



County Cuts x3

Chippy's Hospital beds, buses and waste tips all threatened by County Council budget squeezes

Oxfordshire leader Ian Hudspeth says 'horrific' Government cuts mean finding £60m new savings in addition to the £284m already earmarked by 2018. It's 'consultation' time ...

Chippy's hospital beds

In spite of a Cameron intervention, the County Council insist on handing over our 'intermediate care' beds to the care home operator with a 'specification' different from that in Oxfordshire's Community Hospitals. OCC, who manage this NHS budget alongside their hard hit social care funding, say it could save over £700,000 a year. Protestors say the 'consultation', planned for September, reads like a 'take it or lose it' deal.

Buses subsidies under attack

A County 'consultation' to cut up to £2.6m in bus subsidies, now directly threatens our weekend S3 to Oxford, the 488 to Banbury plus the whole of the X8 to Kingham and X9 to Witney.

Closing waste tips

With Dean Pit a distant memory, a County 'consultation' to save £350,000 could see our nearest tip, Alkerton, close and seven tips reduced to three. A new large one might eventually be built. The County may now explore charging directly for tip use.

Ian Hudspeth says all this could head towards OCC providing 'statutory' services only – hitting libraries and children's centres in Chipping Norton and elsewhere. Full articles on all of this inside.

New look Co-op opens



VIP Holy Trinity students join Co-op store manager Adam Quinton in a splendid opening of the expanded supermarket – bigger and better. More on p5 and Letters page.

... and more good news

As an antidote to our main headline the News also reports: Excellent A Level and GCSE results at Top School ~ Gems day nursery rated Outstanding ~ The Fox Hotel & Aldi developments make progress ~ Skateboard park plans on show ~ Chippy up for High Street Awards and lots more

Plus Local DJ In the Spotlight, Afternoon Teas and Arts, Schools, Clubs, Sports & Letters

PM opens new Health Centre

On 3 July our local MP David Cameron officially opened the GPs' NEW building – the Chipping Norton Health Centre. Mr Cameron said, 'once again Chippy and West Oxfordshire is leading the way ... in bringing all GPs, practice nurses, care assistants and staff into one dedicated centre'. He cited the



healthy rivalry that had existed between White House and West Street surgeries which he hopes has now been put to bed! He saw our new Health Centre as a blueprint for the future. 'This is going to happen in many more places throughout the country, with primary care offering more to patients. This is the future of healthcare, with lots of people now living with multiple health issues.' There was so much more to come with 'collaboration and cooperation with the hospital next door'.

During the building tour, Practice Manager Tony Love told the News, 'we are still bedding in and getting used to the building, but the patients took to it immediately'. Tony was pleased there is now 'a secured medical facility in Chippy with plenty of space and room for expansion'. This is good news with the Town adding lots more housing. GP Dr Jane Pargeter thanked the staff for their teamwork and commitment during the move which was a tremendous achievement, considering they moved on a Saturday and were fully up and running less than two days later, at 8.30am on the Monday, seeing patients as normal. After the ceremony, Mr Cameron told the News he was excited about opportunities for more clinics and for working together. Before the ceremony, at midday, a one-minute silence was held in the Reception area to remember victims of the Tunisian beach shooting. Mr Cameron commented, 'It was nice to observe the silence in my constituency. It was the appropriate place'.

New ideas for Health transport

Concerns continue about how patients can best be helped to get to the new Health Centre which is slightly out of town. Bus services X8 and S3 stop there infrequently and – as reported on page 4 – the entire X8 service could be under threat with more County Council subsidy cuts. The need for a new volunteer bus or transport service was discussed at the July Town Council meeting but both GPs and Councils say that patient transport is not their direct responsibility. One local taxi firm was reported as doing 10 journeys a day there at £3 to £4 a trip. Ex-Mayor Mike Dixon has had discussions with Oxfordshire County Council about possible start-up grants for bus services. Now, Annie-Roy Barker from Chipping Norton Rotary has told the News that Rotary want to get moving straight away with a volunteer service. This will primarily be for Chipping Norton but could also go to Oxford and Banbury hospitals. They are looking for help. Details in the box below.



Volunteer drivers urgently required

Do you own a car? Do you have time to spare? Do you want a rewarding role?

Chipping Norton's newly launched voluntary car service urgently requires drivers to provide a 'take, wait and return' service for medical appointments. The service is intended to assist those with no transport of their own and who have difficulty accessing public transport in Chipping Norton and surrounding villages. As a volunteer driver, you would have a wonderful opportunity to help your local community, whilst discovering more about Chipping Norton and the beautiful, surrounding countryside. Mileage is reimbursed for this very rewarding role, which is designed to fit around volunteers' busy lives.

Are you over 18? Are you willing to have DBS clearance? Are you happy to be a part of this exciting venture? Please call Annie Roy-Barker on 01608 644107 as we anticipate being in a position to take journey bookings in the near future. This is a Rotary Club of Chipping Norton sponsored project.

Annie Roy-Barker

7pm 18th September

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IN SUPPORT OF THE LAWRENCE HOME NURSING TEAM

Town Festival donations

Chipping Norton's Town Festival in June was a great success and Committee Member Joyce Taylor has written saying they are now looking to distribute the money raised to local charities and organisations. If you would like to apply for a donation from the fund, please e-mail chippingnortontownfestival2014@gmail.com for an application form or contact Martin Jarratt on 642723, by 15 September at the latest.

Next year's Chipping Norton Town Festival in the town centre will be on Sunday 12 June. The Town Council have agreed the date to coincide with planned national celebrations of the Queen's 90th birthday. A special outdoor lunch in the town centre is one of the events that may be organised. Anyone interested in helping should contact Town Clerk Vanessa Oliveri (642341) or Cllr Martin Jarratt.

CNS students excel

August saw some excellent A level and GCSE results at Chipping Norton School as students nervously opened their envelopes.

In A levels, 54% of all the grades were at A*, A or B; and 27% were either A* or A. Students' courses at university will range



from Hazard Management and Electrical Engineering, to Politics with International Relations and Mathematics. Jordan Eriksen and Trystan Surawy Stepney got the top grades required (A*A*A*) to study Engineering at Cambridge and Physics at Oxford respectively. Students with other top grades included: Abbie Festa and Bally Bhogal (A*A*A); Alice Rose, Daisy Hall, Jake Conway, Ilona Weir and Zoe Foster (A*AA), Charlotte Carre and Joseph Jaffé (AAA); Ryan George (A*A*BB); Jake Burtonwood (AABB); Mathew Potts, Morgan Lee, Anna Jarrett-Rawlence, Alex Harris and Alice Green (A*AB).

Year 11 GCSE students also had plenty to smile about. Headline figures showed significant improvement on previous years. At the very top end over a quarter of students achieved five or more A* and A grades and the figure for students achieving five or more A*-C grades was 72%. Mathematics results fell nationally but at Chipping Norton School a very



impressive 82% received A*-C grades. The all important figure for five A*-C grades including English and mathematics stands at 64%, a significant increase on the previous year. Notable high achievers, all of whom achieved 8 or more A* and A grades, include Emily Heppell, Tazu Walden, Sunny Bhamrah, Jim Caldwell, James Matthews, Hannah Mitchell, Rachelle Newman, Alice Orpin, Tom Pearce, Lorenzo Ronconi, Will Scantlebury, Connor Vellinga and Agnieszka Henry.

Headteacher Simon Duffy said 'These results cement Chipping Norton School's reputation for high quality teaching and outstanding student outcomes. The hard work of both students and their teachers has produced some exceptionally good results. After a few years of examination volatility it is good to see results which are in line with what we had anticipated. I wish all of our students good luck as they embark on the next part of their educational journey.'

New News outlets & more ...

From September you can buy your *Chipping Norton News* from a new box in the Cotswold Newsagents on Topside. It's all change since the Post Office moved up to the Co-op where there is now one big News box for all sales at the store. On Topside there are also popular boxes in Gills and in Caffè Nero. For a full list of outlets see page 35.

And this month we're introducing a strip cartoon – *April & Alfred*: a Chippy couple whose antics round town will be charted for our readers by local artist Denise Mansbridge. You can meet April & Alfred on p4.

Emma's Festival: 5-6 Sept



A final reminder that Emma's Trust are holding their big summer festival at Chipping

Norton Cricket Club on Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 September. Free entry on the Saturday: local bands, dance, kids' workshops, Go Kart Party and more. Sunday is the Gala Concert of West End stars. Full details at <http://emmastrust.com>. The Trust is winding down after 10 successful years raising funds to help local young participate in sport and the performing arts and to support Asthma UK.

Outstanding Gems



Staff, children and parents up at Chipping Norton's Gems Day-Care, have been celebrating their Outstanding rating from a recent routine inspection by OFSTED. Situated at The ACE Centre in Burford Road, Gems Day-Care provides care for up to 22 children aged three months to three years from 8am–6pm, five days a week. The OFSTED inspection stated that 'there is a very strong focus on ensuring that staff know children well as individuals through excellent assessment and partnerships with parents', and goes on to say 'the quality of leadership is outstanding'. The full inspection report can be seen at <http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/>.

Lin Englishby, Gems Day-Care coordinator told the News she was thrilled with the outcome of the inspection and felt it was well deserved by all the staff in the Gems team. She said 'the team work exceptionally hard and demonstrate huge commitment, drive and passion towards their work'. Parents of the children who attend Gems said they were pleased with the outcome of the inspection and that it came as no surprise because their children are so well cared for by the team.

£100,000 skateboard park plans

On Thursday 6 August a Town Hall exhibition was held to show Chipping Norton's current and would-be skateboarders three options being considered by the Town Council's Recreation Committee for a skateboard park at Greystones.



One of the possible designs on display

The Mayor and other members of the Committee were there to explain the plans and their relative merits. Diagrams of the options were provided. Each youngster coming to the exhibition was invited to fill in a questionnaire to select which of the three options they thought was best, to write down additional comments, and provide contact details. Only 11 people came to the exhibition and filled in questionnaires. Another showing of the exhibition was planned for 27 August, so hopefully more people were going to come to that.

One constraint is clearly the cost, possibly £100,000, which will need to be justified on the basis of demand from future users. The Town Council intend to pay for this with substantial funding expected to come from the developers of the new Chadlington Downs housing estate. Apparently around £550k will be available under 'Section 106' agreements and the 'powers that be' have decided that around £186k goes to play areas and equipment, £64k to the Theatre for youth and community work, £41k to the police, and £253k for sports facilities, with possible use for an all-weather sports pitch, or improvements to Greystones, or improvements to the Leisure Centre. The Town Council has said their priority is to see a major share of this going to a proper skateboard facility.

Chippy enters High St awards

Chipping Norton is being entered in the 2015 Great British High Street awards as 'Best Market Town'. Experience Chipping Norton, which aims to promote Chipping Norton for business, visitors and the community, has been preparing the application. It features recent successful town projects and growing businesses, work of local charities and community groups, and the town's attractiveness for business. The awards are due to be announced later in the year.

Fastest shed on wheels

News team members in August spotted the strange sight of a full size shed being driven through Chippy. Apparently, Kevin Nicks, a 50-year-old gardener from Great Rollright has built a shed on top of his old 1999 V6 Volkswagen Passat 'just for fun'. Then last month he had it officially declared the fastest shed in the world. He raced his creation at Elvington Airfield near York



Photo: Kevin Nicks' Facebook

reaching a record-breaking speed of 70.77 mph. The project cost £5000 and took over six months to complete. On the same day in York a jet powered shopping trolley reached 55mph and a mobile toilet also took to the runway.

Cuts to our buses – act now!

Do you care about the bus services in and out of Chipping Norton? Oxfordshire County Council want to save £2.6m on bus transport – which could mean the entire bus subsidy being withdrawn. Currently around 10% of routes receive subsidies; reductions have been made over recent years but more are needed to reach budget targets. OCC would like to hear your views on its proposals to change or eliminate subsidies for bus and Dial a Ride services in your area. The three main options are: withdrawing subsidies altogether; reducing funding to subsidised bus services and adopting the principle of prioritising services most likely to be used by the elderly and disabled, ending direct funding of the Dial a Ride service; and encouraging community transport groups across the County to deliver a replacement service.

This could affect subsidised services on key Chippy bus routes such as weekend services on the S3 to Oxford, services via villages on the 488 to Banbury, all X8 services to Kingham Station and Chippy Hospital, the X9 to Witney, and the Villager buses. Last time our bus services were under

APRIL & ALFRED

by Denise Mansbridge



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serious threat a huge public campaign saved them. Recently, the Mayor, Cllr Eve Coles and ex-Mayor Mike Dixon met County Council officers to discuss this and some of the subsidies marked as at 'high risk' of loss. The Consultation closes on 14 September so it is important that any local bus users make their views known. There is a form to complete online at consultations.oxfordshire.gov.uk, or phone 01865 883488, or write to Supported Transport Consultation, FREEPOST, Oxfordshire County Council (no further address required).

NHS nurses: County dig heels in



Concerns continue about who will provide any 'Intermediate Care' NHS beds in Chipping

Norton. In July Oxfordshire County Council announced that the Order of St John Care Trust, the charity that also runs care homes, will take over the contract for supplying nurses and staffing, previously provided by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust. OCC had claimed they could save around £700,000 year and yet continue to deliver the same service. After demands for a full consultation, OCC's John Jackson told a shocked Oxfordshire Health Scrutiny meeting in July that any 'consultation' would not include any option to go back to using Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust staff. A 'summit' meeting of all parties including MP David Cameron met on 24 July to try and find a compromise. But it seems the County Council are sticking to their plan, if a little delayed. On 6 August they announced their use of Oxford Health 'cannot continue after March 2016', saying 'we could not identify a way forward which resolved the financial issues . . . the County Council has a duty to obtain the best value for the taxpayer'. If the County Cabinet agree at their next meeting on 15 September, then a 10-week 'consultation', including a public meeting, will start on 28 September. It will look at only two future options: either 'Intermediate care being provided in line with the county wide specification' by the Order of St John Trust in Henry Cornish Care Centre; or alternatives such as purchasing IC beds in another care home but probably not in Chipping Norton, or relying on 'home-based intermediate care'. It now seems that OCC are using a new 'specification' for Intermediate Care Beds (currently 66 across the County),

all of which are to be provided by care or nursing homes. Meanwhile it seems the County's 200 Community Hospital beds, run in other towns directly by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, will be to a higher specification than that in Chipping Norton, called 'sub-acute' not 'intermediate care'

Oxfordshire Healthwatch, who have concerns about all this, were quoted as saying the County Council were 'digging their heels in', that proposals were not clear, and that the whole County position should be looked at to make sure Chipping Norton was being treated fairly. All this coincides with severe NHS and Social Care financial constraints (eg Oxford Health and the Commissioners), with changes to the way Community and Intermediate Care Beds are used across Oxfordshire, and an intended focus on less 'bed care' and more local assessment, prevention and treatment to avoid long (and expensive) hospital bed stays.

Civic Service held



Mayor Mike Tysoe, the Mayoress, other councillors and guests attended the annual Civic Service on Sunday 12 July at Chipping Norton's St Mary's Church. The Revd James Kennedy welcomed the civic party and conducted the morning service which is held in part to acknowledge the service given by many to both the local and wider community.

