



# Safety First

## Action needed on Horsefair safety and HGV ban

A fatal pedestrian fall from the narrow pavement, near Harpers by Chipping Norton's Horsefair in August, looks like igniting a new campaign for overdue action on safety and dangerous traffic.

### County and District fail to act

The last 10 years have seen serious accidents, proven pollution, and a big increase in traffic through town – often 6 inches from kerbs and pavements too narrow for two people to pass. In spite of Town Appraisals, official studies, pleas from Councillors and even a clear 'action plan' in 2008 to force HGVs to use a different route, County and District have achieved little. It's either 'too difficult' or a 'low funding priority'.

### Campaign for Horsefair changes?

Local police Sgt Carl Goodman is concerned about safety and Mayor Mike Tysoe told the News he wants a new serious look at ideas such as 'gating' with priority traffic flows and wider pavements. This option was in a 2008 detailed review, could cost around £200k, but provide safety and reassurance for the Town. Some councillors, High Street traders, and Chippy residents – including a BBC Radio Oxford presenter – are considering an action campaign. Full story page 5.

### It's Great Great Gran



Can you beat it? We snapped five generations all living in Chipping Norton – from 86-year-old Harriet Webb down to great great grandchildren Lily-Mae and Dylan. Story page 8.

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## Emma's Trust – fantastic final Festival

**Emma's Trust, set up 10 years ago, has raised over £100,000 for 9,000 young people and organisations involved in sport and the performing arts. The Trust sent the News this report of the final Summer Festival held last month.**



It may have been the final festival but memories created at September's Emma's Trust Festival will last a lifetime. As the sun shone on Chipping Norton Cricket Club, over 5,000 visitors joined the celebrations to mark a decade in the life of this wonderful local charity. As children petted rabbits and rode penny farthings (although not at the same time!), a fast and furious 6-a-side



football event was taking place; fourteen teams of U11s from local clubs took part, with great performances from all players, each receiving a commemorative medal. A huge inflatable slide and bouncy castle provided great entertainment for the kids, and post-match players let off steam on the Go Karts. A fantastic all-day line-up in the Big Top ranged from the cutest Ballet Bunnies to the sensational sounds of Beat Boxers and Duke. Local beers flowed, the Emma's Kiss cocktail sold out and delicious gourmet food was served from morning 'til night. Many thanks to Radio Oxford's Kat Orman for great compèring.



Who said you cannot improve on perfection? They were wrong! The Saturday festival was perfect, but the sell-out Sunday night Gala Concert was nothing short of magical. In a beautifully dressed Big Top resembling a resplendent London theatre, a seamless production saw our Young Company perform as if born to the stage, supporting the superb West End cast as they delivered a pitch perfect first act comprising

hits from *Bugsy Malone*, *Les Misérables* and *The Lion King* and more. It was the second act, however, that blew the audience away. Thanks to brilliant direction from Jodie Read and Darren

Lord, a riveting rendition of *Mamma Mia* saw the audience leap from their seats, sing along and hang on every word from the incredible cast. Despite being more used to Covent Garden than a field in Chippy, the

professional actors and actresses (from productions such as *Macbeth*, *Wicked* and *Chicago*) delivered awe-inspiring performances, culminating in a fabulous, glitter-fuelled finale!!!

Emma's Trust received sponsorship, adverts, donations and gifts in kind to help produce this spectacular event. Together with the takings over the two days Trust raised a staggering £40k covering the costs of the weekend and also supporting more awards for local young people with passion for sports and the performing arts. After such an incredible weekend, a host of young festival-goers would find it impossible not to be inspired by the world of music, drama,

performance and sport, meaning those awards will be as gratefully received now as they were ten years ago. Emma's Trust has made, and continues to make dreams come true for our next generation. Let's hope that this next generation of young performers can fill the gap in the Chipping Norton social calendar which will undoubtedly be left following this fantastic final hoorah from a most special charity.



*Emma's Trust was set up after 18-year-old Emma Curtis-Smith passed away in 2005. Emma studied at Chipping Norton School and worked at Chipping Norton Lido as a lifeguard and also at The Theatre and The Chequers pub in the town. She suffered the fatal asthma attack after watching her boyfriend graduate from Sandhurst Royal Military Academy. After an amazing 10 years and support from all the community, the team have decided it is an appropriate time to end.*

## New threat to Children's Centres

Oxfordshire County Council has aroused campaigners again – after a major furore in 2013/4 – with new proposals to cut services and close most local children's centres across the County. With more budget constraints and reduced funding from central government, the County say they are forced to cut £8m from the current £16m used for children's centres



David Cameron facing 'Save the ACE Centre' campaigners back in 2013

and the early intervention service. This could well affect Chipping Norton and services provided at the ACE Centre. Their preferred option is to create 8 larger centres in big towns such as Banbury and Bicester, but they would stop 'universal services' such as 'stay and play' and open access youth sessions. Local volunteers might be asked to run them. They would close seven Early Intervention Hubs and replace 44 current centres – one of which is based in the ACE Centre in Chipping Norton.

A plan for a two month 'consultation' was agreed at OCC Cabinet on 15 September – but in a major show of emotion around 200 mothers, fathers, babies, young children and local centre governors attended the meeting to protest and around 10 read out powerful personal statements and arguments against the closures. Campaigners say this will cripple services and 'fail a generation'. Cuts were 'savage and irresponsible' and the County were accused of failing to factor in the longer term economic costs that would ensue to families, the NHS, and public services. Georgia Mazower, Chair of Chippy's ACE Centre Governors, told the News that rural services would suffer most and the whole thing could 'take the service back 30 years'. Chipping Norton District Councillor Geoff Saul added, 'This is a disappointing decision by the County Cabinet which will inevitably lead to a withdrawal of many vital support services that Sure Start Children's Centres such as the ACE Centre currently provide. It is, though, a natural culmination of the Government's progressive withdrawal of funding from local authorities.' Less than two years ago protestors from Chipping Norton confronted MP David Cameron in the Market Square – they may be ready to do the same.

## Skateboard park for 2016?

The Town Council held their two exhibitions in August to display plans and options for a new substantial skateboard park to be built at Greystones. Three different suppliers' schemes were shown, costing around £100,000, and Mayor Mike Tysoe told the News they were happy with two. Users and adults who visited the exhibition were also positive. Around 12 people visited the first exhibition, more at the second and the designs

were also to be on show at Emma's Trust Festival. The Town Council will now make a decision on a supplier, then put in place financing and a plan. The bulk of the money is expected to come from the 'Section 106 agreement' where the Developer of new housing at Chadlington Downs Farm is providing over £500k for town infrastructure needs – agreed with West Oxfordshire District Council. Mayor Tysoe said that the Town Council may try and get an advance of this money from WODC, so that plans might be presented this autumn and the project proceed in 2016.

## Fun fair but few mops



It was time again in September for the traditional Mop fair to come to Chipping Norton. The weather was trying hard to be good, the Mop was as busy as ever; most visitors young and old seemed to have fun. The traffic did its usual roundabout diversion, and there was not much sign of trouble. Hiring fairs or Mop fairs date from the time of Edward III and his attempt to regulate the labour

market in 1351 during a serious labour shortage after the Black Death. Later annual hiring fairs, often in rural market towns in the autumn, were when both male



and female agricultural servants would gather in order to bargain with prospective employers and, hopefully, secure a position for the coming year. Prospective workers would gather in the street or market place,

often sporting some sort of badge or tool to denote their speciality. Shepherds held a crook or a tuft of wool, cowmen brought wisps of straw, dairymaids carried a milking stool or pail and housemaids held brooms or mops. These events often attracted all the other trappings of a fair, and they turned into major feasts in their own right, and attracted poor reputations for the drunkenness and immorality involved. Hiring fairs continued well into the 20<sup>th</sup> century, up to the Second World War in some places, but now it's the 'fair' part that has remained! Roll on more Mop fun next year!



## NHS Beds – ‘OSJCT or none’



Chipping Norton's 14 'Intermediate Care' NHS beds up at the London

Road will, from next April, either be run by the Order of St John Care Trust or there will be no local permanent IC beds at all in the Town. Oxfordshire County Council have confirmed, at their Cabinet Meeting on 15 September, that they are going ahead with a 'fair and thorough' consultation on the future of the Intermediate Care service in the North of the County, to be put now to the public between 5 October and 7 December. In spite of local protests and meetings with the Prime Minister as MP, the 'options' will include, A, keeping what the County say is the same service provision as now but run by OSJCT, or B, providing improved IC services in people's homes or using beds elsewhere in the County. The unit in Chipping Norton, in Option B, would be 'moved into use as part of the existing Care Home'. Local protesters, including the Chipping Norton Hospital Action Group, wanted the IC beds to continue to use nurses provided by Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust, but OCC say the current arrangements are too complicated, expensive and 'not workable' longer term. Over £5-700,000 would be saved depending on which option was chosen. OCC say there is 'good evidence' OSJCT can provide high quality service, including Intermediate Care in their Oxford ISIS Home. All other Intermediate Care beds across Oxfordshire are provided in a similar way to that proposed using what OCC say is a 'social care focused model'. It appears that IC beds are provided to a lower specification than 'sub-acute' beds in the Community Hospitals such as Witney run by Oxford Health.

At the OCC Cabinet Meeting on 15 September, HAG member Clive Hill accused Oxfordshire's Adult Social Care Director John Jackson of 'threatening' the people of Chipping Norton with an ultimatum. He said people wanted proper community hospital beds locally not 'downgraded' intermediate care beds. OCC say they will ask for 'any other options to be put forward, which will be considered as part of the decision-making process where they are affordable and realistic'. The consultation will include questionnaires, focus groups, and at least one full public meeting in Chipping

Norton where OCC will explain their proposals and ask for views. All this is in the climate of severe social care cuts, NHS budget constraints, increasing demand, and the need to change the whole way hospital and home services are used. Many changes are now taking place across the County on community and intermediate care – with recent issues in Chippy, Henley, and Witney causing disquiet. The patient watchdog Healthwatch and the Oxfordshire Councillors as a whole have now asked that the NHS and County officers conduct a much wider consultation. HAG say that Chipping Norton should be part of this. They want everybody to object to the narrow consultation now being started.

## Gin nights at Wine Bear

Gin lovers are in luck as Wine Bear in Chipping Norton's Market Place is now hosting Gin Night every Friday and Saturday from 6.30pm. You can try over 20 different gins including a couple of local ones. They are all £7 per double gin and tonic, served with the appropriate bitters or aromatics to enhance the gins, and specialist artisan tonics. They also have a few gin-based cocktails or specials, all £7 to £9. Wines and beers are available too. And if you fancy a nibble with your drink; antipasti, cheese and charcuterie platters are available all £6 each.



## Screen by the Green

The next movie at Churchill and Sarsden Village Hall on Saturday 10 October is *Far from the Madding Crowd*. This is based on Thomas Hardy's classic love story, set in glorious Dorset, about the independent, beautiful and headstrong Bathsheba Everdene (Carey Mulligan) whose uncle has bequeathed his farm to her. She attracts three very different suitors: Gabriel Oak (Matthias Schoenaerts), a loyal sheep farmer; Sergeant Troy (Tom Sturridge), a handsome, reckless and deliciously unpleasant soldier; and William Boldwood (Michael Sheen), a prosperous, mature but lonely bachelor. A treat for audiences of all ages (even those who remember the 1967 Julie Christie version!). All films start at 7.30; tickets £4.50 pay at the door. For information and to book ring 659903 or email [screenbythegreen@btopenworld.com](mailto:screenbythegreen@btopenworld.com)

## APRIL & ALFRED

by Denise Manabridge



## Horsefair traffic: action needed

On 23 August a man died near Chipping Norton's Horsefair, apparently of head injuries after falling in the road outside Harpers, perhaps slipping off the narrow pavement. Police are investigating what happened. The dangers of this narrow 'town entrance' from Horsefair through the High Street, with thundering and polluting traffic rushing inches past narrow pavements, pedestrians and shops, have come to a head again.

The latest incident follows a fatality in November 2010, when a man, stepping out to avoid a ladder, was hit by a skip lorry. In another at the same place in 2014, a local woman suffered life-changing back and leg injuries. Previous serious incidents have been reported. Big increases of heavy traffic have been seen over 10 years – and the next 10 could see 30% housing growth, new supermarkets and schools causing more traffic in the Town Centre. The problem is well known – and HGV pollution, officially declared over the legal limit back in 2005, caused High St and Horsefair to be designated an Air Quality Management Area – and County and District were meant to 'act' to resolved the issue.

### What should be done?

There is a history of 'studies and plans'. In 2003 a Town Appraisal saw 1700 local residents identify heavy traffic as one of their three top issues. A two-year-long study until 2004 by Halcrow for the County in fact recommended (in the long term) a bypass with interim options such as downgrading the A44 or a route via the Rollright Stones.

Then, a full analysis with a WODC 52-page report set out the Air Quality Action Plan in October 2008. It's worth a read. The report ended up clearly accepting that a way must be found to divert heavy HGV traffic from the Town. A full new bypass was still a fallback long-term option but 'not feasible' in the near future; a second option to use the route past the Rollright Stones was costed at several million and 'expensive'. But the clear recommendation was to put a compulsory weight restriction, ban through-HGVs, downgrade or 'declassify' the A44, and reroute the traffic to Evesham via the A40 and Northleach.

### County's failure to act

Councillors and a local campaign action group (A44A), involving representatives from Chipping Norton and Woodstock, agreed. Oxfordshire County Council signed up to this 'HGV ban' and put the whole rerouting option in their 2011 Transport Plan with the Chipping Norton action plan spelled out in detail. The last four years have seen much discussion, little action and consistent attempts by OCC to 'drop' the whole idea. The latest row in 2015 has been that OCC have left the whole Chippy section out of their new Local Transport Plan 4. A Chippy petition, organised by the

since-elected WODC councillor Guy Wall, was put to the County and Chippy's County councillor Hilary Biles has consistently tried to keep the idea alive. But all the new Plan says is that Chipping Norton will be one of the small towns for some kind of action as a 'priority' as and when funding allows – but nothing is now said about what exactly they would do.

## Campaign for Horsefair solution



*Horsefair danger: Above – a trailer takes up most of the narrow road while a mobility scooter user (arrowed) rides along the narrow pavement to be passed (lower photo) by another large truck seconds later*



All this has caused Mayor Mike Tysoe, local police, councillors and local campaigners to refocus on doing something in town about the High St and Horsefair dangers. In fact, one option in the 2008 report was a 'gating scheme' – seen in other old market town centres – which would widen the pavements, with either a 'priority' given to one direction' or one way traffic signals also coinciding with the pelican crossing. The report suggested at that time that this might cost £150,000 to £250,000. The idea was considered possible, even if it might cause occasional traffic holdups. The safety (rather than pollution) issues could now well make this an

acceptable option. High Street shopowner Izita Pickering from Oats, increasingly worried about dangers to pushchairs, schoolchildren and customers exiting shops, sent a petition back in 2013 to County Highways who wrote saying they were 'referring the matter to the next locality meeting'. She has heard no further. Police Sgt Carl Goodman has now told the News he would join any new discussions and help provide safety evidence. Mayor Tysoe and other councillors seem keen to revisit solutions. BBC Radio Oxford's Kat Orman (who lives in Chippy) has also indicated willingness to campaign and make this a public issue more widely. Views from readers are welcome – or contact our Mayor and councillors!

