thursday 6 August,

or 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 other local issues.

Kick Boxing at Glyme Hall

A small group of very enthusiastic young people attended the recent Kick Boxing session at Glyme Hall led by Paolo Oliveri, assisted by Scott Fisher. After a warm up the young people



were shown various punches and kicks used in the sport and tried them out on Paolo and Scott who were well protected by thick pads. By the end of the session it was quite obvious those pads were necessary as punches and kicks became ever more powerful! Think twice before tackling these youngsters! Thanks to Paolo and Scott for giving their time for free and thanks to the youngsters who attended, and of course their parents. In the next News we hope to have information of more events for young people, and these will also be advertised in schools and on noticeboards around town.

Don Davidson

Good progress at Phone Coop

The Phone Co-op held its half year meeting, designed to involve more members, in Chipping Norton Town Hall on 4 July – and announced an 11.5% year-on-year sales increase despite falling industry prices. Chief Executive Vivian Woodell said key to this growth were the new partnership with Fairphone, a Dutch ethical Smartphone maker; the acquisition of Worcester-based broadband business Namesco, and the deal with the wider co-operative retail movement to supply Pay As You Go SIM cards. Customer satisfaction was also up at 93%, a level almost unheard of among telecoms service providers. The co-operative is also running a competition to promote the benefits of recycling old mobile phones, and held a collection at the meeting. Anyone can recycle their phone via The Phone Co-op's website with proceeds going to the International Co-operative Alliance's appeal to help the reconstruction of co-operatives affected by the Nepal earthquake. They also stand a chance of winning a Fairphone.

Katharine House update

Katharine House has a new contact phone number for supporters: 01295 816484. The **Annual Raffle** tickets are now on sale with a top prize of £1,000. The draw is on 5 August. For tickets (or to sell some to your friends) contact fundraising. The 11th **Adderbury Charity Golf Day** is at 1pm on Friday 3 July at Rye Hill Golf Club. Entry is £40 per player and includes buffet supper. Call 01295 811059 to book. **Broughton Castle Sportive Cycling Festival** is on Saturday 12 July. Children's entertainment, picnic area, free BBQ food for riders and medals for all finishers. There are 4 routes available for different ability levels including families. Sign up at www.broughtoncastlesportive.co.uk. **Garden Party** at The Admiral Holland pub Banbury on Saturday 8 August, 11am–5pm includes family fun day with BBQ, raffle, tombola, lucky dip, children's activities, and more.

Screen by the Green

Movies over the summer at Churchill and Sarsden Village Hall include, on Saturday 11 July, *The Theory of Everything*, an adaptation of Jane Hawking's biography of physicist Stephen Hawking starring Eddie Redmayne and Felicity Jones. Released in 2014, the film has won one Academy Award, two Golden Globes and three BAFTAs. Saturday 8 August's film is *Testament of Youth*, a powerful story of love, war and remembrance. A deeply affecting film from Vera Brittain's memoir through the First World War. All films start at 7.30pm; tickets £4.50 pay on the door. For information and to book ring 659903 or email screenbythegreen@btopenworld.com.

Book giveaway on Topside



Rob Kelly, Manager of WHSmith and Lucy Miles, Head of Great Tew with school pupils

In June children from Great Tew Primary School had a day out at WHSmith's in Chipping Norton to collect vouchers as part of the national WHSmith Schools Giveaway to 160 schools. Great Tew pupils have written reviews of their favourite books to form part of a display in WHSmith's Chipping Norton store. The display has proven to be a great focal point in the store with other customers showing a lot of interest in the children's reviews. The children visited to look at their reviews and take part in a book-themed treasure hunt around the store, as well as having a 'behind the scenes' tour.

Summer camp for kids!

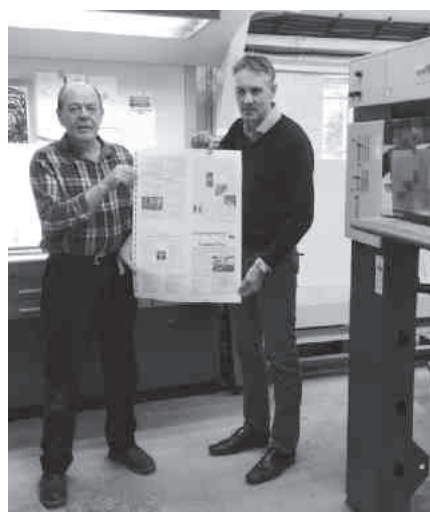
Anyone with children at a loose end this summer might want to try the local daily summer activities run by Camp Energy. For children aged 4–14 years, weekdays 8am–6pm. See www.campenergy.co.uk to book in for funactiontastic days at Kingham Hill School, Summerfields Oxford, Kings Witney and Middle Barton. Camp Energy has an 'outstanding' Ofsted accreditation. Half days and ad hoc days can be booked as well as full weeks. Tel 01869 352000.

Successful Leisure Centre Fete

Everyone had a great time on 23 May at a family fete organised by Chipping Norton Leisure Centre with proceeds going to pancreatic cancer research. Matt Joyce at the centre reported a fantastic turnout enjoying go-karting, bouncy castle, pet lambs, and football taster session. Even Chippy the Chimp made an appearance, leading a free boot camp exercise class, and there were free day passes. Thanks to G + G Fine Italian Foods, food from Susan Harrison, and the Fete

Game Hire company – plus to all who came and helped make the day such a success.

Graham moves to Hooky



After 16 years and 155 editions, *The Chippy News's* printer, The Printing House of Chipping Norton is merging with KMS Litho of Hook Norton. The two companies have worked closely together since they started in business over 20 years ago, The Printing House in an office above what is now Wine

Bear and KMS Litho in a garage in Hook Norton. The directors of the two companies have been friends ever since, even sharing their Christmas office parties! Today, KMS Litho has ten staff specialising in commercial and fine art printing, giclee prints, artwork and digital printing. Pictured above are Graham Marley of The Printing House and Mark Willis of KMS Litho with last month's *News* hot off the press.

Try an evening haircut

While having 'the usual' at Oliveri Barbers in Market Street, one of the *News* Team learned that Oliveri's are now staying open late every Wednesday until 7pm to help out those who are at work all day. The sales pitch was that at that time of day you can park right outside without the attention of the Parking Warden who has been very diligent recently checking cars overstaying their welcome along Spring Street.

No HGV action by County

In spite of a petition and new meetings with the Mayor and other Councillors, Oxfordshire County Council transport officials are still refusing to reinstate the intent to deal with Chippy's HGVs into their new forward plan called LPT4. The previous plan had a clear proposal for a compulsory weight limit. Council officials told Mayor Tysoe that he would have to look at WODC's local plan and Chippy's Neighbourhood plan to do something. But unfortunately the kind of major action needed – including the 'downgrading' of the A44 – can only be done by the County. An impasse – in spite of the illegal pollution continuing. Maybe the EU regulators can force some action!

Transport to new surgery

When both GP surgeries moved to their new Health Centre up the London Road, no-one did anything about improving public transport to get there. Many surgeries help organise volunteer car schemes through their patient groups, but so far no action at Chipping Norton. At June's Town Council meeting Cllr Annie Roy-Barker put forward ideas on how one might work. However, the Council do not want to run this themselves but might support ideas to do it. They suggested investigating existing services such as Volunteer Connection

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to see if something better might be done. Local taxi firms provide a service with one way fares around £3-4.

Salford Fete & Fun Dog Show

Salford fete is on bank holiday Monday, 31 August, 12 noon to 4pm. Barbeque and bar, stalls and events on the green; tea, homemade cake and Village Show entries in the Village Hall. Fun Dog Agility competition at 1pm and Fun Dog Show at 2pm. All dogs welcome, and you can enter at the gate up to 15 minutes before each event. Other arena events include children's races and the showpiece tug of war; children's area and Round-the-Village Race, with different age categories, starting at 3.30. Entry free, ample parking. All proceeds to Lawrence Home Nursing Team and Salford Church and Village Hall. For information, contact Mayur Amin: 644456/m.amin@elsevier.com.



Jigsaw Sound concert

The Friends of St Mary's Church would like to invite everyone to our next fundraiser – a Concert of Songs sung by the Jigsaw Sound – a choir of mixed voices, visiting us from Shrewsbury. Saturday 15 August, 7.30pm at St Mary's Church;

tickets are £10 each to include a glass of wine; under 16s £5 available from Jaffé and Neale, the Church Office 646202 or Jo Graves – jograves46@aol.com, tel 643976. The Friends look forward to welcoming you. And don't miss the Barn Dance in the Town Hall on Saturday 17 October.

Jo Graves

Charity Pub Treasure Hunt

On Bank Holiday Sunday 30 August, starting at the Blue Boar pub in Chipping Norton there will be a charity treasure hunt in Aid of Daisy Pashley and Helen & Douglas House. £2 per person, children under 12 free; pay on the day. Prize for the winner. For more details call Graham on 07773 401861.

Summer tours at the Brewery

If you fancy a local outing this summer – try a visitor's tour at Hook Norton Brewery and see some of the changes going on. At the Visitor Centre there is a new deli counter, serving light lunches (pizza, pâtés, baguettes and more) and take away. There are also brownies, cookies, cakes and pastries to go with tea, coffee (or beer!!). Entry to the Brewery Museum is free. Up one flight of stairs it houses some of the old equipment used across the years at Hook Norton, alongside many fascinating records and photographs. Centre opening hours are 9.30am-4.30pm, Monday-Saturday.

The Brewery tours themselves (£12.50 per person; over 60s £10) are very busy with the original Steam Engine running on the first Saturday of the month. It is essential to book. Phone 730384 or email vc@hooky.co.uk. Alternatively you

Duke of Edinburgh Award Diary

CNS Year 11 student Connor Vellinga concludes his six-month series about what it takes to achieve the Duke of Edinburgh Award

We have discovered and explored the new skills that all of the students have learned during their Award from the early stages of the activity sections including the skills, physical and volunteering sections all the way to the expeditions. Last month we focused on the Silver three day trek expedition and this time we will be looking at the Bronze training expedition which took place on 16 May. It was the very first expedition for all of the students who took part in the Bronze DofE Award. After having completed their three month and six month activity sections and their training day in April, a staggering number of 63 students headed to their starting point and campsite at Hill End just to the west of Oxford. All students had to walk for six hours on their two day and one night expedition.



When the teams arrived at Hill End with backpacks weighing about 14 kilograms (one third of their body weight) everyone went through a series of exercises to find out their group's paces. Everyone also had to record their route on a map: a circular route which passed the River Thames and the Farmoor Reservoir which was about 16 km long. Once

teams were ready they left Hill End accompanied by a teacher who would help if the group got lost or did not know where to go. After facing the various challenges of steep hills, melted chocolate bars, being chased by cows and attacked by nettles, and with blisters aplenty, the groups finally arrived back at camp. Here they all started to assemble their tents and prepare their food for the evening which ranged from pasta with sauce to hotdogs. The following morning the students took a route they had



planned themselves. Most went through Wytham Woods, which is owned by Oxford University, for which they had been given special permission. Most routes were around

16km to 18km long and this time they were unaccompanied. Several groups got lost but most made it back quickly to campsite. In June both the Bronze and Silver students will be completing their real expedition in the Cotswolds and the Gower.

Good luck to everyone taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and many thanks to the Chippy News for letting me be part of their team for six months!

