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### Race for 'Best Market Town' award



**A chance to vote for  
Chipping Norton in a  
national competition for  
Great British High Streets.**

Banners are up round town – and the campaign, led by Experience Chipping Norton working with the Town – is in full swing.

Judges are visiting now. The Town has beaten more than 200 other entrants. It's down to the last three and a public vote closes on 13 November. You can vote every day at [chippy2win.com](http://chippy2win.com) with the whole family using their different email addresses! And on social media, please pass the word around using the hashtag #Chippy2Win.

A win would share £80,000 prize money to help local business and gain lots of positive publicity. The award celebrates towns with forward-looking businesses working with the community, welcoming new businesses and visitors and helping people locally and elsewhere. Lots more on page 5.

#### Future of NHS Beds

A disappointing turnout in St Mary's Church on 21 October heard the County present options for Chippy's 'Intermediate Care' NHS beds – to be staffed by the care home or be closed. The Mayor and the local Hospital Action Group say that we are losing 'proper community hospital beds' and the consultation (closing on 8 December) was badly publicised and is rushed and inadequate. More local meetings are planned. See page 2.

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Sports, Clubs and Letters**

## The future of our NHS Beds

### County present 'consultation'

Only a few dozen local people attended the key St Mary's meeting about Chipping Norton's NHS hospital beds. The formal consultation was organised by Oxfordshire County Council, whose meeting adverts were in the *Banbury Guardian* and *Oxford Times* less than a week earlier. The posters headed 'Future of Intermediate Care in North Oxfordshire' made no mention of 'Chipping Norton', 'hospital', 'beds' or even 'NHS'. County Officer John Jackson presented, backed by Leader Ian Hudspeth and Cabinet Member Judith Heathcoat. The senior NHS person in the room – David Smith, head of Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, was not on the panel and said nothing. Our 14 'Intermediate Care' beds are currently staffed by nurses from Oxford Health NHS Trust. The beds are not technically in the 'War Memorial Community Hospital' but in a specially equipped adjoining building maintained by the Orders of St John Care Trust who run the Care Centre next door. The County say this combined arrangement is 'expensive and complex.'

### Bed options: OSJCT or nothing

Intermediate Care services are designed to help people stay at home rather than go into hospital or get back home quickly after a stay in an acute hospital. The County has now defined 'bed-based' Intermediate Care as 'short term care delivered in care homes' – although Dept of Health guidance says IC covers a whole range of care, including in community hospitals, for different medical and rehabilitation needs. The County presented only two options: first have the 14 bed service provided entirely by staff, including nurse cover, from OSJCT – apparently not a 'change of service' in spite of dropping the NHS nurses; second, provide more care at home, close the unit and, if needed, use beds further afield. Proposals could save £700,000 per year, when health and social care budgets are big issues. OCC say 'other viable options or suggestions will be considered'. Responses online via [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk) or write to FREEPOST RTRX-GJUL-HXHY, County Hall, OX1 1ND

### Will our needs be met?

Local Councillors, Oxfordshire Healthwatch, the Chipping Norton Hospital Action Group and local people have several concerns. First, many say the service has been, or is being, downgraded from 'sub-acute' medically-led care of the kind provided previously here and in all Oxfordshire's Community Hospitals. HAG suggest OSJCT cannot provide that higher level of service. Second, this could leave the north of the County with no local community hospital beds, nor potentially enough intermediate care beds. Third, with wider uncertainty over resources Healthwatch say Chipping Norton should be included in a wider review of community hospitals and intermediate care to ensure the locality is being treated fairly rather than being presented with this very narrow choice in this 'consultation'.

### Quality issues and 'flawed' process

At the Church meeting Mayor Cllr Mike Tysoe, speaking also for HAG, reinforced the view that the beds, although called Intermediate, were originally promised and specified as full 'sub-acute' community hospital beds. But his biggest concern was that OCC were offering a *fait accompli* and that the consultation was rushed and flawed if a decision were to be made before the results of a wider review of Community Hospitals (including Chipping Norton). Many contributions from the audience (including from two GPs and Revd James Kennedy, himself a former NHS doctor) said the current level of service, involving Oxford Health and GPs, provided a high level of medical intervention and care, with good outcomes. But, it appears, from sources quoted at the meeting, this may be seen as 'over the top' against the specification that OCC are prepared to pay for. A key issue will be how service quality is monitored if a change is made. Cllr Hilary Biles, Chippy's County

Councillor, has focused on this issue for many years and was involved in all the original agreements. She accused the panel, including fellow Cabinet Members, of 'talking rubbish' and of saying she was wrong.

### More local meetings

There are two more immediate local Chipping Norton public meetings planned about local NHS services:

**North Oxfordshire Health Forum** On 10 November at 7.30pm in Chipping Norton School. The Forum was established two years ago as a local public input to the new NHS Commissioning Group. This meeting will look at the impact of population changes on the Health Service and discuss local services. The Forum intends to submit a formal response to the consultation on the NHS beds issues.

**The Hospital Action Group** – On the NHS beds issues, HAG are organising their own meeting on Thursday 3 December 7pm in St Mary's Church, to be publicised widely, and they will be polling 12,000 local homes with a survey. They are also threatening a judicial review of the process.



Significant signage? Above: Chipping Norton War Memorial Community Hospital, Below: OSJCT Intermediate Care Unit



### Vegotable Greengrocer

4C Hitchman Mews, Off West Street,  
Chipping Norton  
01608 238829

Local Greengrocer selling good tasty in-season fruit & vegetables and eggs from local suppliers who support local farmers.

Log baskets, logs & kindling

*Orders for Christmas now being taken*

## ACE Centre: 'Hands off!'



Chippy campaigners have joined the County-wide furore to object to County Council proposals to save £8m by cutting children's centre services. They would close seven Early Intervention Hubs and replace 44 current centres (one is

in Chippy's ACE Centre) with eight centres only, in the big towns. They would stop 'universal services' such as 'stay and play' and open access youth sessions, unless local volunteers were found to run them. The County have been accused of 'savage and irresponsible cuts' ignoring long term effects on families, the NHS and public services. The County are conducting a two-month 'consultation' and protestors have been meeting across the County and in Chipping Norton. Two years ago similar threats saw Chippy protestors confront MP David Cameron in the Market Square – they could do so again.



Chipping Norton District Councillor Laetisia Carter, who helped with the campaign two years ago, told the News, 'Hands off! Every parent can need support making "universal" services essential. The ACE Centre is a lifeline for parents and carers. Here we can access childcare rated "outstanding" by Ofsted and get support from professionals on issues that can leave parents spiralling out of control, such as domestic violence, child/partner bereavement, postnatal depression, getting back to work, debt advice, etc. We all need to make sure the County Councillors hear how essential the ACE Children's Centre is to our community here. We need to say "enough" to cuts that discriminate against rural communities.'

Parent Governor at the ACE Centre, Jodie Read, told the News, 'The ACE Children's Centre is such an important hub of support for our families and children. We are rallying as much

support as we can and have had a brilliant response from the local community. Every person I speak to tells their own stories of how staff and facilities have helped and supported them in different stages of their children's development. After our recent public meeting we have gained momentum for our campaign and we know that our voices must be heard. I would encourage anyone who wants to back the campaign to like our Facebook page (Save the ACE Centre), write letters of concern, sign petitions, spread the word and do anything they can to protect this vital centre in our wonderful Town.'

## Meetings about County cuts

The County also needs to make another £50m savings over four years (above the £300m cuts already planned). They are holding public meetings on all of this as follows: 7-8.30pm 27 Oct (County Hall), 2 Nov (Banbury Town Hall) and 5 Nov (Wallingford). Register to attend via [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/talkingoxfordshire](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/talkingoxfordshire). Details are also available in the Library.

## Apple Day celebrations



There was plenty of fun, with singing and some strange rituals – and a good family turnout – at Chippy's Community Orchard on Sunday 18 October. The central point of the Day was to celebrate the apple crop and encourage next year's crop – by placing cider-soaked toast on an apple tree, singing a Wassailing song (words provided!) and making loud noises

to keep the evil spirits away! Everyone joined in the fun. There were children's games, a bodger with a pole lathe, and seasonal refreshments including mulled apple juice. Many brought their own apples and took advantage of the apple-juicer.

In a special event, supporters of Emma's Trust (including Emma's mother and aunt, pictured) planted an Apple Tree in memory of Emma Curtis-Smith. This is the last year for the Trust's main fundraising activity – after a successful 10 years – and the tree will be a lasting memory both for the Trust and of Emma herself. Many thanks to Heather Leonard and all the volunteers who helped organise and run the day, and who continue to look after this wonderful community asset.



### THE TOWN'S CHRISTMAS DANCE

## Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December

7.30pm – Midnight  
in The Town Hall

Two-course Meal & Dancing to  
*The Monday Blues*

Tickets £15pp  
from

The Guildhall & Jaffé & Neale

Profits to The Scout Hut Fund

## Horsefair 'Frustration'

Demands continue for action by Oxfordshire County Council over HGVs and Horsefair traffic dangers in Chipping Norton. Last month's News set out past and future concerns – provoked by another recent pedestrian accident. All this came to a head at the six-monthly Chipping Norton Traffic Advisory



Committee meeting on 8 October when Mayor Mike Tysoe, with other councillors, met Oxfordshire's 'Steward for West Oxfordshire', Ian Clarke. This is the main local forum to discuss traffic issues. Police were invited but were not represented and County Councillor Hilary Biles was unable to attend due to other Council commitments. At the meeting Honorary Citizens of the Town, Dr Sheila Parker and John Grantham, gave their strong views about the dangers and heavy traffic. Mayor Tysoe stressed that it was 'impossible to walk safely as a couple through Horsefair' (see letters page for a real example).

Town Cllr Jo Graves, who chaired the meeting, told the News, 'My frustration levels were very high, having sat in Traffic Advisory Meetings so often and heard the same response that, considering the bigger Oxford County picture, our problems in Chipping Norton in Horsefair are not so great. Maybe our death toll is not high enough! It is, of course, always about the money.' Cllr Graves said they put to Mr Clarke previous suggestions from various historical reviews and studies regarding the improvement in the traffic flow in Horsefair including: 'gating', a one way system, de-trunking the A44 and better signage of the Lorry Route to reduce HGVs through Chippy. She said 'for OCC to "shelve" the problem is not acceptable in view of the increasing fatalities.'

Cllr Graves said they will continue to lobby and will now write to David Tole, OCC Area Steward for Traffic Control

and to Cllr David Nimmo-Smith, OCC Cabinet member for Transport, asking for action, in view of the increasing threat to pedestrian safety, and also flagging up the lack of action on the Air Quality Action Plan. The famous 'black box' on Topside was rapidly becoming 'some sort of Ancient Monument!'. Cllr Graves concluded, 'as a community we have been very patient with this overriding issue and the time to step up the action is now! A letter will just be the beginning!' District Councillor Geoff Saul told the News he will meet Cllr Graves and the Town Clerk to help petition the County to ask their Highways Department to re-evaluate the pros and cons of the various options – including all those back in the 2008 action report. But he ended, 'How far that will get us is another matter.'

## Street Art in Chippy



A thankfully gorgeous afternoon in mid-September saw an inaugural street painting event along Middle Row. Families witnessed Chipping Norton sketch artist and event host Denise Mansbridge kick off the #Superdoodle spectacular by chalking up a celebration of the Town's entry in the national #GBHighSt Awards for which Chippy has of course now been shortlisted. Grown-ups and kids alike then tried their hand at doodling on the red brick pavement and were rewarded for their efforts with free sweets and discounted smoothies at recently opened Tickityshake. 'With such a great turn out this year for our first ever #SuperDoodle, I'm sure it won't be our last,' Denise said, so watch out for another event next summer! See below for Denise's latest cartoon charting the funny side of Chippy life for the News.

## APRIL & ALFRED

by: Denise Mansbridge



## Chippy in High St Awards final

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It's time to vote for Chipping Norton to help the Town win the award for Britain's favourite high street after reaching the final of a prestigious national competition. The Town has beaten off more than 200 rivals to battle for the crown and win a slice of £80,000 in prize money up for grabs in the Great British High Street

competition. Only three towns were shortlisted for the 'Best Market Town' category so it's Chippy against only two others. But now it is down to a public vote. Judges will be visiting soon but everyone who believes we deserve to be crowned the Best Market Town in Britain should go to [chippy2win.com](http://chippy2win.com) and vote. You can vote every day and the whole family can get involved using their different emails! And if you're active on social media, please pass the word around using the hashtag #Chippy2Win. As well as the prestige of winning, and a major chance to put the Town under the PR spotlight for the right reasons (ie not the 'Set'), the Town will get access to free advice with 100 traders in the running to receive expert tips and training from Google to bolster their digital marketing.



*Some of the team line up in picturesque Middle Row for a publicity shot to promote the Town's bid*

Chipping Norton's entry is spearheaded by Experience Chipping Norton (ECN), a voluntary project promoting local trade, tourism, community events and ventures via the web and social media to inspire a bright future for the Town. Preparations included a visit to last year's winning town, Belper, which has seen retailers benefit from increased high street footfall and a major boost to town pride. ECN spokesman Shaun Fagan said being a finalist demonstrates how people can pull together but winning would put Chipping Norton on the map for tourists to visit and businesses looking for a great place to set up. Judges will visit from mid-October. Expect a number of events and celebrations to take place as the big day approaches. Adrian Wild, from gift shop Wild at Heart, said, 'It's very exciting. It really is a great town and the traders here are all friends and help each other out. The town is buzzing from the news.' Manager of Delicacy Deli in Middle Row, Penny Troughton, added, 'Chipping Norton is a thriving market town – you can really get anything here.' Keep track of the competition by following the Experience Chipping Norton Twitter page @ExperienceCN and the hashtag #Chippy2Win. Voting closes in early November. The Great British High Street initiative is a not for profit initiative, set up in the wake of the Mary Portas report. It seeks to promote UK high streets and ensure they are sustainable and vibrant. In its second year, it is sponsored by Boots, Costa, Post Office, Marks and Spencer and Tesco.

## Fancy a night at The Fox?

The Fox Hotel in Chipping Norton was due to open in late October after months of refurbishment, as one of the flagship inns in the Hook Norton Brewery chain. The Fox has a new look, both outside and in – but is keeping much of the traditional pub feel. Bar and eating areas have been opened up and Brewery Ops Manager, Bruce Benyon, told the News that they wanted to attract lots of local custom as well as visitors, who can now stay in one of ten en suite bedrooms (four have been added) all, as Bruce said, with beds specially made for the hotel. A new car park (for hotel residents and users only) will be on Cattle Market in the space the Brewery owns, that was previously for public use.



The hotel reopens with new manager and host Ashley James in charge, plus a new chef and staff (watch out for their smart new uniforms). It will be open from 8am to midnight, serving breakfasts, coffees ('brought to your table – not like other coffee bars in town'), lunches and evening food with good quality produce sourced locally. There is a new extended under-cover area and terrace at the back. Watch out soon for Christmas and New Year bookings and no doubt the *Newsteam's* 'Food for Thought' editor will be on the look out to try the fare and maybe interview the chef. Oh, and readers hopefully will be able to buy their regular *Chipping Norton News* from the box in The Fox again soon. Good luck to all.