## New mums & babies sessions

A new mums and babies 'stay and play' session for 0-4 year olds called Little Footsteps is being started on Mondays from 5 October between 9.30 and 11.30am at Chipping Norton's Glyme Hall in the Burford Road. This is linked to the Chipping Norton Community Church. One of the organisers, Esther Dixon, said, 'It's a great chance for mums to meet others and a safe place for children to come and play, with plenty of toys, crafts, songs, stories, free coffee and breakfast for the mums

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and free entry'. For more information contact [littlefootsteps@occ.org.uk](mailto:littlefootsteps@occ.org.uk) or via Facebook-Little Footsteps CN

## Rotary car service launched



**ROTARY CLUB  
OF CHIPPING NORTON  
WORKING FOR YOU  
IN THE COMMUNITY**

It's official. The volunteer car service for medical appointments, is up and running. Working closely with Witney Volunteer Link-Up, the Rotary Club of Chipping Norton will operate the scheme as part of the Good Neighbour Scheme, which is already established in several areas throughout West Oxfordshire. Transport is provided for anyone in genuine need and there is a token charge of 45p per mile, payable to the driver. Residents are collected from their home; the driver waits at the appointment venue and returns them to their home afterwards. All volunteer drivers are fully insured and DBS checked. The number to call for transport is 01993 776277. The office is open between 9am and 1pm Monday to Friday, with an answerphone service at other times. Rotary is delighted to be spearheading the Good Neighbour Scheme in Chipping Norton and wishes to thank everyone who has volunteered their services. If you have a few hours to spare and would like to volunteer, please contact Annie Roy-Barker on 01608 644107. The Rotary Club of Chipping Norton Good Neighbour Scheme stands for Transport, Peace of Mind, and Support.

## Chippy for High St Awards?

Experience Chipping Norton want everyone to get behind the #GBHighSt campaign to help Chipping Norton win a national award. ECN have sent an entry in the Market Town



category of the 2015 Great British High Street Awards. They want posters displayed, stickers put up, and a public meeting on 24 September encouraged everyone to get on social media, spread the word and vote for Chippy. The Great British High Street Awards is a competition searching for Britain's brightest and most forward-thinking towns and communities across a range of categories. They celebrate creativity and community collaboration for the benefit of the Town. According to the 2014 market town winner, Belper in Derbyshire, 'Winning the Great British High Street has been a wonderful boost to the town.'

Visit [www.experiencechippingnorton.com](http://www.experiencechippingnorton.com) or on Facebook – and there's more on the awards at <http://thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk/>

## Curry Night with ECN

Experience Chipping Norton is organising a Curry Night Special on 29 October at 7pm at the Spice of India restaurant in West St. Popadom, starter, main course and rice plus a drink will be just £11.95. Places are limited to just 40 so will be on a strictly first come first served basis. Please note this event is open to anyone who has been involved with ECN projects to date or would like to find out more and is not just for Chippy

businesses. Details via [www.experiencechippingnorton.com](http://www.experiencechippingnorton.com) and ECN facebook page.

## Bin lorry electrical fire

Chipping Norton residents are being urged by West Oxfordshire District Council to take care with their household rubbish bin after one of their contractor's vehicles caught fire. The incident in Little Tew saw an explosion in the back of the vehicle and flames. Fortunately, the crew's speedy action prevented the fire spreading and a potentially more serious incident. Using thermal imaging, the Fire Brigade could tell that the fire had been caused during the compacting process when a laptop containing four large lithium batteries was crushed. A reminder that smaller unusable electrical items can be recycled at any of the nine 'in town' recycling sites in the special pink bin WEEE (Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment) banks. It takes anything with electrical or electronic parts from hair straighteners to shavers, and toys to toasters. The 'crossed out wheelie bin' symbol on many electrical items means not to use normal household bins. Unfortunately, larger electrical items must be taken to one of the County's Waste & Recycling centres such as Alkerton. Hence the temptation still to leave electrical items in town (see picture at New St). Electrical items can include precious metals like gold and silver and also chemicals such as lead and mercury which can harm the environment. In proper recycling valuable or harmful materials are removed safely for re-use or disposal.



## Town centre flats approved

WODC Uplands Planning Committee have approved an application to convert 19 Market Place (next to HSBC Bank) into five 1 and 2 bedroom flats. This was, until 2013, offices used mainly by accountants Howes & Co who have moved to the Cromwell Park Estate. The planning report did not seem to see loss of business space as an issue. The Town Council had also objected on the basis of more parking issues (no additional parking is provided for the flats). However, WODC say that the flats should in fact need fewer cars than the previous office used for employees. One difference, of course, will be the increased overnight parking needed for new residents, who will have to join the many others who live in the town centre fighting to use spare parking space on roads in and on the edge of the town centre. A similar issue faces residents of new flats being built in the Baptist Church down New Street – where there is also no new parking provision and so parking on New Street will be even more in demand.



## Allotment Competition

Deputy Mayor Richard Benfield presented prizes to this year's



William Fowler Allotment Competition winners at the September Town Council meeting. Winners were 1<sup>st</sup> (£50) Mr A Thomas, 2<sup>nd</sup> (£40) Mr R Perry, 3<sup>rd</sup> (£30) Mrs E Moorland. Highly Commended (£10) were Mr I Terry, Mr Jefferies, Mrs A Burns. Commended (£5) were Mr C Keen, Mr M Case, Ms C Hemmings.

## Cemetery clear up 10 Oct

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

## Rollright Stones parking issue

Chipping Norton's historic Rollright Stones have seen increases in visitors recently – but car parking remains an issue along the layby and road verge nearby. The Rollright Trust, which owns and looks after the site, submitted a plan for a new secure 55 space overflow car park, to the west of the King's Men circle, to make the site more accessible for visitors. However, West Oxfordshire District Council Uplands Committee has deferred any decision until Councillors have visited the site. WODC's own architect said the car park would be too close to the Stones and would crucially affect the 'setting of the Stones'. They suggested making any parking 'several hundred metres away'. All this was exactly the opposite opinion of Historic England who said there was unlikely to be any harm to the 'heritage assets including to their setting'. Councillors will make a final decision at a later meeting.

## New waste collection dates

West Oxfordshire residents can download waste and recycling calendars for the next year from: [www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk). Just enter your address in the 'postcode search' section on the website to access your bin collection calendar. You can also register for handy weekly email alerts about waste collection dates, including a reminder the day before about which bins to put out and helpful information about changes to collection days over the Christmas period and bank holidays. Free paper copies of the calendars are available from the One Stop Shop at Chipping Norton's Guildhall. As well as bin collection information, residents can use the alerts service to receive information about planning applications registered near to their homes.

## Council Leader honoured

West Oxfordshire Council's Conservative Leader Cllr Barry Norton has been honoured with a Knighthood in the Dissolution Honours list. Cllr Norman MacRae, Chairman of WODC said, 'Cllr Norton plays a central role in the local political scene working tirelessly on behalf of the residents of West Oxfordshire, both as a Member of the District Council since 1983 and its Leader since 2001.' Cllr Norton has also until recently been MP David Cameron's election agent.

## Shane's cycling result

As part of the JOGLE Cycle Ride early September (see July's News) Chippy resident Shane Carter cycled just under 300 miles from Penrith to Oxford. Some of the team cycled the whole distance, John O'Groats to Lands End, in 10 days. Shane has raised £1800 towards the target of £50,000 to help the Oxfordshire Oesophageal and Stomach Organisation based at the Churchill Hospital, Oxford who give care and support for cancer patients. See <http://www.ooso.org.uk/jogle>.



## Dean anti-fracking demo



The increasingly fierce pro- and anti-fracking debate saw a protest near the Prime Minister's house in Dean on 11 September. Demonstrators were snapped dressed in special protection suits and with a giant 'TalkFracking' white tank lined up. Veteran fashion designer and campaigner Vivienne Westwood (pictured) was there in the tank. She has supported a number of political causes such as the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, Climate Change, Civil Rights and Liberty. She is convinced vested interests are behind the drive for fracking. She's opposed on environmental grounds: the damage the drilling will do and the risks involved. But her main worry is that fracking will produce yet more oil which will hasten climate change saying, 'If we carry on like this, we're looking at the mass extinction of the human race within a short time.'

## 'Yes' to Hooky Plan

Hook Norton has become the first village in Cherwell to officially adopt a Neighbourhood Plan. After three years in the making, a referendum on 3 September saw more than a third of the village turn out to vote and 97.2% said yes. The Plan aims to see Hook Norton thrive as a community, maintain its character and assets, but bring in more affordable housing.

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Chipping Norton's Neighbourhood Plan is still awaiting approval by an Inspector before it can be put to a vote.

## Clare's novel bonanza



Clare first came to Chipping Norton as Station Sergeant with the police

Chipping Norton's Clare Mackintosh, who has moved from a career in the police force to ChipLitFest director and busy mother and writer, has had some amazing summer success with her first published novel – *I Let You Go*. By the latest count in early September, the psychological crime thriller had sold over 250,000 copies, keeping it in the top 10 best sellers of paperbacks for several weeks. This was after featuring as a Richard and Judy Summer Book Club read and being selected for

ITV's Loose Women Book Club. Clare reports that she hopes her second book will be out as an e-book next summer – it is another psychological thriller set on the London Underground.

## More records for ex-Mayor

Many may remember Jan Meek, former Chipping Norton Town Mayor. Now she is an inspirational speaker to schools, voluntary and business groups, while undertaking various daring challenges. She is a Triple World Guinness Record holder and has recently undertaken her first international media trek to celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that iconic publication. 'In the space of 48 hours we covered breakfast with America TV, the world with Al Jazeera, Spain and South America with Madrid and Barcelona TV and more. It was probably my most comfortable Guinness challenge to date', said Jan who has also rowed the Atlantic, raced to the Geographic North Pole and taken on a scientific expedition to the Magnetic Pole.



## Local help for Syrian refugees

West Oxfordshire District Council has said it will be responding positively to the announcement made by central government to assist with its national programme of resettling vulnerable refugees. Cllr Robert Courts, Cabinet Member for Communities and Housing said, 'Although we are aware that rehoming refugees will place a huge pressure on council resources, we will be responding positively to requests made by central Government. Many residents are deeply concerned and want to help. This has been made clear by generous offers from people, including clothing or food support, with some residents even offering homes. Our housing team is already in touch with housing associations and other providers to ascertain our capacity to provide emergency accommodation. Many individuals and local groups are collecting aid to send to refugee camps and we are also

looking at ways of supporting their really valuable work through publicity and setting up additional collection points, whilst ensuring that we do not compete with their work.' The Government said that councils will get funding from the international aid budget to help house and support refugee families. If you would like to help there is more information about donating money or goods, locally or nationally, at [www.westoxon.gov.uk/refugees](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk/refugees)

## Five Chippy generations

How many families in Chipping Norton have members from five different generations alive – and indeed all living in the Town? The News team was able to assemble a rare family picture in September in Walterbush Road. Now 86 and a Great Great Gran, Harriet Webb came over from Ireland, aged 16, on VE



Day in 1945 to start as a children's nanny in Chippy. She married Dennis Nash and they both worked at Bliss Mill until it closed in 1980. She later married the late Desmond Webb. The five generations assembled included daughter Liz, granddaughter Amanda, great-granddaughter Ashleigh Stonehouse and her one-year old daughter, Lily-Mae and seven-week-old son Dylan – the latter on Harriet's lap. Harriet told the News she was delighted to have stayed and grown up in Chippy – she now has 12 grand, 13 great grand, and two great great grand children – and no doubt more in the future! Her mum lived to 103 so could it be six generations?

## Kingham pub tops list

The Kingham Plough has won top plaudits by being named Oxfordshire's top dining pub of the year by The Good Pub Guide 2016. The family run pub was taken over in 2007 by chef Emily Watkins and husband Miles Lampson. Nationally, the Pub of the Year 2016 went to the Horse and Groom in Bourton-on-the-Hill, just past Moreton in March on the A44.



**Apple Day**

Bring apples to share & press

Traditional music

Emma's Trust tree-planting

Children's games

Refreshments

'Bodger'

Sunday 18 October 12 noon–3pm

Chippy's Community Orchard, off Worcester Road



## Petition to support flower stall



Problems have arisen for Steve Slade who has run the regular flower stall in Chipping Norton's Market Place for over six years. Steve told the News that West Oxfordshire District Council officers, after apparently receiving six complaints, have issued a formal warning saying that his pitch exceeds the permitted size, and that his adjacent van is obstructing other street users – all against street trading policy. Steve cannot understand why WODC have suddenly now started action after many years happy trading. His current licence expires on 18 October. Steve has written a letter of complaint about the conduct of council officers who have been to his stall, and has started a petition with over 1,000 signatures of local people giving their support for this plight.

WODC District Councillor Geoff Saul told the News that, apparently, if Mr Slade continues to use the surface area of two pitches, he will need to apply for two pitches and pay for them accordingly. Also, the parking of the van is technically in contravention of local parking regulations and the Parking Enforcement Officer will be monitoring this. Steve agrees that

parking officials are being lenient at present but that due to the slope his stall can't stand up unless the van is there for it to lean on. Cllr Saul told the News, 'Steve is a popular figure ... and I hope that a solution can be found... However, all street traders do, of course, need to comply with the rules that govern their street trading licence'. Steve told us, 'Let's hope WODC sees common sense', as the usual steady stream of customers picked out a bunch of colourful blooms.

## Record vinyl sales for Oxfam

A vinyl extravaganza was launched recently in Chippy's Oxfam Bookshop, with the sale of an impressive collection of 60s, 70s, 80s and 90s records. In total, 570 albums and 340 singles – the gifts of two anonymous donors – went on sale. Publicity about the event drew collectors from far and wide – even from well outside the County – and the little shop was buzzing with activity. That day's sales were a 'record' for the shop, the best in its five-year history. All very satisfying for volunteer Dave Sluman, (pictured in action at the Vintage Fair last month) himself a vinyl enthusiast and longstanding collector, who put in long hours of preparation sorting, cleaning, pricing and labelling the collection in the run-up to the launch. A spin-off from the event is that it drew further vinyl donations so there is still plenty available to view and purchase. Do call in. And if you'd like to join the team of



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## Autumn brings Apple Day

### The tradition of Apple Day

This month Apple Days will be taking place all over the country to celebrate that most useful of fruits. In rural areas and suburban gardens, an apple, pear or plum tree can be found. The fruit can be processed for future enjoyment, baked, bottled or jammed so the householder has sweet treats at hand to last through the winter months. The celebrations we see today are relatively modern events, taking place in different communities over the past twenty or thirty years, but they hark back to the very traditional custom of wassailing. Particularly in the cider producing counties of Devon, Somerset, Dorset, Gloucestershire and Herefordshire, drinking and singing to the health of the apples trees takes place in the hope that they will thrive and produce a good harvest in the coming years. The raucous singing and general hubbub which takes place, is intended to frighten away evil spirits, which might harm the trees. Most wassailing ceremonies had a Wassail King and Queen, who led a procession to all the different local orchards. The Queen would place toast, soaked in cider, in the trees as an offering to the benign spirits. In the more modern version, Morrismen as well as musicians and dancers



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### Bring your apples to Apple Day!!