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can purchase a brewery tour voucher at www.hooky.co.uk. Keep an eye out for our working Shire horses, which still deliver (weather permitting) beer to our local pubs in Hook Norton: on Thursdays to The Pear Tree, and on Fridays to The Gate Hangs High – both at noon. On the first Saturday each month (weather permitting), horses leave the Brewery at 11am on a tour of Hook Norton.

Bethan Dennick, Hook Norton Brewery

Flog it star in town

Philip Serrell of TV's *Flog It* and *Bargain Hunt* is giving a talk at Enstone's new Parish Hall on Friday 24 July about his early days in the antique business. If you bring along a small item of interest it could be chosen by Philip to discuss during the second half of the evening. Hall opens at 7pm for a 7.30 start. Tickets £7.50 from Wild at Heart or phone 677220/677156.

Susanne Hamilton

Wychwood Forest Fair

This year the Wychwood Forest Fair, will be at Lodge Farm, Ditchley Estate (off the B4437) on Sunday 6 September. Set in a beautiful countryside location, at the heart of the ancient Wychwood Forest area, the Fair is a great family day out offering entertainment, rural craft demonstrations, music, food and much, much more. Entertainers include Morris Dancers, Aunt Sally, Ferret Racing, Coconut Shy, Hatwells Fun Fair, and other Children's Games. Refreshments from Witney Rotary Club, John Kench's Barbecue, plus vegetarian food with an Eastern twist, and local ice cream. Eat it all whilst listening to the Witney Town Band. The Wychwood Tea Tent, and Bar supplied by Wychwood Brewery will there. The Wychwood Project, who organise and run the Fair, is a registered charity that aims to inspire people to conserve and restore our unique local landscapes and habitats. See www.wychwoodproject.org.

Pat Stuart 1940–2015



Many in Chipping Norton will know Pat Stuart who passed away in May. Pat was trained as an endodontist and worked in general practice and also at the postgraduate centre in London. She moved to Over Norton Road in Chipping Norton in 1965 – the day of Winston Churchill's funeral, married Ian Stuart and gave birth to both her children, Jonathan and Claire, in the old Chipping Norton Hospital. Pat's talents saw her involved in many different activities: as embroiderer, mosaic artist, and dressmaker (where she preferred faux patterns as they were the most difficult!). She was also a pianist, administrator, social bridge player and singer in a choir – both here and in Spain. She was a sudoku and *Daily Telegraph* Crossword aficionado. After living later in Steeple Aston and Duns Tew, Pat and Ian moved back to Chipping Norton in 1998, spending time here and at their place in Spain. Pat's humanist funeral service was held in Banbury Crematorium on 15 May with tributes from friends and family. Donations in Pat's memory for Sue Ryder, Leckhampton Court Hospice can be sent to AL Sole & Son.

Police and crime update

This month's update is from the local police team and local news reports

Stop the graffiti menace PCSO Cheryl Harrison is on the warpath and sent a picture of extensive graffiti (clearly



carefully done around 9 May) on the alley wall between Banbury Rd and Chalford Close in Chipping Norton. It looks like the houseowner nearby will have to foot an extensive bill to have it cleared. Other graffiti in Spring St, the Baptist Church and Guildhall has appeared. Police

want to crack down on this – and want information. Do you recognise the Tags? Call 101.

Town Council presentation The area's top police officer

Super-intendent Kath Lowe (who replaced Colin Paine) attended the June Town Council meeting to meet and update councillors. Regular stats on crime, comparably low in this area, are now being presented – highlights show in the last 12 months in Chipping Norton (area) 512 crimes. The trend is down in criminal damage (80), low and steady in burglaries, slightly up in violent crime (33) and a significant rise in sexual offences (23) probably with more victims coming forward. Police deal a lot with mental health issues, safeguarding, domestic abuse and drugs.



Shed and garage burglaries Allotment sheds are still being targeted with tools stolen. Between 3pm on 2 May and 2.30pm on 4 May some tools were stolen from a shed at the Burford Road allotments. Please can you check the security and deter anyone from trying to gain entry?

Motorbike theft A red/orange and white Honda CR80 scrambler motorbike was stolen from a shed near to Southcombe, Chipping Norton overnight on 4–5 May.

Rogue fish van There have been numerous calls from around Woodstock and Chipping Norton about a van turning up and people going door to door selling fish. The van isn't refrigerated but the fish is kept chilled. Members of the public have been calling with concerns that this vehicle is linked to the theft of dogs. Police say that in the last year there have been four reports of stolen dogs in West Oxfordshire but in fact three were simply missing and were recovered by neighbours. The fourth has a known suspect who is being investigated.

Have Your Say the next Chipping Norton date is 8 July at the Guildhall one-stop-shop to meet police on any issue.

To contact your neighbourhood police team call 101 and ask for the Chipping Norton team. You can also email: ChippingNortonNeighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

Veteran's trip to Buckingham Palace

This month the News salutes a special resident at Chipping Norton's Henry Cornish Care Centre. Team member Roger Sinclair went to meet him after a very memorable trip out.

Henry Cornish Care Centre resident Bob Badger Smith had the privilege of meeting the Countess of Wessex and a thousand other ex-servicemen at a special Buckingham Palace garden party held on 4 June to commemorate the Centenary of Blind Veterans UK. This organisation was initially set up to help soldiers blinded in the First World War, but has gone on to support more than 35,000 blind veterans and their families, from the Second World War through to recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. It provides free training, rehabilitation, equipment and emotional support to blind and vision-impaired veterans no matter when they served or how they lost their sight.



Above: Bob at the Palace. Right: About to set off with Care Centre Activities Co-ordinator Sylvia Evans



lighting up he recalled the tremendous feeling of speeding down the M40 in the taxi together with Henry Cornish Activities Co-ordinator Sylvia Evans who was about to celebrate her last day at the Care Centre. Together with Sylvia he moved among the crowds meeting a few old friends as well as the Countess, and he said it was 'simply a fantastic day'. He was just as pleased for Sylvia as it was her swan song at Henry Cornish and an incredible event to bow out on. Bob is one of those people who you could talk to for hours and for whom you have the ultimate respect, not just for his courage and commitment to helping people during the War but also now, with his humour and positive attitude in spite of the physical challenges he now has.

Bob is a shining example and role model for us all and Newsteam

correspondent Roger has promised to read this article to him when published so that he can enjoy hearing his own story and recollections. You never know, there may be more stories to come out of the woodwork yet!

Distinguished naval service

Bob, now aged 95, served in the Royal Navy during the Second World War as a communications officer, chiefly seconded onto Russian destroyers courageously helping to escort merchant shipping across the Atlantic. This was of course highly dangerous with Bob recalling the German U Boats sinking many ships with significant loss of Navy and civilian lives. However with Bob's communications expertise gathered before the outbreak of war and his grasp of Russian – 'I knew yes and no, so I had a head start' – he was soon making the most of the Russians' superior communications equipment and putting that and his skills to good use, helping to protect highly vulnerable shipping. He never went all the way to New York or other US ports, always meeting the American ships half way across the Atlantic and transferring loads before starting the dangerous return journey back to the UK, again within range of the dreaded U Boats. In the early stages of the war he also helped deliver food and other essential supplies to Russia to help their population survive the ravages of the War. He was recently awarded the special Ushakov medal with thanks from President Putin and the Russian people.

Bob's return to the Palace

Bob lost most of his sight fairly recently though he can still see shapes – 'old age' he said – and has also unfortunately lost his right leg. 'It's probably at sea where it belongs' he quipped, showing typical stoicism and humour. Following his return to civilian life in around 1950, Bob has fond memories of helping out at Buckingham Palace with the young Royals, teaching them, amongst other things no doubt, about the Royal Navy – he feels this was a reward for his service during the war and he really enjoyed his time there. Returning to the Palace on 4 June for the Centenary celebrations was a real honour; even the journey was memorable according to Bob, as with his eyes

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TOWN FEATURE

Chipping Norton – Al Fresco

Newsteam member Sue Hadland gives the first of her features on eating, drinking and relaxing around Town

It's Summertime and what is better than lazing around on a sunny day with a drink and perhaps a meal? Yes it's time to go AL FRESCO. Chipping Norton does not lend itself easily to this type of pleasure. The Town is very compact and the ever present heavy lorries in the centre mean that 'pavement café' culture has nowhere to thrive. But despair not – there are places tucked away that are little gems.



The Crown & Cushion has the largest outdoor decked area (pictured above) with attractive flower beds and comfortable seating. The staff are always happy to serve you once they are aware that you are there which may involve you going to the bar to alert them. It is a very child friendly

environment away from traffic and noise and has the added advantage of a car park. It is also accessible for wheelchairs.

If you want to watch the world go by and see everyone vying for parking places in the Market Square then pay a visit to **Jaffé & Neale**, not only a wonderful bookshop but also a maker of excellent coffee and tea. The tables wobble a bit on



the uneven pavement and the seating is basic but 'hey there' this is Chippy's pavement café. The same view can be had from the balcony of **Bitter & Twisted** which is the best place to be when events are on in the Town, such as the Mop Fair or



the Town Festival (pictured), and you can look down on all that is going on while enjoying a drink or meal. Very civilised!

Just along from Bitter & Twisted, in Middle Row, is **Whistlers** a bistro come cocktail bar which has seating outside with the advantage of being away from the traffic. Here you can enjoy coffee or lunch in a pedestrianised area on a nice day but beware – the Chippy wind can whistle down the road, perhaps this is how it got its name! Dinner is also served but it is closed in the afternoon.

There's always a friendly welcome at **The Old Mill Café** in West Street which is open every day until 5.30 serving all types of food and excellent coffee and cakes. There is a pleasant quiet garden at the rear although it has to be accessed via a flight of stairs. **The Kings Arms Hotel** opposite The Mill has a courtyard garden at the rear where food and drinks are served and just round the corner up of the top of Cattle Market in Albion Street is **The Red Lion Pub** with a garden where you can play Aunt Sally and sample Hook Norton beers.

Five minutes from Chippy, in the village of Chadlington, is **The Tite Inn** which has a beautiful garden and serves good pub food. Try the fish pie, it's yummy. In the opposite direction in Enstone is the newly reopened **Harrow Inn** which has a large grassed area as well as a charming well sheltered courtyard. I haven't eaten there yet but the menu looks very appealing, just that little bit different.

So, off you go and enjoy the wide selection of cafes and hosteleries in our town while the summer lasts. Happy eating and drinking!

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Summer Supplement

For visitors and all regular readers, here's a guide to some summer fun. We feature some local nature reserves, a quizzical Town Trail and a round-up of local summer festivals.

OUT & ABOUT WITH NATURE

If you go down to the woods today, or up to the hills, or along the river bank you are sure of a great surprise. They say the best things in life are free and that is certainly true of the many nature reserves in our area. Pack up a picnic, take a ball or a fishing net and off you go. Here are just a selection of nature reserves in our area and what they have to offer. All on google.

FOXHOLES nature reserve situated down a track (bumpy but driveable), on the right hand side just through Bruern, is a magical wonderland. Although the amazing bluebells and foxgloves are now over, this woodland stretching down to the river Evenlode is full of exciting things to discover. Go in the evening and see the bats or badgers, go in the day and follow the waymarked walks ranging from 1.75 miles to an energetic round trip of 11km. Car parking and plenty of space for a picnic.

HOOK NORTON CUTTING off the Swerford Road was originally a railway line taking iron ore from Hook Norton to the blast furnaces of the Midlands and South Wales. It is now



two nature reserves either side of an inaccessible tunnel: one grassland with a galaxy of wild flowers and butterflies, the other woodland with woodpeckers, goldcrests, warblers and bees. What makes this reserve exciting though is the exposed cliffs of the original railway embankment which are Jurassic in origin and contain many fossils.

