



## A Chippy Summer

**After the Jubilee and a cycling bonanza, our busy market Town invites everyone to enjoy some magical Cotswold sunshine**

This bumper edition of the *Chipping Norton News* includes colour photos of townfolk in their hundreds enjoying June's Town Festival and Jubilee celebrations – well done everyone involved.

Later in June the whole Town was taken over by a glorious cycling (and lycra!) fest – Chippy was on global TV with the Women's UK Tour setting off from the Market Square. A reminder that if you close our busy main road, ban HGVs and noisy cars, you really can make Chipping Norton cycling and pedestrian friendly! A big welcome to all our summer visitors – there's a lot to do and see, in and around our lovely Market Town. Check out our colour centre pull-out for ideas: alfresco music, a Lido dip, trips out, and local festivals and fetes. Happy holidays. The News is back as usual in September.



Cycling Tour hits Town

### News in this issue

**HGVs, traffic and safety** – Could our Town, District & County Councils now take Chippy's traffic & safety issues seriously? More inside on actions for HGVs, crossing safety, 20mph limits, Speedwatch and parking.

**Ubi Romani?** – yes at East Chippy – there's evidence of Roman remains up Glyme Lane, on the likely housing site. And with 1000+ homes coming, WODC's new Cabinet is asked about how to fund the Town's infrastructure

**Other stories:** Chippy Theatre's community projects ~ Parking charges creep nearer Chippy ~ Could our town ban pesticides? ~ More on those disappearing waste bins ...

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### Jubilee Then ... & Now

#### Golden Jubilee 2002

Those Soper sisters:  
Dani, Robyn, Erin & Talia  
on our front page



#### Platinum Jubilee 2022

The next generation:  
Jaymi, Heather, Jacob &  
Teegan

*See letters page – thanks to Robyn for recreating the occasion!*

# THE THEATRE REACHING OUT CHIPPING NORTON TO EVERYONE



Holiday workshops, free lunches (and free cinema!) for those who need it, bursaries, Community Tickets, outdoor Cinema events at the Rugby Club and Cotswold Crescent, a Fun Run at New Street Recreation Ground – and more likely in the future. All part of a quiet revolution at Chipping Norton Theatre led by Director John Terry and 'Take Part' director Vanessa Managhan. But they need our help – as Take Part's Community Producer Will Arnold told The News:

## Roots in Chippy's community –

Back in the 1970s it was the community that helped to set up the Theatre as a Charity, rebuilding Spring Street's derelict Salvation Army Citadel, with jumble sales, fun runs, and hundreds of 'Friends' paying for bricks! More recently, as Will told us, in the Covid pandemic, the building was closed but the people of Chipping Norton helped keep everything afloat with the 'Head above Water' campaign. Alongside continuing the top-quality arts and entertainment programme, it meant being able to offer the popular 'Take Part' programmes of youth and adult theatre workshops and projects – that are fun but also inform and inspire.



Some of the Take Part Team pictured at The Theatre offices

## The Theatre 'reaches out' –

The lunch programme connected the Take Part team with many parts of Chipping Norton – and with families new to the 'Theatre' experience. The team have been 'getting out' to do things in and with the community, including open air cinema shows last summer. Take Part's Head of Outreach Claire O'Hara presented enthusiastically in May to Chippy Town Councillors – telling them about the recent free 'Acting Out' workshop term for Chippy young people at Glyme Hall, bursaries and cheap Theatre Community Tickets

for local families, and hopes that the future will see more outdoor events such as fun days with arts, creative activities and cinema – perhaps at Cotswold Crescent playground and elsewhere – some of it free and aimed at nearby residents. Theatre boss John Terry wants to keep up this direction.

## Free holiday lunch scheme –

When the pandemic hit, the Theatre saw the Town's needs shifting, resources for many Chippy families dwindling, more children going hungry, more loneliness and isolation. In October 2020, when a nationwide campaign took off as the Government decided not to extend its Free School Meals to holiday time, the Take Part team started giving free lunches during half-term to families who needed them – and connected with The Chippy Larder and St Mary's Church. Will said: 'It was very simple: if you need lunch, come to the Theatre and we'll give it to you, no questions asked'. That first half term they gave out around 10 lunches a day. The scheme grew. Recent Easter holidays saw 80 lunches daily – and with great support from a local business, those who came had free cinema screenings of Paw Patrol and Encanto, with some families seeing the Theatre itself for the first time.



## How can you help? –



First, Will told us that with food poverty and household costs increasing, the Theatre team want to provide free lunches for families who need them for the whole of the Summer holidays, probably 100 a day. He said: 'we are hopeful that local businesses will offer their financial support for this, and we will apply for a grant to help from the Town Council'. However, the Theatre will need more help from all of us for both this and its other valuable Take Part activities. As Will says: 'The Theatre belongs to its community, and this means we should be accessible to all. Thanks to you, our Take Part projects – including those free meals – will mean that everyone can find a little bit of home in Chippy Theatre'. To offer help or for more information please email [takepart@chippingnortontheatre.com](mailto:takepart@chippingnortontheatre.com) or [cohara@chippingnortontheatre.com](mailto:cohara@chippingnortontheatre.com)

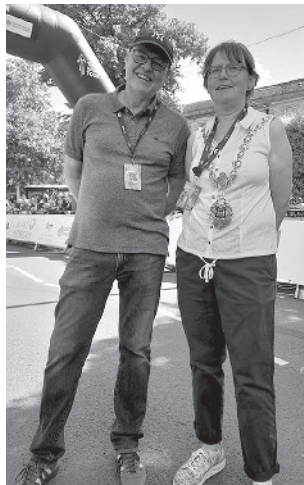
Photo thanks: Josh Tomalin & The Theatre



Never tried the Theatre? Do you know any children and young people who might like joining others for some creative fun? Take a look at the year-round regular sessions for ages 5 and up – or there's still room to sign up to summer workshops this July and August for ages 5-18. Financial assistance can be available where there is a need. More in Arts p16 or visit [www.chippingnortontheatre.com](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com) or call the Box Office on 01608 642350.



## Cycling whirlwind hits town



Mayor Sandra Coleman pictured with cycling enthusiast Cllr Mark Walker before the start

For a few hours on Saturday 11 June, Chipping Norton town centre hosted a spectacular invasion of cycling enthusiasts, bikes, team buses and cars – and hundreds of spectators. It was the start of the final stage of the 2022 Women's Tour. Around 100 professional cyclists, surrounded by all the paraphernalia of an international race, set off from the Market Place – to Over Norton, Rollright and a winding route ending in Oxford's St Giles. But not just

these riders! There was a 'lead off' group of local cyclists, young and older, and Chippy was full of club and amateur cyclists – with their bikes – to watch the start and then ride off on their own informal local jaunts. Race organiser, Sweetspot, had closed the road with police and marshals all geared up – and the sun shone! It was broadcast around the world.



Local Councillors welcomed the event to showcase our market town – attracting hundreds of fleeting visitors. Mayor Sandra Coleman was there at the start and Town Councillor Steve Akers said, 'What an absolutely brilliant day in Chippy! A fantastic turnout from the Town to cheer the riders off. This was a massive event with cycling celebrity, fashion and lycra everywhere! A huge boost to promote cycling in Chippy and the surrounding area. So proud of our town and all that our Councils are doing to promote women's sport, women's cycling and cycling for all!' Local Cycling Chippy group members, including Marcus Simmons and Mark Walker, had a busy day by the Town Hall talking to people about cycling and running a 'tricky trail' session in the Market Square.

## Quest to stop traffic noise!

At the recent Annual Town Meeting, Patrick Neale (of Jaffé & Neale Bookshop) raised the idea of noise cameras to catch loud motorcycles, performance cars, HGVs and road racing bangers roaring through town. He wrote to MP Robert Courts, who got enthused and wrote to OCC's Cabinet Member, Duncan Enright, for County Council support for a Chippy pilot. But Mr Courts then spotted an existing Government scheme to propose pilots. With what he said was a 'fair democratic approach', his own website rapidly asked for nominations. Three places made it to a shortlist: Bladon, New Street in Chipping Norton and Corn Street in Witney. Our MP then ran a quick online public vote, and

Bladon, the small village (coincidentally where Robert Courts lives), was the winner by a whisker – with bigger Chippy, which had suggested the idea, losing out.

Patrick Neale spoke for many in Chippy when he told the News, 'I'm disappointed that Bladon with its small population is getting the acoustic camera, when far more people would benefit in Chipping Norton. Especially as it was selected in such an ad hoc manner'. Undeterred, Patrick plans to contact a contractor who might trial one in Chippy. OCC's Cllr Enright was back at Chippy Town Hall in May to discuss traffic issues. So, might OCC and Cllr Enright champion the noise camera themselves, as Mr Courts had originally suggested? According to Cllr Enright, OCC were not involved in talks about noise cameras and he was surprised to hear news of the vote. Later, he told the News that he 'hadn't received Mr Courts' letter directly' (except the copy the News sent to him early in the process which he said he would pass to his officers) and he knew nothing about any camera locations. Hopefully our two leading local politicians – from left and right – can connect on this.

## Matthew's trip to the Palace

Matthew had a wonderful time! The bands played songs from the musicals, the tea was delicious, the gardens beautiful and he saw William and Kate who were hosting the occasion for Her Majesty. Matthew Carpenter was nominated back in 2020 for his voluntary work, especially with the elderly. He helped at Highlands Day Centre while at college which led to a role



in one of the local care homes, playing games with the residents, for nine years. He has volunteered for even longer at St Mary's Church helping out in the office, setting up for groups and making teas and coffees. He is particularly valued at the monthly Come for Tea that meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday at 1.45 in the Parish Rooms. He is a totally reliable support to the leaders of the 8am Sunday service, opening the church and setting up each week and is usually one of the first to greet people coming to church at 10.30. Well done, Matthew and we're glad you enjoyed your treat!

**Judith Marshall** – St Mary's Church

## Christmas lights plan

May's Community Committee meeting saw Chippy Town Councillors agree an outline plan for this year's Christmas lights. The 'little trees' and lights on town centre buildings will continue, hopefully with the help of volunteers and local contractors with ladders. The Committee liked last year's snowflakes hanging in the large town centre trees and will seek something similar this year. Wrapping will probably be avoided – and two large trees near the pelican crossing will

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be left for wintering pied wagtails to roost again (thanks to a bird-watching new town councillor). The Town Hall will again have its curtain lights, some little lit trees in the niches, and this year a large Christmas tree will probably be put up next to the Town Hall steps. Lights inside Withers Court will also be considered. A contractor will be chosen for the main work after bids later in the summer.

## East Chippy – your feedback



*Town Council stall at the Town Festival canvassed local opinion about plans for East Chipping Norton*

How to Build Chippy Better? That was the question a dozen Town Councillors and volunteers posed at their Town Festival stall. The Town is set to almost double in population including with 1000+ new homes at the East Chipping Norton development, With a Masterplan for East Chippy looming (led by Oxfordshire Council), Chippy Town Councillors want to find out from existing residents what the Town is lacking that this new development

could bring. Volunteers were kept busy all day in conversations – and 145 post-its were collected with your views. Councillors noted concerns such as:

- need for properly affordable 2- to 3-bedroom homes for local families and homes for young single people
- capacity of the Health Centre to cope
- existing Town sewerage problems being exacerbated
- traffic and how to integrate the new development with the existing town, while avoiding extra cars coming into the town centre
- safer road crossings
- the need to protect Glyme Lane and provide public sports pitches.

The Town Council's Working Group will summarise all this and send it to both main landowner OCC and planning authority WODC to inform Masterplan preparation and negotiations with developers. Mayor Sandra Coleman told the News, 'We were delighted with the number of people engaging with us and by their interest in East Chipping Norton development.' Residents, including many new to the Town, don't know all the details and want to find out what such a big growth means for Chippy. If you would like to be involved in the Working Group pushing to Build Chippy Better, contact Katherine Jang, deputyclerk@chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk.

NB – Archaeology delay! – Meanwhile, work by OCC on the East Chippy 'Masterplan' is on hold as archaeological survey work is done. In June Town Councillors heard from Cllr David Heyes that there were 'significant Roman remains over quite a wide area'. For six weeks Wessex Archaeology has been exploring trenches near Glyme Lane, and the new Chipping

Norton Archaeological Research Group had a scan survey done on the School playing fields. See their report on page 26. Results are awaited.

## Will WODC & OCC listen?

The May local elections saw the long-running Conservative Cabinet at WODC replaced by a new 'Alliance' of Lib Dems, Labour and Greens. New Lib Dem leader Andy Graham says his priorities include tackling climate emergency, improving health and wellbeing, improving local democracy, tackling inequality and creating the right new Local Plan. The new WODC Cabinet includes Chipping Norton's Labour member, Geoff Saul and his important new portfolio includes Housing, homelessness and affordable homes, sheltered housing, crime, neighbourhood policing and scrutiny of the Police and Crime Commissioner.



*WODC's new cabinet: Leader Andy Graham is 4<sup>th</sup> from the right while Chippy's Geoff Saul is far right*

A first test about Chippy issues saw two key other Cabinet Members (Dan Levy for Finance and Carl Rylett for Planning) join Cllr Saul in our Town Hall on 13 June to discuss East Chipping Norton issues with the Town Council's Working Group. WODC has powers as a planning authority to influence the nature of the East Chippy development – and will be asked to 'adopt' any Masterplan put up by majority landowner, Oxfordshire County Council and developers such as Cala Homes. They also have a big say in how, and how much, funds are provided for important infrastructure such as HGVs relief, Town centre traffic measures, car parking, leisure and sporting facilities, and more.

Many questions were raised in this meeting. Our Town Council have had major concerns that Oxfordshire County Council are simply looking at maximising money made on selling their land – when their wider remit is to ensure that Chippy's growth is sustainable and meets the vision the new County Cabinet has across many issues – environment, affordable housing, biodiversity, health, pedestrian and cycling friendliness, zero carbon, transport and roads, and more. Cllrs Levy and Saul are both also County Councillors, and got a clear message they need to get OCC's own Cabinet to take a more strategic view on the East Chippy project. OCC themselves could be investing more in the Town's future. The Working Group also want WODC, as planning authority, to update fully a priority 'infrastructure' list for Chippy – and revisit the level of charges that could and should be levied on developers to pay for it. Any Masterplan should not be rushed until this is done. Next steps are awaited on East Chippy – and the Town waits to see how OCC and WODC demonstrate what a 'Fair Deal' from them means for our community.

## Work delayed at The Branch



The Team at Chipping Norton's St Mary's Church is delaying the start of the main building work for The Branch community hub (the old NatWest Bank building in Market Place). Emma Kennedy told the News, 'we have had to push back the start to accommodate some changes we are making to the plans. We have now delayed the start to later in September so that it will not interfere with the Chippy Fair. If you have any questions or concerns then please email [build@thebranchtrust.org](mailto:build@thebranchtrust.org).

When work starts in earnest, the contractors will need to use the front entrance of the building for all access (there is no rear site entrance). Plans agreed with Oxfordshire Highways include an outdoor 'compound' in front, extending into the Market square – which is causing some concern among the Wednesday Market traders affected. One of them contacted the News saying they are worried about finding an alternative pitch site – and how it will affect trading. The News contacted our West Oxfordshire District Councillors Mike Cahill and Geoff Saul about this (WODC are responsible for the Market) and they have alerted the responsible Cabinet member and officers to look at the matter.

## 'Bingate' – next episode

Chipping Norton's saga of disappearing waste bins runs on. Residents' complaints continue about the 'reorganising and replacement' of the Town's waste bins a few months back by West Oxfordshire District Council. Individual dog waste bins and some main waste bins disappeared – 'replaced' by fewer 'joint' bins, in a move, many suspected, to save WODC money. The main complaint, however, was lack of any pre-discussion with either Town Council or residents who had better 'on the ground' knowledge of the best locations. Chipping Norton Town Council ('it was not them guv') has been logging issues to pass on to WODC, including pleas for re-instating bins where use is high. Latest letters to Town Councillors included concerns about London Road, Wards Road, Over Norton Road, Evans Way and Cornish Road. New Street Recreation Ground also lost bins – and the Town Council, who run it, has already got WODC to plan some re-instatement. WODC apparently told Mayor Sandra Coleman that they will look at more reinstatement but 'only when they have finished updating bins across the whole District'. Mayor Coleman is also concerned that the Town Council (not WODC!) may have to pay for both adding back lost ones and emptying them. Another WODC money-saving play? More to go on this one!