Everyone's reporting a glut this year, so please bring your apples when you come to **Apple Day** at the **Community Orchard on Sunday 18 October** from 12noon-3pm. Picked apples to share/swap with others and to be sliced for apple tasting. Knowledge of the variety would be helpful but not essential. Windfalls to press for juice to take away. Emma's Trust will plant a tree in Emma's memory. Join in the ceremony at 1pm. Other attractions on the day will be traditional singing and dancing, children's games, a bodger with a pole lathe and the now renowned seasonal refreshments and mulled apple juice. Donations help to maintain the orchard. See you there, but **before the day** any apples (whole or windfalls) can be delivered to me at 11, Church Street. They will be carefully stored and taken on the day. Meanwhile look for the 'Pick Me Now' notices on the trees in the orchard.

**Heather Leonard 01608 643691**

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volunteers, or donate books, DVDs or (more) vinyl, do visit the shop just opposite the Town Hall at 6 Market Place.

### New arrival in Horsefair

Welcome to Jason who opened his new business, Hair Lounge, on 5 September. He is well-known in Chippy, having worked at several hairdressers both in the Town and elsewhere before setting up his own salon at 19 Horsefair, which was previously the wedding dress shop. Jason has completely refurbished the interior and managed to make the opening day by a whisker. Whilst providing all the usual services of a hair salon, including products unique to the business, Hair Lounge's speciality is to provide hair



*Jason and Juliet outside Hair Lounge*

and make-up services for weddings and special occasions. This is where staff member Juliet comes into her own, with an impressive CV: she has worked with Vivienne Westwood on catwalks, London session stylists and also top hairdresser Trevor Sorbie amongst others. As with any new business setting up in town, we wish them the best of luck. Contact Hair Lounge on 645050.

### Calling all Big Knitters!

Calling all Chipping Norton knitters. Age UK Oxfordshire are launching their Big Knit 2015 for volunteers to create little woolly hats to adorn Innocent smoothie bottles, which will be sold in stores nationwide from February 2016. Now in its 12th year, The Big Knit gets drinks company Innocent to donate 25p per bottle to help Age UK fund national and local winter projects mainly focused on helping older people keep warm and well in winter. Last year more than 16,000 hats were lovingly created in Oxfordshire, raising over £3,000 for Age UK Oxfordshire's Information and Advice winter helpline. To get involved call 0345 450 1276 for a free hat pattern or visit [www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/bigknit](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/oxfordshire/bigknit). Please send completed hats to Age UK Oxfordshire, 39 West St Helen Street, Abingdon OX14 5BT by Friday 4 December.

### Lift up for Methodists

At the beginning of October Chipping Norton Methodist Church should have a new lift fitted which will run between the Church and the Church Hall downstairs. This will be available for anyone taking part in any activity in the lower Church Hall – coffee mornings, U3A, History Society etc. Access is through the main church door where you will find the platform lift to your right. Many thanks to all who have donated to this very worthy cause. No more staggering down or up the slope by the side of the Church. At the same time we have installed a kitchen area in the entrance hall, for serving tea and coffee. We have also upgraded and enlarged

the disabled toilet upstairs making access and use much better. Work is shortly to start on the ladies toilets downstairs, thanks to a generous donation from the family of Jean and Maurice Castledine, two very much loved members who passed away last year. At some point in the future we hope to upgrade the gentlemen's toilets and install a disabled toilet downstairs. Why not come into church and have a look? One very good occasion would be our Christmas tree festival on 3, 4, 5 and 6 December. Alternatively, we are open every Sunday morning when we serve tea and coffee after 11am service. You would be most welcome.

**Martin Hannant** 643653 [martinhannant@fsmail.net](mailto:martinhannant@fsmail.net)

### Watch out at the Town Hall!

More serious repairs are needed at Chipping Norton Town Hall where masonry has been falling off the overhanging portico at the main front entrance. After health and safety



inspections, the whole front was fenced off (see picture), netting was put under the failing structure, and a protective platform and scaffolding have been erected so the entrance can be used. The Town Council is assessing the time and cost for more repairs to their listed building.

### New Franglish group in town

A new group interested in learning and speaking French, who have been meeting for a year or so about once a fortnight in Chipping Norton, are welcoming newcomers. Organiser Alison Hughes says that some have lived in France (and Belgium) for several years and suffer from that 'missing the other country' when living in the other one, which will be familiar to many people who have spent time abroad. Others have a life-long dream of living in France and some just want the opportunity to practise and improve their French. Until recently the group has been meeting at the Burford Garden Centre but has decided to try meeting on alternate Mondays at a new venue – the Chequers in Chippy. They will meet in the 'conservatory' at the back of the Chequers at 2pm on Monday 26 October (and also at Burford Garden Centre on Monday 12 October at 2pm). Alison says, 'We would be very pleased to meet like-minded Francophiles who would enjoy a chat in French. It must be stressed this is not French lessons, but we do learn new vocabulary from each other and most importantly have the opportunity to practise – the level of fluency is not an issue.' So if you fancy a spot of 'français' do contact Angela at [angela.renshaw@yahoo.co](mailto:angela.renshaw@yahoo.co) or just turn up at either location. French nationals and other Francophones also welcome, of course!

## Charlbury Spanish course

You can have the opportunity to immerse yourself in the Spanish language for a whole weekend, beginning Friday evening 23 until Sunday early afternoon 25 October. From the moment of your arrival you will have the language environment. This is an opportunity to escape from your busy work to a peaceful environment. All levels are welcome from little or no previous experience up to those who can speak the language and want extra practice.

Telephone bookings: 07766 950341 or email to [spanishintensiveweekend@hotmail.com](mailto:spanishintensiveweekend@hotmail.com). Enrol as soon as you can as spaces are limited.

## The Lido looks ahead

The sun finally set on the 2015 season on 6 September with our second Dog Swim seeing us go out with a bang. It was a total sell-out, fantastic fun and, and most



importantly it raised around £650. Together with our Solstice Swim, Second Sunset Swim and the Full Moon Swim, this brings our summer events' fundraising to nearly £2,000, so thank you to all supporting The Lido this year. Indifferent summer weather affected user numbers but that is a mere drop in the ocean (or pool!) when we consider the gap between the cost of running an open-air pool and what we can realistically charge for admission.

So, what would you like to do to help? We are establishing a Friends of The Lido, to help us run fundraisers during and between seasons— could you join in? Or join our Lottery, or donate, either cash or cheque directly to The Lido, or via [Totalgiving.co.uk](http://Totalgiving.co.uk). Finally, we are delighted to discover we have been nominated for one of the Cotswolds Awards! To vote for The Lido as 'Best Place to go with kids in the Cotswolds', please go to [www.cotswoldsawards.co.uk/vote/](http://www.cotswoldsawards.co.uk/vote/) Thanks!

Keep up with the latest at [www.chippylido.co.uk](http://www.chippylido.co.uk), [facebook/ChippyLido](https://www.facebook.com/ChippyLido) and Twitter @ChippyLido, or contact The Lido by emailing: [info@chippylido.co.uk](mailto:info@chippylido.co.uk)

**Claire Williamson**



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## Lawrence Xmas cards on sale

The Lawrence Home Nursing Team charity Christmas cards are now being sold in packs of eight and are available from Harpers, Jaffé & Neale Bookshop and The Midcounties Co-operative, Chipping Norton, Quality Foods Chadlington, The Dental Practice, Charlbury,



Charlbury Surgery, Bloxham Surgery, Kingham Stores and Woodstock Bookshop. Special thanks to DustScan Limited, Charlbury, and Knight Frank Estate Agents, Stow-on-the-Wold who have supported the 'The Snowman' and 'Christmas

Eve' by Josephine Trotter cards. We would also like to extend 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. If you prefer to send your season's greetings electronically, there are two designs to choose from: a festive photograph taken by our very own Nursing Manager, Jenny Nolan and a 'Senior Santa' design from artist and friend of the Charity, Ronald Speirs. We hope you will make a donation to our Charity in return.

**Verity Fifer**

## Care Centre coffee mornings

The Henry Cornish Care Centre is trying to raise money for their Resident Fund and now hold a regular weekly coffee morning on a Friday between 10.30 - 11.30am which is open for everyone. For information contact Karen Berwick, Activities Coordinator on 642364.

## Fairytale Farm enchantment

Fairytale Farm, the Chipping Norton-based farm with sensory and learning adventure play area for all the family, is illuminating its Enchanted Walk gardens during October. Owner Nick Laister said, 'We will be switching on our fantastic lights, turning our gardens into a magical wonderland of colours and excitement, every Saturday and Sunday evening in October from dusk – plus the entire October half-term week.' The farm will stay open until two hours after dusk or 9pm, whichever is the earliest. There will be a special discounted evening admission of only £2 for adults and £1.75 for children (from 5pm onwards). If you arrive as soon as possible after 5pm you can make the most of the rest of the farm before it gets dark, as only the Enchanted Walk, Mouse



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Town and the Cafe remain open from dusk onwards. More information 238014. Email: info@fairytalefarm.co.

## Join in with Age Concern



**Chatterbox** – A warm welcome is guaranteed if you pop in for a chat at the Lower Town Hall every Thursday from 10.30 until 12.30. Age Concern Chipping Norton run their Chatterbox sessions with coffee and cake on offer as well.

**Seated exercises** – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in Town Hall 11 until noon. £3 per session, no need to book.

**Age UK information** – Drop in on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month for leaflets, advice, help with IT, mobile phones etc

**Beginners' computer lessons** – at Highlands Day Centre starting on 12 October 10.30 am for six weeks. £50. Call 01608 643320 for details.

## Recycling mobiles helps Nepal

Earlier this summer, Chipping Norton's The Phone Co-op launched a mobile recycling competition with the chance of winning a last remaining, first edition, new Fairphone, of which the Phone Coop is sole UK supplier. The widely entered competition also gave those donating their old phones the opportunity to support the reconstruction of co-operatives in Nepal after the horrific earthquake and after-effects in April. The winner, Jake Mason, says he is very pleased to benefit from using a smartphone that puts social and environmental values first. Many mobiles were donated this summer at various events, including Co-operative Congress in Birmingham, The Phone Co-op's Half Yearly Meeting in Chipping Norton, and The Co-operative Group's head offices in Manchester. The Phone Co-op is working to reduce electronic waste whilst protecting the environment and cutting the mining of minerals in conflict-affected regions.

They partner with Fairphone, the Amsterdam-based organisation which is currently working on the next model, Fairphone 2. Vivian Woodell, Chief Executive of The Phone Co-op, said, 'Everyone has a responsibility to help reduce electronic waste. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to recycle older devices in an ethical and sustainable way.'

## Sign up for Barn Dance

The Friends of St Mary's Church had a wonderful, entertaining evening with Jigsaw Sound back in August. The 44-strong community mixed choir, made up of all ages,



provided an extensive programme of songs from the shows – in a lovely, warm summer atmosphere in church. Great jokes from the link man and melodic sound suited to the church's acoustics. We are grateful to Colin and Angela Keates, who founded this choir and organised the tour from Shrewsbury. We look forward to welcoming them back in the future. Meanwhile, we hope you have Saturday 17 October firmly in your diary, for music of a different nature at our Barn Dance in Chipping Norton Town Hall. Dancing to Merrylegs – cowboy hats are optional!! A supper is included in the £20 ticket price with a cash bar. Tickets from Jaffé and Neale, the Church Office 646202, Jo Graves 643976. All proceeds to the maintenance of St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton.

**Jo Graves**

## Mediterranean tastes come to town

**Team member Alison Huitt continues our occasional features on stalls in Chipping Norton market**

Knowing how healthy a Mediterranean diet is, we are lucky to have Ali's stall in the Wednesday market. He sells, amongst other tasty nuts, almonds – a source of many nutrients which have been connected to brain power and have long been considered an essential food item for growing children. They also help to regulate cholesterol levels and prevent the onset of age-related conditions like osteoporosis. The many and varied olives he sells taste delicious and eating them can also help decrease the risk of osteoporosis. Olives have anti-inflammatory benefits too and have been used in the treatment of allergy related inflammation. High in mono-unsaturated fats, olives have been associated with reduced risk of cardiovascular disease and they are unique as an antioxidant-rich food. Ali's stuffed red peppers not only please the eye but the body too; they are



packed with vitamin C and other nutrients that support cardiovascular health. Stuffed vine leaves are fiddly to make but are another 'must' for a healthy diet; buying Ali's ready to use vine leaves containing antioxidant and antimicrobial compounds will please your palate and your body and bones, being full of calcium and magnesium. The feta cheese on Ali's stall is made from sheep or goats milk; a good alternative for people who are lactose intolerant. For those with a sweet tooth there is honey rich baklava and Turkish delight. Ali has been coming to Chipping Norton for about five years and finds people friendlier than other markets. One of his regular customers from Enstone said, 'We are very unhappy

when he's not here'. I'm not surprised, given all the healthy and delicious food he has to offer.

## Adventures with the ATC

The Air Cadets of 136 Squadron Chipping Norton held a successful open evening for family, friends and visitors in September. The Newsteam went along to discover more. The ATC was founded over 70 years ago. Children from 12 (from Year 8) to 17 years old can join ideally with interests in aviation or the Royal Air Force but also generally wanting



to foster a wider spirit of adventure plus qualities of leadership and good citizenship. Fieldwork, visits, camps and involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme are all on offer. The open day included tales of some amazing experiences all over the world from an exchange trip to Alberta in Canada to sailing across the Atlantic from the British coast to the Canary Islands. Weekend activities are run through the year including 1 or 2 week-long camps during half term. Adult volunteers are also welcome to help run the squadron. The cadets meet 7-9.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays along the Burford road, next to the Fire Station and Chipping Norton School. For more information visit [www.136atc.com](http://www.136atc.com)

## Arts photo competition

A new photographic competition is underway for students in Years 12 and 13 at Burford School and Chipping Norton School, organised by the Cotswold Branch of the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies. Entries will be shown in an exhibition open to the public at the Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton-under-Wychwood on Saturday 7 November from 10am to 4pm. The public is encouraged to visit this exhibition. The competition is being run as part of

CDFAS's Young Arts Programme, with sponsorship from the Cotswold Woollen Weavers who are printing all the photographs. Judging will be done on 6 November by John Bellars, a distinguished local professional photographer with a reception and announcement of winners with three cash prizes £100, £50, and £25. Copies of the photographs will be offered for sale at £15 each with proceeds going to the students.