BROADWAY COUNTRY PARK at the top of Fish Hill off the A44. Take a kite! From here on

a clear day you have a 62 mile vista and can see 16 counties. There is a charge to go up the tower and also a café on site.



LECHLADE WATER PARK could be your choice for water and meadows with acres of green fields to play in. Go over Ha'penny bridge over the Thames at Lechlade and just down the road is the car park.

GLYME VALLEY is much nearer home. Along the London Road take the track on the right opposite the layby or you can get there by following Glyme Lane track which goes past the Leisure Centre. If you wish you can make it a circular walk. Lovely area to spend an afternoon.

Visitor Information

The nearest 'official' Visitor information office is at Burford (01993 823558) but on weekdays the WODC One Stop Shop at the Guildhall has leaflets and advice (tel 643384, open Mon-Thurs 8.45-4.30, 4pm on Fri, closed 1-2). On Saturday mornings the Town Council runs a very helpful visitor information desk (10-1) at the Town Hall.

Care has been taken to give accurate information but it is always best to check before making a special journey. All phone numbers have STD code 01608 unless otherwise stated.

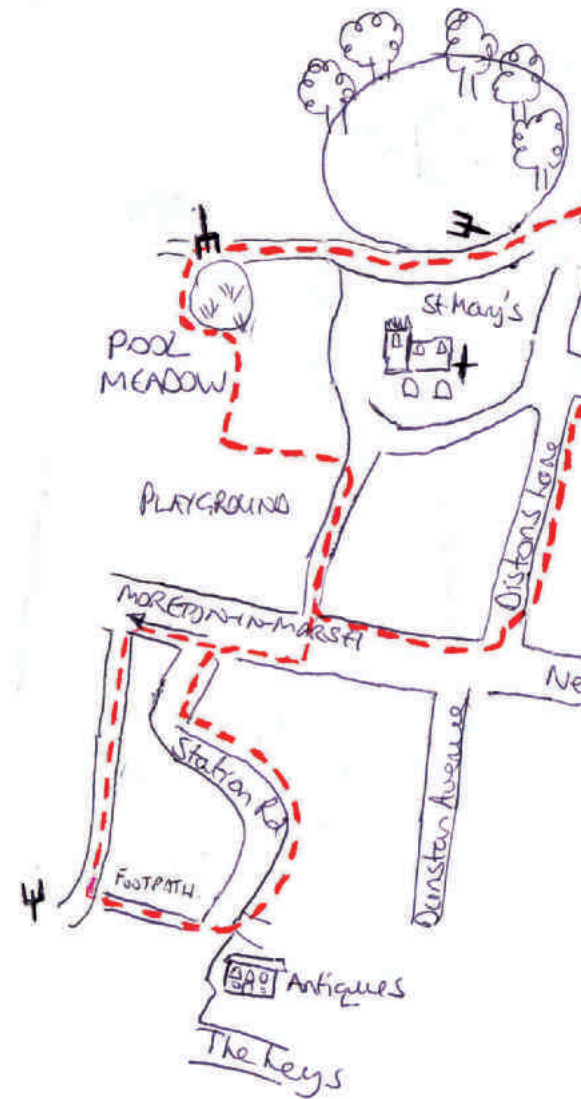
Chippy's Summer



Follow the red trail which takes in all the places we are based – a charming fork (Ψ) helps you get started looking for clues. Have a go at our clues. The first letter of each clue is a two words that will spell out the name of the town.

CLUES

- ___ Heavenly cloth made here
- ___ Quench thirst for sunburned king of the jungle
- ___ Road to North Town
- ___ A draughty inn
- ___ Pull up the drawbridge here?
- ___ I wouldn't describe it as being in new nick
- ___ Make a splash even in a RR
- ___ What's the Victorian winter sport that took place here – where you now walk the dog
- ___ A top class resting place in future here
- ___ Where am I going – please help me here!
- ___ I discovered Aspirin and have a plaque on West St



We've provided pictures for you to watch out, as you walk the trail in a particular order – so it reads the name of the town.

Answers on page 35. And If you can, send us a picture of you all on the trail for a chance to win a prize.

Mer Town Trail

Use the landmarks on which these clues help you pinpoint what you should be looking for – have fun!

Each letter of each correct answer forms the name of an unusual vegetable dish!

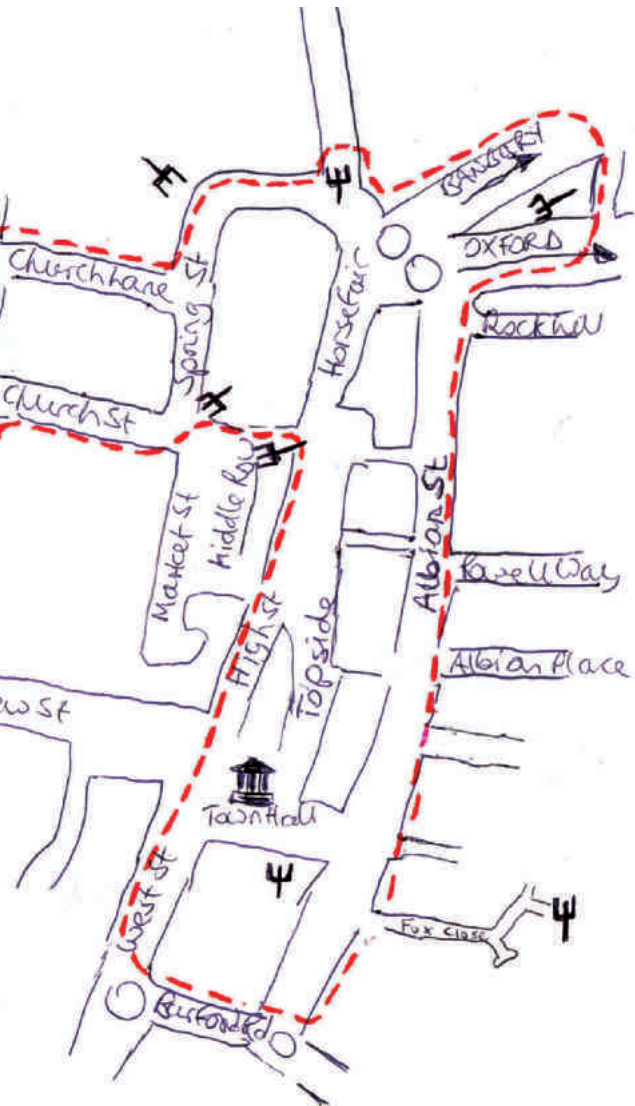


Photo: David Jefferis

Use some of the clues to help – but remember the answers aren't in any particular order, so it doesn't matter not which way you walk!

When you complete the quiz, why not email your answers to us and we'll send you the recipe for the dish!



Summer Festivals

Lots on offer locally this Summer Here's just a taster

Cornbury Music Festival

10-12 July Great Tew Estate



Cornbury's promotion says 'Family-friendly festival set in the heart of the Cotswolds. One of England's most civilised gatherings, the Cornbury Music Festival' is the summer hotspot for catching great music. As well as the four music stages, there's comedy, literary talks, a creative kids' zone, a disco in a garden shed, head-to-toe healing in the Therapixie tent, a traditional funfair, an exclusive VIP area and beautiful campsites nestling in Great Tew's rolling hills'. Tom Jones is the headline act while Razorlight and the Fratellis also strut their stuff. Rousing cockneys Chas and Dave are there too while legend Billy Ocean is festival closer. For all you dancers Martha Reeves and the Vandellas will get your toes twinkling in the twilight.

Kids are clearly well catered for: the Kids' Zone is a colourful, creative, friendly space in sight of the main stage, right in the middle of the festival. Families can drop in and out whilst seeing all the Festival highlights. There are also magic shows, music and dancing, crafts and the ever popular circus workshop. Unlike other festivals, all kids' activities are free – no need to book in advance, just turn up and join in. A 2014 review says, 'The general vibe of the whole place felt safe for our precious kiddies yet enough going on and great artists and bands to keep us all entertained. Nothing felt difficult ... We all had so much fun'. £212 per adult camping for the weekend with children aged 3-12 £35. See www.cornburyfestival.com



Wilderness

6-9 August, Cornbury Estate

Organiser Tim Harvey says: 'For us, it's important for friends and families to come

along and use the weekend as a place to indulge the senses, relax, eat well, escape, learn and enjoy activities that aren't so easily accessible day to day. We've added foraging in the woods, horseriding, food workshops, a bandstand, a twist on wine tasting and plenty of other new entertainment'. This year they promise more activities for families than ever, including wild swimming, martial arts, biking, horse riding lessons, cross-country runs, boating archery and you can even take up fly fishing and croquet! There's theatre, talks and debates and lots of varied workshops to take part in.

A 2014 reviewer said not all activities are free for the kids so it can become expensive, but swimming and boating on the lake were free, magical and a top favourite. Pre-booking is essential for many things so check out the website now www.wildernessfestival.com The musicians performing are perhaps slightly less mainstream than other festivals, with Bjork being the

most renowned. Others include George Clinton, Ben Howard, Nick Mulvey and Nils Frahm. 'Eclectic – folk to funk, country to classic' as a reviewer eloquently put it. Cost £187.62 per adult for weekend camping with children under 10 only £5. www.wildernessfestival.com



The Big Festival

28-30 August 2015 Alex James' Farm, Kingham

Jamie Oliver's festival website proclaims 'Good food, good music and good times for the whole family'. So what's on offer for families? It's generally welcoming for those with kids in

tow – children have their own dedicated 'Little Dudes Den' to get stuck into arts and crafts, have faces painted, try puppet-making, then settle in for a feast of fantastic storytelling with new and exciting friends! Musical acts include indie-rockers The Feeling who with special guest Sophie Ellis-Bextor will be warm up on the Main Stage ahead of Paloma Faith on Sunday. Festival favourite Badly Drawn Boy joins the Sunday line-up. Cooking demos feature almost more than the music according to one 2014 reviewer, and Jamie himself will be shimmering his saucepans along with amongst others restaurateur Mark Hix and food fashionista Gizzy Erskine. Typical pricing – adult camping from 8am Friday morning to Monday - £154.50. A highlight is under 12s go free for day tickets! If they want to camp it's £21.15. Pukka!! www.jamieoliver.com/thebigfestival/

Cheltenham Music Festival

Last day 11 July @ The Imperial Gardens

Live music, a BBQ, sweet treats, arts & crafts and fun for the whole family – all FREE!! noon-6pm. Special guests from the Festival will be there along with local choirs, the thrilling CSS Taiko Drummers and one of the best brass bands in the land, the Flowers Band – with popular tunes and movie themes! www.cheltenhamfestivals.com



Other festivals and fairs

12 July **Kingham Fete** 2-6pm, Circus theme – all free

18 July **Hook Norton Beer Festival** plus kids activities from noon

25-26 July **Charlbury's Riverside Music Festival** www.riversidefestival.charlbury.com

31 July-1 Aug **Cogges Beer & Cider Festival** @ the farm museum Witney

13-15 August **Fairport's Cropredy Convention** – see fairportconvention.com

5-6 Sept **Emma's Trust Final Festival** details page 11

5 Sept **Moreton in Marsh Show** www.moretonshow.co.uk

6 Sept **Wychwood Forest Fair** see page 16

THE ARTS

Summer Reading

As we start to think about beach reads and airport novels, the Chippy News Arts Team recommends some quality reading for your down time this summer, all by local or locally-based authors.