## A happy Clarkson occasion

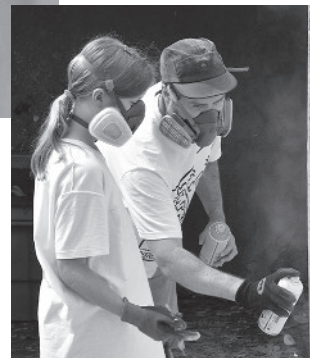
Love – and confetti – are in the air as the wedding season is fully under way in Chippy and the Cotswolds. In May, Chipping Norton's St Mary's Church, its porch garlanded with roses, saw the wedding of Emily Clarkson, daughter of local farmer and TV celebrity Jeremy, to publicist fiancé Alex Andrew. Emily, who is a regular podcast host, shared pictures of them at the church on her Instagram account. Friends and designer-clad guests then attended the reception which was held privately nearby. Mr Clarkson was reported as saying he had 'never been happier'. For those interested there are many unusual venues locally for weddings – Chippy Theatre is now a wedding venue – and for those for a taste of outdoors the Cotswold Field of Dreams is in nearby rolling hills, Heythrop Park has reopened with its decadent stately home feel, Merriscourt and Cornwell Manor do well, and Cotswolds Hotel and Spa at our local golf club is very popular with some great photo settings.

## Luke's 'Solidarity Mural'



Professional graphic artist – and ex-Chippy School student – Luke Embden was around town again producing a new 'Solidarity Mural' hidden somewhere in the alleys of Chippy. He suggests

*Luke pictured with young helpers finishing his latest Chippy mural* we stroll around town and find it! Luke was back for a fleeting visit after mural painting in Amsterdam and a whistlestop trip painting at Donnington Park. His parents still live in town and,



when stuck here back in the first Lockdown, Luke did some wonderful contributions including empty Beales shop windows and the murals outside the Library. With the Ukraine conflict in mind, he designed the new mural to paint over (with permission!) a graffitied wall owned by Cottsway. He told the News he was out walking, spotted the wall covered in tags and thought it the perfect canvas for a Mural to 'give this wall some much-needed love' – adding a colourful message of support that 'Love Wins'. Luke added, 'The inspiration is taken from a similar mural I painted in Budapest six years ago for a Street Art Festival. I had help from my cousin's child Eve, visiting from Australia, and my nephew Burl to help fill the yellow and blue sections making this a real team effort!' Now back in Berlin, Luke is currently exhibiting artwork at Marcell Von Berlin's flagship store in Berlin then multiple murals planned across Europe this summer and back to paint live at this year's Big Festival in Kingham. See more of Luke's work at [www.lukeembden.co.uk](http://www.lukeembden.co.uk). Luke thanks Cottsway and Cllr Rizvana Poole for helping to make the new mural project happen so quickly.

## Parking fees creep nearer!

Town centre full of summer visitors? Town expanding? Main car parks full? Market Square parking overflowing and queuing? Nowhere for town residents to park? Sounds familiar? Well, nearby Woodstock, steeped in the same problems, is set to introduce pay and display parking in the town centre's marketplace and streets. Three-hour charging bays will have the first hour free, other bays will allow an ultra-short 30 minutes. There could also be permit schemes for residents and possibly, hotel guests. The whole thing has been divisive in the Town. The scheme has been agreed by Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet (OCC are now in charge of street parking and yellow lines). Local Woodstock County Councillor, Lib Dem Andy Graham, had previously referred to parking chaos caused by lack of enforcement. A 'town poll' of local voters had seen 90% object to charging, but only 16% voted. The official County Council 'consultation' was more nuanced, asking for comments from different stakeholders (businesses



and those dealing with visitors). County Councillor Graham was quoted as calling OCC's process 'second to none'.

Perversely, the off-street longer-term car park in Woodstock will remain free, for the moment, as it is still run by West Oxfordshire District Council, who have for years held out against any charging. All this could be interesting for Chipping Norton. OCC are taking over our street parking here – including the main market squares. What might they do here? Meanwhile WODC still run our two, currently free, long-term car parks. In the past, WODC's Cabinet has strongly resisted any parking charges. However, WODC is now run by the new Lib Dem/Labour/Green Alliance, similar to that now at the County Council. Woodstock's Andy Graham (District

as well as County Councillor) is WODC's new Leader.

WODC will have to look at all this. Their last parking strategy for Chipping Norton, saying we needed 70 more spaces, was in 2016 and is way out of date. There's been little action nor money offered since. Demand has increased but habits may change for transport in and out of our town. Extra in-town car park space, perhaps park and rides at the edge of

## Action for a safer Chipping Norton

*March and May Town Hall meetings saw many issues raised about safety and traffic improvements in Chipping Norton. OCC's Cabinet Member, Duncan Enright, our County Councillor, Geoff Saul, and Town Councillors heard it all. So, what action since?*

**On HGVs** – Cllr Enright has now clearly stated that he is committed to a plan to take HGVs off the whole 'A44 corridor' (ie through all towns such as Woodstock, Chippy and Moreton). This idea was, in fact, accepted by OCC years back after passionate campaigning by a local A44A action group – but was then 'shelved'. The plan could work but needs much collaboration and national agreement. Meanwhile, the Rollright Stones route is being branded as 'just too difficult'. Progress is awaited but don't hold your breath.

**Road safety measures** could now gain momentum. Chipping Norton Town Council are behind the OCC's new priorities for safer towns – much more friendly for pedestrians, cyclists and even motorists. Live discussions (including visits from County engineers) are looking at: changes both at the top of and further down New Street, pavements in Horsefair, a safer crossing at Albion Street/London Road, safer walking routes and more.

**Making Chippy a 20mph town** – In June, Town Councillors agreed to join a new OCC scheme which could extend our limited 20mph zone (funded by the Town Council over three years back). The zone could expand beyond schools along Churchill Road, London Road, and Burford Road – something parents support. But extra speed reduction measures, such as gating or bumps, might be needed on the main roads. OCC say the Town Council needs to conduct a residents' survey on the '20mph town' idea. It's also unclear what exactly OCC would fund.



**Enforcing speed limits** – Police provide little resource for enforcing town speed limits. New Town Councillor, Steve Akers, has already initiated a campaign to report to OCC all damaged or worn out 30mph and 40mph speed limit signs, other warning signs, and bollards – and action has started.

Equally important, Community Speedwatch groups need organising. A New Street group started theirs three years back – and have a portable 'SID' (speed device) which records vehicle registrations and flashes speeds. But it needs an updated system to connect this to police data and driver warnings. Volunteers rather than money is the key. Residents in Churchill Road, Over Norton Road and others could be interested – and Cllr Akers is keen to pursue this.

**County Council 'keen to help'** – The funding of town safety measures is an issue. A recent OCC announcement talked of £10.4 million for 'active travel improvements' countywide. OCC and WODC's Cllr Enright spoke of 'exciting opportunities in our beloved city and market towns'. The statement included '£2m to improve Witney High Street'. The News asked Cllr Enright about money for Chipping Norton, and he said the Town Council would need to put schemes forward for future funding tranches. Chippy Town Councillor, Mark Walker is championing many of these proposals and welcomed the recent focus of the new County Council leadership, saying they were keen to help resolve the traffic issues that have made Chipping Norton dangerous, especially for pedestrians. He looked forward to working together to make Chippy a 'much more walking-friendly town'.

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town, and charging and permit regimes may all have to be considered – alongside any new street-parking policies by the County Council.

## Bus shelter update ...

As reported last month, four large round empty wooden 'planters' were erected alongside the replacement bus stop along Walterbush Road. At their Strategic Planning Committee meeting in June, Town Councillors didn't seem to know why they were there but need to do something because locals are filling them with rubbish (unhealthy and inflammable!). After discussion, the short-term action is to fill them with earth and perhaps some succulent sedum – to avoid the need for frequent watering. Meanwhile, Councillors will see if the bus shelter can have an 'end' added to provide more shelter from wind and rain.

## Plan for Manor House Gallery

The unusual little building, formerly the Manor House Gallery, on West Street by Burford Road roundabout could be growing in size, if objections can be overcome to a latest



Left: the Manor House Gallery as it is now Right: plans to raise the roof and build two flats above

planning application. The building was constructed in 1983 by the then owner of the Manor House who ran it as an art gallery for many years. Current owner, Anthony Hill, uses it for storage of quirky items, only occasionally opening it up for sales. He now proposes to raise the roof and construct two flats above. His architect, Chippy resident Alex Corfield, says, 'Being the original designer, I am aware the shop is of limited scale and a missed visual design opportunity, bearing in mind its location.' Anthony Hill has already constructed four new homes in the former garden of the Manor House, all accessed via a long winding drive past the Gallery. These neighbours have objected, saying that any residents' cars for the proposed flats would obstruct access to their four homes beyond. They claim the plans are inaccurate, giving the impression there is more space than actually exists. They fear that emergency services, particularly fire engines, could not access these four homes. One says, 'The owner has made no attempt to talk with residents' and 'This proposal seems to bear little relation to the reality of the access issues,' and asks for a planners' site visit so they can explain their concerns. At their June meeting, Chipping Norton Town Councillors logged a strong objection, based on planning grounds of design not appropriate in the curtilage of a listed building (one councillor called it 'a monstrosity') and on access issues for residents and neighbours. The matter will be determined by WODC's Uplands Planning Committee.

## Chippy riders go national

Two local riders have qualified for the National Riding for the Disabled competition after a very successful regional event at West Wiltshire Equestrian Centre. Tilly Mantell, Kirsty Clarke and Guy Salter competed on Bandit and Indi – two beautifully groomed horses kindly lent to them by Regal Equestrian which is based in Whichford. The rider's smart kit was lent by Rimmells



*l-r Tilly Mantell, Guy Salter and Kirsty Clarke proudly display their rosettes*

Saddlers in Shipston-on-Stour. They achieved two first places and a third in dressage. They were also placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the Countryside Challenge – a testing course with obstacles including a road junction and bridge, plus physical activities such as picking apples from a tree, opening a gate and posting a letter. The National Championships are programmed for Hartpury in July. Tilly will represent Chippy in the dressage and the Countryside Challenge and Kirsty in the dressage. Well done to the riders and volunteers who help this great organisation provide fun, fitness, riding skills and therapy. See [www.rda.org.uk](http://www.rda.org.uk) for more on Riding for the Disabled Association.

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## Town Benches – update



*Example of a crescent-shaped bench*

A comprehensive plan of work to refurbish some deteriorating town benches has been making progress. The Town Council has had ten town centre benches done – the last one, dedicated to late Cllr Rob Evans, will return to the town centre from the workshop shortly. Further benches around town are in need of some tender loving care, and the Town Council will be looking at further work. Please tell the Town Clerk about any you feel need attention (see letters). Meanwhile, at their June Strategic Planning Committee meeting, Councillors noted that at the Millennium Garden along West Street, a second conventional bench will be added, donated by the Freemasons in memory of those lost through Covid. In addition, to accommodate families and groups wanting to stop for a chat, a new crescent-shaped bench will be commissioned for the garden as well. The design for this is being finalised.

## Town Council’s tree survey

Chipping Norton Town Council is responsible for a variety of trees on their land around town including: Pool Meadow, Worcester Road cemetery, St Mary’s Churchyard, Greystones, Millennium Garden and Cornish Road play area (NB – the land and trees at New Street recreation ground are the responsibility of the Field Reeves, those on public roads that of the County Council). This is mainly all about public health and safety – with issues such as dangerous trees or branches, but a survey would help assess condition of the trees and action needed. In May, Councillors on the Community Committee approved a budget of £650 for the survey work. At the same Committee, Mayor Sandra Coleman reported that a working group for preserving and improving Pool Meadow was now in action with an excellent group of volunteers, many with expert knowledge. Progress is awaited.



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## Help Chippy School projects

An exciting new kitchen garden project at Chipping Norton School has taken shape helped by some terrific local financial support and guidance. Local charity, Thrive, has teamed up with local businesses, Ross and Ross Events, The Chipping Norton Garden Company, and Wyatts Garden Centre. The garden, in the centre of the school site, is undergoing development led by Ali du Crôs, Head of Dance and Drama. Fruit, vegetables and wildlife garden plants have been planted



for the growing season and students will be able to enjoy the space and taste its produce as part of their school day. A gardening club is also in the pipeline. There are several exciting potential projects at the School including expansion of outdoor spaces and upgrading of the IT network which would hugely benefit from support from our community, including local businesses. If you have expertise or financial support to offer the School, please contact Tanya Harrington (tanya.harrington70@gmail.com) or Natasha Whitmill (natasha.whitmill@gmail.com) at the Chipping Norton Secondary School Parent and Teacher Association (charity number 1191915) which raises funds for extra resources for all the School’s students.

**Natasha Whitmill** – Chipping Norton School PTA

## Town Council’s new website

Chipping Norton Town Council has launched a new website – with useful information not only about the Council but about



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things going on in Chippy. A press release from the Town Clerk said, ‘We are delighted to launch our new and improved user-friendly website. The website enables us to share openly the work and aspirations of the Council, and celebrate our wonderful community. It provides useful links to local groups, organisations and clubs, and lots of practical information. Our new “report it” page is designed to help people get help needed as efficiently as possible. The website also now has an online calendar and online Town Hall booking function. You can find details of all our meetings, get to know your councillors, and discover how to use all services the Council manages. We hope you’ll enjoy exploring and getting to know more about your Town Council and the work we do.’ – see [www.chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk)

In other moves to improve Town Council engagement with the community, Chippy residents will shortly be able to

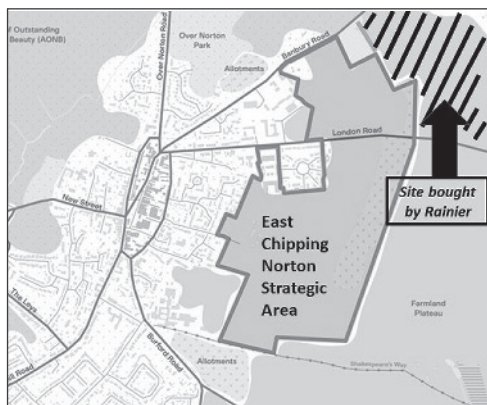


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sign up for a regular emailed newsletter with the Council's latest news. Deputy Mayor Cllr Rachel Foakes is taking a lead on this, along with a plan to hold informal open sessions with residents on some Saturdays. Watch out on the Town Council website for details.

## More land for Chippy housing!

Planning certainly means planning ahead! There's still no agreement on the Masterplan for 1000+ homes at East Chipping Norton, which is in WODC's existing Local Plan (2011–2031). But meanwhile, both developers and local authorities are looking further ahead. First, County and District Councils are working with other strategic bodies on Oxfordshire Plan 2050, a 'Spacial Strategy' with a broad-brush approach to distribution of growth, including housing, across the County. This was intended to be adopted in 2023 – but progress has slowed. Second, WODC is starting work on its next detailed Local Plan updated to guide District development up to 2040.



All this means developers are looking at new Chippy land that could be allocated for housing. A new site, 55 acres of greenfield land beyond the Cricket Club between the Banbury

and London Roads (marked on the map), is already being promoted for development by Rainier Developments, based in Henley-in-Arden. Rainier are pushing this in both the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 and West Oxfordshire's next Local Plan. They emphasise the land is 'adjacent to East Chipping Norton Strategic Development Area' already allocated for 1200 houses, school, shopping facilities, and 'an eastern link road connecting Banbury Road with London Road [sic]'. They suggest it could become 'further phases' of the East Chippy development with possibly another 400–500 new homes. Rainier say they will 'engage with WODC' on how this might help WODC meet its long-term housing needs. Whether these green fields are indeed built upon in the future depends upon which overall strategy for Oxfordshire is agreed and how WODC interprets that locally.

## Plan for major Town Hall work

Last year Chipping Norton Town Council reviewed results of a 'quinquennial' (every five years) survey on the Town Hall, which set out extensive work needed on the listed building. This included major roof work, structural repairs and safety and compliance improvements. The projects could include £250–£350,000 of work. Given the nature and cost of this, the Council's Community Committee in May agreed to engage a professional agent (property consultants Alder King) to project manage, write tender specifications, and manage contractors. They will charge 12% of the project cost, and Councillors agreed to pay £3,150 initially for a 'measured

survey' to document details of the Town Hall's design and layout for contractors to be able to use – apparently one does not exist. A sub-group of Councillors was nominated to liaise with the agents on all the work. The Community Committee also agreed an updated set of Town Hall regulations, rates for hiring, and new booking form, which will be available on the website and from the Town Clerk.