## ...try the Camera Club

For anyone interested in photography Chippy Camera Club meets at 8pm in The Chequers on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month. It is open to anyone and no experience is necessary. See [www.chipp-camera-club.org.uk](http://www.chipp-camera-club.org.uk)

## Zoe wins fine arts bursary



*John White, Mayor of Burford, Zoe Foster, Elizabeth Corley, Head of Art at Chipping Norton School and Simon Duffy, Head of School. Photo by Derek Cotterill.*

Zoe Foster, a student from Chipping Norton School, was awarded a bursary worth £300 from the Cotswold Decorative & Fine Arts Society in September. Zoe combines her natural talent for drawing with her love of maths and physics and has just begun a foundation course in graphic design at Oxford Brookes. Zoe's bursary, which is designed to meet the individual needs of the student, consists of vouchers from Broad Canvas in Oxford, book tokens at Waterstones and an Art Fund pass. The award, formally named the Anne Stevens Young Arts Bursary, was created by the Cotswold DFAS in 2013 to encourage students who are continuing their art education. Anne Stevens was the founder of the Cotswold DFAS 46 years ago with the joint goals of art education and heritage preservation. The first bursary was awarded to Lauren Waller, who studied at Burford School and then completed her foundation course in art and is now studying art at college. Cotswold DFAS is the local member society of the National Association of Decorative & Fine Arts Societies, an arts-based educational charity with some 90,000 members in over 300 societies in the UK and around the world.

## Eco-friendly swimming pool

Chipping Norton Leisure Centre's indoor swimming pool reopened last month after two weeks off for essential maintenance. Space improvements have been made and new technology added to the water treatment system. This includes new medium-rate filters with recycled glass filter

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media that will increase the turnover of pool water and improve its quality. The pool pumps have also been fitted with variable speed control devices which increase the sustainability of the equipment and control energy consumption. The Centre is owned by WODC and run on its behalf by GLL, a not-for-profit trust. The pool improvements work, costing £35,000, were funded by the Council.

## R.I.P. Bramble



Regulars at The Blue Boar pub in Chipping Norton were sad to learn early in September of the passing of landlady Sarah Wilkes' much loved dog Bramble. The Alsation, who was nearly 12 and was a retired police dog, was a familiar sight around town walking with Sarah and recently often seen lying contentedly in the pub lounge. Sarah suggested a new doggy companion may be coming in due course.

## Katharine House News

**Christmas Knitted Novelties** Patterns include a Christmas tree, Santa sack and festive hedgehog. Get your pattern and start knitting. **Christmas Cards** 16 beautiful new designs including local scenes. On sale now at our 7 charity shops and Hospice reception. **Make a Will Week** 12 – 16 October. Local solicitors and will writers are generously donating their time and expertise in return for a donation to the hospice. **JS Auctions Charity Auction & Open Day** Viewing from 9am, auction 2pm, Saturday 17 October – JS Auctions Sale Room, Oxford Rd, Bodicote. Advice and refreshments will be on offer. More items also needed, please call 01295 272488 or email enquiries@jsauctions.co.uk . **Banbury Camera Club Exhibition** Tuesday 20 – Sunday 25 October, The Michael Heseltine Gallery, Chenderit School, Archery Road, Middleton Cheney. Opportunity to view and purchase photographic prints. Entry is free, open 9am-5pm (Tuesday-Friday) and 11am-4pm (Saturday and Sunday). **Santa Fun Run** Sunday 6 December at 11am, Spiceball Park, Banbury. Entry fee is £13 adults, £7 children aged 6-16 years and free for under 6's. This includes a Santa suit, mince pie and medal and you are asked to raise a minimum of £20 per adult or £40 per family. **KHH Lottery** as little as £1 per week. lottery@khh.org.uk. Please contact Sarah in the Fundraising Department tel: 01295 816484, email: sarah.brennan@khh.org.uk or visit www.khh.org.uk

## Summer reading success

The Summer Reading Challenge at Chipping Norton Library for children is now over but there are still medals and certificates to pick up for those children who have completed reading six books. If you haven't picked yours up, call into the Library ASAP. Many thanks to Poppy, Maddy, Immy and Izzy who came along and helped us over the summer with the Record Breakers challenge. We still hire out DVDs on a weekly basis at a very reasonable charge. The newest ones, for example, *Fast & Furious 7* or *A Royal Night Out*, are just £3 a go whilst those that have been 'out' more than a year are just £1.

On these darker nights, why not settle down to watch a good film or TV series. Just a reminder that the Library opens late, till 7pm on a Friday and all day till 4pm on Saturdays, in case you can't make it during regular working hours.

**Judith Bucknall**, Library Manager

## Police & crime update

News from Chipping Norton Sergeant Carl Goodman, PC Mick Anderton and local press reports

**Town centre accidents** – Police are still seeking any witnesses to the accident in Horsefair around 8am on Sunday 23 August where a man, who subsequently died, was found with head injuries lying in the main road. Call police on 101 quoting URN26623/8M. Sgt Goodman would also like to hear from a nurse who came forward to help an elderly man who fell in the main road by Sainsbury's on 29 August – call him at Chippy Police via 101 (see article on page 5).

**Pub noise and behaviour** – Police have received reports of anti-social behaviour by customers making excessive noise when leaving various public houses in Woodstock and Chipping Norton. They want noise kept to a minimum and respect for local residents. Sgt Goodman also intends to work with Chippy landlords to reintroduce or strengthen a Pubwatch scheme. Steven Williams, of Hailey Road, was convicted in August of assaulting a man in The Blue Boar on 15 April. He was fined £260 and £600 in compensation, victim surcharge, costs and court charges.



**Town Hall toilets vandalised** – Chipping Norton's main public toilets have again been closed – one cause was a 'pay as you use' payment box forcefully removed from the wall and all the money stolen on the evening of Thursday 13 August. Any information, please call police on 101.

**Police drugs action** – Police have been in action over the summer on drugs issues locally. This has apparently included August investigations in premises in Chipping Norton town. Information from the community in Middle Barton also led to a drugs warrant executed, a search, and a 26 year old man arrested and charged with possession of cannabis and ketamine.

**Fuel and vehicle thefts** – Sgt Goodman reports an increase in fuel thefts – mainly heating oil from outside tanks – and police report a spate of thefts from vehicles in villages including Wootten and Tackley. Please make sure gates, sheds and vehicles are all locked.

**Festival season** – The summer festivals were relatively crime free with everyone generally on good behaviour. Wilderness suffered mainly from mobile phone thefts and things stolen from tents. Big Festival and Cornbury were also relatively uneventful from police points of view.

If you would like any advice you can contact your neighbourhood team on the police non-emergency number 101 or email: ChippingNortonNeighbourhood@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk



## Cotswolds Club November opening for Hotel and Spa

*What's happening up at the old Chipping Norton Golf Club? We went to talk to Vicky Martin, new manager of the recently re-named Cotswolds Club and of the new Cotswolds Hotel and Spa*

### Major hotel and new facilities

The big news is that the new 34 room hotel, adjoining a newly refurbished clubhouse, opens for business in November. Golf club member and sporting enthusiast Glucka Wijesuriya (Wiji) took over the club three years ago and is investing to make the place not only a great place for golf but a big attraction for visitors, tourists on holiday breaks, weddings and conferences. The hotel – which adjoins the clubhouse at the back, will have its own new entrance off the A44 (through Fairytale Farm entrance) and 100 space car park – leaving the Golf Club with its current, separate entrance. The hotel is already booking for Christmas and into next year for weddings, businesses meetings and private parties. The



*Owner Wiji (right) with friend, ex-Sri Lankan cricket captain, now England batting coach, Mahela Jayawardena*

catering and would love all in Chipping Norton to come and try the new terrace restaurant any day for afternoon teas, lunches and dinners, or simply drinks with friends in the lounge – with a panoramic view over the valley. Golfers and visitors share the large refurbished bar, open 11am to 11pm. A big attraction is the new spa with a rooftop hot tub (with an amazing view as you bathe!), plus saunas, treatments and loungers overlooking the course. Why not try a day session?

### Golf still top of the agenda

On our visit we found a foursome of visitors from Romsey who reported having just played an



adjoining marquee (pictured), with its own bar, makes a great space for entertainment and large functions

### Terrace teas, lunches – and try the spa!

Vicky joined in June, working previously at Lower Slaughter Manor, but recently from South Africa running her own guest house. Head Chef Nick arrived a year ago from gastro pubs in London. The team are passionate about excellent service and



*Events Manager Katherine Pitt, Bar Manager John Finch, Vicky Martin and guests from Romsey pictured in the bar*

excellent round on the course – which is in top condition. It dates back 125 years, the oldest in Oxfordshire, and is rated one of the best. Wiji himself has major golf and cricket interests. Recent charity events have brought cricketing, horse racing, and golfing celebrities to the club.

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## District Councillor Laetisia Carter

*The News has often featured new elected councillors to help everyone get to know them better. Two new District Councillors – Laetisia Carter (elected 2014) and Guy Wall (2015) have taken on the mantle of representing Chippy. Newsteam member Roger Sinclair spoke first to Laetisia.*

Laetisia was elected in May 2014 as Chippy's WODC Labour Councillor, sits on the Social and Economic Committee, and lives on Albion Street with husband Stuart, 7-month-old daughter Clemence and 3-year-old son Ruben. She was heavily involved in last year's campaign to protect County services at the ACE Centre, for which she wrote the strategy, and this was the springboard that launched her into politics.

Born in Oxford and growing up in Leafield, she went on from Leafield primary school to Burford Comprehensive, and has a good mix of local friends from her school days. Her Mum is of Catholic Irish descent and was one of eight children, with her life being one of close knit solidarity – they often struggled but were incredibly resilient. Laetisia's aunts and uncles are an eclectic mix of artists, businessmen and teachers, and she feels that her family's background had an influence on her left leaning politics, admiring as she did their ability to survive in often adverse circumstances.

She studied Sociology at Liverpool University, and has always worked in the public sector, first becoming a police liaison officer in Oxford. Her responsibilities ranged from telling community groups what the police do, training police on sensitivity, insight and sociological issues concerning

various religious groups in the City, and being on call 24 hours a day without ever knowing what was going to crop up. 'I loved thinking on my feet and being in the middle of the action' she said, good attributes surely for a political career and taking tough questions on the doorstep.

One can also see the fight and passion in her eyes talking about things close to her heart – often local issues that she campaigns on in her role on WODC. 'I get so much pleasure being part of Council decision making and trying to influence change' she said. Of these local issues, she is especially concerned about the dangers and pollutive effects of HGVs in town, improving leisure facilities such as the playground, and the

ongoing saga of convenient waste recycling for Chippy residents. She somehow manages to fit her Council commitments alongside being a full time Mum. Getting married to Stuart and having the kids was a massive high point in her life, and she tries to balance maternal duties with her other passions and interests as best she can.

Her claim to fame is that during her younger days she was once a waitress to Princess Margaret and Roddy Llewellyn in his Oxfordshire home. Before having children she also loved synchro swimming at the Lido (who doesn't?), along with debating, cinema at Chippy Theatre and a healthy dose of badminton. She says that she would like to keep a balance in her life which she feels is often a challenge for any young mother. However with her energy and positivity one hopes that she can bring these interesting pastimes back to the fore while continuing the good work she has started in her political life too.



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## A special garden for Daytona

*If you are looking for a heart-warming story, the News found out about friends digging deep to help a little girl and family in need. Roger Sinclair reports.*

### A little girl needing help

Local builder Rocky Paget and his wife Donna have a little 2-year-old girl called Daytona, who through a very rare combination of abnormal genes carried by both parents has CDG – congenital disorders of glycosylation. Human cells build up into long sugar chains called glycans. When this process breaks down, problems occur with muscle, skin, bones, nerves and the central nervous system. As children grow, their physical size, speech and walking are impaired and lag behind that of their peers, but some manage to lead a semi-normal life with jobs and can get around with a bit of help. The condition nearly always appears in babies and Donna noticed something wrong early on when Daytona was still floppy at six months old and not growing properly at all. Having ruled out Rett syndrome doctors finally discovered that it was CDG. Rocky found it hard to accept but he, with Donna, fought through this with a desire to do something special for Daytona, who is impossibly cute, which is where the idea of a sensory garden came along!



*Above Daytona in her new garden Below the footsore King's Arms walking crew!!*



Kings Arms in Chippy, where Donna's mum Caroline works, who raised £2,000 with a sponsored walk to Moreton. Katie Newman from the Kings who organised the walk told us, 'on one of the hottest days we managed the 8 mile walk. There were a few blisters and achy muscles, her sensory garden made it all worthwhile'. Thanks to all the walkers, Katie, Caroline (Donna's mum), Rochele Mason, Lynette Rimmer and Zara Annersley. Big thanks also to the Soho Farmhouse contractors staying at the Kings who collected a lot of money from workers on their site.

### Looking to the future

The garden is nearly finished with the help of more donations from family, well-wishers and Rocky's loyal customers. There are many things for Daytona to touch, play with, and enjoy, along the special sensory path and all the plants and flowers are safe for her. They are also at an ideal height for a wheelchair should she need that as she gets older. Before too long the summer house will be fitted out with special lighting – the end of a

### Building a sensory garden

Rocky set to work sorting out his overgrown garden putting fencing up all around, but the main work has been done by donations and people giving their time and expertise for free. Rocky and Donna want to give special thanks to Paul Cantwell for supplying and planting trees and shrubs, Banbury Turf for a beautiful lawn, and Applegarth nurseries for flowers. The whole garden has cost around £8,500. In terms of fundraising, heartfelt thanks go to the

project that has really brought out the best in local people in supporting Rocky, Donna and Daytona. Rocky proudly said that Daytona managed to stand on her own the other day at Cotswold Wildlife Park, even though she is physically only at around 6-8 months. Rocky and Donna now have another baby on the way and while there's a 25% chance that he or she will have CDG, they are positive that everything will be OK and that Daytona will have a lovely baby brother or sister to play with soon.

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# THE ARTS

## 18th Chippy Jazz & Music



CJAM 2015 was back buzzing round town on 20 September. The weather stayed kind, and the Farmer's Market helped to encourage hundreds of

visitors in to a town centre alive with free jazz and music through to late evening. Newsteam members were out and about enjoying the buzz. All donations and programme sales go to charity. Well done



the new team who helped keep CJAM on the road – after Rotary had to pull out – led by FiddleBop's Dave Favis-

Mortlock. Longtime organiser and Rotarian Mike Howes, who sadly passed away 18 months ago, would have been delighted!

## The Theatre

### The Kreutzer Sonata review

A truly electrifying performance by RSC actor Greg Hicks in this one-man play had the audience captivated from start to finish. Playwright Nancy Harris' adaptation of Tolstoy's novella



photo: Ciaran Dowd

weaves the story's passion and angst in amongst the equally tempestuous music of Beethoven's *Kreutzer Sonata*. Artfully accompanied at times by the shadowy figures of pianist Hannah Watson and violinist Justin Wilman in the background,

Hicks' character Pozdnyshev is seen sitting in a railway carriage where he recalls the events which led him to take the life of his wife.

Staged as a one act play lasting 100 minutes, Greg Hicks held the audience spellbound. It was an extraordinary piece of theatre, enhanced by the severity of the set and the subtle and sometimes dramatic lighting. There were times of levity, however, to break up the shocking core of the story, handled with great finesse by Hicks whose timing was impeccable. The two musicians complemented the narrative with great artistry and were given full rein at one point, deliciously bursting into a dynamic section of the sonata.