New look Co-op opens

Chipping Norton's expanded Co-op store opened officially on 14 July, aiming to offer Chippy's residents a bigger and better range of local products and services. Children from local Holy Trinity School, along with headteacher Lorna Buchanan, were on hand to officially cut the ribbon. The main town Post Office (previously run by the Co-op on the High Street) has moved to a newly designed section of the main store. The Co-operative Travel and Co-operative Pharmacy on the High Street have also benefited from a refurbishment. Re-branded as The Co-operative Healthcare, the pharmacy now delivers a brand new healthcare concept that extends the traditional pharmacy offering, with highly trained staff providing a wealth of healthcare services, plus practical help and guidance. The new store will include a free 'Health Hub' area, enabling customers to undertake a quick self-service health scan, measuring key factors including blood pressure, body fat percentage and heart rate.

Adam Quinton, Co-op store manager, said 'This is an extremely exciting time for us, as we welcome our customers and members into the new look store. The changes have come from their feedback, and we're looking forward to local



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people seeing the changes that have been made to not only improve the food store and its products, but the Healthcare, Travel and Post Office branches too. We're committed to providing more local products and services than ever, to give Chipping Norton residents everything they might need. We're a retailer owned by our members in the local community, and supporting local initiatives, organisations and suppliers is a key role of our co-operative. Colleagues will continue their work with local initiatives like the Chipping Norton food bank and Hook Norton car club, with information about how customers can support them located in the store's community hub'.

Spot the Post Box



The main post box on the High Street remains outside the former Post Office shop – but what about posting letters when you have been to the new Post Office up in the Co-op supermarket? If you go up the escalators there is a temporary red post box at the top which is emptied daily. The News was told that a permanent cemented-in box will be installed soon.

Premier Inn: yes ... by a whisker

The planning application by Premier Inn for a 73-room hotel on Chipping Norton's Castle View Care Home site was approved by the Chairman's casting vote at West Oxfordshire's Uplands Planning Committee on 6 July. Mayor Mike Tysoe gave an impassioned plea for better design and Councillor Geoff Saul gave a detailed critique requesting a deferral to enable a better design to be agreed. Other Councillors criticised the building as 'absolutely awful', 'far from perfect', 'a sad repetition of cheap architecture', 'looking like a Lancashire mill' and that 'we shouldn't be rushed into replacing one bad building with another'. Heritage England had recommend the application be withdrawn, the opinion of the Council's own Conservation Architect was very lukewarm, the biodiversity officer had objected, as had the Town Council and 26 individuals, including several concerned at potential loss of dark skies in relation to the Rollright Stones.

After a lengthy debate Councillor Saul's motion to defer the application was defeated. Then, five Councillors voted to approve the application and five to refuse it, so the Committee Chairman used his casting vote to grant approval. Councillor Saul told the News 'there was support for the general principle of the hotel from local people but concern over both the scale and massing of the proposed building and the harm caused to the castle scheduled ancient monument and conservation area. There was also concern over the

absence of staff parking at the site and its impact locally, notwithstanding the additional parking being offered to Spring Street residents by Premier Inn. I was asking for time for Premier Inn to work on a better design, and I am disappointed that Premier Inn were not ultimately willing to work with us in revising plans and that they were not forced to rethink by the Planning Sub-Committee'. Premier Inn told the News they hoped to start on site early next year and open in Spring 2017.

Fun at the Fair

The annual Mop Fair is due in Chipping Norton on 17–19 September. As usual, the town centre closure to traffic and the one-way system will be in action from Wednesday night 16 September until early on Sunday 20 September.

Fox upgrade on track

The major work to refurbish and expand The Fox Hotel in Chipping Norton is well on track – and hopefully reopening date is mid-October. The News spoke to Operations Manager Bruce Benyon from Hook Norton Brewery who reports that the building has been carefully stripped out. Work now starts on 'putting it back together' with a new entrance, opened-up bar and eating areas, new relocated toilets, and ten en suite hotel bedrooms – all named with a 'hops' beer theme. At the back there will be a new atrium, landscaping and decking. Bruce promises a high quality pub-food menu all day, including evenings. They hope to have the hotel room booking service up and running by September. Outside there will be new signage and the area around the Town noticeboard, all owned by the Brewery, will be re-done. A new noticeboard will be managed and controlled by the pub to avoid it getting untidy.



The Fox upgrade is to include a new noticeboard

Support for Pre-School

The local branch of TSB bank has named Chipping Norton Pre-School as its first local charity partner. The unveiling on 1 July included presentation of an initial cheque for £100 to the Pre-School. The branch will aim to raise as much money as possible for their partner during 2015.

Foxfield plan withdrawn

Plans to build three new houses on the land at the back of Foxfield Court cul-de-sac in Chipping Norton have been withdrawn. The planning application hit strong objections from Town Council and local residents, on the grounds of loss of woodland and a 'tree buffer zone' at the top end of town. Height, invasion of privacy and flooding risks were other objections cited. The applicants have withdrawn the proposal before it could be considered by WODC Uplands Planning

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Committee. It is not known whether any further application will be submitted.

Churchill House under wraps



Churchill House, the former older person's accommodation at Hailey Road, was demolished to make way for new social rented homes – a GreenSquare project managed by Cottsway Homes. As reported in the last News, it appears that the building being constructed was actually an earlier proposal that had been refused permission in April 2011 on the grounds that its 'design, form and materials is neither vernacular nor contemporary and does not demonstrate the exemplary design quality required ...', rather than the 2012 proposal that had actually received planning permission. Oooops!! All work on site stopped. Differences between the two designs are quite marked. The refused scheme has a contemporary design and materials and the approved scheme has a more traditional appearance. GreenSquare put forward

a compromise: that the majority of what has so far been constructed would stay but some materials would change. The Town Council and local residents objected but the compromise was approved at Uplands Planning Committee in August. Jo Curson, GreenSquare's Head of Development, told us, 'We're pleased that our revised planning application has been approved. Our in-house construction team is now looking at its programme of works to establish when they can return to the site. We are hopeful work can get underway again soon with completion early next year'. The development will provide ten family homes for affordable rent, to be retained in perpetuity in the social rented sector by legal agreement, so avoiding the right to buy offered to tenants of social rent landlords in the Budget.

Jazz Day is back – 20 Sept

The Chippy Jazz and Music Festival is back this year on Sunday 20 September! There was some concern when Rotary announced withdrawal in June citing lack of resources to organise the event – which has been going for 17 years and was much promoted by the late Mike Howes, a Rotarian and great Jazz enthusiast. But now, led by Dave Favis-Mortlock from jazz band regulars FiddleBop – who played at this year's Town Festival – CJAM will be up and running with a number of town venues hosting free jazz on the day. There won't be a Town Hall concert but venues may be able to play into the evening. More details in Arts p19.

All shook up in Middle Row

July saw the grand opening in Chipping Norton's Middle Row of Tickettyshake – a new milkshake shop, aimed at kids and families – which also sells smoothies and sweets. This is a new venture by Julia Cook who



Harry, Evie, Freya-Ann brave the rain to try out Tickettyshake

also owns Tickittyboo Children's Boutique next door but one. The launch was on a bit of a damp Friday but everyone was in good spirits, including Mayor Mike Tysoe who did the opening honours. The weather obviously didn't put people off as it was absolutely packed before, during and afterwards, and is obviously very popular with Chippy children already! Why not pop along, sit on the bean bags or mini alfresco seats and sample!

Wedding dress shop goes

Bridal Boutique shop 'Georgina Pimm' has closed and moved from its Horsefair location in Chipping Norton. After several years based in Chippy, the shop has moved to new premises at 9 Corn Street, Witney (see www.georginabridal.co.uk), where it will continue with its wedding dresses from a number of boutique designers. The reopening was on 15 August. The empty shop has been taken over by a new salon 'Hair Lounge' which aims to open in September (see Letters page).

CHIPPING NORTON HEALTH CENTRE RUSSELL WAY, CHIPPING NORTON FLU CLINICS 2015

We will be holding open flu clinics at the surgery on the first 3 Saturdays in October
3rd October, 10th October, 17th October
from 8.30am – 11.30am

If you are over 65 by 31st March 2016
or

if you are over 6 months old and you suffer from a long term condition like diabetes, asthma, heart disease, kidney disease, had a stroke or have some other neurological illness

your immune system is suppressed or if you live with somebody whose immune system is suppressed (e.g. they are having treatment for cancer)

or you are a main carer
or you are pregnant

you will be eligible for a flu vaccination

You do not need to make an appointment – just turn up between 8.30am – 11.30am

Houses approved at old vets

A planning application for five new houses to be built on the site of the empty old Vets hospital in Albion Street has been approved by WODC Uplands Planning Committee. The Town Council had agreed in principle but with concern over insufficient parking and traffic increase and had wanted the number of dwellings reduced to three.

Bradley Saul – 10 years on



Why not join the Bradley Saul team for their 10th Birthday Party?

Bradley Saul Solicitors in Chipping Norton are holding a party on 6 October to celebrate their 10 years since opening in January 2005. It was just Nova and Geoff at first – no other staff, not even a receptionist or secretary – as neither of them had any enthusiasm for being lawyers tucked away behind an army of receptionists and personal assistants. Inevitably, however, the firm has grown and 10 years on, every nook and cranny of the refurbished Market Street building is occupied by either a lawyer or someone doing the myriad of tasks a law firm needs. The firm has just taken additional office space at the refurbished Guildhall. The values of the firm haven't changed, however, and everyone remains accessible to all existing and new clients.

So who are all the extra workers packed into Bradley Saul's offices? Quite a mixture. The spacious attic houses Charlotte, Alexia and Jess. Charlotte and Alexia's work, as family solicitors, encompasses the vast range of legal work around the creation and ending of relationships from pre-nuptial/cohabitation agreements to divorce, separation agreements, property disputes, arrangements for children and inheritance claims. Jess is a trainee solicitor. The mezzanine 1st floor houses Sarah and her assistant Georg. Sarah deals with the buying and selling of houses and flats and, having carried out all her legal training during the nine years since she started with the firm, she is now fast approaching the elevated position of a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives.

Providing training is a key focus. Jess is now on the last leg of her training, the vocational part after all the law exams, and

will finally be able to call herself a fully qualified solicitor in June next year. Zac is pursuing an apprenticeship with the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives and acts as Geoff's PA, helping with wills, trusts and probate, and the extensive array of regulatory admin work. The firm also offers work experience at all levels with a number of students (not just law) working in admin roles either in the summer university vacation, in gap years or alongside their studies in the local area. For anyone interested in meeting the team – their anniversary party is open for tea and nibbles on Tuesday 6 October from 12 noon to 2.30pm. Call 648020 for details.

Scouts investigating new hut

After various plans to try and get a new scout hut on the Town Council's Greystones land, the Recreation Committee heard in July that the Scouts may instead look at buying metal storage containers to convert into a scout hut. Costs could be in the region of £75-£85,000.

Search for Bliss Tweed

Chipping Norton's History Society is on the hunt for supplies of Bliss Tweed – made at the famous Mill down Worcester Road. The Society's Brenda Morris has been making beautiful cushions from remnants of Bliss Tweed. The money raised from sales goes towards funding our Town Museum. Brenda has now exhausted her own supply of tweed and is asking if anyone has any pieces in their cupboards or attics which they are prepared to donate for her to continue. If you can help please contact either Brenda on 643779 or Alan Watkins on 658489.



Liz Whitaker

HGV fumes? 'Sue the Councils'

As reported in July, Oxfordshire County Council are still refusing to reinstate their previous commitment to an HGV ban (weight restriction) through Chipping Norton. They have omitted the specific Chipping Norton section from the latest LTP4 Transport Plan. A ban would mean 'downgrading' the A44 and enforcement of other HGV routes. Neither OCC nor West Oxfordshire seem to be taking any concerted action after 10 years of proven illegal pollution in Horsefair. One local resident, Gwyn Osborne, wrote to the News pointing out again that the 'Tardis' box on Topside has long registered pollution above EU-set safe limits. Mr Osborne also sent a cutting from last month's 'Heart Matters' magazine published by the Heart Foundation. Headlined 'Courts force government to clear the air', it reports the UK Supreme Court ruling against the UK Government for failing to comply with EU regulation on nitrogen dioxide. The Government has now to act on this particular issue by the end of the year, which is 'fantastic news for seven million people with cardiovascular disease' some of whom are put at risk by pollution such as that in Chipping Norton's Horsefair. So maybe our courts need to force OCC and WODC to act too?



Saturday 17 October
BARN DANCE
CN Town Hall
with live music and caller
7.30 – 11.30pm
tkts £20 (inc supper) from
Jaffé & Neale + cash bar
See article p14 for details
proceeds to Friends of St Mary's Church, CN

Watch where you put notices!

Chipping Norton Town Council is getting exercised over notice-boards and flyposting, and may soon be on the warpath. At July's meeting they



mentioned the good news that The Fox will upgrade their public notice-board which is used by many. But the pub

will now have more control over it (see article on The Fox on p6). Many people wanting to advertise events have taken to using the railings at the pedestrian lights – technically illegal flyposting – and the Town Council want to discourage it. Usually the notices creep back and over the summer the Co-op have used it freely for a big advertising banner. The Town Council want to bring into better use the nearby tall upright metal noticeboard containing the town map. This was erected by a private company some years ago. The Town Council were then persuaded to buy it, hoped to sell advertising space, but never have. The Town Council now say they want to get better use from it – including on the back.

Finally, the Town Council have recently put up brand new railings surrounding the big turning space outside Sainsbury's, and have decoratively painted them and those along towards the Guildhall, in black and gold. The Mayor wants to make it clear that no notices should be put on any of these railings. They may even put up a 'no notices' notice. More to come on all this as the Town's 'noticeboard strategy' evolves.

Time to Pick Your Own

Chipping Norton Community Orchard is announcing 'good crops' this year! All are welcome to the Orchard (off the A44, Worcester Road) to pick fruit, but are asked to wait until 'Pick me Now' appears on each tree. Picnic tables now enhance the site so you can make an outing of it. Many of the trees are five years old and coming into their own. Apple Day this year is Sunday 18 October from 12noon-3pm. Bring your apples and press your own juice. New for this year will be apple tasting. Enjoy Wassailing, singing, dancing, children's games, seasonal refreshments and lots more. All is free – donations, if you can spare them, fund the orchard. More in next month's Chippy News. For directions and more details ring 643691.

Heather Leonard, Orchard Group

Road names to honour citizens

A number of new roads will soon be built in the new housing estate up off Walterbush Road. After a request for ideas from WODC, Chipping Norton Town Council has suggested that names might be in honour of past Town citizens no longer alive. This is a tradition in Chipping Norton and many other towns. The Council have suggested recent Honorary Citizens Mike Howes and Rob Evans plus past Mayors – Burrows, Stares, Stroud, Jackson and Brindle.

Cemetery clear up day

The next clear-up day for the Town cemetery will be on Saturday 10 October. A date for your diary if you are willing to volunteer to help tidy – for information call Cllr Martin Jarratt, 642723.

MP opens Vets Hospital

On Friday 24 July, Prime Minister and MP for Witney David Cameron formally opened Chipping Norton Veterinary Hospital's new building on the Banbury Road. He toured the Hospital with one of the practice's directors, vet Martin Whitehead, and met the staff and that day's patients, including several dogs and cats and, in the exotic-animal ward, a tortoise, a gecko and an armadillo. He then unveiled a plaque commemorating the occasion. Mr Cameron was impressed with the facilities, saying that the area was fortunate to have a veterinary practice equipped and working to such a high standard. The Vets moved in back in February. Although the veterinary hospital itself is finished, a planning application has been submitted to build a specialised cat treatment unit and a boarding cattery.