## Christmas Tree Festival

METHODIST  
CHURCH  
Chipping Norton

Opening  
Ceremony  
Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec  
6pm



Tea & Coffee  
Lunches  
Cake & Craft  
Stalls  
Preserves

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 6pm – 9pm  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm – 8pm  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December from 10am – 8pm  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 1pm – 5pm  
(with Circuit Service at 6pm)

All proceeds in aid of Chipping Norton and Stow  
Methodist Circuit The Methodist Church

## Urgent repairs at Town Hall



Everyone will have seen all the scaffolding now on the front of the Town Hall and last month's *Chipping Norton News* carried a short report on the falling masonry from under the portico. Following an inspection of the stonework at the end of September with Ridge Consultants, Joslins Stonemasonry, the WODC Conservation Officer, Mayor Mike Tysoe and Cllr Chris Butterworth, most of the damage was assessed and a programme for repairs suggested. It was not possible to inspect the portico at high level and more scaffolding was required to enable full investigation. It transpired that the area of stonework which has partially broken away was the result of inappropriate repairs done following the fire in the 1950s, thus leading to ingress of water and subsequent frost damage. In addition, areas of the facing stone, which have become friable, need brushing to remove loose material before repointing. It is hoped that the work will be completed by early December. However, full access to the Town Hall will continue uninterrupted during the work, despite the scaffolding, including the disabled access ramp.

## Housing plan at Foxfield

There is fear for the future of more trees near Foxfield Close in Chipping Norton, following the submission of another planning application for three houses. The latest application is in outline, seeking to establish the principle, not the detailed design, of development. The site, the grassed area between Foxfield Close and Kingstone Court, was once gardens of the house, Anikiwa, demolished to build Kingstone Court, and has been fenced off since the construction of these apartments. A mix of trees borders the western boundary with Kingstone Court, of which four lime trees and a silver maple are protected by Tree Preservation Orders. Seven semi-mature horse chestnut trees border Foxfield Close but these are not currently protected. The proposal is for the erection of three single-storey homes and the retention of all trees except the silver maple. Some local residents have objected to the loss of habitat and the Town Council has asked for the main trees to be protected by Tree Preservation Order. In its formal response to WODC, the Town Council said there was insufficient information on the appearance of the homes to enable them to comment. However, for sites outside a conservation area (which this site is) an outline application is a valid application; the Town Council may, therefore, have lost its chance to comment before the application goes to WODC for consideration.

## New boarding cattery at Vets

Planning permission has been granted for a new boarding cattery at Chipping Norton's new veterinary hospital site on Banbury Road. The building itself is of modular construction and has been donated by the MOD on condition that part of the building is used for charity purposes. Chipping Norton Veterinary Services will be working with the charity Sunshine Cat Rescue to assist in rehoming needy cats and kittens. The new cattery should be open around Christmas.

## Slow down New Street

Aware of the dangers of more traffic speeding through Chipping Norton a group of New Street residents have recently taken the initiative of installing a number of traffic



speed calming signs along their busy main road. The signs, provided by Oxfordshire County Council and Thames Valley Police, have been posted in prominent positions from Sainsbury's car park, down through the residential portion of the street and out past the playground. Resident Adam Jennings told the *News* that 'whilst the signs are visually impactful, highlighting their existence to your readers might also help instil the need for slower speeds on New Street. With many children living on the street, and many more using the play equipment on the recreation ground, not to mention pedestrians walking to and from the Town, it has become more important than ever to try every possible action we can get traffic to slow down.' Thanks to the great team involved including Dan, Charlie, Mark, Adam and Milton.

## Neighbourhood Plan still stuck

Chipping Norton's Neighbourhood Plan, which was finished and submitted to WODC back in June, is still awaiting an official 'independent examiner' to come and review it and sign it off (or not!). Examiners are apparently in short supply. This needs to be done before it can be put to the voters for approval in a referendum. The original work on the Plan started back in 2012 and a first draft of the plan was out in November 2014. Members of the Town Council's Steering Group have been frustrated with the wait and any optimistic hopes of completion in 2015 now look to have been dashed. We await 2016. All the effort on the Plan was started by Conservative Local Government Minister Eric Pickles with an enthusiasm for localism back in the Coalition government of 2010.

## All Souls Service

All are welcome to attend the annual service at St Mary's, Church, Chipping Norton on Sunday 1 November at 3pm when people remember by name the loved ones who have died, especially in the last year. It is a service of thanksgiving with an opportunity to light a candle in remembrance of these loved ones. Please inform Emma Bayley of anyone to be remembered by name during the service (Tel: 646202 Email: office@stmaryscnorton.com).

## Pumpkin recycling



West Oxfordshire residents are being reminded to recycle their pumpkins this Halloween. Residents can either leave their pumpkins at the side of their food waste bin to be picked up as part of their usual weekly collection, or cut them into pieces and put them inside this bin. According to the 'Love Food, Hate Waste' campaign, it's

estimated that over a million pumpkins are bought in the run up to Hallowe'en in the UK. Last year, with the help of residents, the District Council collected 3,200 tonnes of food waste in West Oxfordshire. This was all taken to the local food waste processing plant near Cassington to be recycled into electricity and fertiliser. To order a free food waste bin and kitchen caddy, see [www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/bins) or call 01993 861000.

## More fears over closing Tips

Oxfordshire County Council's ideas to close even more waste tips were put to the County Cabinet on 20 October – after a 'cost saving' consultation was completed. Having closed our nearest (Dean Pit) some years ago, they are now suggesting closing Alkerton (near Banbury) and also Dix Pit (the only one left in West Oxfordshire). They want to end up with either three or four for the whole county. West Oxfordshire's Cabinet Member for environment, David Harvey, was quoted in the press staging a last ditch plea to save Dix Pit – fearing even longer journeys and more fly-

tipping. Chipping Norton is in one of the worst positions with potential very long and expensive journeys, unless the County agrees long-term to build a major new tip in the North of the County within easier reach.

## Hair-raising fundraising



*Richard Benfield (with the pink hair!) Linda of the Crown & Cushion with Dave & Carol Peachy*

Chipping Norton's Dave Peachy and Deputy Mayor Richard Benfield got more than a 'short back and sides' on 26 September when they took part in a fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Support at the Crown & Cushion, courtesy of Linda Maia E Silva. Hairdressers Sue and Richard Bartholomew were on hand with the electric razor and hair dye, and the results were startling. Dave was shaved totally bald, while the Deputy Mayor rocked a striking pink punk look. The event was the brainchild of Carol Peachy, and the event raised a total of £902 from generous donors for this deserving cause.

## Town Christmas Dance

Do you fancy an inexpensive night out in Chipping Norton Town Hall, dancing to a great band (the Monday Blues) and enjoying a two course meal – all for only £15 a head? Then the Town Christmas Dance on Saturday 5 December sounds like a good bet. Main courses Shepherd's Pie and Veggie Lasagne should be on the menu – provided by the Crown and Cushion followed by puddings organised by the Scouts. Paid bar, no frills but some great fun. Chippy Mayor Mike Tysoe is leading on organising this together with the Town's Scouts – the latter benefitting from any profits on the night and from the raffle. The Scouts need a new hut, and an enormous number of young people in the Town take part in and really benefit from Scouting activities.

## Christmas comes early

Plans are well advanced for Chippy's traditional late night Christmas shopping extravaganza, to be held this year on Friday 4 December. Shops will be open late as usual and there will be stalls from charities and other organisations, a pig roast and carol singing. Other planned attractions are Santa's Grotto, to be held by the Lions in the old Post Office on Topside, and a candlelit procession by local children's groups. Stores will be dressing their windows and there'll be a competition to judge the best one, with shopkeepers dressing up in Christmas jumpers. Also the Town will be holding a Best Dressed Christmas Dog competition on the night (interpret that as you will), which it is hoped will be judged by Ben Fogle.

THE THEATRE CHIPPING NORTON PRESENTS  
**Robin Hood**  
By Ben Crocker  
Music by Sarah Travis  
17th Nov 2015 to 10th Jan 2016  
SPONSORED BY KINGHAM HILL SCHOOL  
THE THEATRE CHIPPING NORTON  
BOX OFFICE 01608 642350  
[www.chippingnortontheatre.com](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com)  
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## LOCAL NEWS

There will be stalls from local charities and clubs. Already signed up are Dementia Friends, Cancer Research UK and the Samaritans with more coming on board every day. If you're involved in a charity or other body and want to put a stall up on the evening, please contact Graham Raven of the Lions on 645134 or [g.raven@sky.com](mailto:g.raven@sky.com).

### Aldi takes shape



The new Aldi supermarket building is taking shape rapidly at the site up the Banbury Road in Chipping Norton. See picture taken on 11 October. The plan was to open early in 2016 and it looks like the work is on schedule.

### Help with Xmas Trees

Yes, it's the time of the year when hardworking organiser Pat Lake is looking for volunteers to put the lights on our town Christmas trees. He needs about 24 people willing to give up a few hours on two Sundays, one to dress the trees and the other to take the lights off. Once again Pat said, 'it is important to say, that if we do not get enough volunteers, so that the job is done quickly, then we will not be having any trees in the Town.' The lights will go on the trees on Sunday 29 November, (meet 9.30am at the Town Hall), and will be taken off on Sunday 10 January starting at 9.30am. Help is also needed on Monday 30 November to distribute the trees around the Town so that they can be put up. Start time 9.30am. Pat needs to know how many volunteers we have, so if you want to help, please contact the Town Council office 642341 and let them know what Sundays you would like to do. Pat stressed, 'Everyone agrees that the Town always looks attractive at Christmas, but it does not happen without the willing volunteers'.

### Pop up Museum shop

Look out for the old empty Post Office in Chipping Norton's High Street on the mornings of 18 and 19 November. The Museum of Local History team will be there with a 'pop up' shop selling their wares: Museum books, Bliss Tweed cushions, scarves, pictures and more. Thanks to Graham Simmonds for the use of the shop space and to Brenda Morris for sending the News the information.

### Knit to help refugees

Blankets and clothing for babies, children and adults are needed for the Syrian refugees who are facing a freezing winter with nothing to keep them warm. Volunteers are welcome to knit and crochet together during the weekly Wednesday coffee mornings in the Methodist Church Hall from 9.30 to 11.30am. Wool and needles can be provided or you may prefer to bring your own. Everyone welcome.

**Elaine Lugo**

### Half marathon for Africa

In October local mums Kate Wilson and Ginny Bayliss ran the 2015 Vitality Oxford Half Marathon to raise funds for Rafiki Thabo Foundation based near Chipping Norton. The charity supports a variety of education projects in Kenya, Uganda



and Lesotho and pays the tuition fees of around 150 children/young people from disadvantaged backgrounds who would otherwise be forced to drop out of school. It also supports 'Eat Well to Learn,' a school meals programme in Uganda, and the ongoing development of a secondary school in Lesotho. Ginny and Kate are aiming to raise £700, which will pay for a student in Kenya or Uganda to complete 3 years of secondary education. You can still sponsor Kate and Ginny just search for them by name on <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/> For more information about Rafiki see [www.rafiki-foundation.org.uk](http://www.rafiki-foundation.org.uk)

### Off to Buckingham Palace

Chipping Norton Town Council was asked to nominate local people who have contributed to work with young people in the community to go to a Royal Garden Party at Buckingham

The Katharine House Hospice warmly invites you to

**A FESTIVE CELEBRATION!**

Join us for a very special evening of seasonal music from the renowned Voice Box Choir with readings from local celebrities including Jane Booker, Lynn Farleigh, Sue Cook and Denise Bryer.

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Tickets £20  
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## LOCAL NEWS

Palace next year. At their September meeting they proposed that David and Tracey Shadbolt's names should go forward for their work with the Brownies, Guides and Roller Hockey in Chipping Norton.

### 'Dementia Friendly' Chippy?



**Dementia Friends**

**Help launch Dementia Friendly Chipping Norton**  
September saw the first steering group meeting to link

with this national initiative, bringing together representatives from Chipping Norton Theatre, Lights Up, Oxford Health, West Oxfordshire District Council, The Co-op and Age UK Oxfordshire.



Dementia Friendly Chipping Norton will aim to increase awareness of dementia locally and work together with services that support people living with dementia, with a launch planned for February 2016. If you are interested in supporting this initiative or in hosting a Dementia Friends Information Session, please could you email [chippingnorton.dfc@gmail.com](mailto:chippingnorton.dfc@gmail.com) for more information.

**New support service** November will also see the introduction of a new dementia support service in Oxfordshire, delivered by a partnership of Age UK Oxfordshire, Guideposts Trust and Young Dementia UK. The service will be based at Age UK Oxfordshire in Abingdon and take referrals from GPs as well as doctors in Memory Clinics. It will provide information and guidance to people with dementia as well as their carers on support and services available in local areas throughout the County.

**Upcoming dementia-friendly events** Tickets are now on sale for a Tea Dance featuring the Peter Gill Swing Band at the Royal British Legion, Lansdown, Bourton on the Water on Sunday 1 November 2.30-5pm. Tickets are £10, include a cream tea available from Kelly on 07707 787580/[enquiries@memoryclubs.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@memoryclubs.co.uk). There's a relaxed performance of panto *Robin Hood* at Chipping Norton Theatre on Thursday 10 December, 2pm. Tickets are £10.50 (carer goes free) from the Box Office: 642350.

**Claire Sexton**

### Adderbury Xmas Market

Adderbury's traditional Christmas market is being held in St Mary's Church, Adderbury on Saturday 28 November, 11am-4pm with lots of stalls – just the thing to start buying your Christmas presents. There will be cards and crafts for sale, perfumes and unusual gifts and jewellery. There'll also be homemade soup and hot dogs for lunch, tea and cakes in the afternoon in Church House, or mulled wine and mince pies in the Church. Santa will be in his grotto for the children from 11am-1pm and 2-4pm. We are all volunteers running this annual event in our 11<sup>th</sup> year and have raised thousands of pounds for Katharine House Hospice (every year) and other

assorted local charities. For more details of the programme, look on [www.adderbury.org](http://www.adderbury.org).

**Gill Randall** Xmas Market Committee

### Craft Fayre in Enstone

Enstone's new Parish Hall with its own car park at The Paddocks, Enstone, was officially opened in November last year by local MP David Cameron. To celebrate its first year the Hall is holding a Craft Fayre on Saturday 14 November from 10am to 2pm. With at least 18 different stalls to tempt, a raffle of donations from each of the stallholders and light refreshments, why not call in to see what is on offer. A warm welcome awaits you.

### Co-op support Lawrence Team

The Midcounties Co-operative has kicked off a new partnership with The Lawrence Home Nursing Team, raising £470 from different fundraising activities. In a 'static bike ride' in the store colleagues and customers were challenged to collectively cycle 5000 miles. The Co-operative Travel sold second-hand books and collected foreign coins from customers. Co-op colleagues also volunteered at the Town Festival. Dr Jonathan Moore, Chairman of LHNT, said, 'The work that we do in Chipping Norton and surrounding villages is vital in supporting those in need of end of life nursing care at home and we are always looking for new ways to help fund our service. We're really pleased to be partnering with The Midcounties Co-operative and fundraising so far has been great fun for all to be involved in.'

### Fracking protest in Town



Local members of the Green Party and Friends of the Earth were out in Chipping Norton on 10 October to protest against fracking – and in particular Barclays Bank's involvement. The bank owns 97% of a company called Third Energy, planning to frack in North Yorkshire where they plan 19 wells near to the National Park. The protesters say that Barclays have a long history of funding 'dirty

energy' and that the fight against fracking is the 'sharp edge of the battle against climate change in the UK'. Last month fracking protesters drove a white tank outside MP David Cameron's home in Dean.

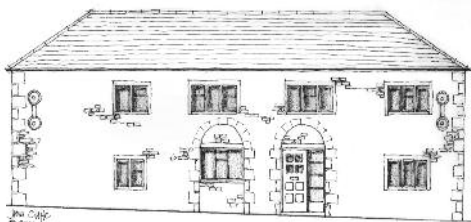
### This Changes Everything film

It's time to confront global climate change properly – On 18 November at 7.45 for an 8pm start in Chipping Norton Town Hall, a special showing is planned of *This Changes Everything* the film based on Naomi Klein's book which explores the challenge of Capitalism vs The Climate. The free show is being organised by Transition Chipping Norton.