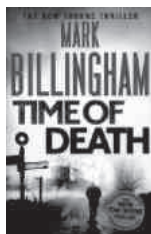
The Last Blue Mountain



A highlight of our locally-themed summer reading list has to be *The Last Blue Mountain* by James Chilton, pictured at the book's launch at Jaffé & Neale last month. Born in Burma but now based in Oxfordshire, James has many strings to his bow and being a published author is

the latest of his considerable achievements. He has travelled the world, from Antarctica to Shangri La, via over 70 countries in between. On the way he has set up schools in Burma and lectured at the Royal Geographical Society. He has now written an engrossing account of his travels throughout the world. It's an engaging read: countries and customs are sharply observed with wit, humour and warmth. If you want to really travel the world this summer, this is one to read. *The Last Blue Mountain* is available at Jaffé & Neale.

Time Of Death by Mark Billingham, which starts when his popular detective inspector Tom Thorne is on a romantic weekend in the Cotswolds. Tom Thorne fans will be delighted with the latest in this series, published this year. Mark lives part of the time in Great Rollright



The Bookman's Tale by Charlie Lovett. The mystery at the heart of the story is cunningly manipulated. A book for book lovers, as the description of books as desirable objects of beauty really comes through. The narrative switches between time frames; as far back as the Elizabethan world of William Shakespeare. Charlie lives in Kingham for some of each year.



Nicking Time by Tracy Traynor. The book is a spooky time-travel adventure involving a gang of boys in Glasgow's late 1970s Southside. They are planning a perfect summer in Glasgow, but one of the gang isn't what he seems. For 8-12 year olds. Tracy is from Glasgow but now lives in Chipping Norton.



Very Little Cinderella by Teresa Heapy and illustrated by Sue Heap. A fairytale with a twist about a small girl with a big personality, an ideal bedtime read for under fives. Published this year. Teresa lives in Oxford and Sue in Chipping Norton



Kaffe Fassett

Glorious Colour at the Fibreworks and The Theatre



Outside the Fibreworks, three alpacas contemplated a scene of spinners, knitters and visitors enjoying the morning sun, refreshments from the vintage van and an array of textiles: knitted items, screen printed cushions and

quilts. More quilts were on display upstairs, blazes of colour inspired by Kaffe Fassett's designs and showing their creators' own passion for transforming scraps of fabric into stunning objects.



By the afternoon The Theatre was living up to the title *Glorious Colour*. The walls of the Bar were hung with Kaffe's vibrant quilts, with a display of his books and fabrics adding extra colour. In the auditorium the stage was a kaleidoscope of colour with a display of quilts, cushions, throws and wool. Two quilts, on loan from lucky owners, provided a glorious backdrop to Kaffe's entertaining and informative talk. Accompanying him was designer Brandon Mably who, as his studio design partner, added his own unique style.

The talk was accompanied by a slide show of just some of the images that inspired the designs; glass in Italy, Moroccan doorways and tulip fields in Holland. Kaffe's varied designs are incorporated into quilts, sewing fabric, bold knitted jackets, rugs and ceramics, and show his acute observation of colour. It was a glorious show in all senses of the word.

Kaye Freeman and Harriet Fender

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The Theatre

Bloxham Art Group Exhibition

This experimental group explores many aspects of art including painting, printmaking and collage with still life, portraiture and landscape being their favourite subject matters. Free entry. Selling exhibition: 11am to 3pm Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays and when there is a performance at The Theatre. Until Monday 6 July.

Theatre Review

The Other Half

This intriguing event was the latest in an occasional 'Wild Nights' series: The Theatre takes a chance on a relatively untested production, and asks the audience to give what they think is worth paying once they've seen the show. With the latest production in this series, *The Other Half*, the quality of the proposal was pretty much guaranteed – a collaboration between crime novelist and country music fan Mark Billingham



Mark Billingham flanked by My Darling Clementine

(see our summer reading list) and UK country music duo My Darling Clementine. The big unknown was the format the evening would take. It turned out to be an intimate affair of skilful storytelling punctuated by wonderfully performed original music. Mark Billingham himself narrated the story of Marcia, a waitress in a run-down bar in Memphis who lives life precariously through the regulars at the bar and their stories of lives lived and sometimes ruined. The songs written and performed by My Darling Clementine voiced the inner turmoil and regrets of the characters in Mark's story. It was as melodious and melancholy as you would expect an evening full of bar flies and country songs to be. A real treat.

Gillian Lowe

Take part at The Theatre this summer!

Drama week for 8 - 12 years

Monday 27 July - Friday 31 July 10am - 4pm (7.30pm Friday)
At The Theatre and Moreton-in-Marsh. Working with theatre professionals, participants will develop a piece of theatre together, culminating in performances on our stage at 6.30pm on Friday. (Those based in Moreton in Marsh will be bussed to The Theatre on Thursday and Friday). £125

Under the Sea Shadow Puppets for 5 - 7 Years

Thursday 30 July 10am - 1pm
Dive down deep under the sea with puppeteer Emma Boor and make an octopus, a shark, or even a sunken pirate ship! £22

Drama Week for 8 - 12 years

Monday 3 August - Friday 7 August, 10am - 4pm (7.30pm Friday)
At The Theatre only. See first item for details.

Musical Theatre Week for 8 - 12 years

Monday 3 August - Friday 7 August, 10am - 5pm (7.30pm Friday).
Working with creative practitioners, this week provides a chance to create a musical theatre show and perform it on

The Theatre's stage at 6.30pm on Friday. Bring lunch. £140

3 Day Drama for 5 - 7 years



Monday 10 August - Weds 12 August, 10am - 1pm.

This interactive workshop aims to build confidence, creativity and imagination. Improvisation, mime and storytelling will be explored, with participants performing on stage at 12.45pm on the Wednesday. Bring a snack. £65

Drama Week for 8 - 12 years

Monday 10 August - Friday 14 August, 10am - 4pm (7.30pm Friday).
At The Theatre only. See first item for details.

Musical Theatre Week, Woodstock, for 8 - 12 years

Monday 10 August - Friday 14 August. 10am - 5pm (7.30pm on Friday).
Create a musical theatre show and perform it on The Theatre's stage at 6.30pm on Friday. Participants will be bussed to the Theatre on Thursday & Friday. Bring lunch. £140

A Musical in Six Days: FAME! for 13+ years

Monday 17 August - Saturday 22 August, 10am - 5pm (9.30pm Saturday)
Working with a director, choreographer and musical director, you will rehearse this well-known musical in a week. For those who book places, auditions for principals will take place at The Theatre in late June/early July. £170

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Tues 21 July, 2pm & 4pm Wed 22 July, 11am & 2pm

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SPORTS NEWS

Chipping Norton Cricket news

Flaming June has lived up to its name in both senses, with generally good weather for Saturdays but less than ideal for youth cricket on Fridays. First XI have maintained their position in Division 2, though losing in the Cup, while the Second XI have found the going in Division 6 harder of late. July sees the big Charity match against the Oxford United Legends on the 5th and several important league fixtures.

1st and 2nd XIs

There have been impressive individual performances, with half centuries and five-wicket hauls, but inconsistency is a problem for both teams. The



Seconds won their first five games and then lost three in a row. The Firsts, despite a second league defeat, are still top of Division 2. The highlights were a last wicket partnership of 33 runs between Sam Townsend and Danny Molyneux seeing the Second XI to victory over Bampton and the First XI despatching E and W Hendred by 8 wickets, thanks to 5-26 by Matty Molyneux and 58 by Mark Usher. Wicketkeeper Ian Widdows also stumped three batsmen. Other notable First XI performances included Adam Wallington's 5-27 winning over Garsington, Mark Jarvis's 6-40 in a loss to Marsh Gibbon and Richard Ferley's 64 (pictured batting above) in Cup loss to Westbury. For the Second XI, Rob Bradford took 5-35 and

Will Curtis scored 42 in a win against Brill, Sam Townsend reached 50 losing against Kidlington and Michael Tompkins 55 similarly against Westbury.

July League Fixtures: First XI: 11th Wantage A, 18th Faringdon H, 25th Witney Swifts A Second XI: 11th Broughton NN H, 18th Faringdon II A, 25th Brill H.

Andrew Phillips-Tebb

Youth Cricket: Sue Powell reports that numbers are being maintained with all age groups competing in leagues each week. The U9's won their first tournament. The U13's and U15's are in very tough leagues and have lost each game but have improved each time. Hopefully a few friendlies will give the players something to look forward to in the next month. The U17's are about to start their matches with exams finished but we need more players so please pass the word around to any youngster who would like to play. It's not too late to join and try something new.

Tae Kwon-Do – Bust the Boredom



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Football – CN Town Swifts

The Swifts celebrated another successful season with a bigger than ever annual awards day, with five teams showcasing the Town's footballing talent. The current Under 7 side mixed with the newest additions to the Swifts Family, who will play as Under 7's themselves next year, and provided a highly energetic match, showing many positive signs for the future. The game ended 5-3. The Under 10's played the Under 11's in their 9v9 format with a display of attacking quality from both teams with an U10s victory 5-1. Finally, the Under 13's played the Under 14's in a full 11v11 match-up, with the 14's winning an emphatic victory.



U10 Award winners

The Club Awards were presented as follows:

Under 10 Manager's Player: Lewis Pretorius; Player's Player: Kian Cozier; Supporter's Player: Cole Davies; Most Improved Player: Rex Chiles

Under 11 Manager's Player: Jonny Carroll; Player's Player: Harry Ware; Supporter's Player: Grant Hall; Most Improved Player: Grant Hall



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Under 13 Manager's Player: Frazer Wilson; Player's Player: Louis Ringrose, Supporter's Player: Kemal Itah, Most Improved Player: Jack Mitchell

Under 14 Manager's Player: Jack Newman, Player's Player: Hedley Smart, Supporter's Player: Josh Wilson, Most Improved Player: Hayden Matthews



The Club were thrilled to receive the Fair Play Club Award from Witney and District Youth League, with the Under 11s receiving the same award for their age group. Both awards are based on fair play marks

collated from all games – a credit to all the boys, girls, coaches and supporters. The Club are welcoming any child, from school Year 1 and up, interested in playing football in 2015/16. Contact Chairman Shaun Green on 07845 216412 or the appropriate team manager through www.chippyswifts.co.uk.

Luke Newman

CN Rugby Club – Youth news

The **Summer Rugby Course** runs Monday 20 July – Friday 24 July for U6-U13 age groups with individual and team skills development and fun-based games and team challenges. 10% of proceeds goes to Club refurbishment and mini/junior equipment. Details 07776 204525 or visit pitchero.com/clubs/chippingnorton to book.

Summer Touch Rugby – open to everyone (male or female) 14 yrs+ Thursdays 7pm – keep fit and have fun.

With the **Rugby World Cup** coming soon, it's a very exciting time for the Club which will be showing games on the Big Screen in the bar starting on 18 September and this will hopefully inspire new people to join the rugby family. No experience necessary, just go along. The Club welcomes players to every age group, including the newly developed Girls' Section for 12 yrs+ (U13/U15). Training recommences in September Sundays 10am for Minis U6-U12, Juniors U13-U16 & Girls U13/U15. Tuesdays & Thursdays 7pm for Colts U17 & Seniors.

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Football – Chadlington Whites U13

Sunday 17 May saw two U13 teams make a glorious return visit to the Annual Croughton 5-a-side Tournament. As in 2014, the Chad Whites U13 reached the Final and each player received a splendid runners-up trophy. Well done team and many thanks to the organisers.