Photo: Alaric Whitehead

David Cameron tours the new building with vet Martin Whitehead and a four-legged friend

Plans for The Black Horse

Since the sale at auction last year of the Black Horse public house in Salford, refurbishment work has recently begun and new owner, Jon Finch, is optimistic that he will be open for business on 1 December. He says he sees the pub as providing a social drinking venue together with serving high quality bar food. A new planning application now submitted includes proposals for some alterations to the existing building (including a two storey extension and staff accommodation upstairs), and the demolition of the derelict barn at the rear of the property, replacing it with a single storey, L-shaped structure containing two accommodation units for guests of the pub. In their submission the applicants say 'initial interaction we've had with all villagers has been incredibly positive and we're hoping to get broad local approval for our plans to return a proper and pleasing public house to the area'.

Chatterbox in Town Hall

A warm welcome is guaranteed if you pop into the Lower Town Hall on Thursday from 10.30am-12.30pm for a chat, coffee and cake; no need to book, just come along and enjoy the company. Organised by Age Concern, Chipping Norton every Thursday.

Try our sitting exercises

Oxfordshire Age UK along with Generation Games are organising regular chair-based exercise sessions on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of



each month at Chipping Norton Town Hall from 11am to 12 noon at £3 per session. Regular exercise can help reduce your risk of having a heart attack by 40% as well as helping to improve your balance, so why not give it a go? Apart from the huge health benefits, exercise will help you feel better mentally and it's a great way to meet new people and socialise. There are very few medical problems which make exercise inadvisable, but if you are concerned, please talk to your GP. For more details phone 01235 849403 or visit www.generationgames.org.uk.

Clean-up for Mr Brassey

Chipping Norton Town Council have agreed to spend £4,950 of their council tax precept on restoration of the large oil painting of past Mayor Albert Brassey – donated by the family in 1913 which hangs in the Town Hall. Last year the Council paid for restoration of the portrait of his wife, Maude Brassey.

Highlands Garden Party



There were only winners at the Highlands summer garden party: the Raffle, Tombola and weather all made it a brilliant afternoon, raising over £250 which provides entertainment and activities for all the members. Highlands are now looking forward to their Yard Sale on Saturday 19 September in the grounds of Highlands along the Burford Road. Come and 'bag a bargain' from 10am-2pm.

Highlands are also joining the Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25 September and welcome everyone for refreshments from 10.30am-12noon. For more information or a chat about Highlands, please phone 643320.

Support for Carers

Are you a 'Carer'? Often Carers see themselves as someone who looks after a family member or friend. But if this person you care for couldn't cope without you and you don't get paid, then you are a Carer and entitled to support. Here in Chipping Norton there are two regular get-togethers each month, organised by Carers Oxfordshire, which enable carers

to share experiences, learn about support available and make friends. The Coffee Club meets every 4th Thursday of the month from 10.45am-12 noon at Bitter & Twisted on Middle Row. The Outreach Surgery is on the 4th Tuesday of each month 9-11am at the Chipping Norton Health Centre, Russell Way, off London Road. For further information contact Anney Harris, Outreach Worker for Witney and West Oxfordshire on 07557 430874.

Mark David – new estate agent

Estate agents 'Mark David', with offices in Mayfair, Banbury and Deddington, and who specialise in village and country homes have opened a branch in Chipping Norton at 9 Market Place



in what was recently a takeaway cafe. The office will be led by Gerard Smith who has over 30 years' property experience and was previously head of the prestigious Country Homes department of another established company. Mark Long, owner and director of the firm told the News, 'This is a natural progression and expansion. Having opened three computer-linked offices in three years along with our established London office we have captured the imagination of the public who have supported us superbly in the sale and letting of Village and Country Homes in the North Oxfordshire and Cotswold area. Our market share and excellent reputation has grown and we are now one of the leading Estate Agents in the area. This is down to long hours, hard work and the determination to ensure that every client feels that we are only dealing with them'. Gerard's new contact is 644944.

Retailing update: There are now 7 estate agents or lettings shops in Chipping Norton, 8 men's and women's hair salons, 7 daytime cafés, and 5 charity shops – but you can no longer buy women's underwear anywhere in town! (See letters page.)

Design a safety poster

Chipping Norton primary school children are invited to enter a road safety poster competition and could win a new bike for Christmas. The poster should feature a road safety issue that affects them in order to raise awareness on matters such as speeding, poor parking near schools, cycling without lights or not wearing a seatbelt. A4 colour designs should be given to their class teacher before 6 November. Copies of the winning posters will be displayed in the schools and local communities.

Updated recycling calendars

WODC's latest waste and recycling calendars for October 2015 to September 2016, will be available to download from mid-September. These calendars will remind you which bins to put out on what days and are especially helpful to find out any changes over the Christmas period and Bank Holidays. Alternatively, sign up to receive FREE email updates about

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your property direct to your inbox including planning applications. For more see: www.westoxon.gov.uk

Lights, camera, action in Chippy

Dragonfly Production were filming the final sequence of ITV's Hedgehog Street special over 4-5 July weekend at



local resident Gary Snyder's house in Chippy. The Close was set up for a street party with

marquee and bunting as well as an exhibition on hedgehogs.

The special, which has yet to be given a broadcast date, will document the life of our much loved hedgehogs which are sadly in the decline.

Hugh Warwick, the noted hedgehog expert, gave a passionate speech on the plight of the hedgehog and what we all can do to help prevent its numbers declining further. As many as 75 local residents took part in the street party, with two camera crews filming throughout the day and evening. There were interviews with many children and their parents on the subject of hedgehogs. A drone was used to film aerial shots over the party as well as when the live hedgehogs arrived.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society provided a life sized 'human' hedgehog to greet all the children, each child also received a hedgehog pin and mum and dad received a 'Don't Squish Me' car sticker. There was plenty of food for all and hedgehog themed cakes. After everyone left Nancy from the Vale Wildlife Hospital & Rehabilitation Centre brought two lovely hedgehogs which the film crew filmed being released into Gary's back garden. As one would expect when working with animals the final release sequence took many takes as the hedgehogs had a mind of their own and did not go where the camera wanted them! In the end they cooperated and the final release looked wonderful as they scurried off into the flowerbeds and disappeared.

Gary Snyder

Dementia Friends event

Would you like to know more about dealing with dementia and caring for people affected? Experience Chipping Norton are hosting a free Dementia Friends Information Session at Number 24 Café on 17 September at 6pm. There are currently 850,000 people in the UK living with dementia and over 21 million people know someone affected. All too often, people with dementia experience loneliness and social exclusion. By mobilising society together we can make sure that people living with dementia are understood, included and feel a part of their communities. Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friendly Community programme 'Changing the way

the nation thinks, talks and acts about dementia' is the biggest ever initiative to change people's perceptions of dementia. Claire Sexton, who is helping organise the programme in Chipping Norton is also keen to have anyone interested in helping locally to get in touch, and they are very welcome to come along to the Steering Group meeting at 2pm on 30 September at Chipping Norton Theatre. Contact chippingnorton.dfc@gmail.com or call Claire on 07595 304054.

More tip closures coming?

In August, Oxfordshire County Council launched a 'consultation' aiming at saving another £350,000 on their waste disposal service which currently has seven sites across the County. Proposals include reducing sites from seven to four or even three. This could include closing Alkerton, north of Banbury, where planning permission runs out in 2019. Alkerton is currently our nearest County tip with a 35+ mile round trip. (That arose when OCC voted to close the well-used Dean Pit. Councillors had been given assurances that the County would find a new local site but all this was dropped to make way for 'consolidation' cost cutting.) There is, however, a glint of good news lurking as, if OCC do cut sites further, their likely solution would be to build a brand new, large site set somewhere in the north of the County where it would be accessible to as many residents as possible. Given that this would need to include Banbury, Bicester, Chipping Norton and Woodstock, we could perhaps see a tip nearer Chippy. But there is no definite timescale for this idea.



A local resident sent August pictures of New St 'flytipping and overflow' to all councillors saying 'how long do we have to put up with this appalling mess?'

Meanwhile local flytipping continues (including in New Street car park). In Banbury, Cherwell Council report that their costs of dealing with flytipping have risen by around 60%. All this in spite of County Deputy Leader Rodney Rose saying 'plans will not lead to more flytipping' and WODC denying they have an increasing flytipping problem and that they are prosecuting offenders – including at New Street.

To comment on the consultation see www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/consultations

All change at Methodist Church

September should see the completion of recent alterations with the welcome addition of a lift between the Church and Lower Hall and refurbished Ladies' toilets and disabled toilet. These improvements will make the building more accessible to Church members and members of the Town and wider community. So why not come and see for yourself, either at

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the weekly Wednesday coffee mornings or at the service every Sunday at 11am? For more information please contact Martin Hannant, 643653, martinhannant@fsmail.net

Elaine Lugo

Aldi on the way

Work started in earnest in July on the site of the new Aldi supermarket on the Banbury Road, with diggers and local tree experts Treetech helping clear the site. What a difference a



month makes – between mid-July (inset) and mid-August, site clearance and levelling has seen significant progress. Staff at other Aldis have apparently been told the Chippy store will open in February 2016.

Over Norton Yard Sale

Homes in Over Norton are holding a Yard Sale from 10-11 on Sunday 20 September. Turn up to the Village Hall and pick up maps of the sale locations – and try a bacon butty when you are there! Proceeds in aid of Village Hall.

More 'staff sharing' at WODC

West Oxfordshire District Council wants our opinion on proposals to reduce running costs in the face of continued cuts in central government funding. The Council is working with local authorities at Cheltenham, Cotswold and Forest of Dean on the 2020 Vision Programme, which aims to reduce the cost of providing services while maintaining their effectiveness and reach. The partner councils are proposing that they share services like IT, customer services, revenues and benefits, public protection, and building control and property. Before detailed proposals go to each participating Council in September and October, WODC wants your opinion. WODC says that in the three years that it has shared certain resources, service administration and running costs have fallen, and the Council has been able to balance the budget and maintain the same level of Council Tax for five years consecutively. That's one side of the coin, but what do you think? Will more sharing of services really mean greater savings and a benefit to all of us? Or will it mean greater difficulty in getting effective services? Can you think of alternative ways that savings can be made? Have your say by emailing feedback@2020partnership.uk or by writing to Communications – 2020 Vision Office, West Oxfordshire District Council, Woodgreen, Witney OX28 1NB. The consultation period ends on Tuesday 15 September. More information can be found at www.westoxon.gov.uk/2020consultation.

Join our community allotment

In 2014 local community group Transition Chipping Norton started a community allotment on plots up at the Burford Road allotments. TCN member Richard Averill told the News, 'The allotment we took over had been derelict for several years, and so we had a lot of work to do to eradicate a host of weeds. We also put up a large shed and a small tool shed. So very little was grown. 2015 has seen a lot growing, and we have harvested a large quantity of potatoes (great for breaking down derelict soil), and smaller amounts of other vegetables and fruit, some quite exotic. Part of the plot is for perennial forest garden plants. So we feel quite pleased with what four busy people have managed to achieve. We are now looking to expand, both by acquiring more land (we have just doubled our area by taking on an adjacent plot, which the previous tenant gave up), and recruiting more members.' So if you would like to try your hand at growing free food, without having total responsibility for your own allotment, get in touch with Marcus (644741) or Richard (643635) to find out more about it.

Phil's 'Wonder Woman' stunt



Phil Grant from Charlbury, whose 28-year-old son Christopher suffers from Muscular Dystrophy, travelled to London on 18 July dressed as Wonder Woman, to raise money for Muscular Dystrophy UK. Phil was

supported by Stagecoach in Oxfordshire, who offered free travel to London on the Oxford Tube and by Helen & Douglas House, who looked after Christopher during that time. Helen & Douglas House care for terminally ill children, young adults and their families. Stagecoach spokesperson, Karen Coventry, said, 'We are happy to support someone who is clearly passionate about fundraising. It was great to discover the link with Helen & Douglas House, whom we are proud to support as our chosen charity.' Phil has raised more than £13,000 over the last four years and £1,400 this year. He will be fundraising for Helen & Douglas House later in the year at Millets Farm and at the Santa Run in December.

Rollright Stones improvements

The Rollright Trust has submitted plans for a secure car park to the west of the King's Men circle, to ease the parking problems at the Stones site and make it more accessible for visitors. CNAAG – the local star watching group which uses the Stones as its prime field observatory – is very much in favour of the initiative and would like to secure your help in securing planning permission. They argue that the new car park would alleviate the current parking problems on busy summer weekends, as well as maintain good relations with the nearby Kings Stone Farm and other surrounding landowners. Importantly, the new car park would also give CNAAG an even better observing venue than they currently enjoy. CNAAG would like you to support the car park planning

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application by writing to WODC either by post or by email, quoting planning application '15/02069/FUL'. Visit the WODC website: publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications; or write to WODC, Planning Dept, Elmfield, New Yatt Road, Witney, Oxon OX28 1PB.

Robin's Hoodies storm Theatre

St Mary's Primary School took Chipping Norton Theatre by storm in July! There was an expectant hum of conversation in the auditorium as parents, relations, friends and governors



waited for the Year 6 production of *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies*. The upbeat overture began – curtains opened – the narrator stepped forward and in a clear voice set the scene and we were off on a rollercoaster of a performance. I have seen many versions of the Robin Hood story but this production rates among the best. The script is made for primary school children with its multitude of jokes and puns, all carried off with great aplomb and at a cracking pace! – no mean feat! The standard was set when Nursie Gertie Gussett burst onto the stage as the 'dame' – a stunning performance adding to the almost pantomime-like fun of the piece. The 'Hoodies' of the title belies the rather camp group making up Robin's gang of Merrie Men – Robin Hood led his men through riotous, well-rehearsed song and dance routines. The double acts of Big John and Little John, Gabbit and Bolt, were such a foil for each other and Gavin Gutwrencher with the smarmy Genghis complemented each other well. Even the sober Friar Tuck cracked his jokes! The well played straight character Maid Marion strove to keep order. All pupils really

entered into their parts – King John being so mean and the Sheriff of Nottingham impeccable in his timing.

St Mary's School consistently produces shows with wonderful young actors and singers. This maintained this standard and even surpassed it. The children performed with total commitment and their enjoyment transferred to the audience – vociferous in their applause. It was so pleasing to see such an inclusive performance, a magnificent piece of theatre – the make-up, the costumes, the simple sets. I left with my head full of images and music of *The Men in Tights*. Thank you again to the team of adults who worked so hard to put on this production and so good to see students from CNS lending a hand with the costumes. So St Mary's School, let's just keep these wonderful performances coming!

Jo Graves

Special summer for Bob

Last month the News included an article about Henry Cornish Centre resident Bob Badger Smith's war time exploits and his trip this year to Buckingham Palace. News team member Roger Sinclair,



who wrote the article, followed it up in July by revisiting Bob and reading the article to him. Both are pictured here. Bob is registered blind and thought the whole thing was 'tremendous'.