## New Chippy Quaker meetings



October saw the first Quaker meeting in Chipping Norton since 1904, with



*The former Friends' Meeting House in New Street, has been converted into two homes*

over 30 people filling the lower room in the Town Hall. Without doubt, the event helped those new to Quakers to learn what attracts people to Quaker meetings, what they get from being part of the local meeting and what keeps them involved. Those returning were reminded of how passionately Quakers hold their shared values of truth, equality, simplicity, peace and sustainability and how they try to live adventurously. Three Quakers who go to the Charlbury meeting described their personal experience. Marion through her passionate commitment to pacifism. Ian, as an atheist described the inner strength he gets from silent meetings and Angela, who described her journey from childhood Christianity through an interest in Buddhism to being part of Charlbury Quakers.

Feedback included, 'I would love a Wednesday evening meeting as weekends usually are difficult for me' showing there's definitely ample enthusiasm for a series of monthly meetings. These will commence on Wednesday 4 November in the Lower Town Hall at 7.30pm followed by an opportunity to discuss and explore Quaker values. Further details contact Marion Hall 01608 677267.

## Help for reading?

Do you know anyone in Chipping Norton who struggles to read? Would you like to help them? The North Cotswold Branch of the charity Read Easy, provides volunteers in local towns to help adults who, for one reason or another, never learned to read at school. Kenny was left to bring up his young son when his wife died two years ago. He decided to learn to read to help his boy with school work. Kenny recently won a



*Kenny with coach Margaret and his new Kindle*

Kindle in the prize draw at the charity's AGM. All those who completed the book *Yes We Can Read* during the year were eligible for the draw. For information contact Sue Brereton on 0844 493 0686 or [suebrereton@readeasy.org.uk](mailto:suebrereton@readeasy.org.uk) or see [www.readeasy.org.uk](http://www.readeasy.org.uk).

## Join the Low Carbon lifestyle



Would you like to join the Car Club and use a VW Polo based in Chippy and three vehicles

including an electric one based in Hook Norton? Do you need help insulating your home or running renewable heating systems? Would you like ideas for food recycling and recipes for using leftover food? Local community organisation 'Hook Norton Low Carbon' will be in the Co-op Supermarket

## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### Food for Old and Young

*What's on offer for the older and younger generations in our local restaurants?*

*Sue Hadland continues our local feature.*

Very few places in the area do specific pensioners' meals but the two that I have visited offer amazing value for money. **The Crown & Cushion** does a pensioners' lunch in their restaurant every Tuesday. It only costs £5.95 and this includes two courses and waiter service. There is always a choice of three mains and three desserts. There is usually a roast and then fish and chips, chicken, a vegetarian dish, sausages and mash or pasta. All very homely food, nicely served in their very pleasant dining room.

A more expensive alternative is **Wychwood Golf Club** at Lyneham which provides a sumptuous carvery every Tuesday. It is essential to book (01993 832011). This senior citizens' lunch is £10.95. The dining room is beautiful, looking over the golf course with marvellous views. The carvery is one of the best I have ever eaten. At least two meats are on offer with every accompaniment possible including divine Yorkshire puddings. The variety of vegetables is outstanding. Last time I visited there were carrots, roast and new potatoes, cauliflower cheese, cabbage, parsnips, swede and leeks. They make

delicious desserts and finish it all off with coffee. Yummy!

**The Blue Boar** is happy for pensioners to eat off their children's menu or have a half portion of selected main meals. The children's menu is excellent. The fish and chips and chicken special are favourites with the children in our family, all at a reasonable price.



In general children are well catered for in Chippy. **Bitter & Twisted** has a good menu and I have been told that the macaroni cheese is a big hit. **No 24** has various dishes available and also a lunch including drink and milk lolly for £5. Presumably due to planning restraints no chips are available here which a lot of children like.

**The Old Mill** has an extensive menu for the little visitors and is an exceptionally child friendly place to visit. It can be a bit noisy at times, especially if their coffee machine is going nineteen to the dozen!

Finally there is the little **Tickittysshake** bar in Middle Row for a real kiddies' treat with smoothies, milk shakes, ice cream and sweets with brightly coloured bean bags and stools for them to perch on.

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entrance on Saturday 7 November between 10am and 4pm to have a chat. Or see [www.hn-lc.org.uk](http://www.hn-lc.org.uk).

## A 'Highlands' farewell

The members at Highlands Day Centre in Burford Road said goodbye to Jane Simms who, after over five years managing the day centre, is moving on to work with the local PTS Ambulance Team here in Chipping Norton. The members and the Management Committee thanked her for all her hard work and involvement in improving services within Age Concern Chipping Norton. We wish her all the very best in her new job and look forward to her popping in for coffee and a chat. Pat Lake, Chairman of Age Concern Chipping



Jane pictured above with Pat Lake and husband Phil  
Below: Mrs Pam Ryman and Highlands chef Theresa agree that *Cake Tastes Better Together* at the Macmillan Coffee Morning



Norton presented Jane with a gift from the Committee and another from members at a dinner attended by everyone connected with Age Concern Chipping Norton.

Highlands also hosted a Macmillan Coffee Morning, sending a £50 donation to the fund from the sale of

cakes. Our thanks to everyone who made it possible. If you would like any information about our services here at Highlands please contact us on 643320.

Joyce Taylor

## Screen by the Green

The next Screen by the Green movie at Churchill and Sarsden Village Hall, on Saturday 14 November, is *Still Alice*, cert 12A. Adapted from the novel by neuroscientist Lisa Genova, *Still Alice* tells the story of Alice Howland (Julianne Moore), a respected linguistics professor, who is diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease at the age of 50, and the effect this has on her family and relationships. Moore won Oscar, Golden Globe and Bafta awards for her brilliant performance. This is an affecting and very worthwhile film that deals with a difficult subject with grace, sympathy and insight. All films start at 7.30; tickets £4.50, pay at the door. For more information and to book ring 659903 or email [screenbythegreen@btopenworld.com](mailto:screenbythegreen@btopenworld.com).

## Hooky's race against cancer



Over 100 participants entered the Hooky Alternative Race for Life at Hook Norton on Sunday 4 October, to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Ages ranged from three to 'not divulged' and the overall winner was 14-year-old Luke Street who completed the three-mile course in a very impressive 21 minutes. It was a great family affair and runners were not restricted to humans! Total raised is nearly £900 to date. Donate more at the Just Giving page on [www.JustGiving.com/HARFL6](http://www.JustGiving.com/HARFL6). We are always pleased to hear from volunteers and look forward to seeing everyone at our stall during the Chippy Late Night Shopping event on Friday 4 December.

Gill Begnor, North Cotswolds Fundraisers for CR-UK

## Sexual exploitation warning

The West Oxfordshire Community Safety Partnership, in conjunction with Thames Valley Police, organised a special screening at Chipping Norton Theatre for a film on 15 October on the subject of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The audience included 112 sixth form students from Chipping Norton School, nine uniformed police including Supt. Kath Lowe, Area Commander for West Oxfordshire and Cherwell, and many other community workers and interested parents. The film was powerful, showing the many ways children, particularly those aged 12-13, can become victims of blackmail, cyber bullying, online grooming leading to human trafficking and the possibility of suicide. Recent high profile cases in Oxford and Banbury highlight the fact that these sorts of crimes are never far from where we live and that keeping personal details and photographs on privacy settings when using social media is extremely important. Children

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must also be aware that making so-called 'friends' when playing online games can lead to trouble and that only bona fide friends should be accepted. For confidential support and advice, contact the County's Kingfisher team on 01865 335276 or [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/saferchildren](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/saferchildren)

## New estate agent opens

Wychwoods Estate Agents are delighted to announce the opening of their new Chipping Norton office in Horsefair in the converted pub building. Theirs should be a familiar name, as they have been selling



and letting properties in the area for the last 14 years. With offices in Burford, Charlbury and Milton-under-Wychwood, they say that now seemed the right time to set up an office in the Town itself. The main contact in the branch will be Emma Cattell, who has been with Wychwoods for nine years and, living in the Town, has a strong knowledge of the local area. She told the News, 'We have many clients in Chipping Norton and hope that our new office will be a convenient place to pop in and see us. The addition of this office strengthens our representation in the area and gives us in-depth coverage and expertise. If you have a property to sell or let and would like honest, no obligation advice, then please do call us on 637247.'

## Age UK's help at home

Many people will be aware of the wonderful work carried out by our local Age Concern (part of Age UK) at various venues in the Town, such as Highlands, Chatterbox, Sitting Exercises and Computer Classes. But few know about a fairly new service offered by Age UK Oxfordshire. Set up as a social enterprise, the service offers a range of flexible practical solutions to help people stay independent both at home and outside of it, and tailored towards individual preferences and lifestyles. Along with signposting people into other support services, such as welfare benefit advice to increase income or local activities in their communities, the services offer a

dedicated SoleMates footcare service, Handyman service, Gardening service, Employer Support service and Home Helpers, who can give practical assistance in the home and/or help people to participate in activities again, or feel less alone and isolated. Costs range from £16 an hour to £25 an hour for specialist advice and support with recruiting and employing your own care staff. (Additional charges may be incurred where extra costs such as transportation or meals are required.) If you are interested in taking advantage of this service, or need more information call Age UK Oxfordshire on 0333 577 1044.

## Chippy's top filmmaking talent



Dan Lee & Rodeo Whiter of Rodeax Ltd



Want your wedding filmed or your company promoted on video? Fancy funding a new film? The News team went to find out more about an interesting film and audio production company operating both in Chipping Norton and across the UK. We met the two principal members of Rodeax Ltd: Dan Lee, audio specialist, and Rodeo Whiter who handles film and video production. They work on commercial videos as well as art house films, the latter being screened at various film festivals and specialist cinemas in Oxford and London. Two such films are *Rocket Man*, about a two-man space mission set 50 years in the future, and *Flutter*, which attempts to explore the mindset of a stalker. The latter was the winner of the 2015 Cinewomen Festival. Another, *The White Room*, a psychological thriller, is currently in production and the team are in the middle of crowdsource funding for the film. They have been making films for six years, both in studios that they hire in Oxford, and in their base in Chipping Norton. They use state-of-the-art professional equipment, some of which is hired in when needed. They also do audio mixing, recording, post production, sound design and editing. The team are interested in more crowdsourced funding and in promoting their commercial video services, including filming weddings and making promotional videos. You can find out more at [www.rodeax.com](http://www.rodeax.com).

## Library help for housebound

The Library at Chipping Norton is supporting Experience Chipping Norton in their bid to become the High Street of the Year – market town category – and would like to encourage you to come in and place your online vote using our free public computers. You just need an email address and the staff will be pleased to help you set one up if you don't already have one. Do you know of anyone who is housebound and might like to benefit from our new service delivering books or audio material to them in their own home? We have some great new volunteers following last month's appeal, and they will soon be looking for candidates to use this service. Chipping Norton is now the flagship (or should that be guinea-pigs) for this worthwhile initiative. And don't forget the free Rhymetime sessions held on Monday mornings – from

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10.30am. All little ones are welcome to come and share in the fun. Just a reminder that the library opens late, till 7pm on a Friday and all day Saturdays, in case you can't make it in during regular working hours.

Judith Bucknall, Library Manager

### Talk on William Smith



Prof Hugh Torrens pictured at the unveiling of the William Smith plaque in March

On Friday 20 November in Churchill Village Hall (7 for 7.30pm) there is an illustrated talk about the career of geologist William Smith who published his famous geological map in 1815. Now Prof Hugh Torrens (who unveiled a plaque to Smith in Churchill in March) and Prof Geoffrey Walton, both experts on the life and work of William Smith, will be shedding light on the early part of his career as a land surveyor, and the influence he had on local water features and drainage work – for all of us who are interested in William Smith but don't know much about geology!! Fabulous new William Smith merchandise will be on sale – pens, pencils, tea towels, placemats, postcards and lots more – all in aid of the Churchill and Sarsden Heritage Centre. Tickets: £7 to include a glass of wine. Contact: Janie Hextall 658278 or janie.hextall@btinternet.com.

### Katharine House roundup

**Lights of Love Remembrance Services** will be held at St Mary's Banbury on Monday 30 November 7pm, and St Peter's Brackley on Wednesday 2 December, 7.30 pm. Lights will be dedicated to those being remembered – request forms to the hospice by Monday 9 November. **Santa Fun Run** is at 11am on Sunday 6 December at Spiceball Park, Banbury. Entry: £13 for adults, £7 for children aged 6–16 years and free for under 6's. This includes a Santa suit, mince pie and medal. **Festive Celebration Concert** Tuesday 8 December at 7.30pm in All Saints, Churchill, OX7 6NU. Seasonal music, Voice Box choir, festive readings from local celebrities. Tickets £20 each (inc refreshments). **Christmas Tree Festival** St Mary's Church Adderbury from 4-6 December. Forty trees sponsored and decorated by local organisations will be on display. Music and refreshments during the day and Victorian Carol Concert at 4.30pm on 6 December. To decorate a tree for £30 please contact Ray Robinson on 01295 369419 or email rayrobinson42@talktalk.net. Proceeds split between church and hospice. **Christmas Bag Pack Days** need volunteers to help on the day – Chipping Norton's is at The Co-op on Monday 14 December. Please call Sarah Brennan on 01295 816484 or email sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk. See website for

all details and how to help with Christmas knitted novelties, the Christmas quilt raffle, Christmas Cards and lottery: [www.khh.org.uk](http://www.khh.org.uk).

### Fancy a holiday with the Hunt?

*The Daily Telegraph* recently reported that a former Dutch soldier, Roel Rol, is advertising on his website 'hunting holiday breaks' with the Heythrop Hunt for rich foreigners. Mr Rol claims to have been a Hunt member for 10 years. Earlier this year, he began marketing hunting holidays in the Cotswolds, believed to run into thousands of pounds. After accusations that he was suggesting illegal hunting, Mr Rol's website now says it, 'only promotes hunting within the law' and that 'hunts hunt within the Hunting Act of 2004'. The Heythrop's secretary Guy Avis was reported as not knowing about the website. He said, 'I honestly don't know anything about it'. The Hunt was in the news again last month when ex-Tory donor Lord Ashcroft's unauthorised 'revenge' biography of David Cameron was published. His book alleges that the MP wrote to the Government's top lawyer when a Heythrop friend was charged with fox hunting in 2008, after which the case was dropped.

### Secrets passed in Chippy shop

Another snippet from Lord Ashcroft's book claimed that Samantha Cameron sent messages to Rebekah Brooks via intermediaries at a shop in Chipping Norton after David Cameron reportedly 'threw her to the wolves' during the phone hacking scandal. So ... might it have been Sainsbury's or maybe Daylesford Organics? Does anyone know?

### Fastest shed goes faster

A Great Rollright dad who made the world's fastest shed has already broken his own record (reported in September's News). Kevin Nicks built a shed on top of his old Volkswagen Passat 'just for fun', in a project that cost him thousands of pounds. In September Kevin went back to the airfield again and raised his recent speed record from 70.77mph to 80.47mph. Mr Nicks says he has now had enough shed-racing, and wants to move on to turning other vehicles into unusual creations.