## Locals shine at Chelsea Show

Globally renowned Whichford Pottery added to their many accolades by helping scoop a gold medal at this year's Royal



Chris Beardshaw with Jim & Adam Keeling at The RNLI Garden at the Chelsea Flower Show

Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show. The Whichford team was commissioned by Chris Beardshaw, a garden designer and plantsman, to design and make two handmade bespoke urns for his Royal National Lifeboat Institution garden. The 1.9m high urns combined traditional and contemporary designs incorporating not only the Georgian origins but the future of the RNLI. The decorative motif, repeated three times around each urn, was based on a native UK sea holly. The stem of the sea holly has been stylised to adopt the form of the hull of an RNLI Severn Class lifeboat. After Chelsea, the urns will be based at the RNLI College and Training Centre in Poole. Jim Keeling, Master Craftsman and Co-Founder at the family-run pottery, praised the entire

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Whichford team stressing their importance in the journey of the magnificent pots from the clayroom in North Oxfordshire to the garden in SW3.

Another local company to excel at Chelsea was Oxford Planters. The specialist manufacturers of hardwood and accoya planters and garden furniture are based at Heath Farm near Swerford. Their first Chelsea appearance was in 2007 making this year their 14<sup>th</sup> show. They were awarded five stars which equates to 'outstanding'. Katie Blacker & Chloe Pierce of Oxford Planters are pictured here with a couple of Chelsea locals! The team at Heath Farm is led by Managing Directors Sarah Pierce and husband Leon, who heads up the workshop.



### Update on town Youth work



Back in October 2021, Chipping Norton Town Council – with a County Council grant of over £25,000 – signed up Carterton-based youth organisation Got2B, to provide some youth services in Chippy. The Council's first priority was for some 'detached' youth work – ie working with young

people out round town, perhaps with project activity. The work would start by assessment of needs and risks with local police and Councillors. A progress report this May, to the Town Council's Community Committee, said all this had been difficult; police had apparently not responded, and weather was bad for detached work. So after receiving initial funding in January, Got2B decided to launch a weekly 'in town' after school youth club in the Methodist Church.

A delayed mid-March launch saw the first six sessions with very low attendance, but the Got2B team later, on 17

May, ventured out to Cotswold Crescent after school to connect with up to 20 young people. More such work is likely, although for 'detached work,' involving more local meetings with stakeholders and other organisations, the Got2B staff have to come from Carterton and they said more visit time might need more funding. More outreach work and a further progress report to the Town Council Community were planned for June. Councillors are also looking at other activities and facilities for young people alongside successful ones already in place, such as the Remix youth club run at Glyme Hall by St Mary's Church, and outreach work by Chipping Norton Theatre (see page 2).

### New equine therapy centre



Could you help provide a location near Chipping Norton for a new equine-based therapy centre? There are an estimated 12,000 learning disabled adults and children in Oxfordshire. Only a few are supported publicly. In 2020 there were also 1000s of GP patients diagnosed with depression. A local team called The Cotswold Project – a not-for-profit enterprise – is looking to rent 10

to 50 acres for the centre to serve our community, particularly learning disabled and those suffering from depression and anxiety. Unlike most other horse therapy centres, where no riding is involved, there will be a full range of equine activities including riding and horse driving. The team want to keep their horses, their equine co-workers, in a more natural and enriched environment than many horses have, where they are stabled and turned out to grass individually. Rented or leased land and barn accommodation is needed plus office space on a site ideally within 10 miles of Chipping Norton. The team would also like to hear from any potential users such as charities, schools, local councils, etc., as well as potential suppliers for items such as hay and straw. Anyone who can help – whether as advisers, investors, supporters or potential clients or employees – please contact [TheCotswoldProject@gmail.com](mailto:TheCotswoldProject@gmail.com) or 01608 819024.

### Katharine House fundraising

Summer fundraising for the local Hospice sees the **Moonlight Walk** on 16 July – a personal challenge walk and evening of fun and frolics. Pre-walk 80s party. Sign up at [khh.org.uk/moonlight](http://khh.org.uk/moonlight). More challenge events include: **Extreme Abseil** in Northampton on 3 September; **Thames Path Challenge** 10–11 September; **Swim Serpentine** 17 September; **Chicken Run** at Brackley 10k on 18 September; **Oxford Half Marathon** 16 October. All details at [khh.org.uk/challenge](http://khh.org.uk/challenge). Days out include **Open Gardens**, country fairs and fun days see [khh.org.uk/supporter-events](http://khh.org.uk/supporter-events).

Volunteers can help in shops, as gardeners, hospice companions, receptionists and artists for Living Well. Find out more at [khh.org.uk/volunteering](http://khh.org.uk/volunteering). The Hospice also provides Caring for our carers with online café, social work support and a hospice companion service. See [khh.org.uk/carer-support](http://khh.org.uk/carer-support).

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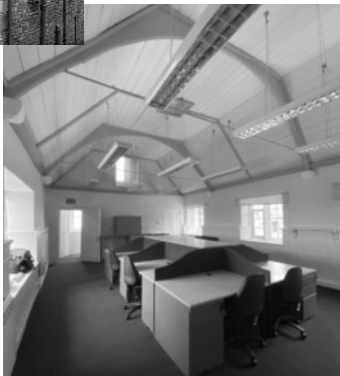
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## Use our Guildhall office 'hub'



Now's your chance to rent, alongside others, some useful office space in Chipping Norton's Guildhall. The medieval listed building on Middle Row is owned by West

Oxfordshire District Council but used mainly by the Town Council. Both Councils have been having protracted discussions for months on its long-term future. Meanwhile, there's spare space – and an organisation called Makespace Oxford is leasing the spare until February 2023 (with a possible extension) –



*Guildhall office space available*

opening a new rentable office hub. Makespace suggest it could be part of a community of 'start-ups, charities, artists, makers, community groups and purpose driven organisations'. They are looking for individuals and organisations to rent space for hot desking or as a private office – at rates of between £140 and £408 per month There will be a small kitchenette, toilets and fast Wi-Fi. Makespace say this is part of 'Meanwhile in Oxfordshire', a county-wide initiative to reanimate underused spaces in our urban centres – a programme started by Oxford City with Government funding to help empty high streets. For more information about Makespace email [hannah@makespaceoxford.org](mailto:hannah@makespaceoxford.org) or [emily@makespaceoxford.org](mailto:emily@makespaceoxford.org) or find inquiry forms on their website [www.makespaceoxford.org](http://www.makespaceoxford.org).

## Summer reading challenge



Chippy Library's **Summer Reading Challenge** begins on 9 July! Children across Oxfordshire can collect stickers and rewards as they read library books. This year's theme, 'Gadgeteers', is all about creativity, science and innovation. Children who finish the challenge at an Oxfordshire Library will get a medal and certificate and be entered into the countywide prize draw. Join in to become a Gadgeteer! Under 3s can take part in a mini challenge with their own special card and stickers. Visit [oxfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge](http://oxfordshire.gov.uk/summer-reading-challenge) to find out more.

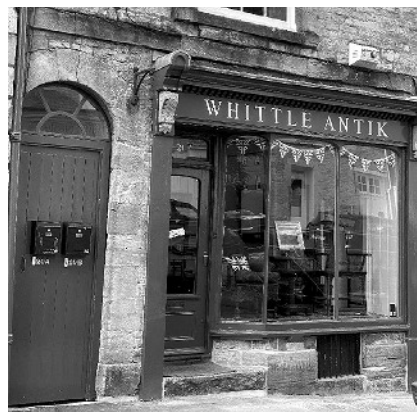
**Library Coffee Mornings** with AgeUK are back! They'll be held every third Tuesday each month and the first one will be on 19 July from 10am to 11.30am. We'll also be joined by Cheryl Harrison from Trading Standards who will be on hand to give advice about scams, fraud, doorstep crime and how to avoid being a victim. Discover relaxation through paper

folding. Join us and make something beautiful at our **Origami for Wellbeing** workshop. It's on Thursday 21 July at 1pm. Free for all ages. Please book your place – call 01608 643559 or email [chippingnorton.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:chippingnorton.library@oxfordshire.gov.uk).

**Sally Moore** – CN Library

## Whittle Antik in town

There's a new name above the shop at 21 Market Place, Chipping Norton: Whittle Antik. Richard Whittle has lived locally for nearly a decade and sells rare and beautiful furniture, art, and objects of interest. Launched in June 2020 when Richard's voracious collecting



had become unsustainable, the only route left open was to become a dealer! This passion for antiques began while studying at Camberwell College of Art and Design. He then honed his skills working at Sotheby's and became a lead sponsor of TEFAF (The European Fine Art Foundation), in both Maastricht and New York. With Whittle Antik, Richard continues his dedication to sourcing antiques and unique items to present for sale, offering a discreet service for private clients and interior designers. He looks forward to welcoming you into the treasure trove of his shop and is also interested in buying items of age and beauty should you wish to sell. Pop into the shop and say hello. See [whittleantik.com](http://whittleantik.com) or contact Richard at [whittleantik@gmail.com](mailto:whittleantik@gmail.com)

## Holiday books at Oxfam

Need a good book for that much needed holiday? Look no further than the Oxfam Bookshop. There are the very best in thrillers, modern literature and biographies to keep you amused. There's also a large selection of maps, guide books, travel writing and more. The Oxfam team are always



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Liz Atkins

## Making Chippy pesticide-free

In May, Chipping Norton Town Council's Community Committee approved a new Three-Year Strategy towards making Chippy a 'Pesticide-Free' Town. A resident's letter last year, about use of Glyphosate as a chemical weedkiller on the Recreation Ground, was one trigger to take a careful look at the issues. Deputy Mayor Rachel



Foakes told the News

that the two main concerns with such pesticides were loss of biodiversity (making ecosystems more vulnerable to pollution and climate change), and potential health problems with contact. Several European countries are introducing bans – but currently the UK's Health and Safety Executive says that chemicals such as Glyphosate (pictured) remain effective and safe if used properly. Agricultural and domestic garden use remain quite popular – with supplies readily sold at local garden centres and hardware stores.



The Town Council has, following their 2020 commitment to dealing with the Climate Emergency, worked with Pesticide Action Network (Pan-UK) to put together a meaningful plan to implement over three years. Other local councils are doing the same. This includes reducing and ultimately ending the use of pesticides on Council-managed land; bringing in other local stakeholders to follow suit, and finding ways to encourage residents to adopt a pesticide-free approach at home. Mayor and Committee Chair, Cllr Sandra Coleman, strongly supports the move – as 'good for the health of our children and improving biodiversity and soil quality. I look forward to seeing a greater variety of wild flowers in our open spaces, and learning to identify them!' Cllr Foakes added 'we hope to

lead the way in demonstrating that using fewer chemicals and adopting a more natural approach to maintenance and gardening is possible, and we hope people will feel inspired to give it a go in their own gardens. We are very grateful to Pan-UK for the support and guidance.' See more about PAN at [www.pan-uk.org](http://www.pan-uk.org) and the Council's plan at [www.chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk).

## Rollright's new playground

The children around Great Rollright have a new playground thanks to the generosity of local people, West Oxfordshire District Council and the National Lottery. It was officially opened by local businessman Anthony Peters on 4 June just before the lighting of the Jubilee Beacon. Mr Peters' Charity Fundraising appeal raised a third of the cost – making the dream possible, and he ensured the facility could be used by all by adding new adult fitness equipment. The Parish Council is very grateful to him and to all those who donated. Parish Council Chair, Robert Humphrey, said it was a great result for his first year in office.

## Churchill Community Café



The Churchill and Sarsden Community

Café, open Tuesday mornings 10am–12 noon to the end of July, is staffed entirely by volunteers but there is nothing amateur about the service! There's quality filter coffee, a choice of teas and an excellent range of homemade cakes at very reasonable prices. The Café is in the Village Hall along with the weekly post office. There is a warm welcome for everyone and quiet tables and space to chat. There are customers old and young – and a few small dogs who bring their owners too! It's fun to see how far people have travelled so do let us know where you're from! The record so far is a couple of walkers from Scotland and cyclists from Sydney, Australia! Do come and treat yourself at Churchill & Sarsden Village Hall, Church Rd, Churchill, OX7 6NJ.

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## Cottsway cash for local causes

The Theatre Chipping Norton was pleased recently to receive £2,050 from Cottsway Housing to support their winter programme of online activities and workshops which Cottsway customers can access for free. Activities included dance, cookery and arts and crafts. Over the past year, 15 community projects and two local people have received grants totalling over £29,000 from Cottsway Housing – West Oxfordshire's largest affordable housing provider. The grants were from the 2021–22 Community Fund. Cottsway customers vote via social media for projects that they would like to support. The Community Fund is also available to support Cottsway customers themselves who wish to learn new skills and increase job prospects. Grants of up to £250 are available to help pay for training and coaching courses, qualifications and learning-support materials. Cottsway has now opened its Community Fund for applications during

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2022–23 and a total funding pot of £30,000 is available. They say the fund can help make a real difference in the community and encourage anyone who can benefit to get in touch. For more information, including the Community Fund Annual Report which includes all the causes supported last year, see: [www.cottsway.co.uk/fund](http://www.cottsway.co.uk/fund).

## Beech Haven in Jubilee spirit

Last month, Beech Haven Care Home residents were joined by speakers from Chipping Norton Theatre to help prepare for the Platinum Jubilee Celebrations. Everyone was able to experience some of the Queen's memorabilia from the Coronation and Silver Jubilee with additional artifacts including a vintage wind-up gramophone. One resident shared fond memories of being presented with the gramophone as a birthday gift, along with some records of the day from her grandmother. Another remembered a street party after World War Two, where adults sat at tables whilst she as a child ran around making noise and having great fun!



Care home staff members Kaisha Newman & Beth Tanner (pictured) recently attended a presentation to reward their hard work in passing their NVQ Level 3 certificates in Health and Social Care. Management, Staff applauded them and gave them gifts working so hard both for their NVQs and for their promotion to Senior Carers – all hugely deserved.

Lisa Tanner

## Enjoy the Lido

It's midsummer and time to enjoy The Lido in Chipping Norton to the full. As well as regular swim sessions, check out the classes offered: Aquafit, Artistic Swimming, Tai Chi and Yoga. Changing rooms are open again and over 60s can swim for a special £3.50 session on Wednesday mornings. In the holidays, there are children's intensive swimming courses and 1-1 lessons for all ages. And, new this season, the café is available all day every day, even if you're not swimming. It's a lovely space, with free WiFi great coffee and a lovely selection of cakes, snacks, etc. There's a lot to catch up on after the lockdowns and the weather hasn't been kind in the spring and early summer, but The Lido needs your support. As a charity, it can't compete pricewise with Council-run facilities, but it's great for family fun and fitness. Fundraising can only go so far – if the community doesn't use it, it may well lose it! The Lido team hope to see you soon. Visit [chippylido.co.uk](http://chippylido.co.uk) for details.

Claire Williamson

## Flowerpot Treasure Trail

This summer sees an unusual treasure trail and some fun events in Banbury, organised by local Oxfordshire charity Restore. This helps members who are experiencing a variety of mental health issues to regain confidence and skills to enable them to work, volunteer, socialise or join courses helped by a recovery coach. The Pots of Fun Treasure Hunt is from 11am 23 July to 11am 6 August – all about raising awareness of Restore but also showcasing local businesses. It's a family event for the young, and the young at heart – a treasure trail to find all the flowerpot creations in the windows of businesses and shops around Banbury town centre. It starts at Restore at 28 Calthorpe Street, Banbury, OX16 5EX.



*Just one of the pots to be found on Restore's Pots of Fun Treasure Trail*

The opening event at 11am on 23 July includes cream teas or a cuppa and cake, a Reuse/Recycle stall, and free fun for children and adults alike. Come and collect your clue sheet for £1 and more information about the hunt. You can join the Trail any time in the following two weeks (clue sheets at the Restore shop), collect as many photos/names of the flowerpot creations as you want, then join everyone on Saturday 6 August at 11am for a celebration BBQ event and prizegiving. Both event days are open to everyone, even those

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not doing the treasure hunt, so come along and enjoy the party atmosphere or a quiet cup of tea. Details from [orchard@restore.org.uk](mailto:orchard@restore.org.uk) or 01295 709414.