Big Bake update

Several enterprising villagers from Great Rollright decided to raise funds for Tearfund's 'No Child Taken' campaign. Eight different classes ran between April and July covering a range of cooking skills from Afternoon Tea to Succulent Seafood. These culminated in the Great Rollright Big Bake and Food Fayre on 4 July. As well as lots of stalls, teas, a BBQ, Pimms tent and more – there was a wonderful Big Bake competition, which included raised pies, a men's scone challenge, a decorated centre piece cake and decorated biscuits for the under 8's. We raised £2,300 for Tearfund. We had some fun, and panics, met new people and learned many new skills. What about next year? Well when we have recovered, perhaps! Thanks to all who supported us – those who paid for masterclasses, entered the competition or just came to the Food Fayre on the day; all the helpers and long suffering spouses; the sponsors and raffle prize donors, stall holders and judges.

Helen Haine

Electoral registration time

Chipping Norton residents are being urged to help keep public sector costs down by responding promptly, and if possible electronically, when they receive their electoral registration forms. Over 47,000 households in West Oxfordshire are being asked to confirm their registration details either by text, by Freephone, online or by post.

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Changes also need to be notified. Registration is a legal requirement that has to be done each year and residents must be on the Electoral Register to be eligible to vote. The Register is also often used by credit checking agencies and can be required for things such as getting a loan or mortgage or mobile phone contract.

Further information at www.westoxon.gov.uk/register. Anyone who has not received an electoral registration form by 1 September should contact the Council on 01993 861410 or email elections@westoxon.gov.uk.

Try your new Outdoor Gym



Zoe, a day visitor to Chippy taking advantage of the cross-trainer

Since its installation at the Worcester Road recreation ground in early June, the 7-piece adult outdoor gym has proved immensely popular. The equipment was provided by developers of the Penhurst site who donated £23,360 on the understanding that the money be used for this purpose. The Town Council's Recreation Committee sent the proposal out to tender and Wicksteed Leisure was chosen to install the equipment.

Passers-by will have seen men and women working out on the equipment which is designed to exercise and strengthen many different parts of the body. 'I come here because it's free,' says Indra, landlady at the Chequers pub, 'and it's so convenient while my little boy is enjoying the playground.' Another user said that she and her husband regularly visit for a workout. Two pieces of the equipment are suitable for wheelchair users and a gate for the disabled is shortly to be installed by Oxfordshire County Council next to the small kissing gate opposite Station Road.

Zandra booked for Fibrefest

After this year's successful Fibrefest the organisers have told the News that fashion designer Zandra Rhodes is coming to the Theatre for next year's Festival on 28 May 2016. Watch out for more details in the *Chipping Norton News*.

Work on St Mary's Church

Work has begun restoring historic tombs in the church. Lawrence and Sue Kelland (with endlessly patient Billy the dog) have been busy completing restoration of the Croft tomb, beside the high altar. They are now working on the flat-topped Redrobe tomb, currently at the back of the church to be reconstructed near the Croft tomb. Work on the sumptuous Rickardes tomb, will be undertaken in the Spring of 2016. The Friends of St Mary's Church have been pleased to contribute £5,000 towards the £53,600 project target, the remaining finances coming from various trust funds. The Friends have also contributed to recent work on the roof. The Friends exist to preserve the fabric and history of this amazing Grade I* listed building for the benefit of generations to come. The beauty and

the tranquillity of the building is borne out by many encouraging comments written in the visitors' book. Why not come along to the AGM on Wednesday 7 October in the Church at 8pm – to find out how you can help to preserve this amazing part of Chippy's Heritage?

Time to Barn Dance!!

The Friends of St Mary's Church are running a Barn Dance on Saturday 17 October in the Town Hall from 7.30–11.30pm. Merrylegs, a ceilidh band of accomplished musicians with flute, recorder, border bagpipes, clarinet, guitar and a big mandolin. will be guiding us through the dances. Tickets (at £20 per person to include a two course supper with a bar available) are from Jaffé & Neale, Jo Graves on 643976 or jograves46@aol.com, or the Church office 646202.

Jo Graves

Can you help Home Library?

A new Home Library Service is to be launched in this area as we're aware that many folk can't make it to the library – partly due to the wonderful slopes and hills CN boasts. To enable this we are looking for volunteers to visit, sometimes in care homes, sometimes in people's own homes, taking a selection of books about once every three weeks. You will require a DBS check but we're sure you will find the task very rewarding. Leaflets are available and expressions of interest will be very welcome at the Library. This



Judith Bucknall presents Noah Poole with his Summer Reading Challenge certificate

summer has been really busy with children signing up to the Summer Reading Challenge with over 200 busy reading away to earn their rewards, medals and certificates. Children have till the end of September to complete so make sure you've collected all you're entitled to from the library staff. Our Monday morning Rhymetime continues to be a favourite with pre-schoolers, parents and carers. We meet in the Library every Monday at 10.30am for about half an hour to listen and sing along to rhymes and stories.

Judith Bucknall, CN Library Manager



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Summer's end at The Lido

As the holidays draw to a close, the Lido can look back on a successful summer in the beautifully refurbished pools. Lots more children have learned to swim or improved their swimming here; mini polo has been a big hit and synchro has challenged and delighted its participants in equal measure – they've even earned some badges! There were also two sunset swims, and a water polo tournament on 30 August. To round off the season, the second dog swim will be held from 7.30pm on Sunday 6 September. Great fun last year, this is an event not to be missed, and there will be a donation bar and BBQ at both events to really make an evening of it, whether



you're participating or simply spectating. While the pools are about to close, The Lido's work goes on, so please don't forget this is a charity that desperately needs your support to open again in years to come. You can join in the Lottery, or donate, either cash or cheque, directly to The Lido, or via Totalgiving.com. In addition to financial assistance, the Lido need more help with running the facility: could you be a Trustee or at least join the new group, Friends of The Lido, to assist with management and/or fundraising? More information see www.chippylido.co.uk, [facebook/ChippyLido](https://www.facebook.com/ChippyLido) and [Twitter @ChippyLido](https://twitter.com/ChippyLido), or contact 643188 / info@chippylido.co.uk

Claire Williamson

Lido gets Phone Co-op support

One of Chipping Norton's largest employers, The Phone Co-op, is sponsoring the Chipping Norton Lido for the next 12 months and providing it with their phone and broadband services. Lido trustee Claire Williamson said, 'We are thrilled to work with any local organisations, especially one like The Phone Co-op, whose founder, Vivian Woodell, is a Chipping Norton resident and passionately believes in creating sustainable communities and businesses.' The Phone Co-op's Chief executive Vivian Woodell commented, 'As a local business and fellow social enterprise, we are very happy to provide services to The Lido. It's not just a place where families and locals can exercise and cool down in the Summer sunshine but a real hub for our local community that we wholly support.'

Lido Lottery winners

June's winners were: 1st – £101.25 Mr & Mrs M Gibbard (61); 2nd – £60.75 Sue Hazell (164); 3rd – £40.50 Kevan Dickinson (141). July's winners were: 1st – £101.25 Clive Harris (66); 2nd – £60.75 Mrs C Dickinson (129); 3rd – £40.50 Gill Marriott (64).

Christmas Tree Festival 2015



This year will be the sixth Christmas Tree Festival at Chipping Norton Methodist Church. It is on Thursday 3 to Sunday 6 December. Previous years' festivals have proved very popular with thousands of people flocking through the doors of the Church in their bid to catch the early Christmas spirit. Previously many societies, schools, shops and businesses have booked trees and decorated them in their own innovative style. The Church is hoping this year to have even more and are inviting you to take part in this year's festival. Last year several people expressed an interest in doing a tree this year. If you would like to book a tree at a cost of £20, then please contact Lesley Sutherland at agsutherland1@btinternet.com or 678991. The Church provides the tree and then you decorate it however you want and get to keep the tree afterwards for your Christmas celebrations. Festival times will be announced in the next News.

Maggie Hannant

Finstock Beer Festival

The Finstock Ale Beer Festival, sponsored by Howse and O'Reilly electrical contractors, returns to Finstock playing field for the third year, Friday 11–Saturday 12 September. The Festival begins 7pm on the Friday with The Cotswold Comedy Club (suitable for over 18s). On Saturday there'll be a large marquee village from midday, with musical acts performing from 1pm including 1000 Mile Highway, The Wirebirds with Jenny Haan, James Morgan, Roughcut Ruby, Black Max and the Pirates, Jeff & Mandy, and Acousticana. The full festival bar of all twenty beers and four ciders will be on sale over the two days. Tickets £10 from www.wegotickets.com/event/316605 or email thefinstockale@gmail.com. Keep up to date with developments at www.facebook.com/TheFinstockAle and [@TheFinstockAle](https://twitter.com/TheFinstockAle) on Twitter.

Lawrence Team update

The Lawrence Home Nursing Team is delighted to announce The Midcounties Co-operative has chosen them as Charity Partner for 2015–2016. Chipping Norton Travel recently held



a static bike ride in the store and raised £175.80 and biked 180 miles! The Team would like to thank Sainsbury's and their customers for their support

during the past 12 months. Ben Newton, Manager of Sainsbury's Chipping Norton, is pictured presenting Dr Jonathan Moore, Chair of the Trustees, with a cheque for £664.59 from donations raised in-store. Thanks also to the Charlbury Pastmasters for raising over £1,500 at the Charlbury Beer Festival, SwanFest2 at Ascott-u-Wychwood and Wild Thyme's customers who participated in the Restaurant Scheme for July. The Horse and Groom, Milcombe will be participating in the September Restaurant Scheme; call 01295 722142 to book your table. The *Indian Summer Concert* is at St Nicholas' Church, Chadlington from 7pm on Friday, 18 September featuring The Cotswold Concertiers, The Rhythm is Life Choir, folk trio Revival and soloists William Ford and Jill Greer. Tickets £15 include interval refreshments. Further information from verityfifer.lhnt@gmail.com or 684475. The Team also now support patients at Bloxham Surgery

Verity Fifer

Katharine House update

Broughton Grange Open Gardens 10am-4pm, Saturday 5 September, Wykham Lane, Broughton, OX15 5DS. Entrance is £7 (children free) for the Hospice. **Family Fun Day** 12-4pm, Saturday 5 September at the Coach & Horses, Adderbury – shire horses, classic cars, American-style BBQ, bouncy castle, kids' activities and live music. **KHH-Karcher Accumulator Challenge** starts on 14 September. Local businesses, schools and colleges can get a £50 start-up fund to find interesting ways to turn this into as much profit as possible, all donated to the Hospice. You could hold a cake sale, make and sell jewellery, organise a sporting event, or take on a team challenge. Campaign pack and info from Jordann Daniells on 01295 752187 or email: Jordann.daniells@karcher.co.uk. **Make a Will Week** 12-16 October. Local solicitors and will writers are donating their time and expertise to write a basic or standard Will or update your existing Will in return for a donation to the Hospice. Last year's campaign raised almost £20,000 for KHH. For information please phone Daphne Robertson on 01295 816484 or download a form from www.khh.org.uk. **Christmas Knitted Novelties** – we know it's only September but we'd love you to start knitting now! Please call Fundraising for a pattern booklet on 01295 816484 or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk

Screen by the Green

This month's movie at Churchill and Sarsden Village Hall on Friday 11 September is *Second Best Marigold Hotel* (cert PG). It's the return of the Brit retirees inhabiting the same chaotic Indian hotel. The thespian powers of a superb veteran cast, Maggie Smith, Celia Imrie, Bill Nighy, Judie Dench and Ronald Pickup, with Dev Patel are joined this time by Tamsin Greig and Richard Gere. Why not also come to The Chequers for a special £15 film menu: main course at 6pm, dessert after the film – book for your meal and the film by ringing Jackie on 659903 or emailing screenbythegreen@btopenworld.com – booking essential! All films start at 7.30; tickets £4.50 – pay at the door.

Find the Treasure Hunt winner



It was a delight to see so many generously supporting Cancer Research UK at the Chippy Festival way back in June. Despite

the gazebo-destroying windy conditions, £216 was added to charity funds. The only downside is that the team have been unable to track down the winner of our popular Treasure Hunt. The number they have is 01608 646493. This number and similar combinations, have been unobtainable so if you think it may be you please ring Graham Raven on 645134 to claim the Treasure. The Chippy team are pleased to have two new volunteers who helped at the festival and enjoyed the day. More will always be welcome. The next local event for Cancer Research is the Alternative Race for Life in Hook Norton on the afternoon of Sunday 4 October. This is a family and pets fun run around the village. For more details please contact Gill Begnor (gillbegnor@live.co.uk)

Graham Raven – N Cotswolds Fundraisers for CR-UK

Vintage bus rides

The Oxford Bus Museum, run by volunteers next to Hanborough Station, has its annual rally on 4 October. Free rides every 15 minutes on vintage buses 10am-4pm from the museum to Oxford Airport and/or around local villages. Display of 30 vintage buses and 40 vintage bicycles plus historic photographs, interactive displays, Playbus, and the Morris Motors Museum, which charts the story of William Morris and his Oxford motoring empire. See www.oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk. The museum is open every Wednesday & Sunday and on Saturdays until 26 September.



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Empty Town sites – the latest

In June 2014 the News highlighted 11 derelict or vacant sites across town. Fifteen months later we see progress on some but not others. Let's start with the good news

Penhurst, New Street With the massive crane swinging on the skyline, activity has been obvious on the site of the former Action for Children Home. Beechcroft Developments are building 44 homes for over 55s, including 33 two and three bedroomed houses and flats and 11 conversions of Monks Dene. Despite price tags of £350,000-£495,000, plus annual service charges, the sales team says they have sold several. Also coming is the 58 bedroomed Penhurst Gardens Care Home, offering 24 hour residential and nursing care for frail elderly residents and those with dementia. Porthaven Care Homes say marketing suites will open next spring with completion next summer.



Above: The Solar site cleared and ready for nine houses

Right: Penhurst re-development

Baptist Church, New Street The Grade II listed chapel closed its doors to worshippers six years ago due to its poor state of repair. The Baptist Union and partner B & R Developments Ltd gained planning permission last year for the renovation, with a church at ground floor for a congregation of 150, and 8 homes above and to the rear. Deacon Joe Rice explained that the developer is cross-funding the £500,000 chapel restoration from selling the new homes in this £900,000 project. 'This imaginative approach provides space for the congregation and affordable housing for sale,' he says. Construction is well underway with completion due next spring.

Motorcycle garage, Albion Street The motorcycle repair business occupied part of the burgage plots between the Fox Hotel and the former West Street Surgery but closed several years ago. It was for sale for £200,000 and work has started on site to convert two buildings to houses and a third to offices.

Churchill House site, Hailey Road The former older person's accommodation was demolished to make way for 10 affordable rent homes. Site problems (see p7) saw work stop in June but, GreenSquare say, now their revised designs are approved, they are looking for completion early next year.

Vernon House site, Burford Road Cottsway seem to have secured funding at last for the redevelopment of this cleared site, telling the News that they were currently appointing contractors and would say more in early September. They have planning permission for 19 homes for affordable rent, 14 flats and five houses.

Former Solar offices, Station Road The building was demolished a couple of months ago and the site has been cleared and secured ready for redevelopment. A2Dominium has planning permission for nine private homes, which they will sell under their Fabrica label.