This was a Homegrown in-house production for Chipping Norton Theatre, directed by John Terry. The next one will be in April, the acclaimed *Stones in his Pockets*.

Gay Holden

## October highlights

**Comedy:** Jenny Éclair (Wednesday 14 October) muses on *How to be a Middle-aged Woman*.

**Live shows:** *Every Brilliant Thing* (Sunday 4 October) is a highly recommended, funny play about depression and what we do for the ones we love.

**Screenings:** *Hamlet* (live on 15 October, recorded on 16 October) Benedict Cumberbatch is the Dane in this National Theatre production.

**Music:** *Django a la Creole* (Saturday 17 October). Arguably the greatest jazz clarinettist of all time, Evan Christopher returns to Chippy with his latest project which blends European Gypsy swing as pioneered by Django Reinhart with the rhythms of New Orleans. Tickets will sell quickly for this one.



**Family shows:** *What do you do when you find a dinosaur?* (16-17 October) is a laughter and music-filled show about the scientist who discovered a 'Megalosaurus' bone in 1824 and struggles to tell the world about it. Suitable for ages 4+.

**Films:** *Ricki and the Flash* (Sunday 18 October) sharp, funny and moving comedy-drama starring Meryl Streep.

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# THE ARTS

## Panto tickets on sale now

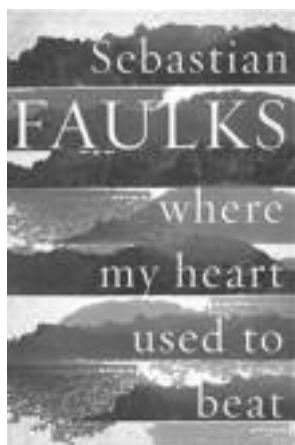
Tickets for this year's panto *Robin Hood* (17 November – 10 January), and all other shows mentioned above, are available from the box office on 01608 642350, or online [www.chippingnortontheatre.com](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com).

## Literary events

### Sebastian Faulks presents his latest novel



The novelist Sebastian Faulks, whose most famous book is *Birdsong*, a powerfully moving account of life and death in the trenches of the Somme,



came to Chippy on 16 September to launch *Where My Heart Used to Beat*, which is set in and after the Second World War.

The event took place in St Mary's Church, and the audience filled at least half of the church. He spent some of the time talking about this new book, and reading a couple of passages from it, but he also spoke fascinatingly and at length about the process of writing fiction, and how he had become a novelist. The audience was encouraged to ask questions at any time. This created a relaxed and intimate

atmosphere. The ticket price included a signed copy of the book and the event was organised by Jaffé & Neale.

### Books Are My Bag, Jaffé & Neale, Saturday 10 October

It's the third year of the event to promote books and book shops, and Jaffé & Neale have organized an all-day party to celebrate. There will be a special window display created by a children's author, as well as events throughout the day. Another edition of the iconic Books Are My Bag tote bag will be unveiled: last year it was a Tracey Emin design, and this year Grayson Perry has created the must-have limited edition.

### Upcoming author events

Food writer **Prue Leith** launches her new novel, *The Food of Love: Laura's Story*, on the evening of Thursday 8 October at Jaffé & Neale. It's a non-ticketed event. Please contact the book shop for event time.

An evening with **Alexander McCall Smith** takes place at the Methodist Church on Friday 9 October. Doors open at 6.30pm for a prompt 7pm start. Tickets are £8 and available from Jaffé & Neale.

## Books of local interest

### Shorelines: A collection of Poems



It all started in 2011 when two friends, Janie Hextall and Barbara McNaught, sat at a kitchen table in Churchill and chatted about poetry. Now, this month, their third collection of poems is being published and follows the same delightful format as the two earlier collections, *Washing Lines* and *Strings of Pearls*. It contains poems on a theme accompanied by first-class illustrations, lino cuts and engravings.

After the summer, many of us hold loving memories of the sea shore. This book brings those memories to life with over 60 poems including work by W H Auden, Katrinia Porteous, John Betjeman and poet laureate Carol Ann Duffy. Pictures of fossil hunting, pebbles and the seashore by skilled artists complement the poetry. The work of Jessie Willcox-Smith, the famous illustrator and Anna Sharratt, whose linocut *The Perfect Rock* is on the front cover, are just two of more than 20 illustrations to enjoy.



*Pt Reyes from McClures Beach by Tom Killion*

To coincide with the launch of *Shorelines* at the Woodstock Bookshop Poetry Festival next month, the first book, *Washing Lines*, will be reprinted with additional poems. Available from Jaffé & Neale bookshop.

### What's On @

**LIVE HIGHLIGHTS:**

Thurs 1st Oct, 7.45pm  
Sun 4th Oct, 7.45pm  
Wed 7th Oct, 7.45pm

Fri 9th Oct, 7.45pm  
Mon 12th & Tues 13th Oct, 7pm  
Wed 14th Oct, 7.45pm  
Fri 16th Oct, 8.30pm  
Sat 17th Oct, 11.30am  
Sat 17th Oct, 7.45pm  
Tues 19th Dec, 7.45pm

**FILM:**

Fri 2nd Oct, 7.30pm  
Sat 3rd Oct, 7.30pm  
Thurs 8th Oct, 10.30am  
Tues 8th Oct, 7.30pm  
Sun 12th Oct, 7.30pm  
Sun 18th Oct, 7.30pm  
Mon 19th Oct, 11am  
Sat 24th Oct, 7.30pm  
Sun 1st Nov, 7.30pm

**THEATRE SCREENINGS:**

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# THE ARTS

## The Geology of Oxford Headstones



*Nina Morgan and Philip Powell in  
Chadlington Churchyard*

It's amazing what treasures headstones can hold. Dr Nina Morgan, who lives in Chadlington and is a science writer and columnist, has produced a guide to six cemeteries around Oxford, and what their headstones can reveal. Dr Morgan and her co-author Philip Powell, a former assistant curator for geology at The University of Oxford's Museum of Natural History, have written about their findings in *The Geology of Oxford Headstones*. The book looks at rock formations, degradation, and even fossils found on stones. Three years in the research and writing, the book is designed to inspire and enthuse local amateur geologists. With that in mind, Dr Morgan has offered to conduct gravestone walks by arrangement for groups in churchyards and cemeteries in and around Chippy.

Contact [info@gravestonegeology.uk](mailto:info@gravestonegeology.uk) to order copies of the book, and visit [www.gravestonegeology.uk](http://www.gravestonegeology.uk) for more information on the book and the topic. Copies of the pre-ordered book can be collected at the Oxfam bookshop in Chipping Norton.

## Lawrence Weiner exhibition, Blenheim

Blenheim Art Foundation is delighted to announce a new exhibition opening on 10 October – *Within a Real of Distance* – by American artist and founding figure of Conceptual Art, Lawrence Weiner. It will showcase works conceived by the artist over the last several decades of his career and feature site-specific works created especially for the Palace. These will be integrated throughout the ornately finished Palace rooms as well as the monumental exterior of the 18th century building. The exhibition is a continuation of Lawrence Weiner's practice in which he uses language as a medium. The exhibition runs until 20 December 2015.

## Woodstock Poetry Festival

A weekend of treats for poetry lovers awaits in Woodstock 13-15 November. The Woodstock Poetry Festival features Katrina Porteous, who will read her own work and launch *Shorelines*, and Bernard O'Donoghue and Tom Paulin, among many others. There will also be an open mic event and live music. The full programme will appear in next month's Arts pages. Contact [info@woodstockbookshop.co.uk](mailto:info@woodstockbookshop.co.uk) or phone 01993 812760 for further information.

## Other events

On October 14 **The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society** lecture will be on *Rag-dolls to Robots: A World History of Toys* with Chloe Sayer, an author and fellow of the Royal Anthropological Institute, who has worked on

documentaries for Channel 4 and the BBC. Many present-day toys were played with in ancient times, enabling children to interpret their environment while exploring their inner, imaginative worlds. 11am at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford (coffee from 10.15). Non-members welcome (suggested donation £8). For more details see website [www.cotswolddfas.org.uk](http://www.cotswolddfas.org.uk)


**Charlbury Art Society** meet on 14 October at 7.30 for their AGM, followed by Dr Willem Hackmann's illustrated talk, *The Moving Image*. Everyone welcome. The Memorial Hall, Browns Lane, Charlbury. Free for Society members. £3 for non-members. At the November meeting, Rod Craig will give a demonstration entitled *Painting Imaginary Landscapes*. 11 November, 7.30pm. For more information on the Society phone Marion Coates on 01608 810116

**North Cotswold Arts Association** meet on 14 October for a free painting session working on Autumn Colours. There will be a suitable still life prepared or you could tackle an outside composition. Experienced members will be on hand to give help and advice. Non-members welcome at no charge. Broadwell Village Hall, 2– 4pm. On 31 October there will be a Life Drawing Workshop with Penny Vigers. 10am – 4pm at Broadwell Village Hall. For more information or to book, phone Sandi on 01451 822550 as soon as possible. £30 for members. £35 for guests.

**The Woodstock Literature Society** meet on 24 October for a talk by the biographer Paula Byrne entitled: *Evelyn Waugh and the secrets of Brideshead*. 3pm at the Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock. £6 which includes tea and cakes. A subscription for the Society's yearly series of nine talks is £22.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Chipping Norton Town Swifts

All the Club's teams gear up in September for their new 2015/16 League matches.

**Under 7s** The new side have settled into Swifts life well and were buzzing to start by hosting Stonesfield Strikers on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Some players were in last year's team and so hopefully the team can push on and be a success...! **Under 8s** have had to adapt quickly, having lost some players and their manager going. With Martyn Walsh now in charge, they are hoping to boost squad numbers (see below...!). Their league season begins with Launton Boys visiting on the 18<sup>th</sup>. **Under 11s**



move up to 9v9 football this year, with plenty of pre-season positive signs reaching the Semi-Finals of the Ducklington Tournament, beating Reading's Elite Development Side along the way, and competing in the Final of the Richard Knight Memorial Trophy, against Middleton Cheney of the Junior Premier League (see photo above). The team hosts Brackley Town on the 12<sup>th</sup>. **Under 12s** will look to carry their superb form from last season, with a few new players in the months ahead. The team have trained well pre-season restarting with a tricky home tie vs Chesterton Juniors. **Under 14s** are under new management, hoping to push on after an unsettled beginning. Yusuf Itah's new team gained a number of new faces over the summer and begin with a local 'derby' at home to Chadlington Sports on the 13<sup>th</sup>. **Under 15s** The oldest Swifts showed no signs of losing last season's momentum with

runners-up medals (see picture), winning 9-1 pre-season



against Yarnton. They, with a couple of new faces, begin another long, hard season in the 'A' League visting Eynsham Youth on the 13<sup>th</sup>. The Swifts are always looking for new players if you're interested please visit our website [www.Chippyswifts.co.uk](http://www.Chippyswifts.co.uk), for details of dates, training times, and manager contacts.

Luke Newman

## Chadlington Whites



The Whites U14 football team are delighted that QCR Recycling Equipment have very kindly sponsored training tops for the upcoming season. Our thanks to Simon Taylor, Managing Director, and the team at QCR.

Seymour Mincer

## Chippy Trixsters Roller Hockey

After winning last November's National Championship, August saw the much anticipated European Championship. The team flew to Delémont in Switzerland, taking on nine other winning teams including Germany, Israel, Holland and Denmark, who play hockey in school and use training camps! So this was more a celebration for winning the Nationals but with true Chippy Trixsters' spirit the players showed passion and commitment to every game with the worst defeat 4-0 They ended in ninth place after a final penalty shoot out – the best result for a Peewee GB team in Europeans. Brett Massey was selected as Best Goalie for The Dream Team. A fantastic weekend of hockey plus lots of new friends and perhaps some future friendly tournaments in Europe. Thanks to Emma's Trust and the Town Council for their support.

Sian Withers

## Four Shires Swimming Club

Competition slows down over the summer but a team event at Banbury outdoor pool saw us win by 36 points with some great swims (11 Personal Bests from 48 swims) and a fun day out. Swimmer of the Meet went to Oscar Raisbeck with four wins. To keep swimmers in top form we ran our first Summer Master Classes, with Level 4 Swimming Coach Steve Thomas



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# SPORTS NEWS

kindly taking a well attended four-hour session. It was a delight to see the swimmers' extraordinary level of concentration with a high level coach. Summer training ran smoothly and some in the top squads took advantage of pool space with about eight doing the full 2 hour and 2.5 hour sessions! The distances recorded have been very good, varying from 5,700 to 6,300m. We are hoping the summer activities will put our swimmers in good shape for the new season! To find out more please visit [www.4ssc.co.uk](http://www.4ssc.co.uk)

Louise Berry

## Chipping Norton Bowls Club



The club season runs from September to April with internal leagues, friendlies against other clubs and competitions at Club, County and National level. Coaching sessions are held every Monday throughout the season 10am -12noon and beginners are always very welcome. For further information please call Indoor President Roberta Jarvie on 643556 or visit [www.chippingnortonbowls.co.uk](http://www.chippingnortonbowls.co.uk). The club is at Greystones on the Burford Road.

John Bowlt

## Chipping Norton Cricket Club



Above: Danny Molyneux sends down a delivery against Faringdon.

Right: Dave Brassett celebrates a wicket v Faringdon.

*Pictures by David Fleming.*

Division for 2016! This completed a rapid rise from Division 7 in eight years. Team stalwart Sam Evans recounts the story from Division 7 to Division 1: 'Back in 2007, the season's last game was crucial, needing a win to avoid relegation to Division 8. Division 7 is the lowest the 1<sup>st</sup> XI has ever fallen. But now on the last Saturday of this season, the 1<sup>st</sup> XI cemented their place in Division 1 with a 9 wicket win away at a strong Faringdon, who also won promotion.' Chippy won by 9 wickets, Faringdon scoring 187 all out (Dave Brassett 4-68, Sam Evans 3-39) and Chippy 191-1 (Evans 91\* Brassett 71\*). The final Division 2 League table was:

1 <sup>st</sup> Faringdon	10 Wins, 4 Losses, 0 No results	303 Points
2 <sup>nd</sup> Chippy	9 wins, 4 losses, 1 No result	289 points
3 <sup>rd</sup> Witney Swifts	7 wins, 6 losses, 1 No result	252 points.

Meanwhile, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place in Division 6, with a record of 7 wins, 9 losses, 0 no results and 247 points. A good

start was negated by a poor run later in the season. The Club celebrated at the annual dinner in mid September.

Andrew Phillips Tebb

## CN Cricket Youth Section

It's been an interesting season with the U9's and U11's winning a couple of games each and the U13's, U15's and U17's being beaten by bigger clubs. Not that they were better! Just more players. All our young players were a credit to the club, playing in the right spirit, with a smile and a sporting attitude. The award winners were U9: Jake Brown, Turner Jones and Elodie Brown; U11: Jake Brown, Charlie Rose and Gaby Heath; U13: Owen Michael, Chris Brooke and Fletcher Griffin; U15: Morgan Stevens, Will Walter and George Tuckwell.; U17: Arthur Ward – now a regular in the Senior teams. Well done all.