## Helping children in Zambia



Local West Oxfordshire-based charity, Cecily's Fund, was set up 25 years ago in the name of local student Cecily Eastwood who died while on her gap year helping vulnerable children in Zambia. Since 1998, the Fund has helped over 20,000 children and orphans, raising over £6 million. Cecily's Fund is now taking over a similar charity – 27-year-old Brighton-based Kaloko Trust (KTUK) – and merging their Zambian rural community project work into its own portfolio. This means more vulnerable children and their communities are supported as they face high rates of poverty, prejudice and inequality in towns and the countryside. Zambia has been devastated by HIV/AIDS with most of the population now under 25. Many children are left without parents and forced to miss school and earn money to support others. Cecily's Fund helps provide education and training to tackle the cycle of poverty. It works with local partners to fund uniforms, shoes and books, and offers life-saving health education and

emotional support to those without families. Cecily's Fund enjoys a lot of support, largely from local residents throughout West Oxfordshire – and it is because of them and the money it receives in grant funding that it can continue to support people trapped in poverty. Visit [www.cecilysfund.org](http://www.cecilysfund.org) to find out more about the work of Cecily's Fund and how you can support the Charity's efforts.

## Methodist Church update

In July the Church bids a fond farewell to Rev Rose Westwood, as she leaves Chipping Norton to move on to a circuit in Cambridge. We all wish her happiness and blessings in her next venture. In August the Church welcomes Rev Andrew Biggs, joining with his wife Julie, and we look forward to getting to know them over the coming months. For the Platinum Jubilee, the front of the Church was decorated with knitted bunting from our knitters. The usual craft and cuppa morning will be on Monday 4 July from 10–12. Everyone is welcome. There will be no meeting in August but it will return on 5 September. Our usual Market Day coffee mornings (Weds 9.30–11.30) are listed in the Diary p34.



*Red, white & blue bunting (really!) getting to know them over the coming months. For the Platinum Jubilee, the front of the Church was decorated with knitted bunting from our knitters. The usual craft and cuppa morning will be on Monday 4 July from 10–12. Everyone is welcome. There will be no meeting in August but it will return on 5 September. Our usual Market Day coffee mornings (Weds 9.30–11.30) are listed in the Diary p34.*

**Elaine Parsons**



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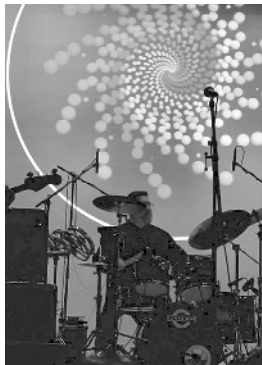
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## The Theatre

### Live Shows



**Pulse Friday** 1 July, 7.30pm. The ultimate Pink Floyd tribute act perform all the favourites from *Dark Side of the Moon* and *Wish You Were Here*, to *Animals* and *The Wall*. £20

**Henry Blofeld: My Dear Old Things** Saturday 2 July, 7.30pm. Blowers, the legendary commentator shares his tales of treasured moments and people past and present in this treat for cricket lovers. £25

**Vanity Fair** Thursday 7 July, 7.30pm. Bristol Old Vic Theatre School presents Thackeray's satire, *Vanity Fair* set in London's New Romantic scene in the early 1980s. Becky Sharp and her sweet-natured friend, Amelia Sedley hustle through the hazardous playground for the rich and beautiful. £15, £13 concs, £7.50 under 26s

**Edinburgh Festival Comedy Preview** Friday 8 July, 7.30pm, 14+. Comedians Lucy Phillips and Andy Field in a double bill of comedy ahead of the return of the Edinburgh Fringe. £12

**Mark Watson: This can't be it** Wednesday 20 July, 7.30pm, 14+. Spiritual enquiry meets high-octane observational comedy as the multi-award-winner attempts to cram a couple of years of pathological overthinking into an evening of stand-up. £21.50

**Don Vappie & Jazz Creole** Thursday 21 July, 7.30pm. This US/European project combines all genres of New Orleans music from traditional to modern day funk with the classic early tradition of a string band, featuring Don Vappie, widely considered to be one of the best banjoists in the history of New Orleans. £19.50

**Strongwoman Science** Saturday 23 July, 2.30pm & 6pm. A circus science show for children and families starring two women scientists turned circus performers – engineer Aoife Raleigh and environmental scientist Maria Corcoran. £13, £11 under 16s

### Al Fresco Season



Across seven unique venues in The Cotswolds, experience a range of open-air events including: live music, theatre, opera and puppetry! Whether you fancy an evening of jazz or an afternoon solving a classic murder mystery, The Theatre team has something for you. Plus Feast Grazing and Marshfield ice cream will offer deluxe picnic boxes and delicious treats to make your visit even more special.

**Claire Martin @ Merriscourt** Wednesday 6 July, 8pm. Jazz gems with vocalist Claire Martin and pianist David Newton in the leafy courtyard of this beautiful Cotswold farm, £24

**Arbor the Tree @ Rollright Stones** Saturday 16 July, 1.30pm & 3.30pm. Part man, part tree, 18 feet tall Arbor strides around the ancient stones telling the story of a tree pushed from his home and his fight to preserve his future. £10, £7.50 under 16s

**London Django Collective @ Merriscourt** Wednesday 27 July, 8pm. A troupe of young jazz musicians inspired by the music of Django Reinhardt inject a youthful energy into the Gypsy jazz genre from the vibrant London jazz scene. £24

**The Importance of Being Ernest @ Kingham Hill School** Friday 5 August, 7.30pm & Saturday 6 August, 2.30pm & 7.30pm, 8+. Immersion Theatre present Oscar Wilde's comedy which follows foppish bachelors Jack and Algernon on their Bunburying exploits complete with mistaken identities, cucumber sandwiches and muffins! £17, £15 concs, £12.50 under 26s

**Awful Auntie @ Cornbury Park** Wednesday 10 August, and Heath Farm Thursday 11 August, 2.30pm & 6.30pm, 7+. David Walliams' best-selling book adapted for the outdoors by Heartbreak Productions, is a thrilling tale involving owls, ghosts, chases, motorcycle rides and tiddlywinks. £12, £10 under 16s

**HMS Pinafore @ Heath Farm** Saturday 13 August, 7pm & Sunday 14 August, 2pm & 6pm One of the most popular Gilbert & Sullivan operas and set on the quarterdeck of HMS Pinafore, anchored at Portsmouth, this is a tale of love across the social classes. Expect much mirth and silliness. £21, £19 concs

**What's On**

**THE THEATRE  
CHIPPING NORTON**  
2 Spring Street | Chipping Norton | Oxfordshire OX7 5NL

**LIVE @ THE THEATRE**

30th June, 7.30pm  
1st July, 7.30pm  
2nd July, 7.30pm  
7th July, 7.30pm  
8th July, 7.30pm  
20th July, 7.30pm  
21st July, 7.30pm

**FILMS**

Sun 3rd & Tues 5th July  
9th, 12th & 13th July  
16th, 17th, 18th,  
19th & 22nd July

24th July  
24th & 26th July  
6th & 7th Aug  
6th-14th Aug  
16th Aug  
17th Aug  
Thu 18th Aug  
21st & 23rd Aug  
24th-26th Aug

**SCREENINGS**

Thu 28th July, 7pm

**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**

23rd July, 2.30pm & 6pm

**JAZZ CONCERT FOR UKRAINE—£12**  
PULSE—£20  
**HENRY BLOFELD: MY DEAR OLD FRIENDS—£25**  
VANITY FAIR—£15, £13 concs, £7.50 under 26s  
EDINBURGH COMEDY DOUBLE BILL—£12  
MARK WATSON: THIS CAN'T BE IT—£21.50  
DON VAPPIE & JAZZ CREOLE—£19.50

**TICKETS £10, £7.50 UNDER 16S**  
TOP GUN: MAVERICK (12A)  
GOOD LUCK TO YOU, LEO GRANDE (CERT TBC)

ELVIS (12A)

LIGHTYEAR (PG)  
EVERYTHING WENT FINE (15) - £7.50  
MINIONS 2: THE RISE OF GRU (PG) - £5  
THE RAILWAYS CHILDREN RETURN (PG)  
THE GOOD BOSS (15) - Friends 2 for 1/half price  
LANCASTER (PG)  
DR WHO CLASSIC DOUBLE BILL (PG)  
JOYRIDE (15)  
EIFFELL (12A)

**TICKETS £17.50**  
PRIMA FACIE (15)

**STRONGWOMAN SCIENCE—£13, £11 under 16s**

**OUTDOOR THEATRE RUNNING ACROSS THE SUMMER**  
SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FULL DETAILS

**BOX OFFICE 01608 642350** [www.chippingnortontheatre.com](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com)

# THE ARTS

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Abba @ Cornbury Park** Sunday 21 August, 7pm. ABBA tribute act recreating all their greatest hits with stunning vocals, live musicians and glittering costumes. £23.50, £18.50 under 26s

**A Midsummer Night's Dream @ New Barn Farm** Saturday 27 August & Sunday 28 August, 7pm. The Duke's Theatre Company presents a new production of Shakespeare's celebrated fairy tale – a night of madness, mayhem, magic, love and hilarity, all set in the gardens, paddocks and ponds of New Barn Farm on the Ditchley Estate. £18, £16 concs, £12.50 under 26s

## Closing Event of the Summer

**Panto Fun Run** Sunday 25 September. Dust down your trainers and iron your lycra for this year's 5k Fun Run. Last



year Elvis, James Bond and a Pantomime Dame joined in ... who will turn up this time?

## Take Part & Summer workshops

**New Groups:** Youth Theatre Year 3 Group (7–8 year olds) Wednesdays, 4.15–5.30pm, £75 (10 week term). Adult Drama Group Wednesdays, 7–8.30pm, £70 (10 week term).



**Three Day Drama for 5–7 year olds.** 25–27 July, 10am–1pm, £75.

**Three Day Musical Theatre for 5–7 year olds.** 1–3 August, 10am–1pm, £75

**Acting Summer School for 8–14 year olds.** Week 1: 25–29 July. Week 2: 1–5 August. 10am–4pm; 7pm on Fridays. Working alongside industry professionals, participants will take part in fun, practical sessions focussing on voice, movement, improvisation and text work. Performance on The Theatre's stage at 6pm on Fridays. £135 per week.

**West End Summer School for 8–14 year olds.** Week 1: 25–29 July. Week 2: 1–5 August. 10am–5pm; 7pm on Fridays. The ideal introduction to the magic of musical theatre with the chance to develop your skills in acting, dancing and singing, working alongside industry professionals. Participants will devise their own show. Performance on The Theatre's stage at 6pm on Fridays. £150 per week.

**For further information/booking for all Theatre events call 01608 642350 or visit [chippingtontheatre.com](http://chippingtontheatre.com).**

## Performance, art & cinema

**Cotswold Stage School Summer Holiday West End Workshop** Kingham Hill School, 1–5 August, 10am–4pm. Age 6–18 yrs. *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*. £140 (10% sibling discount). Book via [info@cotswoldstageschool.com](mailto:info@cotswoldstageschool.com) or [cotswoldstageschool.com](http://cotswoldstageschool.com)



**CRAG's Grand Art Fair 1 & 2 July,** 11am–5pm, in the Quaker meeting house Market Street, Charlbury. Charlbury Refugee Action Group offer a treasure trove of paintings, pastels, drawings, photos, prints, sculpture and even a large Kalamkari hand-painted

cloth from India, from artists known and unknown, local and international, at prices to suit every pocket. Browse, enjoy coffee and their famous homemade cake, and buy some new art! All proceeds help refugees in the UK and abroad.

**Darl-e and The Bear, Woodstock** *Sculptural Installation*, until 11 July, Madi Acharya-Baskerville. Themes explored range from environmental concerns to migration, exile and gender issues. Objects, textiles, song, conversation and magazine cuttings from different locations – the coastline, woodlands and vintage markets.

*Ink and Wire* 8–29 August, Charlotte Johnston and Rosie Brown. Subtropical botanical gardens and the west coast of Scotland provided Charlotte with her inspiration. Her drawings investigate the physical rhythms and structures found in nature. Rosie's creations highlight the delicate fragility of British wildlife by twisting fine wire into the shapes and shadows of a world that constantly surprises.



Opening times at [darleandthebear.co.uk](http://darleandthebear.co.uk)

**Zuleika Gallery, Woodstock** Until 11 July, *John Piper*, English painter, printmaker and designer of stained glass windows, opera & theatre sets.

15 July–29 August, *Patrick Hughes*, creator of 'reverspective', an optical illusion on a three-dimensional surface where the parts of the picture which seem farthest away are actually physically the nearest.

Opening times at [zuleikagallery.com](http://zuleikagallery.com)

## Screen by the Green – Movies in Churchill

*Saturday 9 July – The Duke* This charming film tells the true story of how an ordinary person can do extraordinary things. In 1961, a 60-year-old taxi driver, Kempton Brunton, played perfectly by Jim Broadbent, steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery. He then sends ransom notes demanding the Government invests in more care for the elderly. Broadbent is admirably supported by Helen Mirren as his long-suffering wife.

*Saturday 13 August – Death on the Nile* This hugely entertaining film is a remake of the Agatha Christie classic with an all-star cast led by director Kenneth Branagh, complete with outrageous moustache, as the famous Belgian sleuth Hercule Poirot

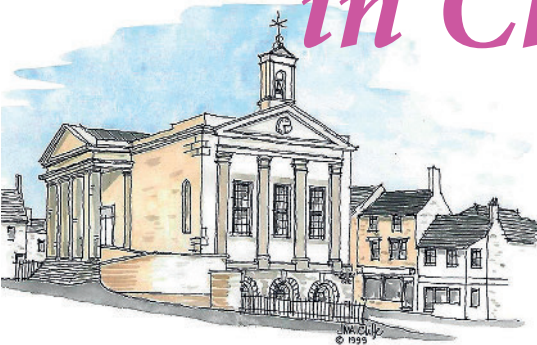
To book: call 01608 659903 or email [screenbythegreen@gmail.com](mailto:screenbythegreen@gmail.com) 7.30pm start; tickets £5



# Chipping Norton News



## SUMMER in Chippy



After a June full of Jubilee and Festival fun, our wonderful and friendly Cotswold Market Town looks forward to inviting both visitors and our regular News readers to enjoy the summer in and around Chipping Norton.

This centre pullout, put together by our volunteer News Team, has suggestions for leisure and fun – including Festivals, Fetes & Fairs on the back page.

See centre pages for ideas for **Trips Out and About**, enjoying **Music in the open air** and an invitation to capture some quirky **Chippy on Camera** images for your and our social media delight!

### A MARKET TOWN WELCOME

#### 1000 years of History

Take a seat in the Market Place outside Repton's magnificent Town Hall, imagine a bustling Georgian High Street, and call in at Chippy's Museum opposite the Town Hall steps. Stroll along to see the medieval Guildhall, Henry Cornish's Almshouses, and our Cotswold 'cathedral': St Mary's wool church. Imagine Gerry Rafferty making Baker Street in the old Recording Studios, or The Who's Keith Moon in the Crown & Cushion Bar. Find a Town Trail Map on [www.chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk).



#### Hospitality & Shops

Stay at the Town's hotels, inns and B&Bs or nearby at Cotswolds Hotel and Spa or local campsites. Cafés and restaurants abound – try going al fresco including down friendly Middle Row. Browse our Town Centre with its many independent shops – for gifts, health foods, fashions, jewellery, food, sweets, flowers, crafts, art and antiques.

#### Leisure & Fun

Check out the award-winning Theatre in the old Salvation Army Citadel, for shows, cinema and summer activities. Take the kids to one of our Recreation Grounds, picnic on The Common, around Pool Meadow and admire Bliss Mill, swim outside or in at The Lido or Leisure

Centre, try the Library's great summer reading challenge, or a quirky town tour via [www.offbeatcotswolds.com](http://www.offbeatcotswolds.com).

#### Getting out & about

Public transport includes good local buses: S3 to Woodstock and Oxford, 488 to Hook Norton and Banbury, The 50 to Shipston and Stratford, X9 to Witney, and the Villager Buses and The Town Shuttle around Chippy. There are trains to Oxford, London, Evesham and Hereford, from Kingham and Charlbury. See Stagecoach and Villager websites. Car parking is free in the Town, with friendly Chippy Taxi firms – try the taxi rank outside the Town Hall.