Castle View and Ambulance Station The County Council sold these sites last year to the Whitbread Group, which, in June, secured planning permission for a 73 bedroomed Premier Inn Hotel and car park on the sites, despite strong local objections over scale, design and massing. Premier say they plan to start construction early next year once they have signed off their planning conditions and to open Spring 2017.



Old Police Station Thames Valley Police moved their public presence to The Guildhall and had been looking to move entirely from the old police station. The Town Council toyed with buying

the building for community purposes, possibly including a museum. However, TVP told the News that, as they hadn't found an alternative location, they were considering consolidating into part of the building and selling / letting out surplus space. Mayor Mike Tysoe says the Town Council might still be interested in renting part of the building.

Manor House Gallery, West Street This little building has been used for storage whilst building works have been carried out on and within the grounds of the Manor House. Owner Mr Hill told the News that in the medium term it would be used for the sale of his curios, currently stored there, but his longer term plans are presently uncertain.

War Memorial Hospital Developers St Charles Homes bought this site from the NHS three years ago for £1.5 million. They secured planning permission for 14 homes, but immediately put the site up for sale in February 2013 seeking offers 'in excess of £2 million'. The estate agents say they have received interest but no purchaser had offered a price acceptable to their clients.

Former Parker Knoll site This site had planning permission for business use. It is owned by an off-shore investment company and Sainsbury's bought an option hoping to gain permission for a superstore. West Oxfordshire Local Plan identifies it as a 'potential employment site' but acknowledges that it is currently 'unavailable', presumably due to Sainsbury's option or the owners waiting for other opportunities. Meanwhile it is used as an overnight bus park and is becoming overgrown.

So, of the 11 sites vacant last summer, 4 are currently being developed, a further 3 have planning permission awaiting development, the future of 2 buildings is uncertain and 2 important sites are no nearer any development. The 29 homes for affordable rent make good news, but there is frustration that some land owners seem to be holding out for the highest value, so stifling development opportunities.

Kat Orman – Chippy’s Radio DJ

BBC Radio Oxford DJ Kat loves living in Chippy and has set up home here with husband Simon and young daughter Betsy, with occasional visits from older son Ben, 21, who works in Oxford. Newsteam member Roger Sinclair, a friend and neighbour, appeared on her show in July, and visited her to explore the woman behind those alluring eyes and beguiling smile ...

‘I had a charmed upbringing’ explained Kat. Her Dad was MD of Bosch UK and her mum a medical secretary, and she was brought up with horses, country living and a private education. When in 1985 at the tender age of 14 Kat appeared

as the youngest ever TV reporter for the BBC doing a piece on llamas at a donkey sanctuary on a show with Frank Bough and Nick Owen, the school was unhappy with the press attention it was getting. So she moved to the Royal Masonic School in Hertfordshire where her secrets were better hidden! During her school life ‘I was a show-off’ she said and she appeared in many productions,

always in lead roles such as Herod in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*, and Lord Foppington in a *Trip to Scarborough*. Asked which side of the family this came from, she said ‘my father was very theatrical and my Godfather was John Reed, D’Oily Carte’s comic lead’.

Early start in drama

She role-played with her father pretending to be characters such as Fanny Craddock and she always loved an audience. From the age of 4 or 5 ‘I knew I wanted to do TV drama’ she mused, but her parents wouldn’t let her go to stage school, preferring instead a good solid education culminating in a French degree. She had son Ben whilst at University of East London, but carried on regardless, breastfeeding in lectures to keep the study going – ‘he was the making of me, made me into a mature adult’. She became determined now to achieve her aspirations. After graduating she returned to her performing roots, touring with an amateur dramatic company playing Helena in a *Midsummer’s Night Dream*. She also guested in Oxford productions with Peter Duncan, and with Ben Richards in *Rock of Ages*. I asked if she would like to do Chippy panto? ‘Would absolutely love to’ she said without hesitation.

Radio career

Her radio career started with Atlantic 252 LW in Ireland, joining for two weeks’ temporary cover which turned into an impressive eight year stint. She started doing breakfast news and showbiz, but soon moved on to having her own Sunday show then a mid-morning show. Highlights including going to the Brit Awards and she mixed with many stars including Robbie Williams, Bryan Adams, Boyzone and the Spice Girls. In 2001 her father died so she wanted to move nearer to her mother and she worked on 2CR (now Heart FM) covering

Dorset and Hampshire, before a long spell of seven years with Bruno Brooks presenting in-store radio – ‘Bruno was a wonderful guy’ Kat reminisced. Always a country girl at heart, Kat moved near Goring where she had a yard with her

beloved horses that she competed on, and worked for a short time on Jack FM before landing her dream job with BBC Radio Oxford. She starting doing the travel reports before very quickly being given her own afternoon show until recently moving up to the morning slot – 10 till 1pm.

What next for Kat?

I asked Kat about how she feels now and where the future might take her. ‘I am the happiest I have ever been. I am

first and foremost a Mum and I love my family more than anything. I want my kids to be proud of me. I am the only female voice on BBC Radio Oxford so need to be strong’. She is a rising star with her show being part of BBC Radio Oxford’s entry for BBC Station of the Year at the prestigious local radio Gillard Awards this year. BBC DG Tony Hall knows her and recognises the value of female broadcasters in an industry where sexism is still rife. ‘I have to weigh up my aspirations against the fantastic work/life balance I have’ says Kat. Having been on her show I can see the passion and enjoyment she gets as she animatedly projects into the mike, so who knows what might be round the corner?



Kat Orman pictured recently with the band Blue



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THE ARTS

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18th Chippy Jazz & Music

11am-11pm, Sunday 20 September



Enjoying CJAM, 2013

CJAM 2015 will this year be organized by FiddleBop (<http://fiddlebop.org>), a popular group who have been playing at the Festival for a while. When playing at our Town Festival in June, they learnt that the Jazz and Music Festival needed a new organizer, so picked up the gauntlet. This year a car park, five pubs, one hotel, a church, and two cafés will resound with mellow notes and blue notes – blown, plucked, scraped and sung during CJAM 2015. All gigs are free: programmes will be on sale throughout the Town and donations asked for throughout the day. We hope that everyone will be generous! As previously, all money raised by CJAM goes to charity. There will not be any musical events in the Town Hall but this gives other venues the opportunity to have late evening music events.

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At the time of going to press, there is a provisional timetable of gigs on the ChippyJazz website to encourage you to come and enjoy the day and night. Fiddlebop will be at their usual venue of the Red Lion Garden, and there are eight other venues where you can enjoy other artists. These include Duets for Django at the Old Mill Café, Dickie White in the Lower Town Car Park and the Blue Boar, Dixie Four and Swing Free at the Crown & Cushion, and Hot Club 42 at Whistlers. Details of other performers and the times they are all playing can be found on the ChippyJazz and Music website: <http://chippyjazz.com>.

The Theatre



New Deputy House Manager Max Biddlestone getting stuck in

All Hands to The Theatre Pump!

At the end of July ushers, management and staff alike lent their various skills to refurbishing the bar area of The Theatre. From carpentry to cabling, sanding to priming and painting to gilding, over a period of a week the transformation

was almost complete. Once the new flooring was laid – job done. Thanks to all who gave their time and talents, especially to Mike Clark, husband of usher Val, who single-handedly repainted the ushers' kitchen over two days.

The Kreutzer Sonata, 18-26 September

The Theatre's in-house production this autumn is the darkly atmospheric play *The Kreutzer Sonata* by Nancy Harris. Highly respected RSC member Greg Hicks stars as a man on a train re-living dark events from the past, in which Beethoven's sonata plays an intriguing role. Pianist Hannah Watson (LSO St Luke's and the Barbican) and Violinist Justin Wilman (Cirque du Soleil) provide the live music accompaniment to this vivid adaptation of Leo Tolstoy's controversial novella.



Greg Hicks is the man on the train in *The Kreutzer Sonata*

The production runs for just eight performances from 18-26 September (no performances on 20-21 September). Tickets are available from the box office on 01608 642350, or online <http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com>.

Autumn arts courses

Quilt-making

For those who were inspired by Fibrefest in May, a new Beginner's Quilt Course starts at The Fibreworks on 10 September. Six sessions on Thursday mornings, 10am-1pm will cover how to use a rotary cutter, machine sew your pieces of fabric into a quilt top, make the backing, quilt and bind your piece. £160 excluding fabrics. For booking and more details on all The Fibreworks' courses, see their website www.thefibreworks.co.uk

THE ARTS

Writing for Children



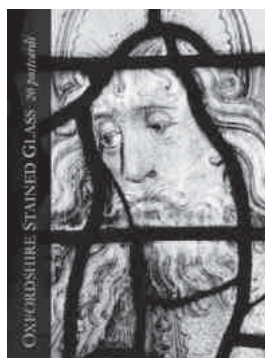
September sees the start of a ten-week course with children's author Tamsyn Murray, hosted by Jaffé & Neale. The course covers everything you need to know about writing for children. With a firm emphasis on guiding you towards publication, Tamsyn shares the knowledge, tips and tricks that have helped her to write over ten books. You'll get practical feedback on your writing too, plus advice from other industry experts. The course will run on Wednesdays from 16 September to 25 November, 7pm-9pm. £275 for the course. Contact Sarah Tillett (sarah02tillett@gmail.com) or Seanin Gilmore (seanin.gilmore@btinternet.com).

Art Group in Glyme Hall

The Art group that meets at Glyme Hall in Chipping Norton each fortnight will resume soon, hopefully this month. If you are interested in coming along, please contact Jan on 01608 730268 or email her at janwi@btinternet.com for details.

Oxfordshire stained glass on 20 postcards

The extraordinary richness of 600 years of stained glass in a variety of Oxfordshire churches is celebrated in a publication by Fircone Books. Each of the twenty images is printed as a postcard, pad-bound with a cloth spine, with information on the reverse, to keep or to send to friends. Details from church windows include angels, a mother and her seven daughters, and a small red cow. Dare we mention it, a useful idea for a Christmas gift? Published this month and available from Jaffé & Neale



Other events

Burford Singers perform Handel's *Israel in Egypt* on Sunday 22 November, 7.30pm. Church of St John the Baptist, Burford. 'Handel's mighty oratorio Israel in Egypt has long remained second only to *Messiah* in popularity, setting words from the Book of Exodus and telling the story of the parting of the Red Sea in a sequence of magnificently dramatic choruses, which find the composer at the peak of his powers.' The singers are joined by the Baroque Ensemble Canzona, led by Theresa Caudle.

Reserved tickets £21, £17, £13, unreserved £10.50. Postal booking (advised) opens on 3 October. Telephone booking from 2 November: 01993 822412. Booking in person opens 7 November at The Madhatter Bookshop, High Street, Burford. Full details and booking form available on the website www.burfordingers.org.uk

What do you do on Monday evenings? You could be singing with **Kingham Choral Society!** They have a new conductor Rosie Marlborough who lives in Chipping Norton and teaches singing, a new pianist Linda Green, and are looking for lots of new singers too. Rehearsals start on

14 September 8-9.30pm at the Methodist chapel in Churchill in preparation for the concert on 15 December. £25 per half-term but you are welcome to try it out first before you commit to joining. For more details contact Linda Sale: 658647 or email rchr_sale@yahoo.com

Blenheim Palace Festival of Literature, Film & Music

As the new name suggests the events of the 2015 Festival, taking place 25 – 28 September, are from a wide creative field. The talks include the following: Turkish novelist Orhan Pamuk will talk about his latest novel, *Strangeness in My Mind*; Paul Gambaccini will reflect on the year he spent under a cloud of suspicion after being arrested by officers under Operation Yewtree, which he recounts in his new book, *Love, Paul Gambaccini*; Max Mosley will speak about his compelling and controversial new memoir, which tells how he took on the *News of the World*; pianist Alfred Brendel will talk about his collection of essays and lectures, *Music, Sense and Nonsense*. The UK's oldest supermodel, Daphne Selfe, who is still working in her 80s, will be interviewed by Lucia van der Post of the FT's *How to Spend It* magazine, and leading journalist and broadcaster Bel Mooney. For more information about these and other events visit blenheimpalaceliteraryfestival.com.



Above: Orhan Pamuk
Below: Daphne Selfe



On 9 September **The Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts Society** will have a lecture on 500 Years of Portraiture. Sarah Kelly, art history lecturer who also works in art galleries with people who are visually impaired, will focus on a range of portraits by famous and less well-known Western European artists. 11am at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford (coffee from 10.15) Non-members welcome (suggested donation £8). For more details see website www.cotswolddfas.org.uk

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Chippy Trixsters Roller Hockey



It's been a very busy summer for the Chippy Trixsters. Last year's Pee wee team which won the National Championship in November went out to play in the European Championships in Switzerland in mid-August where they had the chance to compete against the best teams from around Europe. Thanks to Emma's Trust and the Town Council for sponsoring the new home and away kit that the players wore at the tournament – pictured above.

The club also had three players representing Team GB in the Junior Olympics in Corona, California in July: Devon Shadbolt, Aidan and Leo Hughes. Devon and Aidan were in the gold medal winning U12s Team in both the Jnr Olympics Club tournament and then the International competition. Devon captained the GB U12's Team and also won a Bronze medal for playing up in the U14's GB Team. Leo also came back home with a Bronze and Copper medals for playing in the GB U10's team. All in all it was a good trip for the three boys.

David Shadbolt

Chipping Norton Cricket roundup

September could yet see a new height in the recent rise of the Club's 1st XI. They have two games left, and currently stand second in Division 2 of the Oxfordshire Cricket Association. If they can stay in this position they will be promoted back to Division 1. The Club was last in the top flight back around the 1980's.

Sadly the 2nd XI have fallen away and now stand mid-table. Here's hoping we have good news to report next month.

Graham Beacham

Monkey Dragon School of Karate

Congratulations to some of our Junior and Senior members on their recent Summer Gradings.

Senior: Henry-James 3rd Kyu Brown Belt, Luke 1st Kyu Brown and Black Belt and a special mention to Benjamin for achieving his 4th Dan Black Belt.



Junior: Oliver, Zoe, Arran and Rory 9th Kyu Red Belt; Holly 7th Kyu Orange Belt and Isabella 6th Kyu Green Belt. A lot of hard work and well deserved success. Anyone thinking of having ago at karate, please come along to the Leisure Centre Thursday evening 6pm Juniors and 7pm Seniors. Tel 07472 789346, Facebook: Monkey Dragon School of Karate

Julie Dowling

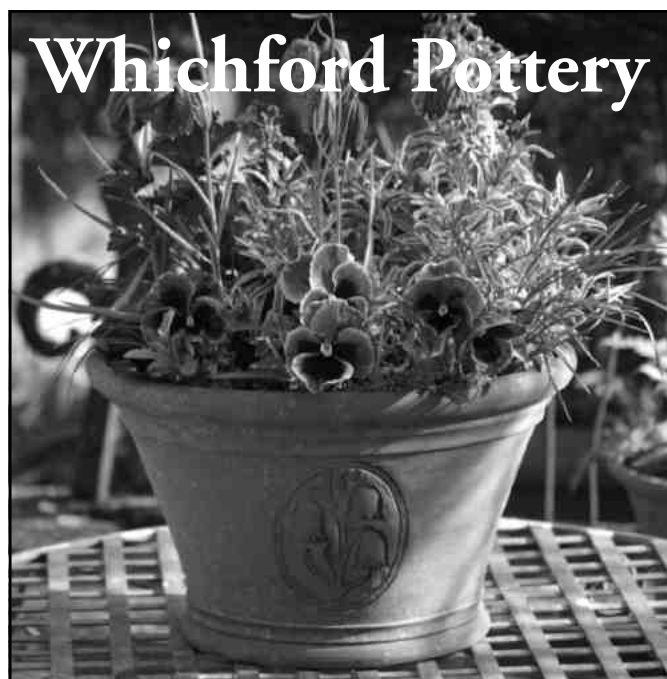
Higher Energy Trampolining

What an end to the summer term! We had 54 children enter the Regional competition in Alton, taking home several podium positions and team trophies. We had 6 children selected to represent the Regional Squad for National team finals, and Lois Moseley took silver at the National Finals! Our end of year grass roots competition in Oxford was a huge success with over 200 children competing.... well done team for pulling together! Our sessions resume Saturday 12 September. Call 07891419793 to book your taster session.