*Awards Evening at the Cricket Club in September*

Our three District/County Players all had successful seasons: Morgan Stevens displaying excellent fielding for the Wessex Development U14s; Gaby Heath thoroughly enjoying her first season with the Oxon Girls U11's bowling in several matches and gaining a top score of 18; and young Lottie Oxton with excellent feedback from coaches and some excellent batting performances. Good luck to the 11 players who have been nominated for Player Pathway Trials. All in all big hopes for the 2016 season. We are having a major fundraising push for an artificial wicket so all the teams, especially the youngsters, can play more games both competitive and friendly. The youth section still needs more volunteers for 2016 and the Club AGM is at the Club House at 7pm on 7 December. Contact Sue Powell, Youth Coordinator, [bloxhamsue@aol.com](mailto:bloxhamsue@aol.com) or 01295 721523

Sue Powell

## American Football



Chippy's Grant Phillips Tebb has been helping Oxford Saints American football team to success in the BAFL Division II Southern Football Conference West. In the regular season, Saints finished with six wins in eight games to qualify for the play-offs. Grant (pictured on the run v Swindon Storm) in his first season with Saints, enjoyed a lot of playing time, as a Tight End or Running Back on offence and as a kick and punt returner on Special teams. He scored six touchdowns and gained hundreds of yards. The Saints are recruiting for the new season with introductory sessions in Oxford in November and December at Oxford Academy. See [www.oxfordsaints.com/join](http://www.oxfordsaints.com/join) for details.

Andrew Phillips Tebb



# CLUB NEWS

## Rotary fireworks

The **Rotary Grand Fireworks Display** will be held this year on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November (not on the 5<sup>th</sup> itself as previously advertised) at King Stone Farm, Little Rollright, OX7 5QB. The entrance to the car park is almost directly



opposite the Rollright Stones. Gates open at 5:30pm, the bonfire will be lit at 6:30pm and the display – about 20 mins – will start at 7pm. There will be things to eat and drink and the display is being run by a professional company so expect a superb show as well as safety. Tickets on sale in advance from Jaffé & Neale from early October – Adults £4, children under 16 £2 with a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children under 16) costing £12. On the night, the costs will be: Adults £5, Children under 16 £3 and a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children under 16) £15. We look forward to seeing you on the night.

Simon Hamilton

## Down Memory Lane with CNWI

At their meeting on 9 September Chipping Norton Women's Institute were entertained by Alan Brain's slide show from his extensive collection of old pictures of Chippy. After viewing drastic changes in New Street and the former railway station, they watched the present day town centre evolve. Together with more quirky images such as an elephant procession through the streets and an early aeroplane arriving by train. A most intriguing presentation, which was much enjoyed by all.

On 15 September four members attended Oxfordshire Federation's service at Christ Church Cathedral, when WIs from around the County gathered to celebrate the Centenary of the Women's Institute movement. At the next meeting on 14 October Trevor Hodgkinson will give a talk on the Jerusalem Project. Visitors and new members are always welcome to join us in the Lower Town Hall at 2.15pm.

Prudence Chard 642903

## Single File: Sherlock, supper & Stowe

Single Filers continue to enjoy a variety of social events and outings, all organised by members. We saw the film *Mr Holmes* at Chippy Theatre, which found the intrepid Sherlock as an old man in a heart-warming tale. Particularly popular was a Sunday carvery meal at the Crown & Cushion. Always good value. We gathered for a supper and lively outdoor games at a member's new house. Luckily the rain just about held off. And for the more athletic there was a 5-mile walk centred on Woodstock. Further afield we went on a trip to Stowe House and Gardens. Well attended fortnightly club nights have recently been held at the Crown & Cushion.

Single File is a social group based in Chipping Norton, not primarily a dating agency, for those aged 45-70 who may be single, separated, divorced or widowed. For more information contact us on 077655 98518, enquiries@singlefilecn.org.uk or visit [www.meetup.com/single-file-chipping-norton](http://www.meetup.com/single-file-chipping-norton)

Richard Dixon

## Winter salads ... and worms ...

North Oxon Organic Gardeners resumed their indoor meetings in September when professional gardener Tracy Lean and Richard Hopkins of Applegarth Nurseries led an informative discussion on fruit growing. Although traditional varieties are still readily available, we were encouraged to consider new varieties bred to contend with current growing conditions. We move on to home-grown salads on Wednesday 7 October, when member Christine Briner will share her techniques for 'Growing Salads All Year Round'. And looking ahead to November – on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jenny Wiltshire will demonstrate how to go about 'Worm Composting'. Do join us – Meetings start at 7.30pm, usually in St Mary's Parish Rooms but note October's will be in the Methodist Hall. Visitors: £3, Members: £1. For enquiries about NOOG please contact [tracylean@gmail.com](mailto:tracylean@gmail.com), 01295 780710, [www.noog.org.uk](http://www.noog.org.uk).

## Royal British Legion events

**VJ Day Anniversary** On Saturday 15 August we gathered at the Town War Memorial to mark 70 years since the end of the war against the Japanese. The so-called 'forgotten army' which served in the Far East are not forgotten by the Royal British



Legion and their surviving comrades. We were honoured to be joined by the family of the late Arthur Edginton

(pictured above), and branch member Pete Williers – both Burma Star men. The service opened with an introduction by the branch



Photos: Malcolm Holland

President, Neville Edwards, and then Canon Robin Howard recalled his time in the Far East after the war and said prayers for those who have died in conflict. Pete Williers (pictured) laid a wreath on behalf of the Town. Branch Chairman Steve Kingsford then told the story of one of the men on the war memorial, Gunner Leslie Gilbert. Taken prisoner by the Japanese after the surrender of Singapore, he was put to work building railway bridges in Thailand before being transported on a Japanese Hell Ship, where he died on 21 September 1944 when the ship was sunk by American planes. The Chairman then recited the Ode, last post was sounded followed by a minute's silence as, if on cue, the sun set behind us. After Reveille the President closed the ceremony with the Kohima Epitaph: *When You Go Home, Tell Them Of Us And Say, For Their Tomorrow, We Gave Our Today*

**Emma's Festival Stall** We had a stall at the Emma's Trust Summer Festival on Saturday 5 September. This was a great day with crowds and numerous attractions. Our particular favourite was the excellent Cats Beer served in the big top! Our stall was manned by the Legion's answer to Ant and Dec, poppy organiser Malcolm Holland and branch stalwart Phil



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Nicks, assisted by our youth member Annalise Kingsford and the Chairman. We gave away some 300 Legion flags and we made over £75 for our Poppy Appeal.

**November Concert** To cap off this year's Remembrance events we have a concert at the Crown & Cushion on 13 November with the Accidentals Brass Ensemble who played so superbly for our WWI Centenary. Details next month.

Steve Kingsford

## Chadlington Flower Club's new season

In September we had a members' meeting where we all shared ideas and made an Autumnal arrangement using flowers and greenery from our gardens. We are looking forward to our new season's programme. 22 October will be a demonstration by Louise Hamilton Smith from Foscot Wreaths – 7.30 Chadlington Memorial Hall. In November we have our open meeting in Chipping Norton Town Hall: 'Christmas with Nadira'. Details in next month's News.

Elaine Parsons

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## Scouting round & about

**Beavers** The Beavers are looking forward to attending the first Beaver District Camp at Horley in September. A report will follow next month. This term, we welcome five new Beavers to the Colony. The Beavers will be working towards

their Experiment Activity Badge and My Skills Challenge, which we hope to complete by Christmas.

**Cubs and Scouts** Over the past few weeks we have been busy maintaining our camping gear and giving our hut a really good de-clutter! At the start of the term we welcomed five new cubs to the pack and decided which were our favourite bits of the summer holidays. Many thanks to everyone at Emma's Day who made our stall (pictured above) such a success. £142.51 was raised which will go towards much needed replacement kit, for all the sections in 6<sup>th</sup> Chipping Norton.



We are pleased to announce that we are now Sainsbury's charity of the year – thank you to everyone who voted for us, it is greatly appreciated. Keep an eye out in Sainsbury's for our notice board which has lots of information about scouting on it, plus photos of what we have been getting up to recently!

## UKIP Corner

I hope you all had a good summer and are now ready for the historic debate over the coming months. I refer, of course, to the EU Referendum. I have a document 101 Reasons that gives one view of the EU and why we should leave. If any group would like to debate, or just chat about what has happened over the last 40 years since joining the Common Market, please get in touch. When we joined we were not given the full story. Certainly, the Treaty of Rome was misrepresented – a Federal Europe has always been one of its

## Chippy Explorers join in the Jamboree and a Jamborette

At the end of July this year, local Explorer Scouts were abroad celebrating a worldwide Jamboree in Japan and a European Jamborette in Holland.

Tens of thousands of Guides and Scouts attended the event in Kirara-Hama, Japan. The Scouting website says that the theme of the jamboree was 'Wa' meaning harmony, unity, friendship and peace, 'allowing a spirit of unity to share others' cultures and faiths, take part in adventurous activities and grow as global citizens to tackle world issues'.

A member of the Newsteam met Emily Marvin who was one of several Chippy Explorers who visited Japan after a tough selection process.

She went on the bullet train to Yamaguchi, had four days in Tokyo including a trip up Sky Tree, visited Hiroshima where they held a peace ceremony and helped kids at a local school. She also enjoyed all the on-site activities from the opening ceremony right through to the watersports and life-saving. 'My

highlight was staying with a Japanese family' she said. This was something especially for the UK contingent and called Hoho – home hospitality. 'The only challenge we had overall was the humidity and the heat' she added, something most of us in the UK haven't had too much trouble with this summer!

We also met Sarah Elliot and Sam Horner who attended the Jamborette in Haarlem, Holland, meeting Scouts from all over Europe. They made lots of new friends, visited theme parks and did team building exercises. 'While we were there they had the worst storms since 1901' explained Sam. Sarah added, 'The tents broke and



Emily Marvin, Sam Horner and Sarah Elliot

we had to combine two tents into one'. All good character building stuff! Sam's highlight 'was visiting a bio-diversity centre and getting close to nature'.

They clearly all had a wonderful experience so well done to them all.

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main aims! For a copy of *101 Reasons*, or to book me for a debate, please email me: [UKIP.ChippingNorton@gmail.com](mailto:UKIP.ChippingNorton@gmail.com)  
I very much look forward to hearing from you.

Jim Stanley

## Stargazers look to autumn skies

The summer months have brought with them their own unique set of challenges as the avid Chippy stargazer battles between staying out into the early hours and arriving, bleary eyed, at work the following day.



Long *Sunspots* Photo: CNAAG's Alex Browne exposure astrophotography leads the way with several late night sessions to tease the faintest light from the depths of the cosmos. Chipping Norton Amateur Astronomy Group's outreach programme is starting to fill with talks and observing sessions already booked for Sibford, Broughton and Studley. If your school, group or event would like an astronomical evening get in touch. Our guest speaker in the Methodist Hall on Monday 19 October is expert astronomer Gary Poyner whose subject is 'Historical Novae'. and we are looking forward to an astronomical Halloween at Whichford on 31<sup>st</sup>. The clocks go back this month, symbolically constituting the firing of a starting pistol for the keen astronomer. The nights getting darker much earlier means a

respite from staying out into the early hours and the chance to arrive at work the next day reasonably awake – unless, that is, the overwhelming lure of the starlit universe on a crisp autumn night proves too much of a temptation. CNAAG exists for all starwatchers and everyone is welcome to any of our meetings – all we need is your enthusiasm, the universe will do the rest. Visit [www.cnaag.com](http://www.cnaag.com) for details.

Robin Smitten 07527 224411

## Horticulturalists at Waterperry

A glorious September day saw 62 members and friends of the Chipping Norton Horticultural Association set out for an



afternoon at Waterperry gardens near Oxford. The gardens were looking spectacular and very peaceful. Some of the group sat and enjoyed their surroundings and the sunshine. The afternoon concluded in the tea room for a lovely cream tea. This was the last of the summer season's programme.

October is the start of the autumn/winter season. The speaker will be Peter Preece from Studley, Warwickshire with his wild life photograph 'Every picture tells a story'. This will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church Hall. Visitors and new members always welcome. A Gardener's Question Time is planned for the November meeting. Please send in your question to the secretary Eileen Forse on 643275 or via email [eileenforse4@gmail.com](mailto:eileenforse4@gmail.com) to make this a successful evening.

## Lions line up Santa!

Now the holidays are over we are getting down to planning our events for Christmas. The first event is the Reindeer Race Night on Saturday 28 November at the Crown & Cushion Hotel. We have a second event which involves Santa and as usual we have had a note from him with a promise of more for the next issue.

*Hello all children in the Chipping Norton area. This is a very short note to say I will be able to come to Chipping Norton this Christmas. I understand that the Lions are planning a surprise and would like me to be there. I will write with more information in the next issue but just remember to Be Good and don't forget your Christmas Letters. Best Wishes, Santa*

All profits raised this Christmas will go towards maintaining our different projects: The Message in a Bottle scheme, as all bottles are given free; Mobility Scooters for the Disabled which are always serviced before going to new people and the Defibrillators round town. And we always keep in mind anyone in need at Christmas.

All this takes time so we are always very glad to welcome new members so if you are interested, please do take a look at our website [www.chippingnortonlions.org.uk](http://www.chippingnortonlions.org.uk)



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or contact any of the Lions, our President Rob Caswell on 646003 or Vice-president Martin Guy on 641154.

Liz Nason

## Methodist Church Tuesday Fellowship

One Tuesday afternoon in July saw the fellowship group spend a lovely afternoon at Hilltop Garden Centre finishing up with a delicious cream tea to see us through our summer break.



We meet on the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Methodist Hall at 2.30pm. New members always welcome.

Mary Newman

## Run away with the History Society

Our new season of talks began in September with Mark Davies telling us about the life's work of a talented Oxford man – Daniel Harris (1761-1840). He started life as a humble carpenter and became governor of Oxford Prison for 22 years until 1809. He undertook other works whilst still governor which included: clerk of works for the rebuilding of Oxford Castle prison, artist/illustrator for the Oxford University Almanac, engineer for the Thames River Authority and last but not least, architect for the headquarters of the Oxford Canal Company. Quite an achievement.

Our next meeting will be on 12 October at 7.30 in the Methodist Hall, when David Howe will talk about Yesterday's Runaways. Please come and join us, you will be very welcome.

Jan Cliffe

*The Museum would like it to be known that its Bliss Tweed cushions are not made by Brenda but by a very good friend of the Museum*

## Alzheimer's Society October dates

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

**Chipping Norton Carers Support Group** Come and talk about your experiences with other carers. Mondays 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12noon at Lower Town Hall, Chipping Norton

**Singing for the Brain** Fun & stimulating – for people with dementia and their carers. Run by our friendly staff and volunteers and led by a trained Singing for the Brain leader. Mondays 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> 10.30-12noon at St Paul's Church Centre, Prescott Avenue, Banbury

**Banbury Memory Café** People with dementia and their carers can meet others over a cup of tea. Friendly Alzheimer's Society staff and volunteers can give information and support. Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm St Mary's Centre, Horsefair, Banbury.