### Come to Norts Master Quiz

Nortonians Amateur Dramatic Society are running their ever popular Quiz and Supper evening on Friday 6 November in the Parish Rooms by St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton, starting at 7.30pm. The price of £8 includes supper and the Quiz (teams of six, or you can join a team on the night). Please bring your own drinks. Remember, 'Points win Prizes'. For

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further details please contact Andrew Pitman, 01993 830930 or a.j.pitman@gmail.com.

## Helen & Douglas Santa Run

Christmas is fast approaching and booking has now opened for 'Santas on the Run', Oxford's annual festive 3k fun run (or walk!) hosted in aid of local children and young adult's hospice Helen & Douglas House.



This year's 'Santas on the Run' will take place on Sunday 13 December and will start on Broad Street, central Oxford. To find out more and book your place, please visit [www.hdh.org.uk](http://www.hdh.org.uk). Your local Helen & Douglas House shop in Chipping Norton is also getting ready for Christmas and has a great selection of cards and gifts. Please call in and Angie and her team will help you find that perfect gift.

## Farewell Old Friends

### Richard Jeans

I have received the very sad news that Richard Jeans, only son of the late Reverend Richard and Mrs Pauline Jeans, died suddenly aged 50 years. No doubt some of the residents of the Town will remember, with affection, the Reverend Jeans, who was vicar here in the 1960's, and his family. Heartfelt and deepest sympathy goes to Richard's widow and children, his sisters Biddy, Clare, Catriona, Elspeth and their families

Sue Harris

### Robert Ian Wood

A sincere thank you from the family of Robert Ian Wood for your heartfelt thoughts, sympathy and support which were greatly appreciated and will always be remembered. We appreciated your presence, along with the many written tributes and Mass cards received at that time. A grateful thank you also to the Lawrence Home Nursing Team.

Elizabeth Wood and family

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## Police and Crime update

This month's report from PC Mick Anderton and local press

**Spate of car damage** Charlbury in September suffered a spate of vehicle damage – a cloth soft-top roof slashed, spray painting along another, tyres slashed on two others. If you have information on any of these crimes please call 101.

**Oil tank theft attempt** On 27 September in Junction Road, Churchill, there was an attempt to steal heating oil from an external oil tank. The offenders left empty handed, put off by the audible alarm which sounded. Please contact police on 101 with information.

**Immigration check** Following intelligence received, officers waited for a suspected 'over-stayer' to attend his vehicle in Chipping Norton. He was seen to drive off and then stopped and arrested. He has been handed over to the UK Border Agency for his immigration status to be decided.

**Assault conviction** Gary Smith of Chipping Norton was convicted of harassing a woman in Banbury by sending sexually explicit images, making threatening phone calls and text messages; and of assaulting the same woman by beating her in March in Chipping Norton. He was sent to prison for 26 weeks and ordered to pay £100 compensation, £620 costs and a £520 criminal courts charge.

**Missing girl found** Thames Valley Police would like to thank the public for its help in tracing a girl missing from Chipping Norton. Michaela Rose, aged 16, had last been seen in Banbury at about 10.30am on Wednesday 6 October and was found safe and well the evening of 7 October.

The next **Have Your Say Meeting** for Chipping Norton is on Saturday, 5 December 10-11am at The Town Hall with PCSO Cheryl Harrison. To contact local police call 101 and ask for the Chipping Norton team.

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## Support for a new Chippy 'Skatepark'

*Would you or your children support and use a skatepark and multiwheeled sports facility at Greystones Sports Ground? How can it best be supervised and kept safe? Or what other ideas would you have for sports and leisure facilities? The Town Council has a plan and £100,000 could be available for this. But Chipping Norton Mayor Mike Tysoe has written below – wanting more support and backing from the Town's young people and parents. He has asked all the Town's Schools headteachers for help ... and readers can respond directly to him as well to a questionnaire by mid-November.*

### Skatepark plan ready

'I would appreciate some urgent help on this. At a recent meeting of the Town Council's Recreation Committee we decided that we should bring you all up to date on where we are with the 'Chippy Skatepark'. A skate park has been under discussion since about 2004 and it now seems that we are closer than ever before to getting this project off the ground:

- we have allocated the ground for it – namely at Greystones recreation area just north(ish) of the Chippy Swifts pitch
- we are very close to finalising the design – we are down to two possible designs and are just going through some 'tweaks' with the designers
- we can probably finance this very major project (£100,000) without affecting the Town's Council Tax/precept



*One of the possible designs for the new Skatepark*

The Council intends to further develop the facilities at Greystones, with or without the skatepark, and we will use Section 106 Funds (paid by various Housing developers) that are coming to the Town in the near future. So, I hear you asking yourselves "Why is the Council hesitating?" The main reason can be summed up as "lack of belief" that there is a "real need/interest" from the Town's children and that usage will be limited. The facility may also not be looked after. Our New Street Recreation ground has been refurbished at a cost in excess of £60,000 (again from Section 106), and improvements have been very well received, but recent events show how things can be quickly ruined by a few selfish and destructive individuals. There are also worries about these areas becoming hangouts for drug users.'

### Is there enough interest?

'The concern about "lack of need/interest" in a Greystones skatepark is based on our recent attempts to gauge interest from the Town's children. We have attempted three open consultations: two in the Town Hall in August (long afternoon/early evening sessions) and one all day event at the recent Emma's Trust Saturday event. These three consultations resulted in us taking a grand total of 56 comments from a population of 6500. To spend £100,000 of (essentially) the Town's money on the feedback from 0.86% of the population would be fairly stupid of the Town Council. We fully appreciate the fantastic work done by, for instance, Chippy Trixsters in developing "wheel based" skills and fully realise that a skate park would help children hone their skills for Trixsters and other sports. But again we feel that this might be for a fairly small user-base. There are other possible projects that the money could be used for: a new scout hut, tennis courts, all weather pitches for cricket, football or rugby, a refurbishment

of Chippy Swifts clubhouse – just to name a few. Many need adult supervision but could be used by a significant part of the population.'

### Views from schools and Town

'So we have some major questions to answer finally before we commit and we would like your collective assistance in gathering the answers to make sure this skate park really is needed. So how can the schools and others help us? We would like to connect more directly with the children to see how many are really into this sport ie how many have boards/skates etc etc and also any ideas from them as to how the skate park could be policed/kept clean / controlled etc etc.'

*The Mayor and Cllr Richard Benfield (Chair of the Recreation Committee) would like to hear views not only from schools but from any readers and potential users in the Town. A questionnaire is available from the Town Clerk at the Guildhall – or write direct to [cntownclerk@btconnect.com](mailto:cntownclerk@btconnect.com) - ideally by 16 November.*

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# THE ARTS

## On stage

**The Theatre, Chipping Norton** – as well as this year's panto **Robin Hood** (17 November to 10 Jan – see feature below) there are two streamed performances that should be worth seeing: 7.30pm on 22 November, the Broadway production in New York filmed by National Theatre Live of John Steinbeck's play **Of Mice and Men**; then at 7.15pm on 26 November there's a live broadcast of the Kenneth Branagh Theatre Company production of Shakespeare's **The Winter's Tale**, with Judi Dench and Branagh in the leading roles. Tickets in person or by phone from the box office 642350, or online [www.chippingnortontheatre.com](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com).

**Sherlock's case in Chippy!** 'Sherlock Holmes, the world's greatest consulting detective....There is one unpublished case I'd like to tell you about which you will find of interest because part of it happened right here in Chipping Norton.' So Dr. Watson begins the story of **Sherlock's Excellent Adventure** (by James Barry). Will Sherlock outwit Professor James Moriarty to save Lucy Matravers' inheritance? Performances on 13 February 2016 in the Town Hall. Book the date then watch for posters!

This will be in the new relaxed format of café theatre; with the ticket price including light refreshments! The cast includes the Nortonians' stalwarts with Chris Geary playing Sherlock and Andrew Pitman playing Watson. Professor Moriarty is David Simkin with his niece, Lucy Matravers, played by Beverly Digwood.

## Literary leisure

**Woodstock Poetry Festival** 13-15 November. From Friday evening until Sunday night poets will be reading from their own work and that of others they admire. There will be performances, with and without music, and an open mic session for local poets to read their own work in a relaxed atmosphere. Events include: Friday: 8.30pm Don Paterson and Kei Miller; Saturday 7.30pm Katrina Porteous; Sunday: 6.00pm Tony Harrison, poet and translator pictured left, whose writing has inspired so many poets; Sunday: 8pm Poems from Bernard O'Donoghue & Tom Paulin with traditional Irish music from Mick Henry and Nick Hooper. Full details and venues from the Woodstock Bookshop [info@woodstockbookshop.co.uk](mailto:info@woodstockbookshop.co.uk) / 01993 812760.



**Dominic Sandbrook launch party** This academic historian, writer, columnist (and Chippy resident) launches his latest book, *Great British Dream Factory*, at Jaffé & Neale on Thursday 12 November. The book explores how Britain reinvented itself as a cultural superpower in the 20<sup>th</sup> century after the fall of the British Empire. An accompanying TV series, *Let Us Entertain You*, will be on BBC2 this autumn. Dominic will read extracts from the book and sign copies from 6.30pm. Please contact Jaffé & Neale for more details.

## Robin Hood at The Theatre The Panto Pippins

Rebekah Burman first became a Pippin\* in 2005. She'd been to the dentist and learned that the dentist's daughter was preparing to audition to be a Pippin in *Puss in Boots*. She was intrigued. The next day Rebekah found herself standing in an audition room singing Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious – one of the few songs she knew the words to. She got the part, and so began her love of panto and The Theatre. That first production was, she says, a magical experience. Working alongside professional actors and singing and dancing onstage and in costume left a lasting impression. She began going to the Youth Theatre and returned to the panto the next year as a Pippin in *Mother Goose*. Inspired by her, Rebekah's siblings followed in her footsteps to tread the boards. Brother, Thomas, was a Pippin in *Rapunzel* and *Dick Whittington*. Now younger sister Hannah, already with several years' panto experience, is a speaking Pippin in **Robin Hood**. This year, as well as her pre-university job as box office assistant, Rebekah is chaperoning the Robin Hood Pippins. She'll use her first-hand experience to make sure the child actors are comfortable, prepared, and enjoying themselves. Unlike in Rebekah's day, with two groups of Pippins, today there are three teams, each of four Pippins and one dedicated chaperone, who alternate performances.



Rebekah Burman: chaperone (2015) and Puss in Boots Pippin (2005)



The tradition of Pippins at Chippy stretches back to *Robinson Crusoe* in 1978, when all were girls. Boys were allowed in 1983 for Graeme Garden's *Sleeping Beauty* and have continued to share since. The word 'Pippin' appears to be unique to our panto. Tamara Malcolm, The Theatre's founder, explains says the term originated in Old Time Music Hall and was introduced to her post-performance in the Theatre Bar one evening by some touring old hands. Rather than inviting a star name to headline the show, local child performers share the stage with professional actors to showcase a quality production with plenty of laughs. It's a tradition which makes the panto loved in town and much further afield. No doubt the Pippins this year will play their part in making sure *Robin Hood* is as memorable for us, the audience, as it is for them. If you're interested in being a Pippin next year, auditions are usually held at the beginning of September. Look out for flyers or contact The Theatre ask to go on their Pippins email list. \*Pippin = colloq an amateur actor between the ages of 8-14 who lives in Chipping Norton or surrounding area, and who performs in the annual pantomime in the town.



# THE ARTS

## Jazz and classical music



### Chippy Jazz & Music 2016

Following this year's successful event the News received this message from the organisers: *Many thanks to everyone who helped make CJAM 2015 such a success! We plan to expand Chippy Jazz 2016 to a two-day event, on Saturday and Sunday 10-11 September 2016. What are your views on this? We'd love*

*to hear from you: [info@chippyjazz.com](mailto:info@chippyjazz.com). All the best from the Chippy Jazz organizers.*

**Sunday Jazz at Blenheim Palace** – Jazz Sundays have returned! Brighten up your weekends in the darker months and enjoy live jazz in the Water Terraces Café. Performances are from 10am to 12.30pm and have brunch while you listen in this relaxed atmosphere. For entry, buy a Palace, Park and Gardens ticket or show your valid Annual Pass. NB No Sunday Jazz on 22 November due to the Living Crafts for Christmas Fair. [www.blenheimpalace.com](http://www.blenheimpalace.com) for further details.

**The Lenthall Concerts** at Burford School. Wednesday 7.30pm, 4 November: RCM Strings directed by Mark Messenger with Sarah Hayashi (soprano) perform Mozart's *Symphony no 29* in A K201 and *Exultate Jubilate*, Sibelius's *Andante Festivo*, *Palladio* by Karl Jenkins, Schoenberg's *Verklärte Nacht* op 4.

Wednesday 7.30pm 2 December: The popular duo of Michael Bochmann (violin) and Adam Khan (guitar) are joined by Julian Rowlands on the bandoneon, the iconic tango instrument, perform Schubert's *Sonatina in D D384*, Vivaldi's *Concerto in D RV93*, J S Bach's *Arioso*, *Histoire du Tango* by Piazzolla, *Pont Mirabeau* by Adrian Politi. Tickets: £12 and £3 for students, £50 membership tickets for all six concerts in the 2015/16 season. More at [www.lenthallconcerts.org.uk](http://www.lenthallconcerts.org.uk) or Tel. 01993 824949



**Handel's Messiah** The Chipping Norton Choral Society and Cotswold Baroque Orchestra, conducted by Peter Hunt, perform Handel's *Messiah* at St Mary's Chipping Norton, 7.30pm, Saturday 5 December. Tickets £12 in advance, £15 on the door. Under 14s free. Available on 01869 338586, from Jaffé & Neale, [tickets@cncs.org.uk](mailto:tickets@cncs.org.uk), or choir members.

## Arts and Crafts

**Artweeks Christmas Exhibitions 14 & 15 November.** A selection of the venues from Oxfordshire Artweeks will be open for this weekend. In the Artweeks Catalogue, available last May, they are marked with a tiny Christmas tree. Nearby artists include: Graham Mant at the Pig Pen Pottery in Bloxham; Martin Sanders, maker of turned wood pieces in Rock Hill, Chipping Norton; Tina Burnett's paintings in Over Norton and Guen Palmer, jewellery designer and maker in Kingham. More Artweeks artists will be exhibiting throughout November and December. For further details visit [www.artweeks.org](http://www.artweeks.org).



**Craft Guild's Exhibitions** The Oxfordshire Craft Guild Christmas exhibitions are at three venues during this and next month. **Town Hall Chipping Norton** 27-29 November has Selma Stagg of Chipping Norton, porcelain jewellery, Jane Hanson, ceramics (pictured), Martin Cash

wood sculptor and Liz Fletcher, leather bags and accessories. **Oxfordshire Museum**, Woodstock, 14 Nov-23 Dec has the Guild's centre-piece 6 week-long Christmas exhibition. Over 25 designer-makers will be showing their work, including: Alison Dupernex, knitwear; Richard Shock, wood turning; and Eddie Kent, Raku and stoneware. The **Arts and Crafts Market** in Broad Street, Oxford, 5-6 December. OCG have a rigorous members selection process, so visitors can be assured of the quality of the hand-crafted pieces on show. Those looking for unique Christmas gifts will find a wealth of beautiful objects from which to choose. For detailed information visit [www.oxfordshirecraftguild.co.uk](http://www.oxfordshirecraftguild.co.uk)

**Year 12 & 13 Photo Exhibition** Following the judging of the competition sponsored by the Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society and Cotswold Woollen Weavers, the photographs from Years 12 and 13 from Burford and Chipping Norton Schools will be displayed at Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday 7 November, 10am to 4pm. All welcome.