Fiona Middleton

Showjumping winner

In August Chipping Norton's Emily Notman stormed to the top in the AGA Pony Bronze League 138cm in the Final at the British Showjumping National Championship at Stoneleigh in the Grand Ring. Riding Take a Chance II a 14 year-old bay gelding owned by her mother Sarah, Emily came first, flying around the course delivering a time of 35.43 seconds. She also took 3rd place on Sarah's 14 year-old roan gelding Bailey XII.



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SPORTS NEWS

Autumn sport starts now

September sees the start of the league and cup competitions for all the autumn sports including Rugby and Football. It would be nice if the Town's First Teams in Rugby and Football could have a good season and pick up some silverware. There's still time to sign up for junior and senior teams and join the training to get fit! I am sure both Clubs would also welcome any support you could give them. Why not turn up and cheer them along – I am sure it would be appreciated.

Graham Beacham

Football – Chad Whites UI3's



Thirteen of the 17-man squad were delighted to explore the plush facilities at the England Elite Development Centre, St Georges Park in mid-July. Their 'Ultimate Football Experience' included the use of a private changing room the size of a four-bedroom house which preceded a two-hour coaching session with an FA Senior Coach. This was a great training session for the squad and a tremendous opportunity to develop ability.

Seymour Mincer

Football – Chadlington U9's

The U9's ended an outstanding season with a victory at the recent Tournament in Bloxham. Undefeated throughout the day, the mighty Chadlington U9's secured wins against Banbury



United Spencer (twice), Carterton, Launton, Yarnton, Bloxham, Brackley and beat Easington in the final. Winning two penalty shoot outs along the way and capturing the hearts of the crowd, the lads performed with impeccable spirit throughout. A superb day and a perfect way to round off a stunning season.

Mike Guest

Squash Leagues

The winners for July Squash Leagues are: League 1 – Frank Miller, League 2 – Nick Ghosh, League 3 – Martin Jukes, League 4 – Duncan Sedgewick, League 5 – Jason Hill, League 6 – Adam Bentley. For more information or to book a court call the Leisure Centre on 644412.

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CLUB NEWS

Lions Club fundraising events

We would like to thank all who came and visited the Lions at the Town Festival in June. We also held our handover BBQ at the end of June where we enrolled another new member and Lion Robert Caswell took over as President for the coming year.

We have decided on our fundraising events for the autumn. Our Christmas

Reindeer Race will be on 28 November at the Crown & Cushion Hotel with first race at 7.30pm. Tickets £3. If any company or group is interested in sponsoring a race in return for a free table of ten, making it a Christmas party, please contact Rob Caswell or Martin Guy.

We are also planning a Christmas surprise over 4 & 5 December so please read the next issue or check the Lions' Notice Board at the Defibrillator by Sainsbury's store.

We are very pleased to have the extra new members but could still do with more so if you are interested in becoming a Lion please contact President Robert Caswell 646003, Vice president Martin Guy 641154, visit our website www.chippingnortonlions.org.uk or speak to any Lion.

Liz Nason

Chipping Norton Air Cadets

The ATC has had a full range of activities over summer. In June several cadets helped at the 'Wings and Wheels' air show at Wellesbourne where getting close to a Vulcan was a highlight and Armed Forces Day saw a good turnout of our staff and cadets who proudly marched through Banbury with other cadets and regular armed forces staff.

A major calendar event is the Royal International Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford in July. 800 cadets camp for the week to help this huge event run smoothly. Most importantly for them, they get a runway pass to see all the planes and talk to pilots from around the world.

Several other camps are organised nationally or by the Wing, over the summer. Cadets could go to RAF St Mawgan, RAF Wittering, RAF Henlow, Pirbright and Germany. Our cadets continue to be selected for prestigious trips – one senior cadet travelled to Canada on an ATC exchange trip, whilst another sailed on a tall ship from Portsmouth to Tenerife.

Meanwhile, squadron activities continue at the same pace as the rest of the year. This July and August we did fieldcraft training, debating, drill, aviation challenge, sports, water rocket construction and launch, high ropes and swimming.

If you know someone aged 12-17 who would like to join in, bring them to our open evening Thursday 17 September 7-9pm, where they can chat to cadets and try some activities for themselves. If you are interested in becoming an adult volunteer helper or find out more about air cadets, visit www.136atc.com, or email 136@aircadets.org. Cadets meet every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9.30pm in their HQ between the Fire Station and Chipping Norton School on the Burford Road.

Helen Haine



Autumn with Chadlington Flower Club

We have had a busy summer with trips to Winchester Flower Festival, where the Cathedral was full of masses of arrangements and the sight and smell were amazing, and a trip to Mill Dene where we were given a brief talk on the history of the mill and a tour round the fabulous gardens, finishing with delicious tea and cakes. We meet again on 24 September for a members' evening to share ideas and make an Autumn Arrangement using flowers and foliage from our gardens. Contact Anne (683289) for further information.

Elaine Parsons

West Oxon MS reach for the sky



The intrepid skydivers did it! The six (3 from Chippy and 4 with Multiple Sclerosis) jumped in a tandem skydive at Redlands Airport on 19

July in good weather conditions and with a large crowd of noisy supporters. It was an excellent day, enjoyed by all, though one person was sick during the jump, another turned an interesting shade of greeny purple soon after and one managed to land badly, damaging the ligaments in her leg. Their efforts raised over £7,000 for Branch funds to continue to help those affected by MS in West Oxfordshire.

Money raised will help start yoga classes at Chipping Norton Health Centre in September. With four people already signed up, contact me for details if you'd like to join them. It will be run by Nikki Jackson, a trained and experienced Yoga Therapist. Contact details are:

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For younger (20-45ish) group: mssy.oxfordshire@gmail.com

Or contact me 645988 / westoxfordshire@mssociety.org.uk

Peter Branson



Summertime activities at CNWI

At their July meeting members of Chipping Norton Women's Institute were shown how to operate a defibrillator. Mike Graham and Liz Nason gave an informative and practical demonstration of this potentially life-saving device, of which there are currently three situated around the Town.

On 12 August everyone enjoyed a sociable get-together when forthcoming events both at local and county level were discussed. Delicious bring-and-share refreshments, convivial chat and colourful quizzes rounded off the evening.

In September we commence our afternoon autumn/winter sessions and on Wednesday 9th Alan Brain is to give a talk on Chipping Norton's history.

Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us at our monthly meetings at 2.15pm in the lower Town Hall.

Prudence Chard 642903

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Methodist Church Fellowship



One Tuesday afternoon in June the Tuesday Fellowship were entertained by St Mary's School singing group. The choir of children from years 5 and 6 sang a selection of the songs they had been learning and then shared tea and biscuits with the group members. A fun afternoon for all. The Fellowship group meets in the Methodist Hall at 2.30pm on the first and third Tuesday of the month – call 643359 for details.

Mary Newman

Over Norton WI BBQ in style

'How to enhance your BBQ cookery' was the theme for our demonstration given by Paul Puschel of Little Amsterdam, Banbury in July. Beautiful fresh trout was baked to perfection in parchment and foil, steak marinated overnight in red wine and herbs, served with crisp vegetables, strawberries cooked over high heat with balsamic vinegar and black pepper, served with a warm red wine and sugar reduction over vanilla ice cream. This was barbecuing in style! The evening was enjoyed by members and guests. In August Stephen Bruce, a Fine Art Auctioneer, kept members entertained by talking about his job and valuing their treasures!

Our September meeting on the 17th will be at Kings House, Over Norton with gardening expert John Shortland – guests welcome. Please contact Ros Millard on 07932 180407 for details.

History Society explore gaol

See article on p8 for our appeal for Bliss Tweed. Our new programme starts on Monday, 14 September at 7.30pm in the Methodist Hall. Mark Davies will talk about one of Oxford's famous gaolers. Oxford Prison is now Malmaison, the smart hotel often featured in the TV series Lewis. We look forward to welcoming you at the talk. Good News: Jan Cliffe has had a reprint of her book on *The High Street, Chipping Norton*. It is now available for sale from the Museum.

Liz Whitaker

Alzheimer's Society September dates

People with dementia and their carers can use all the Society's services. Meetings are held in Bicester and Kidlington in addition to those listed here – just choose the ones that suit you best. For more information please call Jennie or Frances on 01295 255957.

Chipping Norton Carers Support Group Come and talk about your experiences with other carers. Mondays 14th & 28th 10.30-12noon at Lower Town Hall, Chipping Norton

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Banbury Memory Café People with dementia and their carers can meet others over a cup of tea. Friendly Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers can give information and support. Wednesday 2nd 2-4pm St Mary's Centre, Horsefair, Banbury

Fruit & salad growing at NOOG

A rather cool (and briefly wet) evening in early August didn't dampen the enthusiasm of North Oxon Organic Gardeners for their visit to Primrose Gardens in Steeple Aston. This entrancing one-acre walled plot was formerly a working smallholding for a family greengrocer business. It now contains giant show-quality vegetables and flowers, and an extensive ornamental garden featuring winding paths around a series of imaginative 'islands' of exuberant planting. Refreshments and home-baked cakes rounded off an inspiring visit. On Wednesday 2 September we're back indoors at St Mary's Parish Rooms in Chippy at 7.30pm to discuss all aspects of Fruit, led by professional gardener Tracy Lean and Richard Hopkins from Applegarth Nurseries. And on Wednesday 7 October, member Christine Briner will share her experience of Growing Salads All Year Round. Do join us – Visitors: £3, Members: £1. For enquiries about North Oxon Organic Gardeners please contact tracylean@gmail.com, 01295 780710, www.noog.org.uk.

Chippy stargazers' summer delights



CNAAG members take the sun at Long Compton

Members of Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group have been active over the summer with several late night observing meetings culminating in some spectacular Perseid meteor shower observations around 12 August – the astronomer's 'glorious twelfth'. Our diligent band of astrophotographers have been busy and their results can now be seen on our publically viewable Facebook site. Early morning observers, insomniacs and milkmen have already noted the eastern rising of the Pleiades star cluster, a sure reminder that the magnificent nights of autumn are not too far away. Father's Day found us at Wellesbourne Wings and Wheels where we were treated to a display of sheer power and elegance by the ground based Vulcan bomber followed by a jaw dropping, ear shattering flying display by the last flying Vulcan – a great privilege. Another sun-blessed Saturday in July found us at the annual Long Compton fete where the Sun and Venus in daylight, generated a lot of interest.

Our next guest speaker in the Methodist rooms on Monday 21 September is CNAAG secretary Geoffrey Cotterill 7.30 for an 8pm start – everyone welcome. Visit www.cnaag.com for details of future speakers and observing opportunities or download our latest newsletter or come along and see for yourself what the universe can offer.

Robin Smitten



Tai chi sessions restart

The Phoenix and Dragon School of Tai chi continues its classes after our summer break. Would you like to try a tai chi session in a relaxing and friendly environment? Please drop in to our weekly classes in Chipping Norton from Tuesday 8 September (7–8.30pm tai chi chen style, St Mary's School) or Hook Norton from Wednesday 16 September (10–10.30am double fan chen style, 10.30–11.30am tai chi for 50+, Memorial Hall). All levels and ages welcome. Info: www.chippingnortontaichi.co.uk or call 07940 304110.

Amnesty discuss asylum destitution

A big thank you to all who contributed at our various events this summer; the money raised enabled this Amnesty group to send £750 to Amnesty International UK towards their work.

Still Human Still Here: We will have a very topical talk next month on 8 October given by Mike Kaye who believes that destitution should play no part in the asylum process. He is the Advocacy Manager of Still Human Still Here, a coalition of over 60 organisations including Amnesty International, Oxfam and Oxford City Council which are campaigning to end the destitution of thousands of refused asylum seekers in the UK. They think the Government's current policy is inhumane and ineffective and leaves vulnerable people in a state of limbo. If this interests you, please come along to the meeting – newcomers are always welcome.

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RBL boost Poppy Appeal

The local branch of the Royal British Legion had a great day at the Town Festival in June, and though a swirling wind scuppered some of our fundraising efforts we still made nearly £80 on our stall. This has taken our Poppy Appeal total to an incredible £12,000 – a huge credit to our Poppy Appeal



Organiser Malcolm Holland, and his second-in-command Alan Hicks. Thanks to all those who supported the Appeal. We have another stall at the Emma's Trust Festival on 5 September.

We try to give something in return with grants of £350 to both the Town's Army and Air Cadets to support the excellent work they do for local young people. This money does not come from the charity but from interest gained from the sale of the old Legion Club building, profits from events we hold and donations to the branch.



At our VE 70 Commemoration ceremony the Chairman read out four names that do not appear on the Town War Memorial: Private Ernest Bowser, son of Ernest & Alice Bowser who lived at 1, Alfred Terrace, Chipping Norton. Flying Officer Ronald Jacques, son of John & Mary Jacques, licensees of the Fox & Hounds and later the Kings Arms, Chipping Norton. Lieutenant Joe Livesey, (pictured here) born in Yorkshire but working as an engineer at Bliss Mill when he enlisted. Musician Richard Lovick, son of Arthur & Rose Lovick who had run the Blue Boar, Chipping Norton. The Mayor would like to see these men added to the Memorial. If you have any knowledge about these or any others who should be on the Roll of Honour for WWII please contact me as below.

On Saturday 12 September we are holding an End of the War dance, at the Crown & Cushion. Music by The Magdalen Swing Band. 40s style dress optional – prizes for the best costumes. Raffle, wartime sing-along etc. Tickets £20 include a finger buffet (proceeds to the Poppy Appeal and to supporting the branch) from West Street Newsagents, The Crown & Cushion or stevekingsford@gmail.com or 01295 780558.

Steve Kingsford

Horticultural visit to Waterperry

The summer programme of the Chipping Norton Horticultural Association continued in July with an all-day visit to Sudeley Castle. Members and friends wandered around the gardens and pheasantry and many spent time in the castle viewing the very well arranged displays on the history of the castle and surrounding area. The weather was good and the day was enjoyed by all.

The last trip of the summer, early September; (before the autumn/winter programme commences in October,) will be a half day to Waterperry Gardens, Wheatley concluding with a

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cream tea. More details available on our website cnha.uk or from the secretary, Eileen Forse 643275.