## Amnesty debate asylum seeking

### Refugees/Migrants/Asylum Seekers Welcome – 8 October

People fleeing war-torn Syria need help and Amnesty International feels that the UK must accept responsibility and offer sanctuary to more refugees. 'Still Human Still Here' is a coalition of over 60 organisations, including Amnesty International and Oxfam, that are campaigning to end the destitution of thousands of refused asylum seekers in the UK. Their Advocacy Manager, Mike Kaye is coming to give us a presentation on the situation facing asylum seekers in the UK. Because so many people have concerns and opinions, he will then be happy to answer questions on the Syrian resettlement issue, Calais, the distinctions between migrants, asylum seekers and refugees and any associated issues members and visitors would like discussed. This talk on asylum seekers might help the audience to make up their minds on how migrants should be treated here in the UK. Do come if this interests you. 7.30pm Lower Town Hall Thursday 8 October. Our November meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> is a Letter/Card Writing Campaign. Newcomers always welcome Enquiries to Priscilla Peace 01451 30459 or visit [www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chipping-norton](http://www.amnesty.org.uk/groups/chipping-norton)

Kaye Freeman

## National Quaker Week

You are invited to join Charlbury Quakers at the Lower Town Hall at 7.30pm on Wednesday 7 October, as part of National Quaker Week. Quakerism has a long history of involvement in social welfare, the peace movement, prison reform, with pioneers like Elizabeth Fry, and the Friends Ambulance Service during the two World Wars. Sheila Hancock spoke at the

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Literary Festival about the significance of her Quaker faith in her life and we would like to share how Quakerism continues to be relevant in our lives today. We value truth, equality, simplicity, peace and sustainability and try to live adventurously. We are called by faith to build peace and justice for a fairer world and we believe in living simply and finding that of God in everyone. Quakers last met in town at the Old Meeting House in New Street in 1904. Come along and experience a Quaker Meeting with us and find out more about who we are.

Paula Dunleavy

## Green Gym finishes a wall

We have spent two sessions at the Millennium Wood at Kingham, cutting back brambles (a perennial job!) and also



surveying the trees. This is with a view to thinning them out and allowing the strong or interesting ones to flourish. A third session was devoted to the Fitzalan Wood, near Travis Perkins, where we are pleased to see that the newly planted trees are doing very well but we need to keep the weeds down for a year or two. And for the fourth session we split into two work parties: one to continue at the Fitzalan triangle and the other (pictured above) to finish the dry-stone walling at Ash Hill Farm, Swerford.

Come and join us on Wednesday mornings! Get fit and enjoy good company while caring for the local environment. There are jobs for all ages and abilities, there's no joining fee and lifts may be available. Everyone is welcome! For more information visit [www.chippygreengym.org](http://www.chippygreengym.org) or phone me on 643269 or email [jennyharrington@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyharrington@btinternet.com).

Jenny Harrington

## Ramblers encounter wild animals

September 6<sup>th</sup>, Chippy Ramblers chose a lovely sunny day to walk from Enstone, through to Church Enstone taking the path to the left of the church across fields and into Heythrop Park. Here the path takes you through dappled shade alongside the River Glyme which, higher up, has been dammed to make two beautiful lakes. Across the late 17<sup>th</sup> century bridge and up the hill when the public footpath goes through Heythrop Zoological Gardens. Members of the public were enjoying an Open Day – entering enclosures to see big cats and queueing for camel rides etc, but even just walking along we were treated to the sight of giraffe, zebras, camels, monkeys, penguins, pelicans and much more. This zoo, which occupies the previous Chipperfield Circus winter quarters, provides animals for filming.

Our next walk will be the first Sunday in October: we meet in New Street car park at 2pm (1.30pm from November – April). Please come and join us if you would like a leisurely

walk of about four miles and two hours in length. Enquiries to me call 643691 or email [rheatherleonard@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rheatherleonard@yahoo.co.uk) or alternatively to Jenny Harrington on 643269.

Heather Leonard

## Yacht Club sail on through autumn

We have restarted our programme of dinner and presentations after the usual summer recess of less formal get-togethers.

In September we welcomed Phil Shayler, a professional pilot, whose topic was Pilotage on the Thames. In October Mike



Mike Golding onboard his IMOCA Open60 yacht Gamesa at the start of solo non stop around the world yacht race – The Vendee Globe 2012. Les Sables d'Olonne. France

Golding joins us to talk about Ocean Racing. Mike has raced round the world non-stop in both directions, and holds many records. The pace changes in November when we will hear from marine cartographer Bob Bradfield on Charting the Wild West. *Practical Boat Owner* magazine says Bob is dragging archaic navigation information into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, pretty well single-handed....

Why not join us? Since our first meeting in January 2013 the Club has thrived and currently has a membership of 68, with typically 30 to 70 of us (with guests) attending each meeting. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month to enjoy a meal together followed by a talk by an outside speaker or club member. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the sea or boating, and boat ownership is not a requirement. We are a very friendly group – if you would like to join please email [membership@cnyc.co.uk](mailto:membership@cnyc.co.uk)

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## West Oxfordshire WI discuss refugees

We are coming up to the last few months of the WI's Centennial Year. WOWI celebrated by having a Bring and Share party at a member's house. It was a beautiful evening,



and the garden was decked with bunting and we sat at tables dotted around. There was 'Aunt Sally' to be played for those who had a strong throwing arm and an accurate eye! There was a celebration cake to ceremoniously cut, eat and then take home pieces for partners and children.

One of our members attended the WI Centennial Fair in Harrogate with an interesting mix of stands and the chance to chat with WI members from near and far. A few members went on a river cruise along the Thames and had a lovely three-course lunch on board. It was the day the Queen became the longest reigning monarch so there was quite a bit of activity including The Royal Barge and other craft spraying jets of water! WOWI has submitted two Resolution Topics for consideration by the National Federation.

Tim Yeoman will talk at our October meeting about

Refugees and Asylum Seekers. He works at Campsfield House in Kidlington. This should be a very interesting topic to listen to and afterwards discuss. Please join us in St Mary's Parish Rooms, 7.30pm, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month.

Hilary Dix 646228

## Railway Club do it their way ...

The 'something different' we were expecting from Andrew Goodman at our September meeting, turned out to be very special indeed. His talk 'I Moved it My Way – Locomotives and other things' was amazing, one of the best in years. Excellent feedback from a well-attended meeting. Andrew's haulage company is unique in transporting large engineering plant from A to B. These include famous locomotives, eg Flying Scotsman, Mallard, Evening Star, City of Truro and many more. Railway carriages, aeroplanes, bridges; nothing has fazed them. They were also involved with the Channel tunnel project for a number of years. He has worked with similar projects all over the world. With over 20,000 slides, we expect to see him again and look forward to that very much.

On Sunday 6 September, 53 members and friends set off for the Spa Valley Railway in Tunbridge Wells; our autumn outing, and a new venue for the Club. As usual, the weather was kind to us, a warm sunny day. After lunch and rides on the train, many visited The Pantiles and enjoyed a bonus, a weekend festival in the sunshine.

On 6 October Michael Clemens will visit; with more of his father's archive railway films.

We offer a friendly welcome to new members and visitors; with free coffee/tea and biscuits served in the interval.

Estelle Brain 641586

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## Chipping Norton School

**GCSE Results:** Our Year 11 GCSE students had plenty to smile about this summer. There were some outstanding achievements and the headline figures show significant



improvement on previous years. At the very top end over a quarter of students achieved five or more A\* and A grades and the figure for students achieving five or more A\*-C grades was 72%. Mathematics results fell nationally but at Chipping Norton School a very impressive 82% of students received A\*-C grades. The all-important figure for five A\*-C grades including English and Mathematics stands at 64%; a significant increase on the previous year.

Notable high achievers, all of whom achieved 8 or more A\* and A grades, include Emily Heppell, Tazu Walden, Sunny Bhamrah, Jim Caldwell, James Matthews, Hannah Mitchell, Rachelle Newman, Alice Orpin, Tom Pearce, Lorenzo Ronconi, Will Scantlebury, Connor Vellinga and Agnieszka Henry.

**Sports News:** Some of our students enjoyed impressive sporting successes during the summer holidays.



Miranda Edwards (Year 10) competed for the Oxfordshire Girls U15 Cricket team in the Royal London County Cup. Despite being the only small county team in the tournament, the team performed brilliantly and finished the event in 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

Year 10 student Callum Smart returned from the British Swimming Championships with a clutch of medals. He won Gold medals in the 50m and 200m Breaststroke and a silver medal in the 100m Breaststroke final. He also secured a new British record in the 50m and an English record in the 100m events. Callum finished the season as the No.1 ranked 15 year old boy and is confident that he will be invited to take part in the British Swimming Talent Programme next year.

Congratulations are also due to Brett Massey, Devon Shadbolt, Reuben Beck, Brett Matthews, Ellie Williams and Ellie Lewis and the other members of the Chippy Trixsters. The team (which won the British National Championships in November) were placed ninth at the IISHF European

Championships in Switzerland this summer with goal keeper, Brett Massey (who also plays ice hockey for the U15 Swindon Pumas and puck hockey for Bisley Bullets) being voted as best goalie of the tournament.



**Summer School:** A small group of students planning to join the school in September were invited to take part in an action-packed Summer Club.



The students enjoyed a huge variety of activities around school; a treasure hunt, obstacle races, making 3D shapes in Technology and fajitas, pizzas and cupcakes in Food Tech, and even had an opportunity to handle some reptiles. The students also conquered their fears by having a go at water zorbing at the Cotswolds Country Park and Beach. After two very busy weeks the summer club came to an end and the students involved had gone from being strangers to forging friendships that the staff hope will last a lifetime.

**CNPS News:** We are looking forward to welcoming children from Years 4-6 and their parents at our popular Family Focus sessions (19-22 October). We are pleased to be able to offer a choice of four workshops:

*Design Technology* – build a model of a medieval catapult (trebuchet) and compete to see whose trebuchet can fire a missile the furthest. Free.

*Art Challenge* – participate as a team to recreate a Great Master's work. Free.



*Computer workshop* – learn how to use computer skills in a fun and creative way. Free.

*First Aid* – learn essential first aid skills from a St John trainer. This session costs £6 per person.

If you would like to take part in any of these workshops please contact the school to request a booking form: shannis@chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Holy Trinity Primary

We have had a wonderful start to the new academic year and will be working hard to achieve, or even better our record breaking results we gained last year.

**New arrivals** Here is our new Foundation Stage Class of children. They have settled in beautifully. They are enjoying



their newly decorated classroom. They have been teamed up with Year 5 'Buddies', who have helped them in assembly and come into class regularly to read with them. During the lovely weather, they have been outside playing parachute games and practising their ball skills.

**New Pupils for September 2016** We are now making appointments to show prospective parents around our school for children starting in September 2016. Please contact the school office to arrange a mutually convenient appointment on 01608 643487.

**Miss Conoboy's Big Day** Thank you so much to last year's St Peter's class who sang beautifully at their teacher's wedding



during the summer holidays. The bride looked beautiful and the children were a great credit to the school. We wish Mrs Medler and her husband every happiness for the future.

**PTA** We are very pleased that Marsha Rickard is continuing as Chair for the coming year. The first event organised by our PTA is the Family Barbecue and Disco to welcome our new families. The PTA this year is raising money for additional ipads and hopefully money towards the purchase of a new minibus.

**Congratulations** to the following children who have been appointed School Prefects and House Captains:

*Prefects:* James Homer, Audrey Tate, Isabella Howard, Flo Mantell, Charlie Jennings, Jasmina Lichem.

*House Captains:* Oxford – Lucy Evans; Gloucester – Max

Cross; Warwick – Ivy Walters; Buckingham – Archie Jones

**School Council:** Following class elections we are pleased to introduce our School Council. They will meet fortnightly with Mrs Buchanan to discuss the children's views. Members are:

Year 1 – Ava Milhofer, Arthur Stobart

Year 2 – Alfie Hergt, Evie Maunder

Year 3 – Harrison Mavers-Chance, Sophie Hergt

Year 4 – Finn Jackman, Millie Townsend

Year 5 – Lily Smart, Benji Lawson

Year 6 – Harry Holloway, Harriet Lodge



Film Club, Gym, Gardening, Sports Club and Choir. Thank you to our staff for running the clubs. We have also launched our new wraparound care, HT Active, which offers quality after school care up until 6pm.

**Holy Trinity After School Clubs** Our after school clubs this term include ICT Coding Club,



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## St Mary's Primary

**Emma's Trust** St Mary's School were pleased to be able to sing at Emma's Summer Festival. It was a challenge since term did not start until the Wednesday and the singing was Saturday. However the children responded with enthusiasm and we spent a happy assembly time learning our songs. Children from all years at School participated, the youngest



being just 5 years old. We were excited by the big top and the stage and it was great to have such an appreciative audience. We hope that our joy of singing was evident and we were glad to represent the School at this event. Thank you to the Emma's Trust team for inviting us!



**Sarah Hollander** I am really excited about teaching Year 5/6 at St Mary's and am looking forward to coordinating English throughout the school. I have been teaching for 25 years in Banbury and have spent the last 2 years as a Deputy Head. I live locally and both my children are at CNS, so I'm sure I will see you out and about! My hobbies include playing competitive netball and travelling.



**Super Clubs** It's official! Super Clubs are open at St Mary's School. For children aged 3-12 years old, Monday to Friday 3pm-6pm. Activities such as team games, sports, arts and crafts, cooking and free play. We also

have a bouncy castle, quad bike, pedal karts and archery planned for the upcoming academic year. Feel free to drop in and see what's going on.

**Gary Thorne** has joined as the new, full time PE Teacher for reception children through to Year 4. Bringing vast experience, high energy and enthusiasm to the role, it is an exciting time for the children. Gary will also be managing the after school club which allows him to develop those key relationships with the children.



**Reception** We are delighted to welcome our new Reception



Reception Classes – above: Apple Class and below Hazel Class

children into Apple and Hazel Class. Over the summer holidays we have been getting to know them and their families at the ACE centre 'stay and play' sessions and at our picnic, during the last week. They have settled in amazingly quickly, getting to know lots of routines. We are looking forward to the exciting learning ahead of us.



**A warm welcome back** to all our children, parents and readers of the *Chipping Norton News*. We look forward to sharing some key highlights of our school year once again. There has been a lively start to the school year as we welcomed fifty new Foundation Stage children into the school and we are very much looking forward to watching them develop as their learning journey commences a new phase.

It is at this time of year that we also remember to keep an eye out to see how our former pupils have performed, as they leave school or finish their GCSEs. It was therefore a proud moment to witness how well some of our past students have performed at A level at Chipping Norton school this summer (*Chipping Norton News* issue 380). Congratulations to the following former students for achieving the top grades of A\* and A at A level: Alice Rose, Alice Green, Daisy Hall, Ilona Weir and Joseph Jaffé. We do hope some of these students will be able to contact us and return to the school to inspire our current pupils with their success stories. Furthermore, we would like to send our best wishes to our 2015 Year 6 cohort who also performed really well in their final Primary school tests and wish them all the best as they embark on their next phase of learning at Chipping Norton School.