**Art and the Napoleonic Wars** This Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society lecture will be by Lois Oliver. Marking the Battle of Waterloo 1815 bicentenary, it complements other events around the country presenting contrasting views of the wars presented by British and French artists. 11 November at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford (refreshments from 10.15) Non-members welcome (suggested donation £8). See [www.cotswolddfas.org.uk](http://www.cotswolddfas.org.uk)

**Charlbury Art Society** 7.30pm. 11 November. Artist Rod Craig will demonstrate *Painting Imaginary Landscapes*. Everyone welcome. The Memorial Hall, Browns Lane, Charlbury. £3 for non-members. The pre-Christmas meeting will be on 9 December, when Glenna Chadwick will give a talk on *Nativity Art*. For further information phone Marion Coates on 810116.

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# Chipping Norton remembrance

*In this year's Remembrance tribute, we feature the fighting*

**As the First World War continued to rage throughout 1915, these nine men from Chipping Norton were killed in service that year.**

**WALTER EDWARD HARRIS** died aged 24, on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 1915. He was on home service as a Private in the 4<sup>th</sup> Reserve Battalion Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry. He is buried in Whittle Road Cemetery in Chelmsford.



**ROBY GIBBS** was killed aged 21, on 19<sup>th</sup> April 1915. A Lance-Corporal in the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, he was accidentally killed while on duty. He was the youngest of nine children of Mr and Mrs J. Gibbs, 7, The Leys, Chipping Norton. He is buried in Le Grand Hans Cemetery, Morbecque, Normandy.

**PHILIP CHARLES VALENTINE KERBY (KIRBY)** was drowned aged 22, on 11<sup>th</sup> April 1915. He was a Trooper in the 1/1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Warwickshire Yeomanry, and was travelling to Egypt on the Transport Ship *Wayfarer*, when it was torpedoed in the Irish Sea. He had worked as a groom for the Chamberlaynes at The Elm, Church Lane, Chipping Norton. He is commemorated on the Hollybrook Memorial in Southampton and Mollington war memorial.



of Thomas and Eliza, the husband of Ivy. He is buried in Churchyard in the

**ALBERT HARRISON** was killed aged 35, on 9<sup>th</sup> May 1915, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of Ypres. He was a Private with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Gloucester Regiment. Born in Alfred Terrace, Chipping Norton, he was the son of James and Eliza and the husband of Hannah. He is remembered on the East Brent War Memorial and the Menin Gate Memorial for soldiers with no known grave.



**The newly-commissioned War Memorial in Salford**



**JAMES ALDRIDGE** was killed aged 19, on 10<sup>th</sup> May 1915. A Private in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry, he was killed in action on the Western Front during the Battle of Festubert, after landing in France just a month earlier. He was the son of James and Annie of The Green, Chipping Norton. He is commemorated on Le Touret Memorial for soldiers with no known grave.



**LEWIS HUBERT HALL** was killed aged 23, on 31<sup>st</sup> October 1915. He was a Private in the 19<sup>th</sup> County of London Battalion but was born in Chipping Norton. At the age of eight, he was living with five siblings at 13, King's Yard, Chipping Norton, having lost both his parents. He is commemorated on The Loos Memorial for soldiers with no known grave.

*With thanks to Steve Kingsford and the Chipping Norton Royal British Legion. More information about all these men can be found on [www.chippingnortonbritishlegion.com](http://www.chippingnortonbritishlegion.com) and in the Book of Remembrance in the Chipping Norton Museum.*

# Members the Fallen of 1915

and the fallen during the second year of the First World War

Chipping Norton were

was killed aged 31, on 5<sup>th</sup> June  
corporal in the Queen's Own  
Mussars, he was killed  
in the Somme. He was one  
of Joseph and Emma Gibbs of  
Chipping Norton. He is buried in  
Sard Military cemetery in  
Northern France.

**ERNEST MARGETTS** died  
aged 26, on 11<sup>th</sup> July, having been  
wounded in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battle of  
Ypres. A Lance Corporal with  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, The Gloucester-  
shire Regiment, he was the son  
Elizabeth of Over Norton and the  
He is buried in Erquinghem-lys  
e Pas-de-Calais, France.

**GEORGE FREDERICK  
MURRELL** died aged 41, on  
4<sup>th</sup> September 1915, from  
pneumonia. He was serving as a  
Private in the 31<sup>st</sup> Mobile  
Section of the Royal Army  
Veterinary Corps. The husband  
of May Fowler from Chipping  
Norton, he had a son James,  
and had worked as a groom  
and coachman at Over Norton  
Park. He is buried in Lillers  
Communal Cemetery in  
France.

**FREDERICK KNIBBS** died  
aged 26, on 28<sup>th</sup> September  
1915. He had been wounded at  
the Battle of Loos while serving  
as a Lance-Corporal with B  
company, the 9<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The  
Royal Welsh Fusiliers. He was  
the son of Frederick and Sarah  
of 30, Rock Hill, Chipping  
Norton. He is buried in Le  
Treport Military Cemetery near  
Dieppe.

and on their website

## The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry in action during 1915

Many men from Chipping Norton served in the Oxfordshire & Bucks Light  
Infantry (OBLI) and these were the battles they fought in a century ago.



Many local soldiers would have served in  
the OBLI, as did Walter Harris and James  
Aldridge. The Regiment was fighting in  
Mesopotamia and North Russia. At the end  
of May 1915 they successfully attacked the  
Turkish positions which resulted in an  
advance of 100 miles. In September of this  
same year a further advance was made to  
the battle of Es Sinn in which the Turks  
were again defeated, the 43<sup>rd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion  
executing a wide turning movement across  
the desert. On 22 November the Battle of  
Ctesiphon, near Baghdad, was fought. In  
spite of very heavy losses the British won  
the day, but were forced to withdraw  
owing to lack of numbers, the 43<sup>rd</sup> losing  
13 officers and 450 other ranks. Meanwhile  
the 52<sup>nd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion was fighting in France  
on the Western Front and by the end of  
1914 had suffered over 600 casualties. In  
1915 the Battalion made a gallant night

attack at Festubert and took part in the  
Battle of Loos together with the 6<sup>th</sup>  
(Service) Battalion, who went to France in  
July 1915 with the 20<sup>th</sup> (Light) Division.  
The 7<sup>th</sup> (Service) Battalion and the 8<sup>th</sup>  
(Service) (Pioneer) Battalion were in 26  
Division and were also in France for a  
short period in 1915 before being sent to  
Salonica to assist the Serbs against the  
Bulgars. If this sounds like one battle after  
another, this is indeed how it was, leading  
to so much appalling injury and loss of life.  
It is humbling to think that 5,878 of the  
Regiment's soldiers gave their lives. Their  
memory is enshrined in the Book of  
Remembrance in the Regimental Chapel  
in Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford.  
Every two months on Saturdays there is a  
Turning of the Pages service to  
commemorate them and those lost in  
WWII.



*Photos of the OBLI parading in Chipping Norton reproduced by kind permission of the  
Chipping Norton Museum of Local History*

## We Will Remember Them Local Remembrance events

### Salford's new Memorial

In 2014 Salford Parish Council  
commissioned Salford resident,  
Jason Sparvell, to design and  
sculpt a Commemorative War  
Memorial. This is a rusted mild  
steel poppy mounted on a block  
of Cotswold stone and is  
pictured left. It will be dedicated  
as part of the Remembrance  
Service at Salford Church on the  
morning of Sunday, 8 November.

The Parish Council obtained  
grants from the County & District  
Councils and the Rollright Quarry  
donated the stone.



### Parade & Services in Chipping Norton

Chipping Norton's Annual  
Remembrance Day Parade and  
Service is on Sunday 8 November,  
led by the Town's Royal British Legion. The Service in  
St Mary's Church, with the Mayor and Mayoress  
present, starts at 10.45am, with a parade to the  
church starting outside Sainsbury's at 10.30. Contact  
Malcolm Holland on 641745 if you need a wreath.  
After the service will be a march past and muster of  
the British Legion and uniformed organisations and  
reception by invitation with the Mayor in the Town  
Hall. On Wednesday 11 November the Legion will  
hold a Two Minutes Silence at the Town War  
Memorial in London Road at 11am. Anyone wishing  
to take part please be there by 10.50am.

## All happening at The Rollright Stones

**A recent Saxon discovery, many more visitors, skywatchers and parking issues have put the historic Rollright Stones in the spotlight. News team member Gay Holden went to find out more at the well attended Rollright Trust Forum in October at Long Compton Village Hall.**

### The Saxon Lady mystery

The mid 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> century AD Anglo-Saxon burial of a female near the Rollright Stones, discovered by metal detectorists from the Muddy Boots Metal Detecting Club in April, has aroused much local and national interest. The full story may take another two years to unfold but at the Forum, Anni Byard, Finds Liaison Officer for Oxfordshire and West Berkshire County Councils gave an intriguing progress report. Detectorist Charlie Wood initially found what was first considered to be a bronze Roman patera or spoon, but with the discovery of the associated burial with its distinctively Saxon grave goods, opinion quickly changed. It is now likely that the almost



Top: Archaeologist Anni Byard excavating the skeleton  
Left: the long-handled metal pan

complete female skeleton was 20–30 years of age at death, about 5'3" tall and of Caucasian/Mongoloid ancestry – confirmed by certain skull features such as a square jaw and flattish face. Her cause of death was not determined, though some healing of a leg bone was noted. In time, isotopic analysis of her teeth will reveal with some accuracy where she spent her childhood.

The grave goods are of special interest and suggest she was a woman of mid to high status. There were smaller items such as seeds and a pin, but more important finds include amber beads, bone discs, a faceted rock crystal on an iron chain and the above-mentioned long-handled metal pan. The pan was possibly originally inside a box, as a preserved piece of wood and two metal hinges were found nearby. The pan may have had a water-pouring ceremonial function, water of course featuring in ceremonies from the earliest times to the present day. If there are any residues in the pan, they will be discovered and analysed in the months to come. So was she a witch? Anni Byard stressed that 'Archaeology will say' that she was a woman of some status, buried in a somewhat intriguing location (near the Rollright Stones) and she may have had some special knowledge, properties and/or influence. For now, she and her grave goods reside at the British Museum awaiting ongoing analysis and we shall just have to be patient for the next update in a year or two's time.

### Dark delights in the sky

This year The Stones site was awarded Dark Sky status, granted when light pollution is at a sufficiently low level to allow astronomers and star-gazing hobbyists an extremely good view of the Milky Way, not just the major constellations, with the naked eye. Robin Smitten, Chairman of Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Society, said that the next nearest such Dark Sky site is many counties away. Robin showed some astonishing photographs (taken at the Stones) of the Milky Way to illustrate the high quality of the night sky there. Concern was

voiced about future lighting which might emanate from the new Premier Inn in Chipping Norton across the valley, but it is hoped that light spillage will be alleviated by adding the correct shielding to any large lighting installations there.

### Dowsing, drones & detecting

The development and use of drones for aerial photography was described by Shaun Matthews who showed a fascinating film he shot of the Stones and associated crop circle this summer. Dowsing and Ley Lines were explained by Ron Dudley Smith, whose passion for this aspect of archaeological divination was obvious. Metal detectorist Charlie Wood, who discovered the bronze Saxon pan, made the assembled gathering laugh when he recounted having to sleep alone on the windy hill guarding his find and the skeleton, with a duvet and a bag of fish and chips for company. All in a day's work.

### Parking and traffic issues

Head of the Trust, George Lambrick, updated



Cartoon by Sarah Withey, Rollright Trustee & CNAAG member

the Forum on parking and traffic issues – particularly as more visitors come to the site. There has been a considerably increased footfall to the site in recent months, especially since prehistoric studies were introduced to the National Curriculum in 2014 for primary schools. As a result, many school parties have visited the site and the resulting Health and Safety implications of children using the lay-bys are obvious. An application to put in a dedicated car park has been deferred by WODC Uplands Planning Committee. Cllr Geoff Saul said officers thought it was too close to the Stones and would affect the historic setting. Councillors were, however, sympathetic and suggested the Trust propose another site after talking to local landowners. The Trust are also keen that speed limits should be lowered for the stretch of road passing the site.

Please visit the Stones and, if you have a few hours spare at weekends and enjoy talking to the public, then consider becoming a warden for The Rollright Stones. For more information, contact [volunteers@rollrightstones.co.uk](mailto:volunteers@rollrightstones.co.uk)

# CLUB NEWS

## New Air Cadets sign up

During September Chipping Norton Air Cadets undertook First Aid Training, Map Making, Radio Training and Leadership Exercises. They also participated in a Wing Air Recce Competition and some represented the Wing at swimming. At the weekends some cadets had the opportunity to join the Battle of Britain parade in Banbury, attend a Radio Operator workshop, go flying and have fun at the Wing Activities Day.



Mid-September saw our annual inspection by Wing Commander Fisher. Combined with an open evening, cadets showcased a range of activities and gave a presentation to parents, potential cadets and VIPs. Following this, 18 new

cadets attended their first parade evening – an amazing achievement by our current cadets who enthusiastically demonstrated what the ATC is about. We say ‘goodbye’ to older cadets off to university and welcome to all new ones.

ATC is for young people aged 12-17. We meet every Tuesday and Thursday 7-9.30pm in Chipping Norton and our next joining day is in February. Our growing squadron needs more adult volunteer staff. If you are interested in helping, or you just like to find out more about air cadets, please visit [www.136atc.com](http://www.136atc.com) or email [136@aircadets.org](mailto:136@aircadets.org).

Helen

## Banbury eccentric at History Society

A large and appreciative audience listened to Bill King's talk entitled Yesterday's Runways. He opened with the fascinating fact that, although we have now only one Service airport, at Brize Norton, in 1935 there were 52 airfields within a 25 mile radius of Oxford, and 96 military airfields in the Cotswolds and Central Midlands. Mr King then outlined their development and decline alongside that of the aircraft using them. He showed pictures of where to spot disused control towers and runways. The presence of a large contingent of personnel brought benefits to villages and parts of Chipping Norton, replacing gas lamps with electricity and the Cotswold privies were discarded as mains sewerage came on stream.

On 9 November Stephen Wass will recount the life of William Castle – Banbury eccentric and Morris Fool. The meeting will be held as usual in the Methodist Hall at 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming members and newcomers.

Liz Whitaker

## Railway Club's festive timetable

On 6 October Michael Clemens made a return visit, with more of his father's archive railway films. Jim Clemens travelled the UK in the 50s and 60s filming the current railway scene. Michael has transferred these early films, improving the quality and showing them in this new format. The BBC and other documentary film makers often consult him on period rail, using his authentic railway scenes in their programmes. Michael always presents an interesting and professional talk, with excellent slides, this time featuring Devon and Cornwall.

On Saturday 26 September several Club members joined

the Cotswold Line Promotion Group for their annual rail outing. The venue was Tenby in Pembrokeshire; a membership of 500+ travelled in First and Standard Class from local stations, including Kingham. The weather was warm and sunny and an enjoyable day was had by all.

John Dagley-Morris will visit on 3 November to talk about Mainline Steam – 1970 Onwards.

For our festive meeting on 1 December, Frank Cooper will entertain us with The Great Western Society, when we will enjoy our usual glass or two of wine with hot mince pies. Not forgetting, of course, our now famous Christmas Raffle! New members and visitors will be very welcome to join us on this occasion, our final meeting of the season.

Estelle Brain

## Stargazers face the chill of Autumn

Chippy starwatchers now notice the evenings drawing in, the night skies getting clearer as their honed senses feel the colder air nips at the fingertips as the early breath of autumn whispers in on the night air. Awash with euphoria from the stunning early morning spectacle of the total lunar eclipse on



28 September, plucky members of Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group festooned with telescopes pitched camp in Tooley's Boatyard for our very successful involvement in Banbury Canal Day on 4 October – pictured above.