Get fit with the Green Gym

This summer we have worked mostly in Chippy. We returned to the William Fowler wood (beyond the allotments) to clear up after hedge-laying in the winter – burning all the twigs and branches we had removed – and back to the Community Orchard to scythe the grass and weed the trees. We have weeded a flower bed at the ACE Centre which is dedicated to former Trustee Rob Evans and cleared the stream of litter at Pool Meadow. But our main effort in the Town has been tending the copse we have planted near Travis Perkins where the good growing weather has benefited not only the trees – which have grown really well – but also the weeds!

Elsewhere we have enjoyed rebuilding a dry stone wall in beautiful surroundings at Ash Hill Farm at Swerford. Come and join us in lovely places on Wednesday mornings! Get fit and enjoy good company while caring for the local environment. There are jobs for all ages and abilities, there's no joining fee and lifts may be available. Visit our website: www.chippygreengym.org, phone me on 643269 or email jennyharrington@btinternet.com. Everyone is welcome!

Jenny Harrington

Railway Club head for Spa Valley

On 7 July, well known railway author, Stanley Jenkins returned to talk about 'The Kingham to Cheltenham Line'. Many great local slides, which the members applauded of course, including some of Chippy. Stanley is very knowledgeable about Steam Railways having written 70 books on the subject.

We had a new speaker for 4 August, Cyril Parsons; he entertained us with a PowerPoint presentation on 'The Travelling Post Office' followed by the Bucks Railway Centre at Quanton Road, Aylesbury. For the former, he included slides and information about the Great Train Robbery in August 1963.

Something different on 1 September, Andrew Goodman will tell us about his experiences with 'I Moved it My Way - Locomotives and other things'.

On Sunday, 6 September members and friends will be visit Tunbridge Wells and the Spa Valley Railway, our autumn outing.

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Finally, a return of Michael Clemens on 6 October, with more archive railway films.

As always we offer a warm welcome to new members and visitors, with free coffee/tea and biscuits served in the interval, with plenty of chat and banter for all!

Estelle Brain

A welcome from Great Rollright WI



At the May meeting members discussed the National Annual WI Resolution, generating a lively debate, on the subject of Care for the Elderly.

A well-attended meeting in June was a hands-on affair. We welcomed local artisan Angie Walker of Marsh Pottery Painting Co who provided us with small items of unmarked pottery which we then decorated using our own creative skills - birds, flowers and some amusing whacky designs. Our pots were then glazed and returned to us, midst great pride and delight.

In July Ann Sharman gave us an interesting talk on the Italian Ravenna Mosaics, which also included an enlightening history of Egyptian, Greek and Roman influences. We welcomed some new members and the meeting was rounded off with the usual congenial gathering for tea, coffee and cakes.

The August meeting was an outing to Hook Norton for a meal-and-skittles evening, both testing and enjoyable.

Our WI welcomes new members and visitors on the 3rd Monday in each month, 7.30pm in the village hall. Details Martene Midwood - 01608 730578

Judy Midwood

Trefoil Guild celebrates 35 years

Chipping Norton Trefoil Guild celebrated its 35th anniversary in July with a party arranged at Yarnton Nurseries. Around 16 current and former members were welcomed. The Guild meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at Highlands. For more information contact Secretary Shirley Watkins on 658489.

Yacht Club's summer socialising

CNYC's summer programme comprises informal get-togethers, as many of us are out on the water somewhere.

In June Barnaby Scott welcomed us to his design studio, furniture workshop and showroom in Chadlington, where he is getting on well with building, from scratch, an elegant 30 foot wooden yacht. Impressive!

In July we held our summer BBQ, in Milton-under-Wychwood. This was a very well attended event, the catering

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was superb, and the drinks and conversation flowed.

At time of writing we are planning an August pub gathering, probably by a local river or canal, to vaguely reflect our interests in all things watery and boaty.

Our autumn programme starts on 30 September with a talk by guest speaker Phil Shayler, entitled Pilotage on the Thames. Visit cnyc.co.uk for details and to book.

Roger Backhaus

September Gig for WOWI

Five members of West Oxfordshire WI went on a trip to the National Memorial Arboretum organised by the Oxfordshire Federation. It was a very emotional and informative day. We went on the land train which covers the whole site and has a commentary of the memorials. We all want to go back in the Spring when the daffodils and blossom will be in bloom.

September's meeting is a talk by Abi Cooke, the only female, ship's figurehead carver in Britain and the co-founder of local charity 'Gig Arts' which encourages young people to express themselves through Art. Come and join us, 7.30pm Monday 21 September in St Mary's Parish Rooms, Chipping Norton.

Hilary Dix 646228

CN Rotary plan Fireworks Display

Chippy Jazz 2015 Readers will know that the Rotary Club are not producing Chippy Jazz this year – there are not enough of us to do that and the Town Festival. However, a 'lite' version of Chippy Jazz will be taking place on Sunday 20 September, organised by Dave Favis-Mortlock of Fiddle Bop and a bunch of his jazz friends. We hope you can come along and support it, and if you want to find out more go to:

www.chippyjazz.com or visit their Facebook page. Sorry if you find the old CJ web site – we are still trying to take it down.

Fireworks Spectacular the Rotary Firework Display will be held on Guy Fawkes Night – Thursday 5 November at King's Stone Farm, on the other side of the road from the Rollright Stones, 5.30pm start, with the fire lighting at 6.30pm and the professional display starting at 7pm. Prebooked tickets: £4 adults, £2 under-16s or £12 family ticket (2 adults + 2 children) – on sale from mid October. Tickets on the night will cost a little more. Details in next month's News.

Simon Hamilton

Rambling along the Windrush

The Chippy Rambling Club met at Burford this month in brilliant sunshine. We walked past picturesque cottages and then into the fields bordering the River



Windrush. Small boys were playing in the river and wild flowers were everywhere. Then we crossed the bridge at Widford and followed the river on the other side, past a tiny church in the middle of nowhere which is still occasionally used. There we left the river, up through a beautiful wide green valley and on to a track leading down to Fulbrook, past more cottages and back to Burford. As a special 'extra' one of our members then gave us tea in her delightful garden. A lovely end to a very enjoyable afternoon!

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

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All the latest Scouting news

Gold, gorges and gusto On the first day of the summer holidays a convoy of minibuses full of Scouts and Cubs left Chipping Norton.

The destination: a field just outside Builth Wells, Wales. On the first day of camp Cubs had a trip to the Dolaucothi Gold Mine. They enjoyed wearing hard-hats and lamps to go down the un-lit

mine. Afterwards, panning for gold kept many of them quietly absorbed for over an hour, with their efforts rewarded with a few grains of fool's gold. Meanwhile, Scouts were on a tour of the Black Mountains. The scenery was amazing and lots of fun was had in the river. On the Monday Cubs went to the beach at Aberystwyth whilst Scouts went canoeing.

The highlight of the camp was the Tuesday when Cubs and Scouts all went gorge-walking. This involved wading through a river, clambering over rocks, squeezing through tunnels, crawling through waterfalls and jumping into deep pools from heights up to 11ft. For many of the young people, participating in this activity was a real achievement as a lot of

them were well out of their comfort zones but they found bravery they didn't know they had! On the Wednesday the

Cubs went home while Scouts had a swim, shop and cook day, finishing with a day at the beach.

World Jamboreette Explorer Sarah Elliot reports This summer Sam Horner and I, along with 4000 other Explorers, Scouts and Guides attended the 2015 World Jamboreette in Holland. The camp was split into four different colours, with many different countries mixing together. We met people

from Spain, Austria, Egypt, Malta, Israel to list but a few. Activities were split into sections on-site eg sports, arts & crafts and hikes. Each group was given a number of tickets

which decided which activities we would be doing in the morning and afternoon. We also did activities off-site including visiting a theme park and a biodiversity museum as well as a day out in Amsterdam – all exciting days out. Overall the Jamboreette was a great experience, mixing and making friends from all over the world and trying out new activities. It is definitely a once in a lifetime experience and we would recommend it to anyone who is interested.



Above After a day's gorge-walking. Below Chippy Explorers with some new Scottish friends at the World Jamboreette



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Chipping Norton School

Outstanding Exam Results: At this time of year our newspapers are full of pictures of happy students and there is plenty to smile about at Chipping Norton School. See page 3 for the full story and photos of celebrating A Level and GCSE students.



Sports news: The school sports teams continue to do well. The Year 7 and 9 Girls' Rounders' teams recently won the District tournament. At the Oxfordshire School Games the Year 9 team came first and the Year 10 team took third place in their respective competitions.

Sky Living for Sport Project: A group of Year 7 students has been working hard on a Sky 'Living for Sport' project. This gives students the opportunity to work together developing their leadership, communication, team work and planning skills. The students led a number of Year 4 students at Holy Trinity School through a Rugby World Cup themed festival and even introduced them to the New Zealand Haka! It was a fantastic afternoon and the result of a lot of hard work from students who should be really proud of their efforts.

Year 10 Work Experience: During the last week of June our Year 10 students enjoyed a week of work experience. Most of the students were placed with businesses in Chipping Norton and the surrounding areas and experienced work in areas as diverse as working at Quite Interesting Limited (Q I), Daylesford Cookery School and Chastleton House National Trust. One student, Laura Harrison secured a placement with The Band of the Scots Guard in London, who were so

impressed with her maturity and level of musicianship that they invited her to extend her work experience into a second week so that she could perform at a concert with them and the Military Wives Choir. Thank you for all the companies that volunteered their time so that we were able to provide this opportunity for our students.

Chipping Norton Partnership Schools news: Ten very excited Year 5 pupils arrived at CNS with their parents and teachers to take part in an inter-school **Bake-Off**



Competition. Miss McSwiney, D&T Department, very kindly hosted the competition in the Cookery Room. She was assisted by Year 9 and 10 Food Tech students, who acted as judges and supported the Year 5 pupils, helping them with equipment, the ovens and giving them a lot of encouragement.

The quality of the cakes presented to the judges was outstanding and it a really difficult task to decide who the winner should be. Congratulations to Bo Field (Great Rollright) and Isla Mackintosh (Enstone) who were winners of the two categories.



Twenty-nine Year 4/5 pupils took part in an AGT Maths Workshop. They started the afternoon doing 'Giant Jenga' with Year 12 Maths Leaders, and a quick competition took place to see who could keep the tower going the longest! They then went to the Maths Department where Miss Wearden, Mrs Avery, Dr Howard and Mr Liddament were waiting to lead them in Maths activities and puzzles. The pupils worked very hard and impressed the Maths Department with their quick thinking and processing skills.

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St Mary's Primary



Ashlee Eaglestone I am really pleased to announce that I am going to be the new Key Stage 2 Manager at St Mary's. I have been teaching for six years at a school in Banbury and have taught across all of the age groups, I am currently teaching Year 3/4. I am looking forward to teaching year 3/4 in September. I went to St Mary's as a child and have fond memories of my experiences.

I hope I can help the children to have as many positive and exciting opportunities at School as I did. I cannot wait to meet all the children, staff and parents and look forward to starting in September.

Hill End Both Year 4 groups arrived safely back at school utterly exhausted by their two and a half days of activities at



Hill End in Oxford. They enjoyed exploring some of the beautiful and interesting wildlife that inhabit the fields, ponds and woods They encountered a badger, a fox and snakes, luckily from a safe distance, but got closer to butterflies, newts and insects. The youngsters enjoyed sharing dormitories more than the adults but all were enthusiastic about night walks, eating marshmallows toasted on the campfire, an exciting game of rounders, a thrilling water fight and the scrumptious supply of cake. The hottest day on record in July saw us leaping into the outdoor swimming pool and our thanks go to our lifeguard Georgie Sabin. When Maths and English lessons fade into our pasts, this memory and all that was gained will be with us forever.

Southerndown A happy afternoon was shared between the older members of our singing club and the residents of Southerndown. This visit was different since Southerndown now have their own singing club! We planned to learn the



same songs so we could sing together. We shared some Beatles songs and Cliff Richard's *Summer Holiday* and they sang *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean* to us. It was a great success and lovely to have young and old singing together!

Town Festival St Mary's School singing club performed once again at the Town Festival. It is always the highlight of our year and certainly the biggest audience that we sing to. We were very proud of the children and the way they reacted to this challenge.

Team Building at Sibford School A gloriously sunny day met Year 3/4 at Sibford School when we arrived to take part in team building activities where we had to use problem solving and agility skills to complete tasks. After cooling off in splash-down session, in the on-site swimming pool, We set off to the woods where all 71 of us were fastened to a night line to complete a tricky course. The hours flew by and we had ended our penultimate week, of the year, in high spirits.



Princess and Pirate Day In the last few days of term the Foundation unit had an amazing Pirate & Princess Day. We all had to dress up as either a Princess or Pirate and the outfits



were brilliant. We went on a treasure hunt to find Albert (our bear, who was lost!) We had lots of clues to work out but as clever problem-solving Princesses and Pirates we worked out the clues and found him, 'Yo, ho, ho me hearties'!

County Swimming Finals Liah Hawtin and Lauren Hester report: During July four Year 6 pupils travelled to Abingdon White Horse Leisure Centre to take part in the County final swimming gala. There were 18 races in total but we only competed in six. We each did an individual race in medley order, and we also did two relays. Overall we came fifth out of eight and in between all of the nerves we had lots of fun.



SCHOOL NEWS

Holy Trinity Primary

Welcome We would like to welcome all the new families and children who have joined us at Holy Trinity. We also welcome our two new teachers, Mrs Kyla Bates and Mrs Sam Butler-McCleese. Also congratulations to Mrs Natalie Medler (Conoboy) who got married during the summer holidays. If you are interested in your child starting at Holy Trinity in September 2016, please contact the school office: 643487.

Record Results This year, 100% of our children achieved a level 4 in our KS2 SATs, in reading, writing and maths, we achieved 72%, 50%, and 80% respectively at Level 5 and six of our children achieved level 6. We also achieved record attainment in both our Year 2 SATs and our Early Years assessments. Thank you to all of the children, staff and parents who helped us accomplish this.

Sports Success In the West Oxfordshire Schools' Sports Partnership competitions this year we won; High Five Netball, Boys' Football, Hockey, Cricket and a further three trophies for our athletics teams. This meant that we were Big Schools Champions for our partnership.



In girl's cricket, Holy Trinity School went on to win the County Championship at Radley and represented Oxfordshire in the National finals in Bristol.

Sports Day was a great success, with all children thoroughly enjoying themselves. It was lovely to see so many parents join us for a celebration picnic and to watch the sporting events throughout the day. Our thanks to Mrs Di Woolley for organising and supporting all the sporting events

Entrepreneur Project The Year 6s had to enter the 'Dragons Den' and pitch their ideas and business plans in order to apply for a 'start up loan'. The Dragons lent a total of £136 to our Entrepreneurs and altogether they raised an impressive £2016! Businesses included homemade lemonade, packing shopping bags, producing quality craft products and baked goods, car washing, football training and selling ice cream. The proceeds will be shared between CAFOD (for the Nepal Disaster Appeal) and the Diocesan charity.

London Welsh Rugby Years 3 & 4 have been lucky to have a coach from London Welsh join them for the last four weeks of the term. He taught them about the importance of healthy eating and exercise.

PTA We would like to thank our PTA for all their hard work and support they have given to our school over the last year. At the AGM in July, Marsha Rickard was re-elected as Chair.