In pre season friendlies glorious sunshine greeted us at Milton-u-Wychwood against the Colts. Both teams displayed tremendous effort, in soaring heat on a full-size pitch with adult goals. The Colts were victorious 6-5. The Whites also travelled to Charlbury. With Charlbury playing in the League above, the emphasis was on the Whites displaying a good team performance against stronger opposition. Chadlington proved victors in a closely fought game through excellent ball retention and distribution. Well done both teams.



Training remains focussed on keeping shape, positioning, ball retention and distribution as well as getting to grips with a wider longer pitch for 2015/16. Many thanks, as ever to the referee, Mike for running the line, Seymour and Michael for the orange slices and splendid spectator support.

Seymour Mincer & Drew Duncan

4 Shires Swimming Club

A quieter month for the Club competitively but it started with Fe Darwent competing at the SE Regional Championships. Fe swam well at the K2 in Crawley, gaining two Long Course PBs (Personal Bests) from five events and finishing 7th in the 200 Back Stroke Final. Rebecca Hoadley's turn was at the Mountbatten Centre in Portsmouth in the distance events, with PBs in both 400 and 800 Freestyle. The last weekend of the SE Regional Championships saw Rebecca swim a very good 100 Freestyle with a large PB and gaining 8th place in the final. She had another big PB in the 50 Fly. Hopefully we'll see more success at the Winter Regionals in November towards a large entry at next year's County Championships. Our swimmer of the month was Toby Fernandez whose hard work and good attitude have resulted in great progress. For more about 4Shires Swimming Club visit www.4SSC.co.uk

Louise Berry



Squash at the Leisure Centre

Top scoring players in the leagues for May: League 1 – Dan Stafford, League 2 – Peter Thwaites, League 3 – Mark Nicholson, League 4 – Duncan Sedgewick, League 5 – Kevin O'Donoghue, League 6 – David Fenton, League 7 – Nick Grant, League 8 – Tony Morgan. For information or to book a court, call 644412.

CLUB NEWS

Scouting roundup

Beavers Fifteen Beavers went to Camp! In early June, 6th Chipping Norton Scout Group held their first Group Camp at Chastleton. Scouts, Cubs and Beavers enjoyed the experience. The Beavers completed their Navigation Stage 1 and Explore Activity badge, played several games of laser quest, learnt new songs round the camp fire and made arm-pit fudge to take home. The Beavers are finishing off their Cooking Activity badge and are looking forward to their end of term party on 9 July.

Cubs There have been two well-attended camps recently. District Cub Camp in Horley which had a Wild West theme. Cubs and leaders all wore cowboy hats and sheriff's badges. Activities included a



Chippy Cub, William is presented with the Jack Hill Memorial Trophy at Group Camp at Chastleton

rodeo on space-hoppers, lassoing cuddly toys and sliding mugs of lemonade along a bar to win sweets! The more recent Group Camp was a great success, as well as laser quest the Cubs enjoyed a mini-beast hunt and watching the silage pit being filled up. We were also visited by District Commissioner Nick Davis, and Deputy County Commissioner Dawn Jeffs, who presented two of the leaders with their Wood Badges which means that they are now fully qualified leaders. There was also a very special presentation of the Jack Hill memorial trophy to William. This is awarded to someone in scouting in the District who has always 'Done their Best' and never given up.

Scouts Well, what a busy month with three weekends of camping in a row for our hardened Scouts! At the end of May we went to the Peak District, with 40 others from North Oxfordshire, for a weekend of hill walking and climbing. The following weekend was our Group Camp, attended by nearly 70 youngsters and adult volunteers. Lastly, we have been to the County Aqua Camp, at Linch Hill – a full weekend of

water sport and fun with 400 other Scouts from Oxfordshire. All in all the Scouts have had loads of fun.....and achieved many Scouts badges along the way! Next will be some volunteering activity to finish our challenge badge for the term!



Explorers Several Explorers spent a lovely sunny evening sailing at Banbury reservoir recently. The wind was excellent and many tried trapezing – otherwise known as hanging out of the boat by a wire and trying not to get wet – see photo.

Thanks to Trevor and his colleagues for a great evening – not forgetting cool Callum in the safety boat. We are urgently seeking more adults who like adventure, outdoor activities and leading young people. If you are interested please contact Ian Bushrod at ianbushrod@btinternet.com

Sponsored sky-diving for MS funds

The West Oxfordshire Branch of the MS Society supports all those affected by Multiple Sclerosis in this area and is entirely dependent on raising funds locally as we do not get any funding from any central body. Research is vital to find better ways of dealing with MS and the MS Society is committed to finding a cure, and we do donate to help fund this, but most of the money we raise is used to help those affected by MS locally. Many thanks to all those whose generosity helped us raise £501.17 in a recent street collection in Chippy and to individual donors – I recently received £130 from a local person, thank you, that is wonderful.

We also organise sponsored events and on 19 July several members, many with MS, are doing sponsored sky-dives. Three people from Chipping Norton are taking part and if you would like to sponsor them or come along to watch please contact me for further information by phone 645988 or e-mail: ptr.branson@gmail.com

Contact details West Oxon branch www.mssociety.org.uk/westoxfordshire. Local helpline: 0800 917 9790, or National helpline: 0808 800 8000. Contact for the younger (20-45ish) group: mssy.oxfordshire@gmail.com

Peter Branson

Flowers & festivities with CNWI

On 10 June members of Chipping Norton Women's Institute enjoyed creating their own floral arrangements using a colourful variety of flowers and foliage under the expert guidance of Eileen Forse. They also heard a report on the Centenary Garden Party hosted by the Duchess of Cornwall at Buckingham Palace on 2 June and the NFWI Centenary Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall on the 4th. This historic occasion was attended by the Queen, the Princess Royal and the Countess of Wessex and completed two very special days for the WI movement. (See article & photos p3 – ed)

At our next gathering on 8 July we are to have a demonstration on how to use a defibrillator – a potentially life-saving device and on 12 August we will share a sociable supper. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us in the lower Town Hall at 7pm.

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Horticultural summer outings

The Summer programme of days out for the Chipping Norton Horticultural Association began in May with a half day visit to Miserden – near Stroud. It was a glorious afternoon



(see picture) very peaceful in extremely well maintained gardens. Light refreshments were served on the terrace overlooking the countryside. Many visited the garden centre situated on the estate, purchasing souvenirs for their own gardens.

An all-day visit to Mottisfont house and garden, Hampshire in June proved to be a very successful day. The weather too was good. The hundreds of roses in the walled gardens were at their peak. The air was filled with the perfume of these and the many other varieties of flowers, planted among the large and small rose bushes, climbers and ramblers – every colour and size you could imagine. The house (formerly a priory) was also open to visitors and gave an interesting insight into the Russell family life in the 1930s. We plan a day visit to Sudeley Castle in July.

For more details see our website cnha.uk or ring the secretary Eileen Forse 643275.

Amnesty update on Rwanda

Amnesty International member Sam Dastor works in Chippy's Oxfam Bookshop and had the opportunity to go to Rwanda recently to see 10 projects helped by Oxfam. At our June meeting he gave us a talk, accompanied by photos, about his time there.

Oxfam give support to create co-operatives providing work for local Rwandans. The support includes training and providing links to markets and supplies in and outside their country. He visited various co-operatives; pineapple farms, mango juice bottling plants and plantations of cassava, Rwandans' favourite root-vegetable, all of which are grown to be sold in local and national markets within Africa.

Sam was very impressed and delighted to see how Rwandans have become reconciled since the horrific genocide in 1994. The Hutu and Tutsi work together and now call themselves Rwandans. 52% of the population are women and Oxfam insist that 75% of workers they help are women who now outnumber men because of the genocide.

It was such an interesting talk and we learnt so much; a really uplifting evening.

Next Meeting: Thursday 9 July 7.30 Lower Town Hall . Emma Hart, our Amnesty Midland Regional representative, will come and talk to us. New members welcome: call Priscilla Peace for details on 01451 830459 or visit our website <http://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chipping-norton>

Kaye Freeman

Ladies' Probus meet wild women

Chipping Norton Ladies Probus Club met at the Crown & Cushion Hotel on Tuesday 26 May. The meeting was very well attended as club membership is now almost up to its capacity. After a good lunch we were entertained by Hugh Granger on the intriguing subject of Wild Wild Women. This turned out to be a fascinating talk on lady pirates and female members of the aristocracy who made their livings from crime. Forthcoming events are a lunch cruise on the river Avon and a theatre trip to see a performance of *Mrs Warren's Profession*. We meet on the last Tuesday of each month at The Crown & Cushion from noon onwards. Anyone wishing to join us should contact Chris Carpenter on 642155.

Cicely Maunder

Over Norton WI's fun & friendship



Pictured is Liz Atkins (left) who spoke to members in June about her walk from Chester to Chepstow raising £10,600 for Teenage Cancer Research. Liz, who lives in Chipping Norton, a friend and Mattie her dog walked 757 miles along the coast path in 44 days. Pictured with Liz is over Norton WI member Becky

Pearman who represented the group at the Centenary Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on 2 June.

In May, local author and retired police officer Clare Mackintosh captured members' imaginations with *From Crime Fighter To Crime Writer* when she talked about her life leading up to the publication of her first novel, *I let you go* which has flown off the shelves.

Future meetings include an Outdoor Cooking Demonstration, Wine Tasting and a talk by a Fine Art Auctioneer.

We meet for fun and friendship every third Thursday at 7.45pm (usually) at Over Norton Village Hall – guests always welcome. Call Ros Millard (07932 180407) for details.

NOOG's summer activities

Our visit to Bridewell Organic Gardens in Wilcote in June was a delight. This extensive therapeutic garden has something of interest to everyone – award-winning vineyard, poultry, fruit, vegetables, ornamental displays and themed areas. It is open to the public on the afternoons of Sunday 19 July and 23 August. Definitely worth a visit. In July we visited three allotments in Chippy, two belonging to members, and it was interesting to see the different approaches in each. Our next meeting, on Wednesday 5 August at 7pm, is a visit to Primrose Gardens in Steeple Aston – a one-acre walled plot featuring fruit, vegetables, flowers and a pond, with light refreshments too. On 2 September, we're back indoors at the Parish Rooms in Chippy at 7.30pm to discuss all aspects of Fruit. Do join us. For enquiries about North Oxon Organic Gardeners or directions, please contact tracylean@gmail.com, 01295 780710, www.noog.org.uk.

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Rotary update

The **Town Festival** proved another community event to be proud of – see report & photos back page and letter p34.

Race Night proceeds The Club President presented a cheque for just over £1100 to Simon and Christine Welch



from Riding for The Disabled which provides disabled adults and children fun, exercise and a sense of personal esteem. It will be spent on Rotary Blue (pictured!), the horse bought by the Rotary Club of Kingham and Wychwood. A similar sum went to the Mayor's Skateboard Park appeal and was presented to Mayor Mike Tysoe during his mayormaking in May by Rotarian and Town Councillor Martin Jarratt.

The annual **Stroke Awareness Day** was held in mid-May, in conjunction with the Stroke Association. Seven fourth-year student doctors from the JR Hospital took blood pressures while representatives of local medical groups including the Lawrence Home Nursing Team and the Lions with one of their defibrillators were available to chat to the public. The brownies provided coffee, tea and biscuits. Over 130 blood pressures were taken, and just over a quarter were high enough to warrant a further check by a GP.