## Ace Centre Nursery School



This term at The Ace Centre Nursery School we have welcomed our returning children and lots of wonderful new starters as well. With all these new beginnings, it seemed a great idea to book a 'Living Eggs' experience to help us focus on our own needs and those of others in our environment. We know the children will be very caring as they learn to look after our new baby chicks; and, that they will also learn first-hand about how wonderful and precious a new life is. As we watch the chicks hatch out of their shells there will be a myriad of opportunities to talk about and understand what is happening.

I expect our nursery school children to capture, express and develop their ideas in many different media and ways. We will all be able to take part in incubating the eggs and watching the baby chicks hatch out of their shells and then be able to look after them at school for a little while. What a great way to actively learn about caring for ourselves, considering others and looking after our environment. Watch this space for our cracking ideas!

## Middle Barton Primary

What a great start to the Autumn Term this year at Middle Barton Primary. Not only are we greeting a new class of Foundation Stage children and welcoming a total of 125 pupils on roll, but

two new members of teaching staff (Miss Smith and Miss Bingham), AND an additional class as we are growing – welcome



to Willow Class! It's lovely to have pupils in every classroom in the school again, all eager to be taught and ready to learn.



## Part Time Cleaner Required

Kingham Primary School is looking to recruit an additional cleaner, with a good eye for detail, who is flexible, reliable and self-motivated.

**Part time hours:** 2½ per day with a flexible starting time between 3.00 & 5.00pm Monday to Friday, term time or throughout the year

For more information and an application form, please contact the School office during school hours on 01608 658366 or VBar6285@kingham.oxon.sch.uk

**Closing date:** 10<sup>th</sup> October 2015

There is plenty to look forward to this month, with the school welcoming parents for the annual Vision Evening, parent meetings, and a parent forum evening. Enrichment days will focus on international links, maths in art and a storytelling day. We plan to invite visitors into school and to take pupils on educational off-site activities linked with their topic studies. And of course no autumn term would be complete without a football and hockey tournament with our partnership primary schools.

All pupils will soon be rehearsing for the Harvest Festival service on Friday 2 October at 9.10am and dancing shoes will be dusted off for the family disco and barn dance fundraisers – events that will include and celebrate links with our families and friends in the community. Do join us if you can.

## Acorns Primary

Following Warwickshire Local Authority external writing moderation, our school has been identified as demonstrating good practice in writing! A selection of children's books will be on display at the first Headteacher briefing in the autumn term.

It's been a busy summer holiday at the School with the installation of a wonderful new canopy to improve the playground. The children were



thrilled with the improvement on the first day back, which gives a lot more light on the playground and in the classrooms. We've also installed new benching in the Library to make a Computer Suite.

Lots of learning has happened already this term, including handling live animals as part of a new topic called 'Darwin's Delights' and an owl investigation for the topic 'Predator!' Our new children in Nursery and Reception have settled in brilliantly.

House captains for Hidcote, Kingstree, and Whichford and sports captains have been appointed. We will be giving pupils greater positions of responsibility in school and establishing a pupil parliament between Acorns, Shipston Primary and the most recent addition to the Stour Federation Partnership, Brailes C of E Primary School.

Our open mornings will take place during the week beginning 9 November, but prospective parents are welcome to visit any time by contacting the school (Tel 01608 684654 or email [admin2639@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2639@welearn365.com)). Alternatively, please browse the school website [www.acornsprimary.co.uk](http://www.acornsprimary.co.uk)

## Chadlington Primary

**New Pixies:** Our school has begun the new academic year at full capacity and we are thrilled with how our new intake of Pixies in the Reception year have settled in. We are hugely looking forward to getting to know them all.

**Term Topic:** This term's topic is 'We are Horologists'. This finds the whole school exploring the exciting subject of 'Time'



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in its many cross-curricular forms such as sundials, Roman numerals, the workings of a clock and the Seasons.

**School Trips:** There are some very exciting school trips planned this term. The Dragons and Wizards are very much looking forward to a trip to Westminster Abbey and a workshop entitled Church vs State followed by a tour of the Houses of Parliament as we explore British Values. The Pixies and Elves will be visiting the wonderful Story Museum in Oxford and the Wizards will be exploring Mechanical Art and Design at the MAD Museum in Stratford as they research the workings of a clock.

**Shakespeare Schools Festival:** Once again our school is very proud to be taking part in the Shakespeare Schools Festival as the Wizards perform an abridged version of Twelfth Night at Chippy Theatre this Autumn.

## Kingham Primary



All parents looking for a place for their child to start school in September 2016 are warmly welcomed to our

### OPEN MORNING

8 October 2015  
9.30am start – 11am

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The Green, Kingham, Oxfordshire OX7 6YD

## Kingham Hill School

**Open Day**  
**Saturday 10 October 11am-2pm**  
All are welcome to our Michaelmas Open Day so do bring your family and come and find out more about life at Kingham Hill. Your



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

## Sibford School

### New Head of Early Years:

Helen Hoy has been appointed as Head of Early Years at Sibford School. Helen has spent the past 15 years teaching in a range of junior schools across Oxfordshire. In 2010 she became a qualified Forest School Leader and in 2012 she qualified as a Support for Learning specialist. 'I am delighted to be joining the team at Sibford,' said Helen. 'The school is in a wonderful country



*Helen Hoy with pupils Caitlin Holloway, Bertie Morley, Monty Bothwell and Oliver O'Neil*

setting making it ideal for outdoor learning and Forest School sessions. I love teaching Early Years and it is a real privilege to be involved at the very start of a child's education.' Children can join Sibford School in the term that they turn three-years-old. The school is recognised by the Government's free child care scheme which currently allows pupils in Early Years to receive up to 15 hours per week of free entitlement.

**A chance to see the School:** There will also be a Whole School Open Morning on 12 October from 9.45am and a Sixth Form Open Evening on 13 October from 6.30pm.



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## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

'Pupils' personal development is excellent ... all pupils from the youngest through to those in Sixth Form make good progress.'  
*Independent Schools' Inspectorate Report 2015*

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**Whole School Open Morning**  
Monday 12 October from 9.45am

**Sixth Form Open Evening**  
Tuesday 13 October from 6.30pm

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# LETTERS

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

## Vera's Motorcycle dream

Vera Rosser finally fulfilled the desire of travelling on a motorbike at the age of 98. Thanks to the forward thinking of Lynn Hancock and staff at Henry Cornish Care Centre we were able to make this happen, and what an amazing it was. Both residents and staff cheered on as Vera roared out of the grounds and into the beyond. No-one



knew where Vera and our Reverend John Taylor were going. Would it be London or Paris or just a local tour around our beloved Chippy? Everyone waited patiently on the grounds whispering, 'Where did they go?', 'When will they be back?' and then silence as we suddenly hear the roar of an engine getting nearer. We all sighed in relief as Vera and John appeared around the corner with huge smiles on their faces. It was like our team winning Formula One! Alas no Champagne, but lots of tea and coffee for everyone.

**Karen Berwick**, Henry Cornish Care Centre  
(Thanks also to those others who responded to last month's letter appeal for help to achieve Vera's dream - ed)

## Beales update – search for Sloggies

With reference to the 'Beales leaves us knickerless' letter in your last edition, I like Sloggies, and recently visited my normal supplier, (namely Co-op clothes shop, now Beales), only to be told, like your correspondent, that they no longer stock them. A 'Sloggies' search online took me to SimplyBe where I purchased 10 pairs of briefs for £18 (10% off as my first transaction with this company). They are not Sloggies and not as nice – but they'll do ... and at that price?! Now I've had to

put SimplyBe on Spam as I have been offered so much more lingerie. I, too, do not feel a Calendar Girl demo coming on!

**Heather Leonard**

## Annual Remembrance Day

We will be holding our Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service on Sunday 8 November. The Service in St Mary's Church will start at 10 45am. Anyone requiring a Wreath please contact Malcolm Holland on 01608 641745. On Wednesday 11 November we will be holding a Two Minute Silence at the Town War Memorial in London Road at 11am. Anyone wishing to take part please be at the War Memorial by 10 50am. On Tuesday 17 November the Branch and Club will be holding its Annual General Meeting at the Crown and Cushion Hotel Chipping Norton at 8pm, all welcome.

**Michael Dixon**, Royal British Legion

## Star help from ACE Centre

My heartfelt thanks to Sally Pursell, an absolute STAR who works at the ACE Centre here in Chippy. My daughter was very anxious about starting Reception this year. Being new to the Town as well created some extra nerves for both her and me. During the summer, St Mary's collaborated with the ACE centre to provide some fantastic weekly 'get to know you' sessions for mums and their little ones starting school in September. The sessions were informal and easy going and involved getting the Early Years kids together so that the children could get used to their peers – the idea being, familiar faces would mean an easier time settling in to the school year. I was most impressed with Sally, she really stood out for us, always making sure my daughter felt

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comfortable during the activities, always speaking to her trying to bring her out of her shell, and even remembering things she had mentioned she liked at the last session and incorporating them. Sally went above and beyond when she made a point of coming to school on the first induction day so that my little one and others would carry on seeing the familiar face and settle in better. I cannot thank her enough for the gentle, caring way in which she dealt with my daughter and all the other mums and children. It is an absolute privilege to have dealt with her. Sally, I hope you read this: You made our school year start the best one possible! From the bottom of our hearts...THANK YOU!

Denise Mansbridge

## Sophie & Abbie's Memory Walk



My parents in Chipping Norton wanted me to write about the fundraising I have been doing for the Alzheimer's Society. On Saturday 5 September, my daughter Abbie and I went to London to take part in the Alzheimer's Society Memory Walk at the Tower

of London. My dad, Roy Watson has been suffering with dementia for many years now and we try and raise money every year to help the research into the disease and hopefully finding a cure. We did a 7km walk, which started and ended at the Tower; it took in many sites including St Paul's Cathedral, the Shard, the Gherkin and we also discovered a monument the celebrated the efforts of firefighters during WWII. For this walk we have raised £385 for the Alzheimer's Society, if anyone would like to add to this our just giving page is [www.justgiving.com/Sophieandabbie/](http://www.justgiving.com/Sophieandabbie/) The picture is of us with our medals when we had finished the walk.

Sophie O'Toole (née Watson)

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

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

If you are over 65 by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016

or

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

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

or you are a main carer

or you are pregnant

you will be eligible for a flu vaccination

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



### LOST PROPERTY

Lots of lost property left on site after the Emma's Summer Festival – jackets, jeans, jumpers & 2 pairs of GLASSES! Please get in touch with Jane on 643855 to reclaim.



## The Great British Institution

This month Newsteam member Sue Hadland and Mr Munchie try out some traditional Sunday lunches

Over the past few weeks Mr Munchie and I have visited five local restaurants to sample Sunday Lunch. He always opts for roast beef and I am a lamb person. All the meals we had were very tasty with tender meat, lots of vegetables and good service.

First off was the Crown & Cushion. This consists of a carvery in their pleasant dining room and if you cannot wait until Sunday they do it all over again on a Thursday evening. There are two or three meats to choose from and adequate vegetables and you have the advantage of having as much or little as you want. For those fussy vegetable eaters you only need to have what you like.

All the other places we visited, with the exception of The Blue Boar, deliver everything on the plate. The Blue Boar provided a lovely lunch with delicious dishes of vegetables especially their cauliflower cheese which was wonderful. It is a shame they put the gravy on the plate, it would be better if it came in a jug. Mr Munchie would have liked a couple more roast potatoes. It is marvellous value for money at £8.95 and they serve all day and into the evening. The waiting staff here are extremely good, smartly dressed and attentive.

The only place that did bring the gravy in a jug, and

delicious gravy at that, was The Old Mill. Again the meats and vegetables were well cooked but everything was on the plate and there was loads of it. Far too much for either of us which made the meal a bit daunting. Bring the veg separately. I am sure some younger people would relish such a large meal but for us oldies it can be a bit offputting.

The Chequers in Goddards Lane also provided us with excellent food and the beef was especially good. The Yorkshire puddings were a little flat but then I like them big, fluffy and crispy! The best Yorkshires were definitely at The Blue Boar. Again everything was on the plate but not too large a portion.

Lastly we went to The Harrow at Enstone. The meal there was beautifully presented, all well cooked and again the beef some of the best. In every place the lamb was excellent and no one place was better than another. The food at The Harrow could have been a bit hotter and the roast potatoes slightly underdone. The dining room here is very pleasant and the service was good.

Next month I'll be looking at deals for children and OAPs, so if you want to be included please contact me through the News.



## DIARY

### October (News out on Monday 28 September)

- 4<sup>th</sup> **Ramblers Meet** 2pm New St Car Park - details p27
- 6<sup>th</sup> **Railway Club** 7.30 Lwr Town Hall see p28
- 7<sup>th</sup> **U3A** 2.30pm Methodist Hall Dusty Rhodes - Country Customs
- North Oxon Organic Gardeners** - 7.30 Methodist Hall (note change of venue this month only) - details p23
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Amnesty** 7.30 Lower Town Hall details p26
- 10<sup>th</sup> **Cemetery Clear-up Day** - details p7
- Far from the Madding Crowd** in Churchill - 7.30 details p4
- 12<sup>th</sup> **History Society** 7.30 Methodist Hall - see p26
- 13<sup>th</sup> **Lights Up Arts & Memory Club** 10.30am-12.30pm at Highlands details 07717 374484
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Methodist Coffee Morning** 9.30-11.30 for Open Doors
- CNWI** 2.15pm Lower Town Hall see p23
- 17<sup>th</sup> **Chipping Norton Farmers' Market** 8.30-1.30
- Barn Dance** in aid of Friends of St Mary's Church - Town Hall @ 7.30 - details p12
- 18<sup>th</sup> **Apple Day** noon-3pm at the Community Orchard - details p9
- 19<sup>th</sup> **CN Amateur Astronomy Group** 7.30 Methodist Hall - see p25
- West Oxon WI** 7.30 St Mary's Parish rooms see p28
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Horticultural Association** 7.30 Methodist Hall - see p25
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **Chadlington Flower Club** 7.30 - details p24

- 24<sup>th</sup> **Gift & Craft Fair** for Chadlington Flower Club 10-4 Town Hill - details p24
- 27<sup>th</sup> **Lights Up Arts & Memory Club** as 13 October
- 28<sup>th</sup> **CN Yacht Club** - details p27

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Ramblers Meet** 1.30pm New St Car Park - details p27
- Rotary GRAND FIREWORKS DISPLAY** 6.30 King Stone Farm, Little Rollright - see p23
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Railway Club** 7.30 Lwr Town Hall see p28
- 4<sup>th</sup> **U3A** 2.30pm Methodist Hall Martin Way - The Golden Age of Coaching
- North Oxon Organic Gardeners** - 7.30 St Mary's Parish Rooms - details p23



**Saturday 17 October**  
**BARN DANCE**  
CN Town Hall  
with live music and caller  
7.30 – 11.30pm

tkts £20 (inc supper) from  
Jaffé & Neale + cash bar

**See article p12 for details**

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