This month we look forward to visiting Charlbury School and the Social club at Broughton, hopefully under clear skies. Our guest speaker is world renowned astrophotographer Damien Peach talking about his work, on Monday 16 November in the Methodist Hall, 7.30 for an 8pm start –

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everyone more than welcome, light refreshments available. We are planning a very busy Autumn, Winter and Spring season of astronomical events including Stargazing Live where you may very well find us in the town centre again. We are now ready for some great local observing evenings between now and Christmas.

CNAAG exists for everyone with an interest in space and the Universe and if you are looking for a new interest, re-kindling an old one or are just plain curious, please come along to any of our meetings where you will be made most welcome. Visit [www.cnaag.com](http://www.cnaag.com) for further information.

Robin Smitten

## Chippy Lippy's moveable feasts



Chippy Lippy, the networking group for local businesswomen, was taken over by writer and artist Jan Harvey at the beginning of this year and has become something of a perambulating affair that holds its meetings in and around Chipping Norton.

Venues have included Wine Bear (pictured) Bealicious Bakery, The Cotswolds Distillery, Trudie's Tea Garden and The Fibreworks. It has been a year of inspiring speakers, high quality venues and cake, indeed cake has been an omnipresent theme! Speakers have included Natasha Roderick-Jones speaking on the Power of Silence; Bea Bates introducing new business Bealicious Bakery; Clare Mackintosh author of the best selling thriller *I Let You Go* and Holistic Therapist, Annette Rainbow amongst others.

'We have had a wonderful year of very enjoyable and inspiring meetings, it was a risk to perambulate but having different venues, often tailored to the speaker, has given the

group a fresh feeling,' says Jan. 'Sometimes we have roared laughing and at others we have been moved almost to tears by what our speakers have shared with us.'

Next year has a full programme of monthly events including literature, horses, photography and soap and that's just for starters. Membership is £10 on the door at each meeting and booking your place is now essential. All are welcome both those currently running a business and those who might be thinking about becoming an entrepreneur. Above all Chippy Lippy is great fun. Call 01993 832357 or visit <http://chippylippy.wix.com/chippylippy> for details.

Jan Harvey

## Caring and Sharing with CNWI

At their October meeting members of Chipping Norton Women's Institute were given a thought-provoking presentation about the Bethlehem Project. Trevor Hodgkinson is helping to raise awareness of Hogar Nino Dios, a home in Bethlehem run by Mother Pia, which provides vital care for a group of disabled and abandoned children. Among their needs are speech and language therapy and Mr Hodgkinson has twice led teams of expert volunteers out there, taking both aid and advice. His enlightening talk certainly informed those present about a truly worthy cause.

On Wednesday 11 November we look forward to the festive season with a Christmas crafts workshop led by Ann Sharman and on 27 November we have the opportunity to visit Worcester for sightseeing and a Christmas market. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us at our monthly meetings in the lower Town Hall at 2.15pm.

Prudence Chard 642903



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## Scouting round up

**Beavers** Seventeen Beavers attended the Beaver District Camp at Horley in September. Activities ranged from emergency first aid, building a fire and then cooking on it, putting up a tent and making clay faces. Everyone had fun and all achieved their Camp Craft Activity Badge. We presented three Beavers with their Chief Scout's Bronze Awards and they have now moved up to Cubs. Five new Beavers were invested at the beginning of October.

**Cubs** The Cubs have been looking at which services our Town has to offer and working out where each one was on a map of Chipping Norton. They have also been thinking and learning about many different types of religion. The highlight of our weekly meetings so far this term though was learning why it is important to recycle rather than just putting everything in the bin. The Cubs then made 'pet palaces' out of rubbish.

There was a good attendance for the county activity day at Horley. The sun shone while Cubs bounced on a huge pirate-ship bouncy castle, scrambled up a climbing wall, ran around in the dark playing laser quest and tried out archery amongst many other activities. Walking tiredly back to the mini-bus two of the Cubs agreed that it was the best day out ever!

**Scouts** The new term has started as busily as the last one ended! We have had eight new youngsters join us, most moving up from Cubs. We have been working on survival skills, and had two patrols of Scouts attend the County Patrol Camping weekend. This is a fun competition weekend of scouting skills – our teams came 5<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> out of 48 teams! We soon have another weekend camp, testing out the survival skills the Scouts have learnt. Building shelters out of natural

resources, and sleeping in them, plus preparing and cooking wild food on camp fires (rabbits and pigeons with their coats still on!!). Definitely not a weekend for the faint-hearted.

The Scout group is currently desperately in need of volunteers – particularly someone to help with the Scout section, a couple of hours a week. We also need a quartermaster, to look after our camping stores. Please contact [tracey@chippyscouts.org.uk](mailto:tracey@chippyscouts.org.uk) for further details.



**Explorers** Several of the Explorer scouts help regularly with Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. Four of the unit attended the Scouts' annual County Patrol Camping weekend at the start of October and helped run activities (one pictured left!) in the lovely sunny weather. We also have some Explorers doing gold and silver Duke of Edinburgh expeditions this autumn. If you would like to join Explorers please

contact Cathy on [catherine.elliott0200@gmail.com](mailto:catherine.elliott0200@gmail.com). We generally meet at the Scout hut from 7-9pm most Fridays. Explorers are aged thirteen and a half to eighteen and welcome both boys and girls.

## Chadlington Flower Club

September's meeting was a workshop, where we all brought flowers and greenery from our gardens and shared ideas for an Autumnal Display. November is our Open Evening in Chipping Norton Town Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup>. Entitled *Christmas with Nadia*, tickets are £10, doors open at 6.30 for a 7.30pm start. Further information from Anne on 683289.

Elaine Parsons

## Clubs for the Bereaved

**The Friendship Club** Over the past year we have visited the pantomime, been entertained by a magician, had a Christmas party, been on a coach trip to Salisbury, enjoyed a cream tea and a fish & chip and a harvest lunch (not all at once!) and we have also heard various interesting speakers. We have about 25 members of varying ages – there is no age limit. We are not a morbid miserable group, but we laugh and joke and have a good time so that spirits are lifted.

There must be loads of bereaved people out there who need help and we hope that they will read this and join us. We are a friendship group where friends can be made. Membership is £5 a year with a £2 sub each month to pay for tea, cakes and the rental of the room. We meet at Highlands Day Centre on the last Saturday of the month from 1.30-3.30pm. To find out more call Pat Smith on 678456.

**Age UK – Late Spring** This is another bereavement group which also meets at Highlands – on the second and fourth Friday of each month from 10am to noon. This group is smaller and more serious – everyone helps the others to understand their problems. We listen if others want to talk. We do also have a laugh and a joke and then go home with our spirits much lifted. We also sometimes go out for meals, the theatre or coach trips. We always go to see Shakespeare

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in the Park at Wadham College in the summer which is very enjoyable – even if you don't like Shakespeare!!

Again, everyone is made welcome – come along to a meeting and see for yourself. Call me to find out more.

Pat Smith 678456

## Chipping Norton Yacht Club

Our September talk Pilotage on the Thames was given by



working pilot Phil Shayler, who's been a pilot for 24 years. Taking control of navigation for

enormous, unwieldy craft in the busy, shallow and tidal waters of the Thames and its estuary has plenty of excitement to offer. The job is 24/7 – the actual duty is typically preceded by dashes in taxis and an hour or so in the Pilot boat, and if the weather is so bad that leaving a departing vessel is too dangerous, the pilot stays on board and is flown home later...

The images that grabbed our attention were those of the prangs. Close quarters manoeuvring is not without incident – and there were a few gasps from the audience!

It was a fascinating insight into a marine profession that not only keeps us sailors and our seaways safe, but also keeps the ports working efficiently to support the vast amount of modern ship-borne trade without which we islanders would be eking a pretty meagre existence.

Our November talk will be given by Bob Bradfield who is 'dragging archaic navigation information into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century'. Visit [cnycc.co.uk](http://cnycc.co.uk) for details and to book.

Roger Backhaus

## AGM & Gardeners' Question Time

The winter season for the Chipping Norton Horticultural Association began in October with a visit of Peter Preece with *Every Picture Tells a Story* – full report next month.

Our November meeting on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> will start at 7.15pm with our AGM, please support the committee at this meeting. Then at 7.30 approx we will hold a Gardeners' Question Time. The panel will be drawn from five enthusiastic members whose interests cover a wide range of gardening

topics. If any reader of this article has a gardening problem please send your question to the secretary Eileen Forse on 643275 via email [eileenforse4@gmail.com](mailto:eileenforse4@gmail.com) or our website [cnha.uk](http://cnha.uk) and then come along on that evening to hear the answer, as visitors are always welcome.

## Chipping Norton Lions Club

This month we have further news on our Christmas events. Firstly, a reminder that our annual Reindeer Race which will be held at the Crown & Cushion Hotel on 28 November, please see the advert on p21 for more details. This year we are having a Grotto for Santa in the former Post Office on the Christmas Shopping Evening on 4 December and on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> 10am-1pm and 1.30-4.30pm. Tickets for children to come and see Santa there will be on sale at Gill & Co and Bartholomew's Hair. Please see posters round town. Santa has sent a further note:-



Dear Children,

*I now know that my visits to Chipping Norton will take place on the evening of 4 December and during the day of 5 December in a Grotto specially built by the Lions in the Old Post Office courtesy of Mr Graham Simmonds. Please see the posters with details of where tickets can be obtained. I look forward to seeing you all.*

Santa

With all this going on we will welcome anyone interested in joining us: please contact our President Rob Caswell on 646003.

Liz Nason

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## Top Ten Events at Over Norton WI



Over Norton WI have had an entertaining summer with a variety of speakers. The October meeting was a wine tasting evening with Jaspar Corbett of Compass wines. The evening which was open to guests was well supported, lively and informative!

On 19 November Dominic Sandbrook will be our speaker with a talk entitled *The Top Ten Defining Events in Britain since 1945*. The December Meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup> and will be a social evening open to anyone who would like to come along and see what the WI is about. Mulled wine and minced pies will be served.

Meetings are at 7.45 in Over Norton Village Hall. Contact Ros Millard 07932 180407 for details.

## Amnesty – migrants welcome?

Instead of our usual meeting, Mike Kaye from the NGO Still Human, Still Here talked to us about the harsh treatment that asylum seekers face on arrival in this country. It was a wide ranging, informal talk, providing us with facts and figures about the actual situation here as opposed to the misconceptions

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Roasted red pepper stuffed with butternut squash, beetroot & melted goats cheese, served with wild rice

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that many people have of the present situation. It was indeed an informative and thought provoking evening.

Thursday 12 November: Write for Rights: In November Amnesty members write to those whose rights are being abused, offering friendship and support. Do join us and write a brief message; we supply cards, postage and information about each recipient. We meet at 7.30 in the Lower Town Hall

Friday 4 December: We have a stall at Chippy's Christmas Late Night Shopping Event but there is no monthly meeting in December. Enquiries to Priscilla Peace 01451 30459 or [www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chipping-norton](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chipping-norton)

Barbara Walters and Kaye Freeman

## Ramblers a-leaping!

In the warm, hazy autumn sunshine, Chipping Norton Ramblers enjoyed the undulating scenery around Whichford,



with Brailes Hill in the distance. The five mile walk went through woods and fields where wild flowers were still thriving and the last of the blackberries still juicy to tempt us. In the bottom of a pretty valley a wide stream presented a problem, but with a bit of teamwork we leapt over it and were soon on our way.

Our next walk will be on 1 November. We meet in New Street Car Park at 1.30pm (November to April) for car sharing. Enquiries to Heather Leonard on 643691 or email [rheatherleonard@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rheatherleonard@yahoo.co.uk) or alternatively call Jenny Harrington on 643269. Please come and join us.

Pat Mannakee

## Fancy keeping a wormery?

North Oxon Organic Gardeners will be revealing all about using 'worm power' to create nutritious compost at our next meeting. This follows on well from October's meeting when member Christine Briner demonstrated how to grow a range of salad vegetables over the winter. The trick is to sow them indoors in small pots at the end of August so they're a good



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size by late autumn, and can withstand life outdoors under enviromesh, or in a greenhouse for a ready supply of salad leaves. Happy members went away with plantlets Christine had 'prepared earlier'. Wormeries will be taking centre stage on Wednesday 4 November when Jenny Wiltshire will reveal the art of 'Worm Composting' – an excellent option for small gardens too. And on Wednesday 2 December our annual 'Eating Meeting' will be an opportunity to share samples of our families' traditional Christmas fare.

Do join us – Meetings start at 7.30pm, St Mary's Parish Rooms. Visitors: £3, Members: £1. Details from [tracylean@gmail.com](mailto:tracylean@gmail.com), 01295 780710, [www.noog.org.uk](http://www.noog.org.uk).

## Green Gym tends the Orchard

We have spent one session in the Community Orchard preparing for Apple Day: scything the grass and weeding the trees. Some apples and pears have already been picked and others will soon be ready. Look for the signs which tell you which are ripe and then help yourselves! Also in Chippy, we have worked in Pool Meadow, clearing rubbish from the stream and pulling up Himalayan Balsam. In the newly planted Fitzalan Triangle we have continued to weed around the young trees and have erected a smart new information board.



At the request of local geologists, we have worked at the Hook Norton nature reserve where there is an interesting rock face which they use for demonstration to students and which needed clearing of ivy and other weeds.

Come and join us on Wednesday mornings! Get fit and enjoy good company while caring for the local environment. We have jobs for all ages and abilities, no joining fee and lifts may be available. Visit our website: [www.chippygreengym.org](http://www.chippygreengym.org), phone me on 01608 643269 or email [jennyharrington@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyharrington@btinternet.com). Everyone is welcome!

Jenny Harrington

## UKIP Corner

The Great European Debate is upon us, with the in and out campaigns launching to hours of TV time and reams of press coverage. While this is played out on the national stage, it is the people who will decide, and while the coverage is informative to a point, how does all this affect us here in Chippy. Does all this coverage tell us what we need to know?

In the 70's, we looked to our politicians to act in our interests, they were respected, but the scandals with expenses and the rest has sown distrust of the political class. The previous referendum was set against a backdrop of industrial unrest and political turmoil, Britain was the 'Poor Man of Europe', but we are now in a totally different climate. Stay or leave, none of us, in all honesty, know what will happen, but now we can look to the past, the various treaties we have signed and decide how we wish the next 40 years to unfold.

I believe we would never have joined if we had the net, in those days all our information came from the press and TV, but now everything is on line, and when you compare that coverage to the text of the Rome Treaty, the EU founding document, you will understand why there is such a strong movement to leave. If you would like to meet, as a group or

as individuals to talk over the history of Britain and the EU, please contact me on the usual e mail [UKIP.ChippingNorton@gmail.com](mailto:UKIP.ChippingNorton@gmail.com)

Jim Stanley

## Chippy Labour Party

Exciting times for Chippy Labour Party. Our membership has doubled this year with the influx continuing, following the election of Jeremy Corbyn as our leader.

With a record turnout at our October meeting we had a stimulating debate about the impact of cuts on Chipping Norton, and what we could do to draw attention to the devastating impact these cuts will have. From downgrading the Hospital to closing the Children's Centre; from the continuing dangers of traffic in Horsefair to the cuts in bus services. We meet in The Chequers on the second Thursday of each month – why not come along?

On the social side we will be having the next of our perennial Quiz and Chips events on 6 November, again in The Chequers. On 10 December the constituency annual dinner will be in Chippy. For more information contact any of your Labour councillors or me, David Heyes, at [davidheyes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidheyes@yahoo.co.uk).