The Library and Chipping Norton Town Council (call 01608 642341 weekday mornings at The Guildhall) have visitor information – and see the Council's website [www.chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk](http://www.chippingnorton-tc.gov.uk). The Co-op, Sainsbury's, The Old Mill Café and elsewhere have racks of leaflets. The volunteer-run Museum is open Thu–Sat 2–4pm. The Chippy News Team can help (email [chippymail@aol.com](mailto:chippymail@aol.com)) or ask around town for help. See [www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org](http://www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org) for more.

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## OUT & ABOUT

**Our News Team members suggest some of their favourite trips out and about**



**Whichford pottering** – Nearby delightful village. The Cotswold Gin Distillery (whisky as well!) has pre-booked tours tastings and masterclasses, large indoor and outdoor café. Well-behaved dogs welcome [cotswoldsdistillery.com/](http://cotswoldsdistillery.com/). Family-run Whichwood Pottery, makes frostproof handmade terracotta planters. Large shop full of beautifully crafted goods, extraordinary Straw Kitchen café (Wed to

Sat), and wonderful gardens – with pots! [whichfordpottery.com](http://whichfordpottery.com) Try the fabulous Norman Knight pub overlooking quintessentially English green. Good food, local ales and four glamping pods! [thenormanknight.co.uk](http://thenormanknight.co.uk)

**Jacobean Chastleton** – Opens Wed–Sun 1–4pm. An impressive example of Jacobean architecture which, due to financial difficulties encountered by the Jones family, remains unaltered since 1612. A Great Hall with log fire whatever the weather, and Cavalier Room where a family member hid from the Roundheads. Tickets from visitor centre by main car park. Teas and cakes often in the church next door. [nationaltrust.org.uk/chastleton](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/chastleton)

**An Aldestrop stroll** – The delightful Cotswold village of Aldestrop achieved worldwide fame with the titular poem by Edward Thomas – based on a railway journey the poet took in June 1914 shortly before the start of WWI. A village-centre bench bears a plaque with the poem in full. A lovely walk is signposted passing the village shop (serving teas and cakes at weekends) and the glorious church dating part back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century.



**A Day at the Races** – Try Stratford Races on the delightful course first used in September 1755. It hosts five National Hunt (jumps) meetings during July and August and is a great venue for all – with a Family Day on Sunday 10 July with a range of different activities and child-friendly attractions. The course centre (access £12) hosts barbecues, open air picnics and allows dogs on a lead. Only a 40 minute drive – or a rural No 50 bus trip – from Chippy. [stratfordracecourse.net](http://stratfordracecourse.net)



**Pots of Fun Treasure Hunt** – Take the family and hunt the flowerpot creations all round Banbury Town Centre – laid by Restore, our local mental health charity. It's there from 11am 23 July (opening event includes cream teas and fun for kids) to 11am 6 August. Take a clue sheet, collect photos, pot names and there's a BBQ and prizegiving the final day. Based from the Restore shop in Calthorpe Street (see page 13 of Local News).



**For transport enthusiasts** – The Oxford Bus Museum and Morris Motor Museum, next to Hanborough Railway station, opens Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays in July and August. Heritage Bus Rides on first and third Sundays plus special events. The Cotswold Motoring Museum, Bourton on the Water opens every day. Gloucestershire and Warwickshire Steam Railway at Toddington runs from Broadway to Cheltenham Racecourse every day except Fridays. Heritage Diesel Gala 29–31 July and Friday special events.



**Polo at Kirtlington** – Time for a few chukkas? Nearby Kirtlington Club (towards Bicester) prides itself on a family-friendly atmosphere, set in beautiful and leafy Capability Brown landscaped parkland ideal for picnics. The Club hosts tournaments every week during summer culminating in an exciting final on each Sunday afternoons. No admission charge and public has access to the clubhouse with no dress code [kirtlingtonparkpoloclub.co.uk](http://kirtlingtonparkpoloclub.co.uk)

**Count the Rollright Stones** – Never mind Stonehenge. Take the family and a picnic to our own megalithic site just outside Chippy spanning 2000 years of the Neolithic and Bronze Ages. read the legends of the Whispering Knights, the King's Men, and the wonderful Stone Circle – run round and count the stones – you'll never get the same number twice! Picnic grass and wonderful views. [rollrightstones.co.uk](http://rollrightstones.co.uk)



**The Lido in Chipping Norton**

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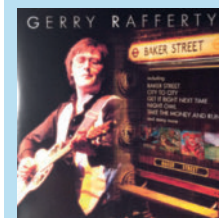
**Down from London? On a mission to spend some holiday downtime? Then explore some hidden delights**

So here's the challenge – find, photograph and share your highlights. You could try following some of our suggestions for starters.



**Lounging** Street – H shady tre social me supplied direct fro a selfie ..

**Cotswold cocktail al fresco?! Why Blue Boar for a Negroni, or why not a**



Twisted. Sup it a 'passeggiata al fresco'. From some gre amazing fashion second-hand Ge Oxfam's booksh Street.

**Picnic on the Common** – Record y sur l'herbe, overlooking Bliss Mi playground or in our wonderful c yonder over the stream. Snap the fami

**Chippy dog picture!** – This town is Why not post a montage or the jollies – ask first, and kudos for bandanas an

**Send us your best pics to [facebook.com/Chippy](https://www.facebook.com/Chippy)**

# SUMMER



## MUSIC IN THE AIR ...

**Summertime ... and the livin' is easy...Whether it's an orchestral extravaganza complete with fireworks, or a small ensemble playing in a flower filled garden, listening to music with a picnic in the great outdoors is a magical experience. Here are some local picks from the News Team.**

The popular **Blenheim Battle Proms Picnic Concert** hardly needs publicity, but the Palace grounds open once again on 2 July – but arrive early for the 8pm start and set up the picnic! This is a great way to entice young children to a classical concert. No one need sit still, and the relaxed atmosphere can help enjoy the music. A quintessentially British annual 'party in the park' with fireworks, Land of Hope and Glory and real cannon! [blenheimpalace.com/whats-on](http://blenheimpalace.com/whats-on)



'It is, it is a glorious thing to be a Pirate King', especially in spectacular surroundings of the new **Berrybank Park Amphitheatre** at Upper Oddington. Along with Gilbert and Sullivan, other events include musical theatre hits, blues, and a grand finale fireworks Prom. Bring picnics or pre-book food, including hampers from the flame grill. Come prepared for the weather, but never fear – the shows are under cover of a grand fairytale pavilion. [amphitheatreberrybankpark.co.uk/whats-on](http://amphitheatreberrybankpark.co.uk/whats-on)



At **Waterperry Gardens** the open air Amphitheatre (left) hosts an evening of folk and original music in English, Irish and Scottish traditions, played by the extraordinary Moonrakers. Come and hear enchanted sounds of Celtic harp, bouzouki and guitar, plus folk instruments you may never have heard before! Bring picnics for the extended interval (bar available). 31 July, 6 pm.

Rolling Cotswold hills surround the **Guiting Music Festival** with its first rate soloists and ensembles, running from 22 to 31 July. The 200-seat open marquee on the playing field behind the village hall offers wonderful views. For a real English festival experience nothing beats their Sunday Jazz and Sunday Blues. There's local food and a bar or bring your own picnic, chairs, and even a small gazebo. Rosie Bartlett, Public Relations Manager told us, 'Don't forget the dog – they are welcome on leads!' [guitingfestival.org](http://guitingfestival.org)



Experience world-class opera in the Cotswolds, at **Longborough Festival Opera's** home-grown theatre, overlooking stunning views of the Evenlode valley. Bizet's Carmen (9–19 July) will be followed by some magic and freedom with La liverazione di Ruggiero, the earliest surviving opera by a woman, and Spell Book, a song cycle by contemporary composer Freya Waley-Cohen (28 July–2 August). Picnic in the 90 minute interval or book into the delicious on-site restaurant.

For a special treat, book the **Willowbrook Arts & Music Festival (WAM)** 6–7 August, and experience world music, arts and crafts in the unique atmosphere of Willowbrook Farm at Hampton Gay. The 6pm Saturday concert is followed by an acoustic campfire sing-along.

Back in Chippy on Sunday 28 August 6–9pm, enjoy an evening of **Live Irish Folk Music at Whistlers** in Middle Row. Sought-after duo Paul & Glen Elliott are back equipped with vocals, guitar, violin, bodhrans & personality! Free entry, doors open 5pm. Indoors but imagine the Connemara Irish hills! Visit [whistlersrestaurant.co.uk/events](http://whistlersrestaurant.co.uk/events) for details.



See next page for more festivals including the Hook Norton's **Music at the Crossroads** 1–3 July and **Riverside Festival**, Charlbury. Arts pages include The Theatre's Al Fresco Summer which includes Claire Martin and London Django Jazz evenings at Merriscourt, HMS Pinafore at Heath Farm, and 21<sup>st</sup> century ABBA at Cornbury.

## ON CAMERA

**ni-break? Just visiting Chippy? Or having re's time to forget the city smoke and and cool experiences around Town.**

raph and share to social media your coolest Chippy clues (see [www.treasuretrails.co.uk](http://www.treasuretrails.co.uk)). Or here are some

**g at the Lido** – Find it hidden away off Albion heated, outdoors, wonderfully refreshing, family fun, es, grassy sunbathing, terrific café – how about a dia bikini snap? **Chippy's BEST sausage roll?** As to Mr Clarkson's Diddly Squat Farm – get one m Sally at Brown Cow in Middle Row ... and take . other sausage rolls are available elsewhere!

yes indeed! You could head to the try a Cotswolds Mule at Bitter & and snap it. Enjoy Middle Row's 'esco'. Ciao. **Charity treasures** – at charity shops – line up an item from Helen & Douglas or a rry Rafferty (or other!) vinyl at op recorded at Chippy's old Studio at 28 New



your picnic après-midi ll, at New Street's Community Orchard ly mid-sandwich. **Best** dog-spotting central! st dogs you meet here d bow ties.



o [chippymail@aol.com](mailto:chippymail@aol.com) or share at [chippyNews](http://chippyNews). Happy holidays

# festivals, fetes, fairs

# & FUN

**NB Please check websites for late changes**

**HOOK NORTON AT THE CROSSROADS MUSIC FESTIVAL** 1–3 July, Hook Norton Brewery. Headlining on Saturday: Scott Doonican. Other bands include Leatherat, Fiddlebop and Pete Watkins [hookymusic.co.uk/](http://hookymusic.co.uk/)

**BLenheim SUMMER EVENTS** 2 July sees the Battle Proms Picnic Concert Other events include a Pre '50s American Auto Club Rally, a Hedgehog Run, the Marlborough 300 Pageant, the European Transplant Sports Games and Salon Privé – a luxury auto event. [blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/](http://blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/)

**CORNbury MUSIC FESTIVAL, THE LAST HURRAH** 8–10 July, Great Tew Park. Bryan Adams, James Blunt, The Darkness, The Waterboys, Ronan Keating, Jools Holland and more. Billed as 'civilised, charming and irresistible – a homespun melting pot where music-lovers share pies and champagne with superstars, toffs, rockers, crooners, Morris dancers, farmers, urbanites....A country fair with a rock 'n' roll twist; farmers' market with dance floor...'. This really is the last! [cornburyfestival.com](http://cornburyfestival.com)



**KINGHAM VILLAGE FETE** 10 July 10am–4pm Kings & Queens theme, dog show, prizes for best fancy dress, live music, tea tent, food stalls, bouncy castle and more.

**COTSWOLDS BEER FESTIVAL** Postlip Hall Winchcombe 15–17 July. Beers, ciders, perries and a barbeque. Soft drinks free to 'designated drivers' who undertake to consume no alcohol. [postlip.camra.org.uk/](http://postlip.camra.org.uk/)

**CHARLBURY RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL** 30–31 July Fabulous family event, 25<sup>th</sup> year. 30 bands playing on Mill Field 'island'... plus food, crafts & kids' activities ...and it's FREE.



**COTSWOLDS COMEDY FESTIVAL** 14–16 July. The Amphitheatre at Berrybank Park, Upper Oddington. Acts include Marcus Brigstocke, Hal Cruttenden and Shaparak Khorsandi at this new venue, built in memory of local woman Janet Cockrell. [amphitheatreberrybankpark.co.uk/whats-on](http://amphitheatreberrybankpark.co.uk/whats-on)

**WYCHWOOD FOREST FAIR** 31 July Foxburrow Wood, OX29 9XL Family-friendly country fair celebrating rural crafts, community and conservation in the historic Wychwood area. [wychwoodforesttrust.co.uk/whats-on](http://wychwoodforesttrust.co.uk/whats-on)

**WILDERNESS CORNBURY PARK** 4–7 Aug. Music, art, craft, live show and intellectual extravaganza in woodland and lakes, with Underworld, Years & Years and Jungle. Also featuring Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Orlando Weeks, and House Gospel Choir. Whether it's embroider-ing, painting, beading, or borrowing, raid



your wardrobes, buy pre-loved, responsibly rent or upcycle your outfit. Themes: Friday – extreme eccentricities; Saturday – eclectic geometric; Sunday – jubilee jamboree.

[wildernessfestival.com](http://wildernessfestival.com)

**SOUTH NEWINGTON FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW** 6 Aug. 1.30 – 4.30 pm. Dog show, cakes, BBQ, brass band, Hook Norton dray. Big raffle. Entry categories from banana bread baking, to tallest sunflowers and heaviest spuds. [www.southnewington.co.uk](http://www.southnewington.co.uk)

**FAIRPORT'S CROPREDY CONVENTION** 11–13 Aug. Folk-rock stalwarts Fairport started Cropredy in 1979 to stage an annual reunion concert. Now it's become the bucolic festival of choice for grizzled Bohemians of all hues. Headliners include Fairport Convention, Richard Thompson, Richard Digance, Trevor Horn Band, Clannad, Genesis Revisited, Steve Hackett, and many more. Electronic whizz Trevor Horn and 1970s-influenced psych rocker Rosalie Cunningham also feature. Food and craft stalls with more attractions at 'Fringe' events in Cropredy village [fairportconvention.com](http://fairportconvention.com)

**THE BIG FEASTIVAL** 26–28 Aug Alex James' Farm, Kingham. Feel-good family festival of food & music. Music headliners include Human League, Anne-Marie, & Stereophonics with Chefs including Ravneet Gill & Thomasina Miers. An action-packed weekend with music, food and loads of family entertainment. Camping & glamping [thebigfeestival.com](http://thebigfeestival.com)



**OXFORD STORYTELLING FESTIVAL** 26–28 Aug Waterperry Gardens. Boutique, intimate festival weaving magic with stories, spoken word, poetry and song. A true feast for the senses. Tickets include free camping. [oxfordstorytellingfestival.co.uk/](http://oxfordstorytellingfestival.co.uk/)

**WOODSTOCK LIVE, WOODSTOCK** 26–27 Aug, 1pm–10pm both days. Fun, family festival open to people (and pets) of all ages. Live music in the town square. [woodstocklive.co.uk/festival](http://woodstocklive.co.uk/festival)

**WHICHFORD & ASCOTT FLOWER SHOW AND FETE** 29 Aug 1.30–5pm Whichford Village Green. An afternoon of fun and games to entertain you whatever the weather. [facebook.com/pg/whichfordandascottflowershowandfete/posts/](https://facebook.com/pg/whichfordandascottflowershowandfete/posts/)

**THE REAL GARDEN FESTIVAL** 29 Aug 11am–7pm The Amphitheatre, Berrybank Park, Oddington. Activities for the whole family, including storytelling, foraging walks, talks, dance, music, all on the theme of ecology, but with fun! Featuring Haha Sounds Collective. [amphitheatreberrybankpark.co.uk/](http://amphitheatreberrybankpark.co.uk/)

*Coming up in September*

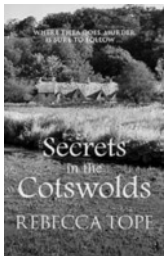
**GREAT ROLLRIGHT AUTUMN FETE** 10 Sept. Fundraising by Friends of Rollright School, with other village groups. Flower and produce show, village scarecrow trail, dog show, bouncy castle/games, pony rides, stalls, café and barbeque. [rollrightreview.co.uk/village-calendar](http://rollrightreview.co.uk/village-calendar)

**18<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHADLINGTON BEER FESTIVAL** 24 Sept. Deferred from June. Noon to 9pm. Local and UK ales, cider, Pimms, wine and G&Ts. Food, live music and children's activities. [chadlingtonbeerfestival.co.uk](http://chadlingtonbeerfestival.co.uk)

# GOOD BOOKS

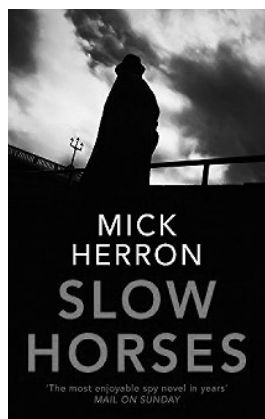
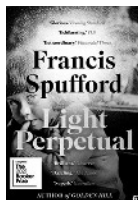
## Choose your book for the summer

**On the beach? In the garden deckchair? Evening relaxation? One book-loving Chippy News Team member has some reading suggestions.**



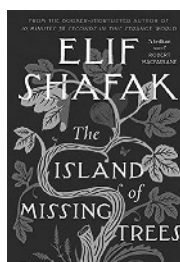
**Secrets of the Cotswolds – Rebecca Tope** Start a break in Chippy with a local mystery. While house-sitting in Barnsley, near Bibury, Thea Slocombe struggles to entertain her stepchildren through the long summer. Any relaxation is denied when she stumbles across a woman hiding in some bushes. Thea offers the stranger sanctuary. Her guest is found dead the next morning and Thea struggles to find the killer. Digging into the deceased's background, she meets a tangled web of lies, secrets and at least three suspects! A thrilling read.