New faces at the Rotary helm From July the Club will be led by Martin Jarratt, a long-term Rotarian and Nortonian and also a town councillor for many years who has served twice as Mayor. He will be ably supported by Annie Roy-Barker a Rotarian for eight years and herself a Town and former District Councillor. We wish them both a successful year.

Simon Hamilton

Single File takes on Robin Hood

Six doughty Single File members met at Batsford Arboretum for an archery taster session. After some tuition all managed to hit the target – and avoid each other! We heard Elgar's *Dream of Gerontius* in Banbury with two members singing in the choir. Despite an off-colour eponymous tenor, the performance was a veritable tour de force. Further afield we went to London to see an impressionist art collection. Amongst other recent events was a pleasant meal at the ever popular Bitter & Twisted in Chippy, a delightfully varied evening at the Folk Club in the Blue Boar and the moving film *Far From the Madding Crowd* at The Theatre.

Well attended fortnightly social evenings when new and existing members can meet have been at the Crown & Cushion. Single File is a lively social group based in Chipping Norton, not primarily a dating agency, for those between 45 and 70 who may be single, separated, divorced or widowed. Contact us on 07765 598518, enquiries@singlefilecn.org.uk or visit www.meetup.com/single-file-chipping-norton

Richard Dixon

Yachting around Sweden

Chipping Norton Yacht Club's May talk by Chris Adams extolled the glories of sailing the Bohuslän coast of Western Sweden. Despite being only a week's sailing from the Solent, British boats are a rarity. Waters are sheltered, anchorages good, breezes reliable, days (in summer!) long and there are 3000 islands and 5000 skerries to explore. It's all very picturesque. Navigation needs care but is not intrinsically difficult and there are plenty of good pilot books and sailing directions. These are all in Swedish but Chris insisted it was a very easy language! Late August is the ideal time to visit, nicely



coinciding with the best weather. A lot of exploring (and sampling of the excellent seafood) can be fitted into a fortnight's cruise, and wine is not at the inflated prices of neighbouring Norway. We especially appreciate CNYC members enthusing about places and experiences that can tempt us into new waters, as Chris did.

The programme of talks restarts in September, after our usual lower-key summer events during the all-important sailing season. These include a visit to Waywood Furniture Creation in Chadlington to see a boat build in progress, and a BBQ. Visit cnyc.co.uk for details and to book.

Roger Backhaus

Folk Club – just turn up!

The second Monday of the month means Chipping Norton Folk Club at the Blue Boar, 7.30, only £1.50 on the door to sing, play or just listen. June's singaround saw 16 performers rattle through their stuff so everybody did two songs by half time, with the now usual variety of styles from different continents. Plaudits must go to Peter and Pen (ex management) who took three buses from their canal boat in Shropshire (see last *Chippy News*) just to be with us (and a few others). It was my last time as MC (moving to Bristol) so first



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a big thank you to all who wished me well on the card and contributed to the champagne! (reserved till after house moving).

There are many things that have made my 15+ years at the club special, but the main memory is of the eternally friendly reception, and especially the way that the Club is open to all. There are many really talented performers that would grace any stage, whilst those less experienced – like me – can learn the joy of performing in a supportive atmosphere. So, if you've been thinking, well I'd really like to sing or strum guitar but, of course, who would listen to me, then come and give it a go – or just turn up and listen and see if it's for you.

Au revoir, adios etc
Dave Wallace

Railway Club's summer timetable

The outing to the Amberley Museum & Heritage Centre on Sunday 10 May saw yet another warm, sunny day. Established in 1979 and seeking to reflect the area's industrial history, we found the site much changed since our last visit in 1994. This weekend was their Spring Vintage Fair, with many stationary engines and tractors, much to the delight of our 'farming' members.

At our meeting on 2 June, an old friend and former Club member, William Hemmings returned to tell us about 'Main Line Steam on the Western Rails'. An interesting talk and good video footage, all filmed by William on his travels. On 7 July, well known Railway author, Stanley Jenkins will visit for his talk on 'The Kingham to Cheltenham Line'. We have a new speaker for 4 August, Cyril Parsons. He will be talking about 'The Travelling Post Office & Bucks Railway Centre'. Something different on 1 September, Andrew Goodman will tell us about his experiences with 'I Moved it My Way – Locomotives and

other things'. Finally, on Sunday 6 September the autumn outing will be to the Spa Valley Railway in Tunbridge Wells, Kent. More details of this visit and availability to non-members please ring Estelle on 641586. As always there's a warm welcome for new members and visitors alike; plus free coffee, tea and biscuits served in the interval by our wonderful tea ladies!

Estelle Brain

Picnic with West Oxfordshire WI

WOWI's June meeting made us feel that summer was really on its way. Judy Taylor arrived with a van full of beautiful plants and showed us how to plant a hanging basket or pot we had brought along. Our results were quite professional!



In July, Carol Bunyan is going to talk to us about her experiences on board cruise ships and her time working for the BBC. I've heard she has some amusing tales to tell.

In August we have our summer picnic at one of our member's house. We are going to try our hand at playing Aunt Sally and we will have a celebration cake to mark 100 Years of WI. Everyone brings a contribution to the food. Please come and join us. For details ring the number below.

In September we welcome Abbie Cooke who has carved out a career from being a Territorial Army Captain to Britain's only female ships' figurehead carver!! She also has a passion for art and is the co-founder of the Oxfordshire based charity GIG-ARTS which goes out to schools.

Please give us a go. We meet at St Mary's Parish Rooms on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

Hilary Dix 646228

Lions in action!

We hope we will have seen some of you at the Town Festival and you had an enjoyable time. (See photo of a local Lion on back page - ed) We had a pleasant evening at The Red Lion playing Aunt Sally, and must thank the new landlord Stuart Taylor for his hospitality, although the weather could have been kinder and we hope to return for another game.

Because of holidays, the Lions are having a quiet time with regards to fundraising although this does not stop us making donations – we gave £100 to Hook Norton Rainbows, £200 to the Message in a Bottle scheme, £100 to the Lions International Measles Vaccination appeal and £500 to the Lions Nepal appeal. Please let us know if you have an unwanted Mobility Scooter or if you are in medical need of one. The Lions themselves have had their Handover BBQ party to change the Presidency from Graham Raven to Robert Caswell.

Why not visit www.chippingnortonlions.org.uk for information about Lions and see some photographs of events. Being a member of Lions is both rewarding and fun and we are always ready to welcome new members so if you are

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Liz Nason

Chadlington Flower Club all wired up



May's meeting saw Dandy from Earthworms and Dandelions flower shop in Charlbury demonstrating how to wire floral bouquets and buttonholes for weddings. The evening ended with all the members making their own button-

hole to take home. July's meeting is a demonstration from Jans Hass entitled Green Fingers.

New members are always welcome, we meet on the fourth Thursday of each month in Chadlington Memorial Hall at 7.30. Please note that there is no meeting in August.

Elaine Parsons

Chippy Labour Party

Exciting times ahead for Chippy Labour Party. In recent months we have had record numbers of new members, with the rate increasing after the General Election. When one of our new members was asked what had prompted her to join, she said 'Despair'.

Our regular Supper Club continues to attract large numbers with over 80 people enthralled by an hour-long speech from Neil Kinnock. Our long-established Quiz and Chips nights also prove popular. With a different quiz setter each time we never know what areas of knowledge will be challenged. Our latest quiz was on 3 July and the next one will be in late October – 7.30 at The Chequers. See October's News for details.

For debate on political issues why not come along to our regular monthly meetings, held in The Chequers on the second Thursday of each month. At the June meeting we were brought up to date with the changes at Chippy Hospital, and agreed we would support the Action Group.

For further information, and to be put on our circulation list, please contact David Heyes – davidheyes@yahoo.co.uk

UKIP Corner

Summer is upon us, traditionally a time when politics goes to sleep, but this year things are different. As I write this, it appears that the EU Referendum may be as early as 5 May next year, but of course no one is sure.

I am hoping to put on a couple of events over the summer, open to everyone, along the lines of 'where were you in the summers of 1972 and 1975?' I think it could be revealing to remember what we were told then, and how it stacks up to what actually happened. There will be all sorts of stories flying about, but it will be facts that we all need to hear to make up our minds. That is why anything I write will be backed up with references YOU can check out, and, of course, I want to hear what you remember on the usual number

07770 163 897 and e-mail UKIP.ChippingNorton@gmail.com. I hope you all have a great summer and get to enjoy that well earned holiday.

Jim Stanley

CNAAG finally finds summer sun

With midsummer upon us, CN Amateur Astronomy Group stargazers continue to scan the heavens to boldly seek out those distant objects which elude us all. Not least, the sun!

Determination finally paid off with a highly successful Solar Sunday at the Rollright Stones on 7 June, our fifth attempt! We observed and imaged, in the



company of the visiting public (pictured above), the sun plus Venus and Jupiter in broad daylight. It is incredible how much astronomy can be done in daylight and how much interest these events create. We are now planning to observe transits of the ISS across the face of the sun and moon. We shall continue to look for Solar Sunday and late night observing opportunities throughout the summer so please keep an eye on www.cnaag.com for updates.

Our monthly meetings are at 7.30 in the Methodist Hall – the next is on Monday July 20 when Gordon Dennis will talk about The Amateur Search for Dark Matter, and on Monday 17 August world renowned astrophotographer, Damien Peach

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Robin Smitten

Alzheimer's Society summer dates

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Chipping Norton Carers' Support Group Mondays 13 & 27 July, 10 & 24 Aug 10.30-12 at the Town Hall, Chipping Norton

Singing for the Brain Mondays 6 & 20 July, 3 & 17 Aug 10.30-12 at St Paul's Church Centre, Prescott Avenue, Banbury OX16 0LR

Dementia Café Wednesday 5 Aug 2-4pm at St Mary's Centre, Horsefair, Banbury

Banbury Carers' Support Group Fridays 17 July, 7 & 21 Aug 10.30-12 at Colin Sanders Innovation Centre, Banbury

Bicester Carers' Group Tuesdays 14 & 28 July, 11 & 25 Aug 10.30-12 Bicester Health & Wellbeing Centre, Launton Rd, Bicester, OX26 6DJ

Bicester Café Wednesdays 29 July & 25 Aug 10.30-12 at the Methodist Church Hall, Bell Lane, Bicester, OX26 6JQ

Kidlington Memory Café Monday 27 July 2-4pm Baptist Church Hall, High St, Kidlington OX2 7RF. No cafe in August

For more details on all of these events please call Jennie or Frances at the office on 01295 255957.

Methodists' Tuesday Fellowship

One Tuesday afternoon in May saw the Methodist Hall busy with fellowship and cream teas. The event was organised as



part of the Methodist Church's Tuesday Fellowship Group, which meets at 2.30pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month. The Group helps to raise funds for The Shoebox Appeal which is run throughout the year so Church can send off shoeboxes full of toys and useful items to needy children throughout the world at Christmas time.

New members always welcome for fellowship, tea and coffee and the Group has a variety of events throughout the year including speakers, quizzes, visits from school singing groups and trips out to local garden centres etc

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Chipping Norton School

Stunning A Level Results:

The School has received some encouraging data on the 2014 A level results showing a 'value added' score from GCSE to A level of +0.36.



This score (much higher than any of the Oxfordshire or Gloucestershire schools) shows how strongly our students performed. The exceptional performance of our A level students, some of whom are pictured here, is testament to their hard work and the high quality of teaching at Chipping Norton School. The School was ranked 18th from over 2,100 schools, placing the school in the top 1% nationally.