## More gigs with West Oxfordshire WI

It was a treat to listen to a very passionate speaker, Abbie Cooke in September. Her career as the only female ship's figurehead carver in the country was truly fascinating. She is also the co-founder of Gig Arts, a charity that goes into schools and colleges to encourage young people to use their skills to help others through Art, Drama and Music.

October's guest was Tim Yeoman a volunteer who works with Refugees and Asylum Seekers at Campsfield House in Kidlington. In November WOWI will be amongst the congregation laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day Service at St Mary's Church and then on the 16<sup>th</sup> we are lucky to have Fibreworks visiting us to show us how to make a Material Christmas Wreath to adorn our doors! Please come and join us at St Mary's Parish Rooms at 7.30pm.

Our last meeting of the year will be at Whistlers on 14 December when members will enjoy a meal together before we start thinking about our own Christmas food!

Hilary Dix 646228

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Town Sports Awards

Thanks to the continued support of the Town Council the Sports Awards will continue in 2016. The presentation evening has been set for Friday 26 February in the Town Hall. Details will follow in December. Below you can read about the recent exploits of a former Sports Award winner, Jack Taylor.

Graham Beacham

## Wing Chun Street Defence



The Wing Chun Street Defence Club started in summer 2015 to practice a martial art said to have been created by a woman in China hundreds of years ago. It uses science and body

mechanics to overcome stronger and larger opponents. Practitioners learn to react to touch so that after a few months of training, they can literally defend themselves with their eyes closed. The traditional techniques are adapted so that they work on the street in modern society.

Wing Chun isn't fancy to look at, doesn't contain any high kicks and doesn't need the practitioner to be particularly fit. It is too technical to teach children under the age of 14 and contains elements that would be too dangerous for them to learn anyway. Individuals learn at their own rate and not to any prescribed weekly formula. We don't use belts to mark progress (although some Wing Chun schools do) and

progression is self-evident to the student.

Aside from the martial art itself, we are different from other clubs as we use modern training mechanisms such as professional videos of training sessions with individual analysis and feedback so students can improve their skills. Students also receive copies of lessons on DVD so they can track their progress.

We currently run two classes a week, Over Norton Village Hall on Saturdays 9.30-10.30am and Salford Village Hall on Wednesdays 6.30-7.30pm. Classes are for men and women and current students range from experienced martial artists to complete novices. To attract more women to try Wing Chun we are launching a ladies only class in Chipping Norton starting in the New Year.

Visit [www.wingchunstreetdefence.co.uk](http://www.wingchunstreetdefence.co.uk) or call 07527 283429 for more information about the Club.

Barry Holland

## Lord's glory for Chippy's Jack

Ex-Chippy schoolboy and Town Sports Award winner, Jack Taylor hit cricket glory in September when he was made man-of-the-match after helping Gloucestershire beat Surrey by six runs in



a thrilling Royal London One-Day Cup Final at Lord's. The 24-year-old, from Great & Little Tew, struck 35 off 26 balls, including hitting two sixes off successive balls from seamer Tom Curren, to help them reach 220. Surrey appeared to be cruising to victory at 143-2, but then Taylor dismissed both Kumar Sangakarra (60) and Rory Burns (56). He later trapped Curran lbw to finish with 3-43. Jack then caught Gareth Batty on the boundary as Surrey were all out for 204 with three balls to spare. Great Tew is Jack's home club and he now hopes to play for England. He was in the England Under-18's squad that visited Malaysia. He made his first class debut for Gloucestershire in 2010 at only 18. Taylor's younger brother, Matthew is also a professional player and has also played List A games for Gloucestershire. Any more budding Freddie Flintoffs up at Top School?

## Cricket Club

Well done to all at the Club but 2015 trophies go to...

CNDCC Young Player of the Year: Max Green

CNDCC Most Improved Player of the Year: Matthew Molyneux

Clubman of the Year: Mick Widdows

Most Ducks: Richard Ferley

Loo Seat Award: TBC

### 1<sup>st</sup> XI

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## Chipping Norton Town Swifts

The Swifts are now well into the 2015/16 season, and with over a month's worth of fixtures played, all the teams have had something to shout about!

The **Under 7s** have enjoyed a super start to life as Swifts, proving to be a solid outfit so far and looking to build on some fantastic results. The team have a good number of players and hope to improve even further, through training and the possibility of more new players during the season.

The **Under 8s** go from strength to strength and are now fully established in the league. However they are still looking for one or two new players

to really push the team on, if interested (School Year 3), please contact Martyn on 07775 696837.

Swifts **Under 11s**, after a very good pre-season, have started their league campaign in a similar fashion, with 2 wins and a narrow loss, and scoring 11 goals in their opening three fixtures. The team welcomed two good additions to the squad at the end of September, and appear to be in a really good position to complete another successful season.

The **Under 12s** have begun their league campaign reasonably well, some much-improved performances competing with teams at the top end of the division, and even in higher



leagues so an 8-1 loss to Chesterton on the opening day appears to have been an anomaly, as the team have shown real signs of results turning in their favour.

It has been a strange start to the season for the **Under 14s**, who have seemed to have a different starting 11 every week



Swifts tackle the new season ~ Left: The U12s & Above: the U15s

with the team looking to get players in to keep themselves competing in the league. However, it seems the core of the squad they have has the potential to be very, very strong,

with them going 1-0 ahead in a narrow 3-1 loss in the cup, to Launton who are part of the 'A' League.

Life back in the 'A' league has started brilliantly for the **Under 15s**, an opening day 1-1 Draw away in Eynsham proved to be a good point as they backed it up with a superb 5-1 win in a local 'derby' with Hook Norton. If this wasn't enough to prove they belong in the top division, the team then went and knocked out last season's champions Clanfield in the cup on penalties, after a thrilling 5-5 draw.

CNTSFC are always welcoming new player at all age groups, particularly youngsters at Under 8 and Under 14. Please visit [www.chippyswifts.co.uk](http://www.chippyswifts.co.uk) for more information: contacts, training times, fixture details and weekly match reports.

Luke Newman

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## Chipping Norton School

### Year 5 Able Gifted and Talented Summer School:



At the start of the summer holidays 29 Year 5 students from our partnership primary schools were invited to take part in our annual able, gifted and talented summer school run by the Science Department. The theme of this year's summer school was 'Science and the Media'. At the time,

two major space events were featuring prominently in the media (the landing of the Philae probe on comet 67P and the Plutonic fly-by) and as such it was decided to focus on scientific advances related to space.

On day one the pupils learnt about rockets, designed their own rockets and had a competition to see whose rocket would fly for the longest time. Day two involved a trip to the Museum of the History of Science in Oxford where the students had a go at making their own spectrosopes. Finally on day three the students, working in teams, ran their own newspaper companies.. The day was organised so that the teams had to use real time press releases to make a saleable and interesting newspaper. The aim here was to link Science and the media and give the students a feel of what it would be like to work for a newspaper

### School Sports Awards: We were delighted that Oxford



United midfielder and ex-student Sam Humphreys agreed to present our annual Sports Awards this year. He attended the evening to present the trophies to the students as a reward for their hard work and dedication to sport over the last school year. Sam said 'It's great to come back to celebrate the success and present trophies to the students and I have really enjoyed the evening. It's strange to think that just a few years ago I was sitting in the audience hoping that my name was going to be called out to win an award'.



**Chipping Norton School**  
**Sixth Form Open Evening**  
**Thursday 19 November**  
**6-8pm**

### New Head Boy & Girl: We are delighted to announce that

Alice Abrey and Jack Williams-Sharkey have been appointed Head Girl and Head Boy. Megan Humphreys and Lewis Bletchly will ably assist them as Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy. We are confident that all four students will carry out their roles with great success.



**Student Council:** The newly elected Student Councillors recently held their first meeting during which the new head boy and head girl and deputy head girl and head boy and all four of our house captains were introduced. Once everyone



arrived and settled down, the head girl, Alice Abrey gave a brief description of the three key roles in Student Council and the Council then elected a new Treasurer, Secretary and PR Officer. It was great to see many of the new Year 7 students eagerly put themselves forward for the three different roles. The Council is looking forward to a great year ahead.

**UII Football Festival:** Twenty teams from our ten partnership schools arrived on a windy, but thankfully dry, afternoon to take part in this very popular and competitive festival.



Ten teams of boys and ten teams of girls took part in interschool tournaments supported by parents and teachers, and organised by Mrs Phillips and her PE colleagues. Chipping Norton Year 12 Sports Leader students led the Festival and had key roles refereeing, coaching and acting as officials. They worked very hard and as this is the first Festival of the new school year every pupil did their absolute best.

Tournament Winners:

*Small Schools:* Enstone (this is a combined girls and boys tournament)

*Big Schools:* Charlbury Girls and Kingham Boys

Well done to all the students who took part in this Festival; your hard work and dedication is wonderful. You are all a credit to your schools.

## St Mary's Primary



**Open Morning:** This year's Open Morning began with the unveiling of our new school mosaic (pictured right). Existing and prospective parents were then given a tour by our Year 6 school ambassadors,

who were praised for their informative and friendly approach. Visitors were able to see us in action and join in lessons. The hall was a showcase of work and information stalls reflected the range of provision available. If any readers missed the Open Day and would like to know more about St Mary's, please contact the school where the headteacher would be happy to give you a tour of the site.

**Harvest Festival:** Mrs Eaglestone reports: On 1 October, all the children from Years 1-6 visited St Mary's Church for our Harvest Festival. In my role as RE co-ordinator, I was delighted



to be organising this festival and following the usual traditions. I was overwhelmed by the amount of fruit, vegetable and tin donations brought in by the children and their families. All year groups had been learning songs or poems to perform and they were fantastic. Well done to all! Faith said, 'I really enjoyed the Harvest Festival. Year 3/4 sang Harvest Rock and Roll and when it was time to sing we were nervous but we managed to sing the whole song through.' Johnny added, 'I liked learning more about Harvest and saying thank you to God for all the food we have at Harvest time.'

**Being Evacuated...** Lily Edwards & Victoria Kennedy report:

On 22 September, St Mary's 5/6 classes went to Winchcombe station and pretended to be evacuees in 1941. Farmer Wells (our



tour guide) whisked us away to our carriages on the 1940's steam train, where we had the chance to talk to an evacuee from WW2; she told us she was ten when she saw her first banana! Next was finding out about life in WW2 –

we got to handle some artefacts and try on some replicas of clothes from the war. We did many other activities but my favourite was the air raid shelter. First it went dark, and then noises of planes and bombs started! It was incredibly realistic. It was a brilliant school trip!

**The long awaited unveiling!** St Mary's Primary School



proudly unveiled a new mosaic to welcome visitors to their school. All 250 pupils cheered as the curtain fell, to present a design that many of them had contributed to when they submitted drawings at the beginning of the project. The school emblem is reflected in the two children holding hands beneath the welcome sign. At the top of the hill in the background is the Victorian building, which forms part of the school. Central to the design is St Mary's Church, and Bliss Mill is also represented as an important landmark of the town. The tiles were laid by hundreds of helpers – all pupils at the school, Town Councillors, teachers, dinner ladies, cleaners, parents, Governors and friends. The unveiling was performed by James Kennedy, St Mary's Vicar, and Richard Benfield, Deputy Mayor of Chipping Norton. Also pictured are John Frater, who raised the money for the mosaic by completing a marathon, Head Teacher Mrs Stallwood-Barnes and Joan Thomson and Gill Bray, who co-ordinated the project.



**Panto part:** Victoria Kennedy reports: I was in The Theatre Pantomime last year, and enjoyed every second so I was keen to audition this year. We started the auditions by introducing ourselves to each other. Our first activity was acting (role play). Next was singing and we ended with a short dance to *Naughty* from *Matilda*. I would recommend auditioning even if you don't get in. I'm very pleased to say that I did!

Friends of St Mary's Primary School

## Christmas Bazaar

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December

3-6.30pm

in the School Hall

*Lots of Christmas Fun*

*chocolate tombola, art & craft stalls,*

*storytelling, Santa's Grotto*

*Refreshments: cakes and mulled wine*



## Holy Trinity Primary

**New School Year:** Children and staff have settled very quickly into the new school year and it has been a great pleasure to show prospective parents around the school for September 2016 intake. If you haven't already seen the school, and would like to, please phone either Helen or Cathy on 643487, who can arrange an appointment. On 25 September, we hosted our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale – a huge success raising over £224. The Coffee Morning was also an excellent opportunity for parents to meet the Leadership Team and to share their vision for the school.

**Steam Museum Trip:** On 28 September, the year six class went to the Steam Museum in Swindon. They dressed up as evacuees and had many first-hand experiences of what life was like during World War Two. They went on a steam train,



spent time in an air-raid shelter, hearing frightening sounds of the sirens and planes up above. Katie said, 'I felt nervous and anxious when the lights went out, I can't imagine having to spend the whole night in such a small space.' The children



also enjoyed learning about family life during the war and how everybody 'did their bit' to help the war effort. Jasmina said, 'I loved inspecting all the exciting artefacts from the war that had actually been used!' The museum staff commented on the children's exemplary behaviour – well done Year 6!

**Reading Phonics Workshop:** Parents of children in Foundation Stage and Year 1 were invited to an after-school meeting with the Literacy Subject Leader about children learning to read. Parents and carers heard about reading strategies children are encouraged to use in school, and learned useful tips about supporting children at home. Meanwhile the children enjoyed playing in the crèche!

**PTA Family Disco & Barbecue:** This was a great success. The PTA raised just under £1000, and great fun was had by all. We are very grateful for all the hard work the PTA puts into these events and thank them for their continued support.

**Red, White and Blue Day:** The children wore a fantastic



array of red, white and blue on 9 October to raise funds for the RAF Benevolent Fund. This fundraiser was organised by our School Council, who counted and banked £156. Thank you for your generosity.



**National Poetry Day:** We celebrated the Day this year with Poetry Workshops in each class. The children shared favourite poems with classmates and then created poems of their own, based around their class topic. Year 2 children are learning about Traditional Tales and worked together to produce a very descriptive poem about dragons. Year 1 are learning about 'Space' with a Starry theme for their poems. The day ended with a 'Poetry Extravaganza' Assembly, with children sharing their day's work.

**Bellboating:** Seventeen Year 5 children and siblings enjoyed a day splashing about on the canal at Banbury Canal Day. The sun shone as the children, in two teams, paddled up the canal and back to the Banbury Lock. There was laughter, wet clothes and most importantly, team work! Well done to all the children, and thanks to the families for supporting the event.



**Harvest Festival:** The whole school contributed to Harvest Festival Mass in Church on 13 October. Thank you to our parents and children for their donations to the North Oxfordshire Community Food Bank. They have been gratefully received.

**Ashmolean Museum:** As part of studies on Ancient Greece, Year 5 children visited the Museum in Oxford with a wonderful day looking at Greek artefacts and imagining what life would have been like in Ancient Greece.

❄️ **Christmas Shopping Fayre** ❄️  
 Holy Trinity School

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November 6.30-9.30pm**

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## Kingham Primary

**Fantastic Football Festivities** ... and something for the trophy cabinet! A group of Year 5s and 6s took part in the U11 Chipping Norton Partnership Football tournament. After four intense and competitive games, with some super goals, the girls came second out of five and the boys came first! Well done to everyone who took part, showing real spirit in their competitiveness, sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

**West Oxfordshire Cross Country event:** The standard was high but the girls 'under 9s' are through to the finals and our other teams just narrowly missed out. Joe Zamir came first and Tom Pennell came third!