**Light Perpetual – Francis Spufford** Imagine a bomb falling in 1944 had not killed a group of children? This book examines the 'might have been' as it investigates some of the vast changes which occurred throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A book of great humanity which brings hope that there may be other futures and experiences.



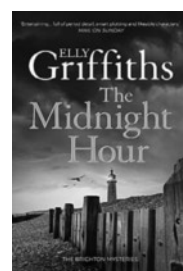
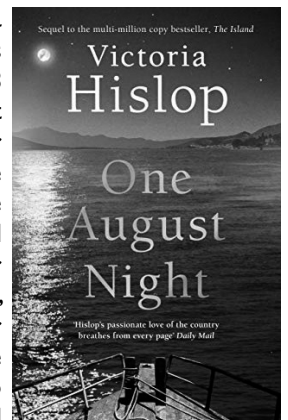
**Slow Horses – Mick Herron** The first in the series of Slough House books has recently been televised. If you've not been hooked on these before, you are in for a treat. Slough House is the place where apparently failed spies are sent out to grass. Their leader, Jackson Lamb, may look and act as if his active days are behind him, but he can leap into action whenever one of his crew is in danger. This fast action thriller from our own local author is as good as any le Carré.

**Lessons in Chemistry – Bonnie Garmus** The book everyone is talking about this summer is a must for a good holiday read. This smart, funny and cheerful novel introduces us to early 60's chemist, Elizabeth Zott. From the male-dominated world of science, Elizabeth makes her way as a single mother into being the star of a televised cooking show. An amalgam of science and cooking endears Elizabeth to her audience as she dares them to change the status quo. A delight to discover a challenging, unconventional heroine.



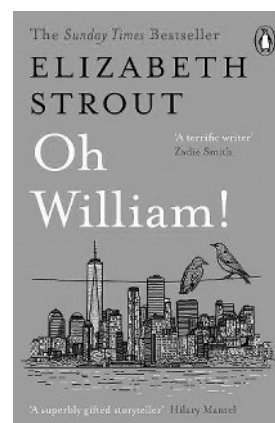
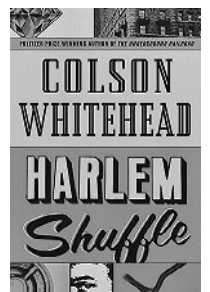
**The Island of Missing Trees – Elif Shafak** Her latest novel almost defies description. The perfect accompaniment to a long summer afternoon, we learn to listen to the thoughts of a fig tree, growing in the garden of the best tavern in war-torn Cyprus. The story weaves from Cyprus to London as we follow the forbidden love of a couple across the Muslim/Christian divide. A magnificent story of love and trauma, a novel of great beauty.

**One August Night – Victoria Hislop** A return to Crete in this long-anticipated sequel to her 2008 bestseller, *The Island*. It is 25 August 1957 and Spinalonga closes its leper colony. Then a moment of violence has devastating consequences. Time stops dead for Maria Petrakis and sister Anna, two families splinter apart and, for the people of Plaka, Spinalonga's closure is forever coloured with tragedy. In the aftermath, the question of how to resume life looms large. Stigma and scandal need to be confronted to build a future from the ruins of the past.



**The Midnight Hour – Elly Griffiths** Who doesn't love a murder mystery? Here we meet private detectives Emma and Sam investigating the suspicious death of former music hall star Bert Billingham. Suspicion falls on his wife Verity. Emma and Sam must tussle with the police to solve the mystery. As they delve into the glamorous world of entertainment, they find their own lives in danger. A cosy tale for a rainy evening?

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**Oh William! – Elizabeth Strout** The Pulitzer Prize-winning, Booker-longlisted, bestselling author returns to her beloved heroine Lucy Barton in a luminous novel about love, loss, and the family secrets that can erupt and bewilder us at any point. A surprise encounter leads Lucy to reconnect with her first husband, William. Once again Elizabeth Strout allows us to enter the thoughts of Lucy as she subtly examines a decades long partnership. Its ups and downs are gently revealed in this calm reflection on the meaning of our existence.

*Shop locally in Chippy for your books or borrow them for free from the Library!*

## First event for new Mayor

21 May saw newly installed Mayor, Cllr Sandra Coleman don her chain of office to congratulate local runners and organisers at the Town's 50<sup>th</sup> parkrun. One of 2000+ world-wide parkruns, this is a free and friendly 5k run (or jog or walk) which is held at 9am every Saturday at Chipping Norton School. Local organisers had put a great deal of effort into getting the Chippy run off the ground and it's especially valued now the nearby Moreton Fire College parkrun has folded. It's not a race, but participants can log their time if they wish and many repair to a local café for a sociable coffee afterwards. Visit [www.parkrun.org.uk/chippingnortonschool/](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/chippingnortonschool/) for details.



*The Mayor pictured with 50<sup>th</sup> parkrun Race Director & Timekeeper*

## The Vintage Sports-Car Club

Look out for the Vintage Sports-Car Club in the latest series of *Top Gear*. The transmission date is likely to be the end of June/beginning of July.

The Platinum Jubilee weekend saw Club members take part in 'a discipline a day'. We began our Weekend with a fabulous Tour through the Yorkshire Dales, moving swiftly on to Round 3 of the Speed Championship at Harewood and, saving the best for last, ended our Bank Holiday at a slightly damp Donington Park for our second Race Meeting of the

season. This saw the Longstone Long Car race, sequel to last year's award winning Light Car Race, full of the kind of vintage cars you don't normally get to watch racing. In July we will visit the oldest motorsport venue in the world still run on its original course, Shelsley Walsh, followed by Prescott Speed Hillclimb in August where the pre-war cars parked in the Orchard Car Park are the envy of many a display. For more information please visit [www.vsc.co.uk](http://www.vsc.co.uk) or pop into to see us at The Old Post Office on West Street.

Tania Brown

## Chipping Norton Cricket Club

**Senior teams:** July and August is the busiest time of the Cricket season and while both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs are nicely placed, there is still a lot of cricket to be played. Coaches have so far been lucky to have had plenty of players to choose from, but holiday time could be a challenge as the numbers available to play dwindle.



*Close call for Joe*

*Individual performances so far:*

Bowling 5 wickets in a match – Zain Ahmed 5-45 runs.

Batting 50 runs or more – Jahangir Qureshi 103; Jake Brown 102; Imran Hussain 90; Riasat Ali 66 not out and 65.

*Home July/August fixtures verses:*

2 July Minster Lovell

9 July Cropredy

16 July Cumnor

23 July Hook Norton

30 July Kingston Bagpuize

6 Aug Eynsham

13 Aug Witney Mills

20 Aug Freeland

27 Aug Great Tew

**Youth Section:** Well it's cricket time so also raining!! We have, however, managed to maintain training sessions with a full complement of youngsters learning and improving their skills. Matches have been won and lost with some still to play as the opposing teams have struggled to find enough players or an available ground. We still have time to catch up. Keep improving and the games will get played. Help as Team Managers for the UII's would be much appreciated. Contact Sue, Youth Coordinator on [bloxhamsue@aol.com](mailto:bloxhamsue@aol.com), if you could give your time for a couple of months.

## Hook Norton Tennis Club

Three teams are now competing in Summer league matches. As I write this, the A team is top of division 1; the B team is top of division 2 and the C team is in division 4 where as yet no matches have been played.

All ladder matches are under way. Members can book courts via <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HookNortonTennisClub> which also lists Club sessions. Coaching is available from: Marc Gilkes: 07930 406015 also Faith Heron: 07771 904905 and Steve Bone: 07850 036656 – contact

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individual coaches for their coaching dates. New members are welcome – contact Kate, the membership secretary by emailing [khs.shoes@gmail.com](mailto:khs.shoes@gmail.com) or call 01608 642774.

Elaine Priestley

## 4 Shires Swimming Club

The recent Championships produced many outstanding swims – 106 PB's and 94 first time swims. Swimmer of the Championships was Ben Warner, with six first places and one



4SSC swimmers at the Club Championships.

second place. The Luke Jeffrey Memorial Trophies were presented to the fastest boy and girl swimming the 50m Freestyle. The 50 Freestyle was the favourite event of Luke Jeffrey, a young swimmer who sadly lost his life to shallow water blackout (asphyxiation). This year's recipients were Imogen Lawrence in a time of 29.94 seconds and Ben Warner in a time of 27.55 seconds.

Senior Swimmer of the Month is Liberty Bennett, who trains extremely hard and whose recent swims show continuous improvement. Junior Swimmer of the Month is Edward Hare whose hard work was reflected in the 3PBs he set at the Club Championships.

If you are a keen swimmer and are looking to compete or just to develop your fitness and skills please book onto a Trial session. either via <http://www.4ssc.co.uk/join-us> or email [membership@4ssc.co.uk](mailto:membership@4ssc.co.uk) The Club has six squads – Academy, Pre-Comp, Competition, County, Regional and Masters

Lucy Warner

## Harriers have plans for summer



Hook Norton Harriers have continued to race out and about during the spring, and have also been making plans for the summer months. Graeme Hackland has probably been the furthest afield, hiking Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania with the Martin's Mountain challenge, supporting the Spinal Injuries Association (donations can be made via <https://martins-mountain.justgiving-sites.com>) – kudos to Graeme. Anwen has organised weekly track sessions for members, while we've also had an excellent turnout for the monthly races in the Mota-vation Summer Road Series organised by Kidlington Running Club. Meanwhile, we've been preparing for our annual Hooky 6 race on 7 August and we'll be reporting on that in the September issue of the News.

If you'd like to join our friendly running club, which caters for all abilities, we train on a Tuesday evening. Visit [www.hooknortonharriers.org.uk](http://www.hooknortonharriers.org.uk) to find out more.

Nell Darby

## Chipping Norton Rugby Club

While the main rugby season is over, the Club will be alive over the summer months with community Touch Rugby (pictured) already up and running on Wednesday evenings from 7pm. It's free, non-contact, open to men, women, girls



and boys and you don't need to be a club member to come and try it, just turn up. Over the summer we are redeveloping the patio and deck area in front of the Clubhouse, so we are looking forward to a lovely new outdoor area for next season. Next season will start on Sunday 4 September and we would love to welcome new players across all our age groups, from under 6 to Senior, just come along on the 4<sup>th</sup> to find out more and to give rugby a go. As always, you can contact the club at [chippingnortonrugby@gmail.com](mailto:chippingnortonrugby@gmail.com), check our website, or follow us on facebook, Instagram, twitter and linkedin.

Graeme Williamson

## Grants for Sports Clubs

are available from the Chipping Norton & District Fire Brigade Charity – see p32 for details.



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# CLUB NEWS

## Scrabble Club turns 18!



In March 2022, Chipping Norton Scrabble Club celebrated turning 18! Then towards the end of May we had a Jubilee afternoon tea and Scrabble session.

I'd had a gift card to use so got a box of afternoon tea delights posted to us, with lots of goodies to share along with non-alcoholic prosecco and, of course, some Scrabble games. We are a small group of adults who meet 2–5pm, once a month at each others' houses. The host provides nibbles and we bring our own drinks. We've had a couple of members move away recently and so are looking for more people to join the group, and if you have room to host as well, even better. We enjoy meeting new people, and if you're a Scrabble novice we share tips on playing and improving your scoring. We're a friendly group, and all playing levels are welcome. Please visit <https://sltventures.com/cn-scrabble-sclub> for details of our meeting dates etc. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Sarah Turner

## Scouting News

**Beavers** Woodpecker Beavers have welcomed three new Beavers and at the end of term three of the Beavers will be moving up to Cubs. We have a busy term ahead of us completing badge work and plan to hold a camp (or two) before the end of this year. We are delighted to have been joined by parent helpers who are always welcome to come along and see what we get up to!

**Cubs** have been making good use of the light evenings for playing outdoor games on the field. They have enjoyed chariot races and have learnt how to tie a reef knot and a bowline knot. Our annual 'bring a parent to Cubs' evening was a big success with everyone making bridges out of straws, string and lots and lots of sticky tape. We are looking forward to summer camp at Silvercross Scout camp just outside Swansea, Cubs will have a day at the seaside, tackle a very muddy assault course and go to The Royal Mint.

**Scouts** have been working on their map reading skills in meetings ready for their expedition challenge later in the year.

Twenty scouts are heading to Dorchester on Thames for Aqua Camp – three days of water activities including paddle boarding, sailing, dragon boats and canoeing.

**Volunteer appeal** Many of our Scouting sections in 6th Chipping Norton need more volunteers to help run the meetings and do the background admin style jobs. You don't have to give up hours of your time. It can be a lot of fun, you'll learn new skills and you will be supported in any role you take on. If you are interested please contact Chris at: [chris.Goodwin@oxonscouting.org](mailto:chris.Goodwin@oxonscouting.org)

## Inspirational WOW!

West Oxfordshire WI has been busy. At our last meeting we had an amusing insight into the life of a Diplomatic Wife. Not all posh dresses and dinners! Then in June we welcomed Penny Varley, a potter, who gave us a demonstration and the opportunity to buy some of her lovely pots.



Did any of you see our stall at the Chipping Norton Festival? We did quite well despite the weather. Our 'Name the Corgi' competition was won by Cathy Elliott who chose the correct



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# CLUB NEWS

name: Honey. As it was the first Sunday of the month, we held our usual Cuppa, Cake and Chat, with the Methodist Church. This was a special Jubilee Tea with invitations given out beforehand. There were red, white and blue tablecloths, Union Jack napkins and sandwiches, scones and cake were served. It was a 'Right Royal Tea Party'.

Please look us up and come and visit our friendly group. We meet every third Monday at 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Rooms. [wowi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk](mailto:wowi@oxfordshirewi.co.uk)

Hilary Dix 01608 646228

## Amnesty's focus on homelessness

Thanks to all who visited our stall at Chippy's Jubilee Festival. Over 100 toys went from our Lucky Dips, proof that many people stopped at our stall and were given the chance to learn about our work and concerns. Many think that Amnesty International only campaigns for Human Rights in countries abroad. That is not so; it is concerned about Human Rights abuse everywhere, including right here in the UK. Last month it launched a campaign on the human right to housing in England. Research conducted by Amnesty International has exposed how deeply rooted homelessness is in England, due to government failures to protect the rights of its citizens. We feel that decent housing is a basic human need. Many facing homelessness have failed to access housing as the system is

not set up in their favour. Please contact us if you'd like to learn more about this, or visit [amnesty-international-uks-2022-homelessness-report](http://amnesty-international-uks-2022-homelessness-report)

Next meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 14 July Lower Town Hall. Guest speaker, Kate Clanchy, poet, talking about her work, including giving young refugees a voice through poetry. All are welcome; no fee. For details contact Val 01608 645036.

Kaye Freeman

## U3A learns, laughs and lives

As expected, Martin Lloyd's talk about the complexity of publishing your own book was highly illuminating and entertaining, as well as illustrating the changes from a manual typewriter to digital publishing software. Our next speaker on Wednesday 6 July is Katrina van Gouw, speaking about Evolution and 'Unnatural Selection', as currently practised. We meet at 2.30pm in the Town Hall. All welcome.