Commemorative Window Unveiled: We were delighted to unveil our new World War I commemorative window, the product of some exceptional community collaboration between the School, the Town Mayor and The Royal British Legion. Students Zoe Foster, Beth Coombes and Georgia Jukes contributed to the final design. We are grateful to The Royal British Legion, the Town Council, the Freemasons, the Rotary Club and the many parents and visitors who provided funds. – see p4 for full report and photos.



New Laser Cutter:

The artistic and design talents of our students have been much in evidence this term. Representatives of Owen Mumford were guests-of-honour at our annual

Art and Design Technology Exhibition. The company have generously sponsored the School's new laser cutter machine which, along with our 3D printer, has proved invaluable to the School's aim to help our students acquire excellent Design and Technology skills. All our guests were impressed with the high standard of artwork, woodwork, textiles and graphic design exhibited by our talented students.

Partnership Events: We recently ran four Family Focus workshops (Science, Music, Dance and First Aid) for Year 4-6 pupils and families from our Partnership primary schools with an opportunity for families to try new activities together.



The Science Department wowed families with practical experiments and facts about light. In Music they learnt about the main features of Blues Music and performed the 12 Bar Blues, and in Dance they created movements based on cartoon creations. The St John First Aiders provided a two

hour training course, and the School is proud to support our community to gain this useful life skill.

The Partnership Primary schools took part in the annual U10 Rugby tournament at Chipping Norton Rugby Club. Year 10 Sports Leaders supported Mrs Phillips running this event by looking after and encouraging the younger children. The coaches from London Welsh and CN Rugby Club were umpires. Everyone played hard and really encouraged each other. Winners of the Small School and Big School competitions were Enstone and Hook Norton. Special thanks to James Clarke and coaches from RUFC.

This year's U10 Cricket Tournament was held at Great Tew Cricket Club. Sports Leaders from our Year 7-10 were scorers and umpires. They were fantastic and set a great example for our Primary Partnership pupils. This year the winners of the Small School and Big School trophies were Great Tew and Holy Trinity. We would like to thank Gordon, Kevin and Eric from the Club for helping make the afternoon such a success.

Holy Trinity Primary



Cricket U11s School Final\Year 6 Girls – Our team went to Shipton under Wychwood to play in the Kwik Cricket Tournament. They won all their games and went into the final against Charlbury School. Charlbury won, but both teams now go to the

finals at Radley College in Abingdon. Year 6 Boys – Our team played in the Chipping Norton Partnership Tournament at Great Tew so well that they won all their games and now go to the finals at Radley College in Abingdon.

Bake Off As part of the Chipping Norton Partnership School's Bake Off, our four finalists Ella, Katie, Jasmina and Flo baked a selection of scrumptious



cakes. Congratulations to Katie for her aptly named, Rocky Road cupcakes. Katie then headed to Chipping Norton Top School to compete in the grand Bake Off.

First Holy Communion On 7 June the children in Year 3 took their First Holy Communion in church. They all looked very smart and enjoyed their day immensely. All the children celebrated with a beautifully decorated cake, drinks in the hall and parties afterwards.

Confirmation Congratulations to our Year 6 children who made the Sacrament of Confirmation on 9 June at Holy Trinity Church. They were joined by our KS2 children who sang beautifully throughout the service.

Our Special Assembly Dylan, Ben and Leo report: On 19 May, we were lucky enough to have explorer Claudia Holgate visit our school to tell us about her adventures in Antarctica. Whales and penguins are among her favourite animals. She

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her crew travel on a zodiac, a little rubber boat. We thoroughly enjoyed her assembly and would like to join her next adventure!

School Fete It was a record breaking fete on 14 June! Thank you to all who helped and all who came along to enjoy the fun. We raised just over £3,350!!

Residentials Year 6 had a wonderful week in Great Torrington, Devon at Beam House Children's Activity Centre (PGL). It was a fun-packed week with activities including quad-biking, abseiling, surfing and zip-wiring. The children's



behaviour was exemplary and their bravery was incredible through-out the week. Well done! Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic few days at Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre

closer to home in Northamptonshire, exploring the beautiful woods nearby, building shelters and following tracks. Abi Walker, said of the trip, 'It was fun and exciting and I loved playing in the woods' and Amber Shadbolt described the residential as, 'Amazing – the best part was the den building'.

Magna Carta The 800th anniversary of the sealing of Magna Carta was commemorated with artwork from several of our Year 5 children.

London Welsh Max McCulloch reports: Year 3 have been taught how to play rugby by Colin, a London Welsh Rugby Coach. We were also taught about good eating. We have really enjoyed the sessions.

Coffee Morning We welcomed our new Foundation Stage parents for September for an informal Coffee Morning. Parents and children had the opportunity to meet staff and each other. The children were also able to play in their new classroom and outside areas.

Dorchester Abbey On 15 June, our Key Stage Two choir thrilled parents and supporters with a fabulous performance at Dorchester Abbey. They took part in a massed school choir event involving ten schools from the county. The choirs met for the first time that afternoon and performed together to a huge and appreciative audience.



BIG First Aid On 12 June all children from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in the National First Aid lesson run by St John's Ambulance. This online session was streamed live into the hall and gave children the opportunity to learn first aid skills which will hopefully stay with them for a lifetime.

St Mary's Primary

Warwick Castle Visit EYFS went to Warwick Castle for their



topic trip. The children had been learning about castles and princes and princesses. We were welcomed by the Princess of the Tower who told us a story. We then explored the castle; saw an archer shooting arrows, a falconry display and we climbed the mound. This trip was part of the EYFS celebrations for their 'outstanding' result from their Ofsted report.

Tag rugby *Tori, Lily, Dijonay and Liberty report:* On 20 May 10 pupils from St Mary's were selected to play in a tag rugby tournament in Oxford with 27 other schools. Many



parents came and supported our team. We won 3 out of 4 games, scoring many tries with good teamwork and tactics. Overall we came second out of five schools. Everyone enjoyed the amazing experience and are looking forward to next year.

Swimming Gala

Leah & Martha report: On 18 May St Mary's 'A' Team went to Carterton Leisure Centre for the swimming competition semi-finals. Four boys and 4 girls competed



from our school. We had three races. Unfortunately the boys didn't make it to the final but the girls did. We had a fun time and are now looking forward to the final.

Sea Life Centre On 20 May Years 1 and 2 went to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham. When we arrived we saw the penguins first, then some amazing jelly fish and seahorses.



We also saw some baby sea turtles and tiny baby frogs, in fish tanks, which were difficult to spot. We then walked through a glass tunnel with sharks, fish and a very big turtle swimming above us.

Apron Fundraising *Aidan & Toby Hergt report:* Toby and I have done some fundraising for our school. The money is to be used to buy aprons for use in class. The fundraising

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consisted of making and selling cupcakes. We sold them for 50p each outside our house and we raised £12.50p, we have chosen red and green aprons.

Bake Off *Matthew Lonsdale reports:* On 20 May we hosted the third and final round of the St Mary's School Bake Off. The categories were Presentation, Taste, and Skill. Each category was scored out five. To present the prizes was Emily Watkins, owner and chef at The Plough Inn, Kingham. The winners were Key Stage One: 1st Eddie FM, 2nd Harriet Pike, 2nd William Harvey. Key Stage 2: 1st Joanna Pike, 2nd Emily Chambers, 3rd Harry Lonsdale. Year 5/6: 1st Majidy, 2nd Charlie Fisher, 3rd Lily Melia. Altogether we raised £400.



Chipping Norton Pre-School



On 30 May we held a 1970's themed disco at Over Norton Village Hall as a fundraiser for Chipping Norton Preschool. We would like to thank all those who came and supported us, and those who donated raffle/auction prizes. What a fabulous fun night!! We raised a whopping £955. We are pictured here with a selection of the toys and educational equipment purchased that the children will benefit from.

Town Nursery

The children in Nursery 2 are currently making party hats to wear for our summer lunch parties to be held during July. Before lunch in Nursery 2 all the children join together. We either do a group story or singing with musical instruments. We also have circle time where we sign our hello song and the children are starting to sign the first letter of their name.



In the sitting room the children are enjoying the Dig, Dig, Digging story – a daily favourite to read. We have also enjoyed having photographs taken with our mummies and daddies to add to our display.

The Tiger who Came to Tea story is a favourite with the kitchen family group. The children are using this story as a theme for a display. So far they have produced some lovely Tiger print pictures and have made a Tiger.

In the playroom the children are enjoying listening to the The Very Hungry Caterpillar story and have created a lovely display. They have also been singing the Tiny Caterpillar on a Leaf song with actions.

Kingham Primary

Astronomy evening Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group kindly came and gave a fascinating tour of the sky, showing a variety of images from the Andromeda Galaxy to the Mars Rover. After some warming tomato soup, children and parents observed close up images of Venus, Jupiter and the Moon. It was an absolutely fantastic night.



National KS2 Inter-school General Knowledge Quiz Championship

Rupert, Ava, David and Millie represented Kingham at the quiz. They were a true credit to the School

and in the lead for much of the competition. Unfortunately they were unlucky in the bonus round but still came fourth!

Chippy Literary Festival Congratulations to Gus for winning 2nd prize and Maya who won 3rd prize for their 'Survival' poems in the poetry competition.

Y5 Residential to Windmill Farm It was very windy

which made putting up tents even more challenging! The children took part in team building exercises and all the activities: Tricky Trail Mountain Biking, Bushcraft, Archery, Climbing and



Fencing. Staff and instructors also faced the children in an exhilarating football match. Dinner was followed by more games and roasting marshmallows on a bonfire.

General Election Day In Year 5 we found the next generation of our country's leaders. After learning about the election process, the children formed their own parties,

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created logos and elected a leader. The parties discussed their campaigns and created three pledges. They faced rigorous questioning from undecided voters. The polling station opened, ballot papers completed and the returning officer counted votes. It was very close but the 'United Democratic Party' (UDP) managed to convince voters they held the best vision for the School's future.

Y4 Trip to Kew After such an early start, we were raring to go. We really liked the colours of the plants and shapes made by the boulders set in gravel – we have decided to build a similar themed garden outside our classroom. Following a hearty al fresco lunch in the company of a most unusual looking pheasant, we continued with a Maths in Nature workshop. We learned about 2D shapes that horticulturists use in their planting schemes. We all had a lot of fun and were sad to leave.

Middle Barton Primary



Author and illustrator Korky Paul visited our school and shared some of his stories with us. We have had a walk to school morning called 'BRAKE!' to ask the community to be aware of the speed they travel around school areas. The school mosaic competition has now been drawn and the mosaic flooring is well under way.

Key Stage 2 Production On 9 July, the children are performing 'Joseph' at Chipping Norton Theatre at 1.45pm and 6pm. Tickets can be purchased through The Theatre box office on 642350 and cost £7.50 for adults/£5 concessions.

Sports Day On 10 July, families and friends are invited to join children for a picnic lunch on the school field at noon followed by sports day events.

School Trip to Blenheim Palace On 15 July the whole school will be going to Blenheim for a tour of the palace, woodland walk, playground and butterfly farm, as well as a train ride and an ice lolly!

Helper Tea Everyone who helped throughout the year is warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea. They will be entertained by the winners of our school talent competition.

Leavers' Assembly On 17 July at 1.15pm, we will be holding our leavers' assembly. Please come along to say farewell to our current Y6 children who are moving to secondary school.

The Old Swimming Pool Site Members of the community are invited into school to vote on the development of the swimming pool site until the end of term. Once the decision has been made, fundraising will start.