### Y5/6 trip to Hampton Court:

Despite the early start, our trip to Hampton Court allowed no time for resting, or snoozing! Our day was jam packed; filled with a 'Questioning the Past' workshop; which developed our skills of historical enquiry, whilst providing an honest

insight into who the 'real' Henry VIII was. We were quite literally exhausted with fascinating facts and Tudor tales!

**Young Writers:** Children from year 5 and 6 were absolutely delighted to see their names in the newly published copy of *Once Upon A Time*. They wrote a story ... but only using 100 words and it had to have a beginning, middle and an end – no mean feat!

## Chadlington Primary

**Trio to Westminster:** Our Key Stage 2 pupils had the most wonderful day recently when they were given a tour of Westminster Abbey exploring the subject of Church vs State. This was followed by an inspiring tour of the Houses of Parliament where everyone got the chance to stand where David Cameron stands at the despatch box. Everyone was completely amazed by the amount of history and tradition we experienced in just a few hours!

**Term Topic:** Our new whole school term topic is 'We are Philosophers' as we explore the ideas of the great thinkers in a way that is accessible for all. Key Stage 2 pupils will be looking at some of the numerous people in history that they encountered during their Westminster day.

**Outdoors at our school:** Our raised beds at the front of the school are looking wonderful – full of Autumnal colour, ripening fruits and beautifully painted stones by the Pixies and Elves. Each school year will be choosing and planting bulbs ready for spring in their own raised bed. Our outdoor classroom has been used continuously during a welcome spell of bright Autumn weather. We have designed trees around the outside and created a huge clock inside for our younger students to explore the concept of time. We continue to fill the space with special outdoor Maths and Science resources.

## Middle Barton Primary

A warm welcome to our new Chair of Governors, Mrs Balfe, who joins us at a very exciting time. We currently have 124 pupils on roll. Our wonderful school is thriving!

We have all been very busy this term focusing on our learning and having a growth mindset. We are all very keen to challenge ourselves and do our best. Our Year 6 children have been writing applications and preparing presentations to put themselves forward to become part of Middle Barton's Pupil Leadership Team. With the help of Mr Duffy from Chipping Norton Secondary School we will soon elect a new head girl and boy who will help lead the new team.

We held a Maths In Art day whereby each class explored the mathematics within an artist's work or theme and we produced a colourful whole school masterpiece which is now hung in our hall. All of the children produced fantastic artwork to be proud of.

We celebrated Harvest with two special assemblies. We entertained both parents and guests from our village with our Harvest songs, poems and art work. We enjoyed serving



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afternoon tea to our guests, some of which we had made ourselves – the carrot and courgette bread was delicious!

## Acorns Primary

Our Spanish day celebrated all the learning that has taken place over the first year of learning Spanish in Key Stage 2.

We began with an assembly where Mrs Stone talked about her love of Spain and Spanish culture, particularly in and around Barcelona. The final part of the assembly showed a number of celebrations where the 'gigantes and cabezudos' (giants and big-heads) take centre stage. These rather gruesome figures tower above the crowds and are processed through the streets, carried by a person within their frame.



In classes the children spent the day learning Spanish cooking, art in the style of Miro and Gaudi, Zumba dancing and creating their own giants (from cardboard boxes), all for an Acorns Fiesta Mayor to be celebrated at the end of the day.

After a Spanish lunch provided by Mrs Surman, our cook, everyone came together on the playground! The children tasted all the delicious food, which was all from authentic Spanish recipes, and then processed their giants in the glorious sunshine. It was a fabulous day and the children of Acorns learned that the Spanish culture can be fascinating, strange, frightening and amazing.

## Sibford School



**Rosie races to triathlon victory:** Sibford School pupil Rosie Weston was the first British competitor in her category to cross the finish line in the 2015 ITU Age Group Sprint World Championships which took place in Chicago in September. The 17-year-old, who was competing in the women's 16-19 grouping, completed the 750m swim, 20km bike ride and 5km run in 1 hour, 12 minutes and 41 seconds. The triumph placed her 12th in her age group and 61st overall. Rosie said: 'The race was the toughest thing I've ever done! My swim went well but it was a tough bike course with a strong head wind. My run was extremely hard ... it was 30 degrees and seeing as I've only ever trained in England I wasn't used to racing in such heat. I was extremely happy to be the first Brit home. The atmosphere was amazing and I enjoyed every minute of it ... even if it was painful!'

Sibford School will be holding a Whole School Open Morning on Friday 13 November. For further information visit the website ([www.sibfordschool.co.uk](http://www.sibfordschool.co.uk)) or call admissions officer, Elspeth Dyer, on 01295 781203.

## Kingham Hill School

It's been a busy and productive term at Kingham Hill School so far, following on from a successful summer of A level and GCSE results. At GCSE, the total number of pupils achieving the highest marks, A\*-A, has risen



*Cassie the rabbit gets top marks from new arrivals at Kingham Hill School for producing three cuddly baby bunnies*

to a new school record, well above the national average and bucking the general trend, with the great majority of pupils awarded at least one A\*-A. At A level all the students secured their preferred university places.

Sporting successes were also recognised in the school's recent Sports Awards evening, with Olympian, World and European Championship medallist Christian Malcolm making the presentations. It was a hugely inspiring night for the pupils, their families and all the staff involved. Our congratulations go to all the nominees and winners.

The recently arrived students have settled well into school life, with lots of new friendships being made and many feeling as if 'they have been here forever'. There was another set of new arrivals this term, with the school rabbit, Cassie delivering three little bunnies just in time for the new school year. They are getting a lot of love and attention from all the new pupils here at Kingham Hill School.

Sibford School



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*Independent Schools Inspectorate Report 2015*

## Whole School Open Morning

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# LETTERS

## A salute to Gunner Gilbert

Regarding last month's article written by the British Legion about Gunner Leslie Gilbert, I would like to write a personal note. His name is on Column 36 at the Kranji War Cemetery.

Gunner Christopher Leslie Gilbert 1094204  
344/135 Field Regt. RA. C Troop  
Hertfordshire Yeomanry died 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 1944



Leslie & Beryl on their wedding day

He was our mother's first husband born 4 April 1916 at Barton on the Heath. He met our mother, a Chippy girl, Beryl May Shepard (born 17 May 1920); they started dating around 1936 and got

married at St Mary's in 1939. They lived over the Worcester Road. After the war our mother was a 25-year old war widow with two children: Valerie (now Findlay) and David (deceased). Our father Tony Clarke was an Irish immigrant who arrived in Chippy in 1947. He and my mother met at Salford Fete and married in 1949. He adopted Valerie and David and had three sons – Kevin, Martin and Anthony, who then had children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. All alive today because Leslie Gilbert died. We will always be grateful to him with words taken from the Kohima Epitaph: For our 'Tomorrows' he really did give his 'Today'. In later years Mum had Diabetes which took her eyesight. She died in 1978. She still had two of the love letters he wrote to her. His last one was buried with her. The other we still have – fragile and yellowing, dated 8.8.41 – he speaks of, 'hoping the war will end soon' so he can 'come home for kisses and cuddles' which we know did not happen. The saddest irony is that after years of the daily beatings that he and fellow captives received at the hands of their Japanese captors, he was killed by the Allies, sealed in the hold of a ship. He must have known at that moment he was never coming home.

Kevin Clarke on behalf of the Clarke Family

## Support for the 'Flower Man'

A precedent was set in the early 1950s for the market pitch now occupied by Steve Slade 'the flower man' (see last month's News) when Mr and Mrs Stonebridge towed their old green caravan with a tractor from their market garden in the Banbury Road to the market place. This took up quite a space including the area in front of the caravan. Of course at that time the Town was run by the Borough Council and not the Jobsworths in Witney! This was long before the existing weekly market was re-instated. No-one objects to the kebab van with its own electricity supply on the car park, often there from 4.20 in the afternoon until 2am every day of the week. Steve adds colour and character to the Town and a lot of places would be far less beautiful without his flowers, including the Church. He is also very generous to local charities supporting our many good causes with raffle prizes and gifts. Steve pays for his Street Trader's Licence so let's hope WODC see sense and leave

him alone to carry on earning an honest living. If he is forced out by bureaucracy he will be sadly missed so do add your name to his ever growing petition of support.

Cicely Maunder

## Horsefair and HGV dangers

I would like to add my voice to those demanding a restriction on HGV traffic through Horsefair. My husband is disabled with Parkinson's Disease. He is fortunately not yet wheelchair bound but that makes this stretch of very narrow pavement particularly dangerous – first, because any fall would take him into the path of juggernauts, and second, the pavement is too narrow to walk two abreast thereby allowing someone to support him as he walks. He has had four falls in the last three weeks (one of which required attendance by paramedics) and if any one of those had occurred as he was making his way along the narrow Horsefair pavement then he would likely have been killed or seriously injured. The County Council must take action, how many more people are going to suffer death or injury before this becomes a priority?

Name and address supplied

## HGV's – ban diesel!

The article in the *Sunday Times* (13 Sept), 'urban areas set to ban diesel' may show a good way forward. At least the Councils would not be accused of isolated anti-HGV bias as this is a national issue. The proposed bans seem apolitical and address the fundamental issue that diesel appears to pose a health issue. Surely Chippy could adopt such a policy as a strategic Council Policy and then start work on the tactical issues to achieve firstly a ban on HGVs over 7.5 tonnes, followed by all lorries and ultimately all diesel engines. I suspect such a policy would align with the long term national political and environmental view that diesel powered engines should no longer be motive power on our roads.

Pete Godfrey

## Forgotten Penhurst pillars

Have you seen the pillars along the lane to The Mount at the side of Penhurst Gardens? I recently removed all the ivy from them as I'd never seen them before and have lived here for 36 years. Does anyone remember them in use?

Rosemary Franklin



## A lot more than knickerless

We learned that Chippy had become 'knickerless' as Beales no longer sold ladies underwear. Now, I find that this is not the only thing we cannot obtain any longer. Recently, my husband decided that his 'scruffy' trousers were too scruffy even for him to use, so he wanted to downgrade some of his tidy ones and replace them with new. No problem says I, we've always obtained new trousers for you at Beales. What did I find? I could obtain any number of different varieties of denim jeans in greater or lesser state of disrepair, one hundred versions of coats, anoraks or gilets, but trousers nowhere. I'm talking about real trousers, not denim. There must be many, probably older, gents who need trousers, but

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not denim. Eventually I found some online, ordered and received them within three days. But, what do you do if you do not use the internet? Or have no car, and need to make a difficult excursion to Banbury, Witney or Oxford?

I note that Chippy is trying to secure an award for Britain's best High Street. I am sorry, but it won't get my vote. Come on local retailers, please try to assess your local clientele and supply the goods they require.

**Peta Simmons**

## Family search – Evelyn Sanders

I am researching my family history and wonder if readers may be able to help me. I am following my grandmother's



line – her name was Evelyn Mary Sanders – and would be grateful for any information relating to her or her brothers and sisters. The family were farmers and lived in Kiddington and the surrounding area. I am also trying to identify the house in this photo I think it may have been the family home. I can be contacted on 01608 641531. Thank you.

**Sara Forbes**

## Search for fostered son

Can anyone remember a family who lived in the Chipping Norton area in the 1960s/70s? They had lots of children, some of their own, some adopted and some fostered. Some of the children were white, some black and some possibly Chinese. It is believed the family moved to the West Country in the 1970s. Any information welcomed. Send to Yvonne King, 10 Elmside, Fernham, Faringdon, Oxford, SN7 7PA. Telephone 01367 820472.

**Yvonne King**

*(The News telephoned Yvonne – she told the News that as a single mother in 1965 she gave away her baby to be fostered in this area. She has been searching for her long lost son. Readers are welcome to pass Yvonne's contact details to anyone who might help.)*

## Thanks to a passing doctor

My thanks to a Dr Malcolm Brown who was able to help out in an emergency on Friday 24 September. Whilst on the return leg of a cycle ride that afternoon, shortly before I arrived back in town, I noticed a man who had been taken ill and was sitting on the footpath along the Churchill Road. After phoning for an ambulance I was not in a position to stay with him as I was on my way to collect my children from school though his condition appeared to be deteriorating rapidly. Fortunately for the patient (David Longhurst), Dr Brown happened across us whilst out running and was able to stay with him; shortly afterwards we saw that the Fire Service emergency responder crew and later the ambulance were on their way. I trust Mr Longhurst made a good recovery.

**Deborah Webb**

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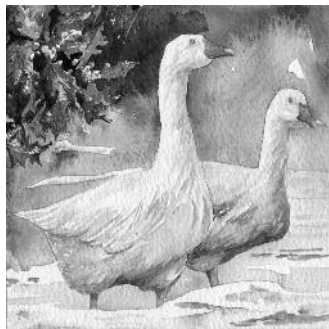
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### Christmas cards on sale this year

The Lawrence Home Nursing Team Christmas Cards are all on sale in packs of eight and available from: Harpers, Jaffé & Neale and The Midcounties Co-operative, Chipping Norton; Quality Foods



Two of this year's designs ~  
Above: Geese by Ronny Loxton  
Left: Christmas Eve Epwell Church by Josephine Trotter

Chadlington; The Dental Practice, Charlbury and Charlbury Surgery; Bloxham Surgery; Kingham Stores; Woodstock Bookshop; and Knight Frank, Stow-on-the-Wold, sponsors of the card design 'Christmas Eve Epwell Church' by Josephine Trotter pictured in last month's News. Our cards will also be on sale on Saturday 7 November at Charlbury Memorial Hall, in Churchill Village Hall on Saturday 14 November and St Kenelm's Church, Enstone, on Saturday 28 November. Our thanks to the local artists who kindly donated images: Ronny Loxton, Kati Eidenbenz, Josephine Trotter, Anuk Naumann and Diana White. Please visit our website: [www.lawrencehomenursing.org](http://www.lawrencehomenursing.org) to read more about the artists and see this year's Christmas Cards.

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It's a great chance to sample some activities you've been meaning to try like ballet core or theatre jazz. We've even laid on some tennis coaching if you need to brush up your tennis skills. Come and get fit, have fun, and raise money for the Lawrence Home Nursing Team. Early bird discounted rate £55 per person (zero rated) including all instruction, refreshments and lunch if booked and paid for before Friday 19 November. From 20 November the standard rate of £70 per person (zero rated) applies. For more details and to confirm your place visit: [www.lawrencehomenursing.org](http://www.lawrencehomenursing.org) or call Verity 684475.

**Verity Fifer**

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### November (News out on Monday 26 October)

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**Rotary GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY** 6.30 King Stone Farm, Little Rollright OX7 5QB
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Railway Club** 7.30 Lwr Town Hall see p21
- 4<sup>th</sup> **U3A** 2.30pm Methodist Hall Martin Way - The Golden Age of Coaching  
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- 8<sup>th</sup> **Remembrance Day Parade & Services** details p19
- 9<sup>th</sup> **History Society** 7.30 Methodist Hall - see p21  
**Chippy Folk Club** 7.30pm at The Blue Boar. play, sing, recite or just listen. Details 01608 676819
- 10<sup>th</sup> **Lights Up Arts & Memory Club** 10.30am-12.30pm at Highlands details 07717 374484  
**North Oxfordshire Health Forum** 7.30 Chipping Norton School see p2
- 11<sup>th</sup> **Two Minutes' Silence** at The War Memorial see p19  
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- 12<sup>th</sup> **Amnesty** 7.30 Lower Town Hall details p25
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- 16<sup>th</sup> **CN Amateur Astronomy Group** 7.30 Methodist Hall - see p21  
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- 24<sup>th</sup> **Lights Up Arts & Memory Club** as 10 November
- 28<sup>th</sup> **Adderbury Xmas Market** 11am-4pm see p9  
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