We joined the rest of the Town in the Market Place for the Jubilee Festival on 5 June. As we were also celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U3A in Britain on the same day as the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we offered visitors free

cupcakes decorated with Union Jacks and the Queen's Jubilee symbols, together with shortbread fingers iced with the U3A logo. Both proved very popular! Pride of place on our stall went to a beautiful knitted crown and a new banner illustrating some of the Interest Groups of Chippy U3A (see back page colour photo). Both were made by the talented members of our Craft Group. Thanks go to the team of volunteers who welcomed visitors to our stall, giving out leaflets and bookmarks and answering questions about the aims and activities of U3A, which are summarised in our motto 'Learn, Laugh, Live!'.

Chris Clinch

## Labour Party update

Our newly elected Councillors, Rizvana Poole, Sharon Wheaton and Steve Akers, are getting stuck into their new roles on the District and Town Councils. They are contributing to initiatives to help make Chippy a more equal, 'greener' and safer town. They are working closely with all other Councillors at County, District and Town Council level on the key issues of the ECN development, housing provision, air pollution, and road safety. The new Lab-Lib Dem-Green administrations at County and District herald a new period of progress and cooperation between all three tiers of local government. We supported the Women's Cycling Tour and loaned our red gazebo for the event. We fully support Chippy's posties in the national dispute with Royal Mail. We have sent a message of solidarity and invited local CWU reps to speak at our July Branch Meeting.

We are delighted to announce the return of Chippy Labour's famous Quiz & Chips Night, with Raffle, on Friday



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1 July at 7.30pm at The Chequers. Teams of up to 6 at £8 per head including Supper. Come as a team or we will find you a friendly group to join. To book a place, please contact davidheyes@yahoo.co.uk

If you would like more information about Chippy Labour Party, please contact Branch Chair, Steve Akers at steveakers55@gmail.com In addition you can follow us on facebook at Chipping Norton & District Labour Party  
Steve Akers

## Folk Club enjoys a 'tite' squeeze

Who said Nostalgia wasn't what it used to be....? Some 20 musicians brought their 'A' game to the lovely garden space at The Tite Inn Chadlington and kicked off with a group sing along of *Wild Mountain Thyme* (trad) There followed a great mix from all genres including local duo Turning Signs who were on form with their own originals. Other thought-provoking songs came from Mark Pigeon (Wychwood Folk Club) singing Woodie Guthrie's *Ghost of Old Tom Jones* and Sylvia read Pam Ayres poem *With these Hands*. There was superb three part harmony from the ladies on *Killing The Blues* (Plant and Krauss) We retreated inside for the second half which was a 'tite' squeeze (sorry) and all the more fun for it. Dave Oakley brought the evening to a roistering close with his version of *Country Road*. Chips on the house went down a storm. We meet on the second Monday of every month at 7.30. Next on 11 July, again at The Tite Inn, Chadlington, All welcome Visit [www.chippingnortonfolk.org.uk/](http://www.chippingnortonfolk.org.uk/) for details..

Amanda Cooper

## CHARG archaeology projects

Last month Chipping Norton Archaeological Research Group commissioned a geophysical survey of Chipping Norton School's playing fields. Thanks to the kind cooperation of the School and the generosity of local survey company, Zetica, the fields were scanned for signs of archaeological remains. The team used non-invasive techniques – ground penetrating radar (GPR) and magnetometry – to detect potential buried structures. We eagerly await Zetica's results at the end of June.

The school fields are an important part of the archaeological picture because they sit next to the East Chipping Norton Development Site, where Oxfordshire County Council and Cala Homes have conducted similar surveys. As observant walkers along Glyme Lane may have noticed, the Cala Homes survey has prompted further archaeological investigation. For six weeks a team from Wessex Archaeology dug evaluation trenches (pictured) on



site to gain insight into the scale of the Roman remains. This is an exciting development and we expect to have more information once their report is released.

We plan to hold a finds event at Chipping Norton Museum in the autumn. If you have ever picked up some old pottery sherds, coins or other historical objects and want to know more, this will be a chance to show them to an expert. The Museum would love to have a fuller record of the evidence for Roman activity in our town; perhaps you own something that will be a vital piece of the jigsaw puzzle! Details of this event will follow.

Thanks to those who responded to our invitation to contribute their time to CHARG. Contact John Dunleavy at [CHARG2022@outlook.com](mailto:CHARG2022@outlook.com) if you are interested.

Jane Beaufoy



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## Back to boats for CN Yacht Club

In May, Phil Horton, Environment and Sustainability Manager of the Royal Yachting Association gave our last talk of the season. His theme was *The Green Blue* – a joint environmental programme created by the RYA and British



Marine to promote sustainable use of coastal and inland waters by recreational boaters. We play an important role in helping to protect and safeguard the waters, wildlife and habitats we enjoy. Interesting stuff!

We now enter our summer recess, with members heading off to the water, on boats scattered across the UK and Europe. Some were inaccessible through the depth of Covid restrictions, but are now being spruced up and readied for use. Quite emotional for some of us!

Recently a few of us crewed for a friend on a boat chartered from Oban, as his 60<sup>th</sup> birthday present to himself. Sailing in and around the Hebrides is challenging, with its strong tides, tricky passages, rocks and islands, and (very often) strong winds. It went well, with few mishaps. We are all still on speaking terms!

We reconvene in September for a talk on The Pioneer Sailing Trust, which provides learning opportunities for young people to equip them with skills for life, both at sea and on land. For details of the Chipping Norton Yacht Club

programme or to enquire about membership (boat ownership not required!) do visit [cnyc.co.uk](http://cnyc.co.uk).

Roger Backhaus

## Chipping Norton Probus events

Chippy Probus is in good shape with several new members and an interesting programme of talks planned for the summer months. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 19 July with speaker Tracy Jones talking on Training Dogs for the Blind. Then August's meeting is on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> when Ben Nichols will talk about Family History based on an investigations of his own ancestors. September's meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup> with speaker to be advised. Meetings are 11am at the Crown & Cushion, Chipping Norton. We will always welcome guests to our meetings so if you'd like to join us please contact our secretary, John Roxby on 01993 831743 to find out more.

Martin Williams

## Allotment visits with NOOG

Our Wednesday 6 July visit to the Heritage Fruit Tree Company for a lesson in summer fruit pruning by Andrew Howard can only accommodate a small number and is fully subscribed. However, on Wednesday 3 August at 7pm, there'll be plenty of room for everyone as two Chipping Norton members will show us their allotments on the William Fowler site. One was begun in 2008, with the later addition of orchard, soft fruit and greenhouse. The other is a new and exploratory venture. Do join us – non-members are welcome to come along too. For more info about the visit and about N. Oxon Organic Gardeners, please contact Tracy Lean, [tracylean@gmail.com](mailto:tracylean@gmail.com), 01295 780710, [www.noog.org.uk](http://www.noog.org.uk).

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## Chipping Norton School

**Girls Mean Business:** This year we launched a very exciting programme for Year 9s called Girls mean Business. The



project ran over four sessions alongside the timetabled active tutorial lessons. We looked at a variety of issues facing girls and women in education and in the workplace. We then ran a human library event where the girls met women from a range of careers and backgrounds. To finish off the project we went to the Oxford Playhouse to see an inspirational new musical: *Fantastically Great Women Who Changed the World*. It was an empowering stage show and we learned that 'history' could equally be called 'herstory' and that change happens through dreams and aspirations.

**Translation Challenge 2022:** Students at CNS were again invited to take part in the The Anthea Bell Prize for Young Translators. Our students completed creative translations in German and French, completing one practice task in the run up to the competition. Five winning entries were selected at each level and then submitted to the South East regional level of the competition. Whilst we didn't have any South East winners, Bethany Oliver Hall did receive a commendation for her translation of an extract from a German story, which was an amazing achievement.

**Bikeability:** At the end of May, fifteen Year 7 cyclists took on the challenge of completing their Bikeability course. After their bikes were checked by the fantastic coaches from The Windrush Bike Project, the students completed a series of

tasks ranging from navigating the cones on the School netball pitch, getting in the correct start position, stopping quickly but carefully and tackling the roundabouts in Chipping Norton.

**CNPS News:** Last term we delivered two Able, Interested and Motivated workshops for the Chipping Norton Partnership of schools. We held a Drama workshop based on *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* where the children worked well together to perform a short extract of the play. We also invited pupils to a Science workshop based on Electricity and Magnets. Participants learnt the importance of scientific testing and how to separate chemicals using electricity. We are extremely grateful to the staff who organised these great opportunities for our Primary Schools.



We were also very fortunate to be able to offer a Pottery workshop to all the Year 4 children in our partnership. This was financed by Sculpture at Kingham Lodge and our huge thanks goes to Marina Colville from the charity for facilitating this for our primary schools. She found two local potters, Alison Townley and Cally Bond, who worked in the CNS Art department for four days, allowing all ten primary schools to come to create a coil pot and a pinch pot. The children (and their teachers!) produced some beautiful creations. Thank you so much to Sculpture at Kingham Lodge and also to Ali and Cally.

At the end of May we held two sporting events for the Partnership. Chipping Norton Rugby Club and our Year 10 Sports Leaders delivered an U10 Rugby Festival – it was fantastic to see so many pupils out enjoying competitive sport in the sunshine! Well done to Kingham and Great Rollright who won their tournaments, and also to all students who received their sporting champion certificate for showing excellent teamwork!

We welcomed young athletes to our annual Athletics tournament. All pupils did a sprint, a middle distance run, a standing long jump and a howler throw. Thanks go to the PE Department and all supporting staff for organising the pupils through a really fun athletics event. Well done to Kingham and Great Tew who won their tournaments overall.

**Extra Time Clubs:** At Chipping Norton School we provide a wide variety of Extra Time clubs for the students after school. For September we are interested in finding a level 2 coach for Football and Badminton. If you would be interested in this, or in providing any other interesting new opportunity, please contact Robyn Bissett on 01608 649416, or [rbissett@chippingnortonschool.org](mailto:rbissett@chippingnortonschool.org).

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# SCHOOLS NEWS

## St Mary's Primary School

**Yr 6 at FarmED:** Year 6 visited the FarmED site at the end of their SATs week. They all had a great time exploring the farm and learning about arable farming and also preparing and eating a healthy dip and crudités. The day was made extra

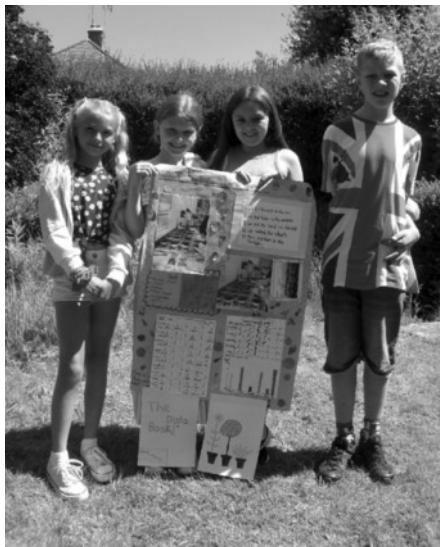


special by a visit from ex-pupil Kaleb Cooper, who spoke fondly of his days at St Mary's and talked about his career in farming. He was an inspirational speaker who engaged all the children with his unique style and good humour. Thank you to FarmED and Kaleb.

**Pottery workshop:** Many children in Year 4 joined Cally and Alison at Chipping Norton School for a fun morning of pottery. During the session the children learnt how to make two types of pots. First they made a coil pot and had lots of fun trying to make 'sausages' to build up their pots. Then they made finger pots, by forming a ball from the clay and using their thumbs, and fingers to form the pot. A fabulous morning.

**The Big Science Event:** A team from St Mary's has won a

place in the finals of a County-wide competition in science, led by a team at Science Oxford. Children in Year 5/6 take part annually in the Big Science event, in which they work in teams to generate a scientific question, plan a fair test, carry it out and analyse results and then present their findings to a team of professional



scientists. The winning team, comprising Scarlett, Christabel, Faye and Oscar, chose to investigate Which seed germinates the quickest? and are delighted to have been invited to the final in Oxford in July.

**Year 4 St Briavels Residential 2022:** Year 4 have just returned from a very exciting few days on their first residential. This was the first time that many of them had

stayed away from home. The children became secret spy agents and were set challenges to see if they could graduate from spy school! Our new spies had to learn to work together as a team to complete a series of tasks and master new skills that would equip them for the job. Children and staff all had a great time.

**Athletics championship:** Years 4, 5 and 6 attended an Athletics competition at CNS with running, jumping and throwing events. One of the groups came first and was awarded gold medals. Ella said, 'It was amazing!' Ms Smales added that they all did really well and that she was proud of them all.



**The Queen's Platinum Jubilee:** With the very exciting



milestone celebrated by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth we took the opportunity to celebrate as a school community on the last day of term. Over a few weeks the children had been learning a new song written for this event and we enjoyed singing this with the whole school and staff. Our School Singing Club performed special

songs ready for The Chipping Norton Festival and to show their respect to the Queen. The whole School enjoyed a picnic outside, made extra special by an unexpected fly over! We very much enjoyed the community spirit of the day and send our congratulations to Her Majesty.

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# SCHOOLS NEWS

## Holy Trinity Primary

**Whole School Celebrations: May Procession:** Fr Clive led a beautiful celebration of Mary, with the classes contributing their own prayers, poems, pictures and handmade rosaries. Children brought in flowers to be made into class bouquets,



which the May Queen, Emma and her attendants laid in the Church garden in honour of Mary. The flowers provided a bounty of colour and fragrance.

**Platinum Jubilee Garden Party:**

We were delighted to invite our parents to join the children at a garden party to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Apart from the joy of welcoming our school family together, we enjoyed watching class displays of



country and Maypole dancing, poems and a special signed and sung performance of the National Anthem by our Year Two class. All children were invited to take part in a 'make a crown' competition and the amazing winning entries received toy corgis as prizes. We had a lovely afternoon.

**Year 3 Trip to Ufton Court:** In June, Year 3 visited Ufton Court. We had two fun sessions with our host, Matt. In the first session, we learned about the different games the Ancient Egyptians played, including Senet and Coits. In the second session, we learned more about the embalming and mummification of Egyptian Pharaohs. We acted out the process using an extremely funny looking doll. Lincoln said, 'I enjoyed playing the Egyptian games, especially the odd and even game'.

**Y4 Pottery Workshop:** Year 4 went to Chipping Norton School to take part in a pottery workshop. The children learnt about the ceramics and how they are used in our everyday lives. At the start of the session, the teachers leading the workshop spoke to the children about how art is about self-expression and how your pot can be whatever you would like it to be. The children then rolled out long coils of clay and created their own coil pot, each unique to the child working on it. Teachers and children alike thoroughly enjoyed the sessions.

**Year 6 Residential Trip to Beam House:** Our Year 6's had an amazing week at PGL Beam House in Devon. They went surfing at Croyde Bay, through a muddy challenge course (yes,

even the teachers!), along a high ropes course, archery and so much more! They worked so well as a team and gained valuable life skills along the way.



Isaac said: *Surfing was the best activity as we could all be in the sea together.*

Seraphina said: *I liked zip wire as I had a chance to experience this with my friends and I had a blast.*

Anna: *My favourite activity was abseiling because it challenged me to build my confidence and the staff were really helpful and friendly.*

## Great Rollright Primary

**Forest School:** Our Yr 5 and 6 children are enjoying very hands-on science lessons this term – studying the classification of animals and plants outdoors, at our new Forest School site next to the School. As we were proud to announce a few issues ago, we were able to acquire and develop this site over the winter, and turn what was once a sheep pasture into an exciting space with a small pond, fire pit, and many newly planted trees. We already had a strong outdoor focus at Great Rollright, with our Reception and Key Stage 1 children already spending about half of their time outdoors. But it's been exciting to extend these opportunities to our older children too, thanks to the new site.



**Rugby triumph:** Our team of 15 boys and girls from Yrs 3 to 6 were the overall champions at the Chipping Norton School Tag Rugby Festival (pictured).

**Pottery:** Our Yr 4 children loved making their own clay creations at a pottery workshop generously sponsored by the Kingham Lodge Sculpture charity.

*Parents and carers are encouraged to visit to see all we offer — including a free bus to Chipping Norton. Please call us on 01608 737202 to arrange your visit.*

## Chadlington Primary

**Queen's Jubilee:** The whole school community, including parents, celebrated The Jubilee just before half term with cake and tea in the playground. Children were invited to wear red, white and blue on the day and were involved in creating festive Jubilee-themed bunting.