Chadlington Primary

Beer Festival Success This year's Chadlington Beer Festival – our main fundraiser – was the best ever. We were blessed with fine weather and raised over £9,000! Thanks so much to our amazing Friends of Chadlington School and Festival Committee and to everyone who supported us.



Sports Day Our School Sports Day was held recently on Chadlington Cricket Pitch with a wonderful team event and eight different sporting challenges on a very hot morning. Well done to the yellow group, our triumphant winners!

Film Company Our very own Film Production Company – Little Acorns – premiered our animation of The Big Blue Thing on the Hill by Yuval Zommer at Chipping Norton Theatre. Both the author and Jim Parkyn from Aardman Productions who assisted our pupils were present at the showing and we were very lucky to have our animation narrated by PM David Cameron. Our very own Mini Bafta Awards were presented to our wonderful pupils on the production team.

Leavers' Barbeque As always we are very sad to say goodbye to our current Year 6s and wish them luck in their new schools. The end of term sees our annual Leavers' Service, Barbecue and School Prizegiving, bringing to an end a very busy and successful year.

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Acorns Primary

The Bare Necessities Earlier this term, a travelling musical theatre group visited school to give a performance of Rudyard Kipling's 'Jungle Book'. The visit was organised and paid for by an anonymous member of Long Compton Village. We had no idea what to expect, but felt incredibly honoured to receive such a gift. When we walked into the Hall and couldn't believe our eyes – there were enormous trees, vines and rocks. The Hall was transformed. Almost immediately a few children were taken off to a workshop and everyone else was launched into learning a full repertoire of songs. Then the workshop children reappeared, in full monkey costumes, and the story began.



The scenery and costumes were amazing and the acting and singing incredible. Every detail had been carefully planned and the children were utterly fascinated. It's surprising how scary the story actually is and the realistic costumes and incredible acting did raise a few worried glances. As the troupe left, they passed us a flyer for their next year's performance, 'The Wind in the Willows'. A plea has already gone out to the PTA and hopefully we will raise enough money to repeat the experience.

Sibford School



Sibford pupils with their Headteacher **Inspectors praise Sibford School** The School offers 'a well-planned curriculum that is stimulating and of high quality' that enables all pupils 'from the youngest through to those in sixth form to make good progress', according to independent school inspectors. In a report published by the Independent Schools Inspectorate, the School is praised for providing an environment that enables pupils to 'develop in confidence, self-esteem and tolerance'. The standards achieved in Early Years are described as 'excellent'; the contribution of curricular and extra-curricular provision is described as 'excellent'; as was the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of pupils. The quality of teaching is described as 'good with many examples that were excellent'. Head Teacher Michael Goodwin said, "This report recognises excellence throughout the whole of the school ... indeed it contains no less than 45 'excellent' judgements! But perhaps the statements that I am most proud of are those that relate to pupils. According to the report the personal development of Sibford pupils is 'excellent', they are praised for demonstrating 'excellent cultural understanding' and their behaviour is 'excellent throughout the school.' As a head teacher I don't think I could ask for anything more." To view the report visit www.sibfordschool.co.uk

Kingham Hill School

KHS Junior Choir Competition Windrush Valley School and St Hugh's, Faringdon won the two first prizes and The King's School, Witney secured the runners-up spot in both categories. The competition was a resounding success and our beautiful Chapel was completely full.



Year 12 pupil solo flight 17-year-old Ryan Bolger has completed a solo flight. He followed a prestigious and demanding programme to gain his 'wings' and the dream of becoming

an RAF pilot is moving ever closer. The demanding scholarship training camp for RAF cadets offered pilot training and Ryan passed the basic training element in double-quick time. Most cadets first fly solo in a glider. However, Ryan demonstrated sufficient competence to take his first solo flight in a powered aircraft, a Glob Tutor T1. The programme also sharpened leadership and communications skills.

Nuffield Research placement offered to Year 12 pupil Jay Hands is one of only 22 lucky Oxfordshire students to have been offered a four week placement. He will be working alongside professional engineers, scientists, technicians & mathematicians whilst completing a challenging, research project. This is another great way to continue to celebrate the opening of 'The Veritas Building', our new Mathematics and Science facility.

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Town Festival thanks

The Rotary Club would like to give especial thanks to the organisers of the Festival including Kevin Cooper who booked and organised all the acts and ran the stage smoothly and professionally, Joyce and Arthur Taylor who have organised all the stalls, Mike Cooper who organised the programme and much of the advertising, Richard Benfield for arranging the raffle prizes and much of the PR, Dave Gordon for setting up all the electrics for the stage and arranging the Car Show on the lower Market Square, Sakine Faulkner for being treasurer and all-round financial wizard, David Haine for storage and providing everything necessary on tap and Martin Jarratt for chairing the committee and tying all the talent together. Kevin, Richard, Joyce and Arthur have been on the Festival Committee ever since the Festival started while the others are members of the Rotary Club. Thanks also to all helpers – townsfolk and Rotarians – and anyone else who has been involved in the organisation but has not been mentioned.

Simon Hamilton

Facts on Caffè Nero


Your feature on Caffè Nero in the June edition omitted a couple of relevant facts. Firstly, Caffè Nero has a long track record of ignoring local planning policy. Even in Chipping Norton, where the proposals were unlikely to be controversial, the planning application was only submitted after the work was done. Of much greater interest is their record on tax. Despite making some £20 million per annum in the UK, Caffè Nero has not paid any Corporation Tax since 2007. They have achieved this, as have many other major companies, with a complex, artificial, but legal, company structure. In this way, the Government has been deprived of some £30 million in tax – just think what that could do for our schools and hospitals. Your readers may prefer to support one of the many local coffee shops, which do pay their taxes.

David Heyes

Anniversary thanks

Bill & Nancy Marflit would like to thank everyone for their good wishes on their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Nancy Marflit



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Where is the Wishing Stone?

An American second cousin of mine (her father was born and bred in Chippy) was born in the US and lives in San Francisco. On a recent visit here, she tried, unsuccessfully, to find the Wishing Stone which she remembers from a childhood visit to Chippy with her parents. She said it's somewhere along the lane from the Church to Pool Meadow. I was born here, too, in the 1940s, but I'd never heard of it, and no-one else I've asked knows where it is, though there was a suggestion that it was or is behind The Mount. Please can anyone identify it so that I could email a photo to San Francisco? By the way, my cousin was rather pleased that, though she was from so far away, she was able to give the directions to Pool Meadow when some visitors asked her if she knew.

Paul Burbidge

Churchill Dog Show



Many thanks to everyone who came to support the show. We had an amazing 272 entries and our judge Sarah Bigland from Over Norton Dog Training certainly had her work cut out choosing from so many wonderful dogs. Congratulations to


our Best In Show winner the handsome Duke owned by James Kelly, awarded the Edward and Annette Batchelor Memorial Cup. Thanks to Fran Bird from Regal Equestrian, Fair Weather Agility and Linda Hudson for their kind donations We raised £533 for Medical Detection Dogs.

Anne Batchelor


Ageless kindnesses

A couple of weeks ago I overextended myself taking a walk round Pool Meadow and back to New Street. On crossing the Recreation Ground, my leg gave out twice and I sank, not gracefully, to the ground. On both occasions a couple of boys (to whom many thanks), who had been sitting in the field, rushed over and helped me to my feet. I managed a repeat performance going up New Street. On this occasion two cars stopped to see if they could help: one with a couple of young men from Boston, Mass, and the other with a lady. I've reflected since then that, though life is apparently so much faster paced and vastly different from a half century ago, individual kindnesses remain well and strong. So, my big thanks to them all.

James, aged 87¹/₄ (full name supplied)



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

- 7th **Railway Club** 7.30 Lwr Town Hall see p26
8th **Methodist Coffee Morning** 9.30-11.30 for Highlands
CNWI 7pm Lower Town Hall see p23
9th **Amnesty** 7.30 Lower Town Hall details p24
11th **The Theory of Everything** in Churchill 7.30 - see p14
12th **Civic Service** at St Mary's Church - see p5
Kingham Fete 2-6pm Circus theme – all free
13th **Folk Club** 7.30 Blue Boar - details 676819
14th **Lights Up Arts & Memory Club** 10.30am-12.30pm at Highlands details 07717 374484
16th **Age UK Oxfordshire Information Event** 10am-2pm in the Town Hall, advice, Health MOT, Exercise Taster session
18th **Over Norton WI** 7.45 - details 07932 180407
Chipping Norton Farmers' Market 8.30-1.30
20th **CN Amateur Astronomy Group** 7.30 Methodist Hall see p27
23rd **Chadlington Flower Club** 7.30 - details p27
24th **Flog it star's talk** - Philip Serrell in Enstone - details p16
28th **Lights Up Arts & Memory Club** as 14 July

August *(No edition of The News)*

- 2nd **Ramblers Meet** 2pm New St Car Park - details 641369
4th **Lights Up Arts & Memory Club** as 14 July
Railway Club 7.30 Lwr Town Hall see p26
5th **U3A** 2.30pm Methodist Hall Victoria Huxley - Family Matters Jane Austen & her Leigh Cousins at Adlestrop
NOOG 7pm Visit to Primrose Gdns - details p24
Methodist Coffee Morning 9.30-11.30 for Methodist Homes
8th **Testament of Youth** in Churchill 7.30 - see p14

- 12th **CNWI** 7pm Lower Town Hall see p25
14th **CHIPPING NORTON NEWS DEADLINE** see below
15th **Chipping Norton Farmers' Market** 8.30-1.30
Concert of Songs by Jigsaw Sound St Mary's Church in aid of the Friends of St Mary's Church tickets £10 from Jaffé & Neale - details p15
17th **West Oxon WI** 7.30 St Mary's Parish rooms see p26
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18th **Lights Up Arts & Memory Club** as 14 July
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30th **Charity Pub Treasure Hunt** - details p15
31st **Salford Fete & Fun Dog Show** - details p15

September *(News out on Tuesday 1 September)*

- 3rd **U3A** 2.30pm Methodist Hall Martin Holmes - Harold Wilson A reputation revived
5-6 **Emma's Trust Summer Festival** see advert p9 & article p11
6th **Ramblers Meet** 2pm New St Car Park - details 641369
Wychwood Forest Fair - details p16
12th **RBL End of the War Dance** 7.30 Crown & Cushion - see p6
18th **An Evening of Music, Song & Readings** at St Nicholas Church, Chadlington from 7pm for Lawrence Home Nursing Team - details p9

Town Trail Quiz Answers: 1 Bliss Mill, 2 Red Lion, 3 Over Norton Road 4 Chequers, 5 Castle Mound, 6 Old Police Station, 7 Lido, 8 Ice skating on Pool Meadow 8 Premier Inn 9 Information Point (in the Guildhall), 10 Edward (Stone). Yes it's that old favourite – Broccoli Pile!

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Chipping Norton Town Festival



Fantastic Festival A Great Chippy Day

– the verdict on the Town Festival in June. Cllr Martin Jarratt, Chair of the Festival Committee was delighted to see hundreds turning out to enjoy themselves and added, 'I would like to thank wholeheartedly all the Town businesses, who so generously sponsored the day or supported with prizes or advertising.' Even the weather helped create a great atmosphere. A massive thanks to everyone who helped.



Many clubs and charities gained from being at the event – and Rotary say that around £3,500 was also raised for local good causes. The organising team included five Chipping Norton Rotary Club members and four other stalwarts from the Town. Over half of them have helped in all six festivals. Lots of people are already looking forward to next year – but Martin said the team needs an injection of new blood to keep it going. If you want to help for next year, please contact Martin.

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