Foundation Class Trip The class spent a very exciting day at Hill End Activity Centre. We built amazing dens in the



woods and some of the children wanted to sleep in them! We had to find our way through a willow maze and made music in the fabulous sound garden. 'Can we stay here?' some children asked as we made our way back to the coach.

Weston Super Mare In July Year 2 went to Weston Super Mare for the day as part of their seaside topic. We went to the Sea Aquarium and then onto the beach to have our packed lunch. Later in the day we had a wonderful time on the donkeys, bouncy castle and swing boats. 'Everyone had fun on the beach playing with the sand' – Albie Lawson. 'I loved going around the sea aquarium, but most of all loved the ice cream and chips!' – Bea Lawson

Holy Trinity Choir The choir sang at the School Fete, First Holy Communion and at the Henry Cornish Care Centre. The KSI choir also joined them to sing to the residents of the Care Centre.

Forest School The winning party from our Year 5 Mock Elections campaigned for more Forest School for pupils from



Years 2-6. This was carried out and children throughout the school had a successful day in the forest engaging in shelter building, stretcher making, pond dipping and toasting marshmallows on a open fire.

Chipping Norton Wellness Centre We entered a competition held by the Chipping Norton Wellness Centre for National Smile month. We won the competition and four of our children won vouchers and an electric toothbrush.

Great Rollright Primary

In June our annual Summer Fete was a huge success raising close to £3000 for the School! In July Years 3 and 4 entertained us with their fantastic singing and great acting in a production of *Journey to the Pharaoh*. The following week more fabulous singing and some excellent pirate accents were heard in a performance of *Treasure Island* by Years 5 and 6. The older children had seen *Rigoletto* performed by The Longborough Opera a couple of weeks before, as well as enjoying in a day's workshop with the professional singers. Our Sports Day was well attended and the Year 6 Sports Leaders supported the younger children very effectively!

However, probably our most exciting day was when David Cameron came to open our new Community Room. During the day it is a much needed fourth classroom, but out of school hours it is available for hire, and we hope it will be a useful asset for the local community! Mr Cameron met all the children and staff in their classrooms before heading into



glorious sunshine for the opening ceremony! Pupils, parents, governors and members of the local community heard Mr Cameron likening how we had raised the necessary money to his ideas of The Big Society. For details and to book the room please contact Boun Norton on 07955 219901, greatrollrightfriends@gmail.com, or find us on Facebook /FriendsofGreatRollrightSchool).

Chadlington Playgroup

Chadlington Apple Day, Saturday 26 September Apple pressing, apple cider, apple sauce for the hog roast, apple-tasting and identification, apple-baking, apple games and competitions. Not to mention live music, pony rides, Tumble Tots and bouncy castle. A great day for everyone. Unless you're an apple. Like us on Facebook to find out more.

Middle Barton Primary

Summer Term was a successful and exciting one for the pupils at Middle Barton School. KS2 put on a fantastic production of 'Joseph' at Chipping Norton Theatre – we have some talented performers, singers, dancers and actors/actresses! During the last week of term everyone at Middle Barton went on a whole-school trip to Blenheim Palace. The children enjoyed maths trails, a visit inside the palace and to the shop, seeing the beautiful butterflies in the butterfly house and having a ride on the train – and of course not forgetting having a yummy ice cream at the end! In other news, all classes held auditions for the School's talent show, four lucky acts from each class were chosen to go through to the finals and they performed in front of the whole school. One act from each class was then chosen to perform at our Helpers' Tea. We really appreciate all of our helpers at school and it was nice to be able to show this with our annual Helpers' Tea event.

The PLT served tea and scones whilst the helpers enjoyed the winning four acts from the Talent Show. We hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to welcoming our pupils back on Thursday 3 September.

Acorns Primary

Writing report: Following Warwickshire Local Authority external writing moderation for Year 2 and Year 6, our school has been identified as demonstrating good practice in writing!

Super Seven Camp Out:

On the evening of Friday 10 July, our seven Year 6 pupils were treated to a camp out in the school orchard. This annual activity gave the children the chance to cook their own evening meal and breakfast, camp out with their



friends and spend quality time together before moving on to secondary school. They all worked together to pitch their tents and inflate mattresses; hot and thirsty work in the summer sunshine. Some of them had never pitched a tent before so it was a great learning experience. Then it was time to light the fire pit and cook sausages, burgers and salmon. After an evening playing badminton and football, and sitting around the camp fire, some slept soundly while others chatted on until 4am! The children worked really hard,

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SCHOOL NEWS

showing brilliant team spirit. They behaved impeccably and were a pleasure to be with. Thank you to every member of staff who made this special occasion possible.

Kingham Primary

Midsummer Night's Dream Y6 children performed an adaptation of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* with all things; grace, poise, confidence...taking on their individual characters with their own personal slant. They looked beautiful and the personalised programmes, magnificent displays with the magical yet mysterious snaps of the children in 'midsummer mood' made for an evening none of us, including the children, will ever forget.

Gt Rollright Big Bake Orla Truelove won runner up to 'Best in Show' in the BIG BAKE (Judged by Tearfund Ambassador and star of The Great British Bake-off, Martha Collison)

Kingham Run This year was the 40th anniversary of the 12K Road Race. It was the most beautiful and very successful day. Thanks to all the volunteers who stepped forward and helped make this event work so well. Next year's run will be on 25 June 2016. www.kinghamrun.co.uk

The BIG Kingham Sleepover What an amazing time we all had! The sun was shining and the children were having a great time, either on the dance floor or playing in each other's tents. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and made this a night to remember. We are extremely grateful to Maxwell Douglas Estate Agents who sponsored this event, the Sleepover Crew and the many volunteers who worked their socks off on the day.



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Lainey Howard with Sibford Head Michael Goodwin. Lainey got an A in Art, B in Drama and Philosophy & Ethics and C in Biology and is off to the University of Kent to study Anthropology*

Top results are spread across the board 2015 has seen Sixth Form students from Sibford School gaining top A Level grades across a broad range of subject areas. Headteacher Michael Goodwin said, 'Our prospectus states that we offer a broad and balanced curriculum which reflects the view that while some students may have a talent for mathematics, science or history, others may be gifted in the arts, horticulture or sport. This year's A Level results illustrate precisely this. For example, student Myles Athirstone achieved A grades in Chemistry and Physics and a B in Maths. Meanwhile, Joe Slatter gained an A* in Art, a B in Design & Technology and a Distinction* (the equivalent of an A* at A Level) in his Level 3 Countryside Management course.'

There was success too for Sibford's overseas boarders. Keshav Sharma achieved an A* in Chemistry, and A grades in Biology, Maths and Physics. Keshav, who moved to the school from India in 2013, is planning to study medicine. Meanwhile Chinese student Vladimir Ip, who has been at Sibford since 2008, gained an A* in Maths and A grades in Physics and Further Maths. Year 12 Polish student, Justyna Urbanczyk, who took her French A Level a year early, achieved an A*.

Kingham Hill School

Open Day Saturday 10 October 11am- 2pm All are

welcome to our Michaelmas Open Day so do bring your family and come and find out more about life at Kingham Hill. Your visit will include the opportunity to talk with teaching staff,



current parents and house-parents, find out more about our five school transport routes which include pick up points at Moreton, Stow, Chipping Norton & Kingham (free for the first year, small charge thereafter). You will have the opportunity to explore The Veritas Building (our state-of-the-art Maths and Science facility pictured above), visit day and boarding houses, see for yourself our fantastic leisure facilities (and find out more about our free Leisure Club Membership for all parents) enjoy the beautiful grounds plus a tour of the school conducted by our senior pupils. A presentation by our Headmaster then follows and a delicious informal lunch rounds off the day. Most importantly, you will experience the ethos and atmosphere of our happy and thriving family community and get a real feel of what life is like at Kingham Hill. Please let us know if you would like to join us. 658999 or admissions@kinghamhill.org www.kinghamhill.org.uk

LETTERS

Beales leaves us knickerless

Chipping Norton has an eclectic range of shops – but no one stocks basic ladies underwear. In a personal letter to the new owner of Beales,



What Chippy lacks ... the lingerie dept in Beales of Worthing

I'm not panting to take part. Chain stores and some supermarkets can sell packs of five briefs for £6. I am told that a carpet shop in Moreton has a stand of pants, and even Boots in Chippy once had a display of bras.

Name and address supplied

The reply from Beales' new owner 'Dear xxx, Thank you very much for taking the trouble to write to me about Beales. I am sorry we are no longer able to support the lingerie department in our Chipping Norton store. As one of our smaller stores, it is difficult to include all categories of a department store in a comprehensive and profitable way. Sadly, lingerie sales have dwindled and it has been difficult to provide the range or service required. At present, we do not have a website which you can shop from. However, Samia Walker looks after lingerie in our Bournemouth store and would be very happy to help you. Beales is committed to the continued success of the store and we have new merchandise planned for Chipping Norton, which we hope will satisfy some of your other shopping needs. If it does not, Samia Walker will be happy to help. I hope you will continue to be one of our loyal customers. Yours sincerely, Andrew Perloff, Proprietor'

Snooker mystery

Sometime in the early 1950s, when I was an unusually handsome little chap of around eight years, I came to Chipping Norton with my parents on a day visit to a friend of my father's, called Reg Spelling. The old stone house he lived in had a full-sized snooker table on an upper floor. That day Reg taught me the rules of the game to such good effect that now, 60-odd years later, I have attained a maximum break of 9 (the second red was admittedly a fluke). Does anyone recall Reg Spelling (I believe he was a teacher) or the Chipping Norton house that he lived in? I now have my own friends in Chipping Norton and I have caused them untold misery by forcing them to accompany my wanderings around the Town in my so-far-unsuccessful attempts to find the place.

Nick Marler, Otley, West Yorkshire
arthurmaiden@yahoo.co.uk

Bridal shop regrets

What a pity that in granting planning permission for the kebab shop on the Horsefair, the bridal shop next door appears to have been driven out and is relocating to Witney. The two businesses were clearly incompatible. The bridal shop had an attractive façade with delightful window displays and was an asset to the



Town. Now we have a kebab shop with a garish sign which will look even worse if permission is granted for it to be illuminated. What were you thinking Chippy planners?

Jo McVicker

Speeding dangers into Town

Just when you think you would be surprised at nothing you are proved wrong. We now have illuminated signs exhorting us, quite rightly, to observe the 30 mph speed limit when leaving town on the A44 Worcester Road. Nothing ever seems to be done with regard to vehicles entering town on the B4450 Churchill Road passing Tilsley, Hailey and Lords Piece Roads at speeds between 50-70mph. We did once about three years ago have Police with a speed gun which confirmed this. We will probably have to wait until there is an accident when the door will be shut after the horse has bolted.

David Hicks

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LETTERS

Praise for Co-op staff

Having read the glowing report of the re-opening of our Midcounties Co-op Store in the *Chipping Norton News*, I feel this is a good opportunity to give a big vote of thanks to all the staff who soldiered on during what must have been a very trying time. As our old store gradually shrank in size we huddled together more and more while goods were not always to be found in their usual places. However, the assistants were only too happy to point us in the right direction – which wasn't always easy as sometimes the shelves had been changed over night and they often found themselves searching with us! So many thanks to all concerned – and the wait was well worth it!

Kathleen Widdows

Ride on motorbike please!

I am hoping you can help me. I work at Henry Cornish Care Centre and I have a resident who would like her wish to come true. She would love to have a ride on the back of a motorbike. She is 98 years old and very mobile. She uses a zimmer frame but she can walk a little without it. She used to ride a bike in her younger years and has been saying that she would love the chance to have a ride on a bike while she can get about. Even if it is only a quick trip around the hospital grounds, I know she would love it. I do hope someone will be able to help before the winter is here again. I know she would be over the moon.

Lynn Hancock

Coffee morning thanks

Our coffee morning on 11 July, (for the Alzheimer's and Lewy Body Societies) was a huge success ... £230 was raised including donations from those who could not attend. A big thank you from James, Tom and myself.

Janet Edginton

More on Chippy's Wishing Stone

Thanks for publishing my letter about the Wishing Stone and many thanks to Lynda Hillman for describing the location. I was given one or two inaccurate locations for it – it isn't in the churchyard wall, but at the base of the wall right behind the Mount, on the way down to Pool Meadow, just about halfway between the two sets of wooden gates at the rear of the Mount. The wall was built over



and including the stone. A convenient landmark is the coping-stone clad ramp in the top of the wall, right above the Wishing Stone – the only piece of stone in the wall that's not been cut by man for walling. It's just a long, low, inconspicuous mossy slab. I've walked past it so many times and never noticed it. Tradition has it that you spit on it, possibly put your foot on it (after you've spat, of course), then make a wish.

Following up phone messages, Joan Willers (née Berry) added that, after spitting and wishing, you weren't supposed to see the stone again for 24 hours otherwise the wish wouldn't come true. She once wished for a dog and it came true! But she also wished for a bicycle but had to buy her own. Eileen Bettridge (ex-Chippy, lives at St Annes on Sea near Blackpool and reads the *Chippy News* every month) confirmed the 'good practice' at the Stone.

The *Chippy News* provides a valuable service!

Paul Burbidge

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The Quest for Afternoon Tea

This month *Newsteam* member Sue Hadland explores her taste in Chippy for afternoon tea

Everyone has a different idea of what comprises afternoon tea. For me it is delicate sandwiches with the crusts cut off, freshly baked scones with jam and cream and a selection of dainty cakes. Alas, this seems a rare commodity in Chipping Norton. You have to go to Bourton on the Water or Stow for this full treat.

Cream teas, can however be enjoyed here and I have found four places that offer this. Unfortunately I was only been able to visit three as No. 24 appears to be closed for much of August. The Bay Tree provided us with scones, jam, clotted cream and tea but the scones were warmed up. I think you can only eat scones warm when they are straight from the oven. Popping them in a microwave alters the texture. Instead of being crumbly on the inside and slightly crusty on the outside they tend to go spongy and soft. Warming them up can also disguise whether or not they are freshly baked. Unfortunately the Bay Tree closes at 4pm so it needs to be an early tea and also it is not open on Sundays, the same as No. 24. The service is very friendly and the cream tea costs £4.50.

Across the road is Delicacy, a new addition to the food and drink establishments in the Town. Here a cream tea was

more expensive and again the scones were served warmed up, making them rather heavy. Delicacy is, however, open on Sundays and as a result of that does a roaring trade. The brightly coloured tables and chairs outside are attractive and inside there is an abundance of goodies to purchase.

Congratulations to the Old Mill for coming up with a wonderful cream tea at £4.95. The scone was perfect. It was enormous, bursting with fruit, golden brown on the outside and crumbly in the middle. There was a choice of teas included in the price rather than just plain tea. The scone was freshly baked and came with jam and clotted cream. As usual the staff were very attentive and friendly. This place is also packed out on Sundays, good for them.

Of course there are plenty of other places in Chippy to get tea, if you just want some cake. The new Caffè Nero does a wide selection of teas and good cakes. Jaffé & Neale have delicious cakes as of course do Nash's Bakery. All the places I visited also had an excellent choice of delicious looking cakes.

I am sure that when I go out trying our Town's food I must miss someone out. Please let us know and I will rectify it next time.



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- 2nd **U3A** 2.30pm Methodist Hall Martin Holmes - Harold Wilson: a reputation revived
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- 30th **CN Yacht Club** - details p27

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