**Whole School Topic:** The topic for this term *We Are Costume Designers* is now in full swing. The topic is centred around the summer school production *Cyrano de Bergerac*, a musical adaptation of the French play *Cyrano de Bergerac* written in 1897 by Edmond Rostand. The Big Top has been hired, and children across the School are engaged in designing and creating their own costumes and props, and developing their performing and acting roles. Parents are invited to come along to the performance and will be able to buy chili dogs and ice creams on the day.

**Year group activities:** *The Dragons* have thoroughly enjoyed Forest School offered at Little Wild Things.

Our Year 4 children participated in a Pottery Workshop hosted by the Chipping Norton Partnership of Schools at Chipping Norton School. They were taught how to make clay pots using a range of pottery techniques.

The children in our Year 5/6 class will be heading off to PGL in July and our Leavers' BBQ is on 18 July, with all parents and carers welcome to help us to celebrate an exciting, hard-working and energetic year at Chadlington School.

## Kingham Primary



**Rugby tournament:** A selected group of year 4 and 5 children, took part in the Chipping Norton U10s rugby tournament at Chipping Norton Rugby Club. Every team member played beyond their potential and made the School proud by coming first in the tournament.

**Kingham Run for Fun:** children and parents came into school on a beautiful May Saturday morning for our Run For Fun. Participants (aged 4 to 60) ran either 1km or 5km to raise money towards building a new Science and Technology Classroom. Thank you to the runners, the generous sponsors, the many helpers and marshalls – £4000 was raised.

**Young Voices 2022:** Several Kingham pupils, as well as children from other local schools, attended the Resorts World Arena Birmingham for Young Voices 2022. Young Voices are the largest children's choir concerts in the world, and our children sang with over 5000 other children. Kingham choir members sang their hearts out, danced the night away and were amazed

by all the guest performers. They learnt how to 'beatbox' and enjoyed an epic 'beatbox battle' with the audience.

## Town Nursery



This month we have celebrated The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in every area, and in every way possible. Nursery 1 made some amazing crowns using pens and chalk to wear for our party lunches in the yard. They had pictures of the Queen up on display and some they could Velcro up on their display tree. Nursery 2 decorated windows with Union Jacks using handprints surrounded by collage and crafts in red, white, and blue. Nursery School 3 had the most magnificent coronation robes, crowns and even a throne for the children to use in their role play. They learnt the national anthem and had a wonderful time in the yard for the party lunches. Nursery School 4 made some incredible clay models of her Majesty, the corgi, a guard and even her handbag. They learnt all sorts of facts about the queen and her family.

All the children have made a commemorative key ring to take home, there was marble rolling, fingerprint queens, drawings, and photos of the children in the robe and crown. They are all unique and a special memento of this historic event. The staff felt very lucky to be able to share all this with the children, with laughter, singing and parties.

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# LETTERS

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## Town Festival thanks

We would like to express our thanks to the Town Festival Committee for providing us with such an excellent event to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee! There was an excellent programme with a wide variety of music to suit all tastes and it was lovely to see the band parade organised by the British Legion before the main stage opened. Bev Lane and her team worked long and hard all day to make the event happen – and were still serving hot sausage baps, home-made sandwiches and cups of tea to performers, and clearing up after the event closed at 8.30pm. We would also like to thank all those who helped create the 1000m of vintage-style bunting used, alongside more than 80 Union Jacks and jubilee flags provided by the Town Council to decorate our town centre. We were especially pleased to see bunting made and decorated by our children and young people – and know they enjoyed this too.

Town Councillors and Working Group members were also present on the Build Chippy Better stand, to share information about the new development planned for the Town. We collected 135 written comments from local people which we will use to influence the planning process – and had many useful conversations about the issues that most concern residents. We would also like to thank our local Police Community Support Officers who helped enforce the

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road closure after initial problems with drivers ignoring the signs, the First Aid team from Greenline Medical Services, who were fortunately kept busier showing children their ambulance than providing First Aid, and our local Fire Service who attended with their fire engine.

**Sandra Coleman** Mayor, **Rachel Foakes** Deputy Mayor  
& **Rizvana Poole** District and Town Councillor

## Grants for sports clubs

Chipping Norton & District Volunteer Fire Brigade Fund Charity are inviting applications for small or moderate grants to Sports Clubs and Organisations in Chipping Norton and surrounding area in accordance with the Charity's scheme. Preference will be given to Clubs most needing financial help. Please include a copy of Annual accounts. Applications by email to Martin Jarratt (Chairman) by 31 August 2022 to [martjar@hotmail.com](mailto:martjar@hotmail.com). See below for background.

**Martin Jarratt**

## Chipping Norton & District Fire Brigade

### Background to the charity and sports awards

The Chipping Norton Fire Brigade, initially established in 1878, attended its first fire on the 26 April that year. This was a private Fire Brigade – if the property on fire was not insured, the owner had to pay for their services. In 1911 the bill for putting out a fire in the Union Workhouse (Cotshill) was £34 3 shillings. Following the 1938 Fire Brigade Act, in 1941 the Borough Council took over the Brigade as a statutory duty to provide a fire service. The original Fire Station was in Albion Street. then in West Street (now CoCa the Furniture Shop) until the current Burford Road building opened in 1968.

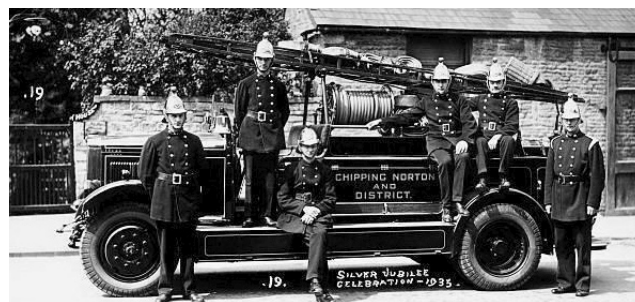


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In 1932, whilst still a Private Brigade, £1000 was collected by public subscription and a new Leyland Motor Engine (pictured) with a capacity of 600 gallons was bought and given to the Chipping Norton & District Fire Brigade Committee. At a special ceremony it was named King George V by Mrs. F.H. Gregory of Dunthrop. This ownership was to prove important later. When the 1938 Act of Parliament, forming the National Fire Service came into being, the Brigade's property was taken over by County and they had to buy the engine and a Humber car owned by the Committee. The monies from these sales formed the basis of the Chipping Norton & District Fire Brigade Charity and was invested by a board of trustees. Subsequently they first bought a field in the Banbury Road (now the Cricket Club) and then in 1952 bought the Tennis Courts at Foxfield (now the Lido) The income from these two pieces of land is used to help amateur sport.

With thanks to Pauline Watkins, Museum Curator for supplying the photograph



# LETTERS

## Town on show – flags and benches

(from letters to the Town Clerk, also sent to the News requesting publication)

Whilst applauding the volunteers responsible for arranging the Festival, I do think that the Town did not honour our Queen with fitting decorations. It seems strange that an event that none of us who are alive today will ever see again was 'celebrated' by Chippy with some unspectacular bunting and NO flags at all on the Town Hall which is well equipped to handle flags/bunting etc etc even without the damaged flag pole. Very disappointing. I am very happy that none of the Royal Family came to visit our town.

I have read that the Town has employed someone to refurbish the very expensive benches bought by previous councils to commemorate various people including Mike Howes, Rob Evans and Gina Burrows. When they were purchased it was hoped that the only maintenance should be a quick wash down of the metalwork and an occasional re-varnish of the woodwork – ie some basic maintenance in situ. Walking around the Town, it is distressing to see that the bench commemorating Gina Burrows (in New Street – pictured) is in extremis and the one opposite is very dirty. Some of the other benches (eg outside Barclays and the Town Hall) will need another coat of varnish before next winter – perhaps the Town Council could ask for some volunteers to do the work ... a quick sand and a re-coat is all that is required. Finally, I sincerely hope the Town Council will at least name one bench after John Grantham or buy a new one. He deserves it.



**Mike Tysoe**

(Editor's note: The Town Clerk responded [copied to the News] to Mr Tysoe saying his comments would be passed to Councillors, noting that many Union Flags were on display around town, and that a comprehensive refurbishment of 10 town benches has just been completed. Requests for more work would be considered by the Strategic Planning Committee. See article page 8.)

## British Legion latest events

A very successful 'Right Royal Quiz' was held at the Crown & Cushion on Friday 3 June as part of our Jubilee celebrations. The event raised £345 for our Poppy Appeal and thanks go to our Social Secretary for organising another excellent event and to our Parade Marshal Peter Clarke for putting in a very interesting and entertaining appearance as our quiz master. On Sunday 5 June we paraded through the Town to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and our thanks go to all the Veterans who turned out, 136 Squadron Chipping Norton Air Training Corps and the Shires Youth Band for joining us in the parade. A special thanks to all the marshals that made the parade possible. Afterwards we sold our special Jubilee badges during the Town Festival, raising another £200 for the Poppy appeal. If you haven't got one, they are available in the Crown & Cushion and Topside Pharmacy for a donation of £3.

Sunday 21 August marks the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the mid-air crash over the Town in 1942 that claimed the lives of eight airmen. We will hold a service of Remembrance at the War Memorial that day at 11am. We will also be marking the 80<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary of the Dieppe raid, in which a Commando from Chipping Norton died. This will be followed by a wreath laying ceremony at the commemorative plaque in Church Street.

**Steve Kingsford** – Chair, CN Branch, Royal British Legion

## Silver Jubilee memories



Back in 1977 I was the assistant manager at the White Hart Hotel, Chipping Norton and as part of the Jubilee celebrations we organised a waiters' race along the High Street. I wonder if any of your readers can recognise either themselves or their friends. Happy days.

**Tim Johnson**

## Those Jubilee Soper Sisters!

We saw in the June edition of the *Chippy News* that you included the front cover of the Golden Jubilee edition that included the Soper girls. We now have our own children so we decided to recreate the photo with them! The photo (see front page) includes the children of two of the Soper girls. From left to right: Jaymi, Heather, Jacob and Teegan. The older two even had the opportunity to sing on stage during the Town's Festival! It was lovely to see the photo of us in the *Chippy News* again – our kids thought we were famous!

**The Soper Sisters**

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# DIARY

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**NB Check for late cancellations before setting out!**

## July (News out Monday 27 June)

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Labour Party Quiz & Chips** 7.30 Chequers see p25  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Ramblers** meet 2pm New St car park details 01608 643691  
**Cuppa, Cake & Chat** 2.30-4 Methodist Church - see p25  
**Jane Phillips Memorial Cricket Day** in aid of Lawrence Home Nursing Team see advert p9  
4<sup>th</sup> **Methodist Craft & Cuppa** 10am-noon see p14  
5<sup>th</sup> **Railway Club** 7.30 Upper Town Hall  
6<sup>th</sup> **Methodist Coffee Morning** for Scripture Union 9.30-11.30am in the Hall  
**U3A** 2.30pm Town Hall - details p25  
**Town Council: Strategic Planning Cttee** 6.30pm Town Hall  
9<sup>th</sup> **Screen by the Green** The Duke 7.30pm Churchill Vg Hall - see p22  
**Wychwood Chorale Summer Concert** *All the World's a Stage*: music for the theatre from Shakespeare to Sondheim. Free with charity collection. 7.30 St Mary's Church Shipton-u-Wychwood OX7 6BP  
11<sup>th</sup> **Folk Club** 7.45 Tite Inn - see p26  
13<sup>th</sup> **Town Council: Finance & Resources Cttee** 6.30pm Town Hall  
14<sup>th</sup> **Amnesty** - 7.30 Lower Town Hall - see p25  
16<sup>th</sup> **Farmers Market** 8.30am-1pm  
**1960's Dance with the Retros** in aid of RBL Poppy Appeal 7.30 Crown & Cushion - see advert p22  
18<sup>th</sup> **West Ox WI** 7.30pm Parish Rooms - see p25

- 19<sup>th</sup> **Library Coffee Morning** with Age UK - see p11  
19<sup>th</sup> **CN Probus** 11am Crown & Cushion - details p27  
20<sup>th</sup> **Town Council: Full Council meeting** 6.30pm Town Hall  
21<sup>st</sup> **Origami for Wellbeing workshop** 1pm at the Library - details p11  
23<sup>rd</sup> **Restore's Pots of Fun Treasure Trail** starts in Banbury & runs till 6 August - see p13 for details

## August (No Chipping Norton News)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> **Railway Club** 7.30 Upper Town Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> **Methodist Coffee Morning** for Leprosy Mission 9.30-11.30am in the Hall  
**U3A** 2.30pm Town Hall - details p25  
**NOOG** visit 7pm - see p27  
7<sup>th</sup> **Ramblers** meet 2pm New St car park details 01608 643691  
**Cuppa, Cake & Chat** 2.30-4 Methodist Church - see P25  
8<sup>th</sup> **Folk Club** 7.45 Venue TBC - see p26  
12<sup>th</sup> **CHIPPING NORTON NEWS DEADLINE** - see p34  
13<sup>th</sup> **Screen by the Green** *Death on the Nile* 7.30pm Churchill Village Hall - see p22  
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20<sup>th</sup> **Farmers Market** 8.30am-1pm

## September (News out TUESDAY 30 August)

- 4<sup>th</sup> **Rugby season starts** see p23 for details  
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5<sup>th</sup> **Methodist Craft & Cuppa** 10am-noon see p14

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# JOYOUS JUBILEE

Chipping Norton's got into the June Jubilee spirit– and not just for the Town Festival. Home made vintage style bunting and flags was plentiful along with 80 Union Jacks and flags provided by the Town Council. They all adorned the town centre and Chippy's streets. There were lunch and tea street parties everywhere – even in the damp. Here's a flavour ...



## STREET PARTY FUN

Thanks to everyone for sending all the pictures. Here's to The Leys, Hill Lawn Court, Burford Road, and Lords Piece Road – just for starters.



## Toasting the Queen

Staff and Residents from Beech Haven Care Home had a fun-filled afternoon of games, tea, cakes and a bucks fizz toast to the Queen to celebrate Her Majesty's Jubilee, rounded off with a *The National Anthem* and much reminiscing – enjoyed by all

## Legion leads the way

As well as parading round the Town on Festival Day, the Legion held a successful 'Right Royal Quiz' which raised £345 for the Poppy Appeal. Pictured are Legion Chair Steve Kingsford and organiser Carol Peachey getting in the red white and blue mood.



## WONDERFUL WINDOWS

Chippy's Town Centre shops stepped up to the mark with 21 of them creating some ingenious and colourful Jubilee-themed window displays. The Festival Committee members, were delighted to have last year's Oxfordshire High Sheriff,



Amanda Ponsonby join them to admire and judge the windows. The winner was Katharine House, pictured, awarded £100 (given jointly by Committee and Town Council). Highly commended were Sue Ryder and Whistlers. Well done all.

# CHIPPY'S FESTIVAL FUN

*Our Town Festival is back! Hundreds turned out in the Town Centre – all day – in spite of a few clouds and the rain mostly stayed away! Here are some colourful highlights.*



*Kaleb & Kevin: Two Coopers!*



*Steve Holland & his hi-vis gang*

## A Festival for the Town

Beverley Lane from the Festival Committee send this message!

*Thanks to everyone for supporting the day, we hope you had a brilliant time enjoying the music, food and stalls. Huge thanks go to our sponsors for making the day possible: Owen Mumford, Wigwam Storage and Midcounties Co-operative; to local businesses for raffle prizes; Kaleb Cooper for opening the Festival; performers who were amazing; Chipping Norton Royal British Legion; the Town Council; everyone who volunteered on the day and most of all to our Town Festival Committee who have worked tirelessly over these last few months. All Festival profits go back into the local community. You can apply for a donation from the proceeds on behalf of a local charity, club or organisation. Please contact [cntownfestival@gmail.com](mailto:cntownfestival@gmail.com) for details. We are looking for new members to join the Town Festival Committee. Please contact [cntownfestival@gmail.com](mailto:cntownfestival@gmail.com) to register your interest.*



*Great turn-out in Market Square*



*Flags galore!*



*St Mary's School Singing Club*



*The Legion's morning parade*



*Chippy U3A's banner*



*A Jubilee poster girl!!*



*Busy Town Council Stall*

On behalf of the Town the Chippy News Team says well done to that hard working Town Festival Committee: Kevin Cooper, Sakine Faulkner, Dave Gordon, Maz Holland, Cheryl Hoverd, Martin Jarratt and Beverley Lane. It could not have happened without you. As part of this year's wider Jubilee celebrations the Committee worked alongside the Town Council and the Royal British Legion.

*Many thanks from the News Team to all who sent in their photos of the Day*