



# All set for Summer

**A big welcome to visitors – enjoy our historic working Cotswold Town.**



Chipping Norton is looking forward to welcoming some of West Oxfordshire's 4 million visitors this summer. So for our double-month summer issue, we've including news for tourists & townsfolk alike – with lots of ideas of things to do ... maybe after World Cup fever has passed!

Chippy's town centre has a whole range of eateries – with refurbished pubs, cafés, and two posh new pizza ovens. Our packed Summer Supplement includes: 10 things to do with bored kids, picnics (on the Common, maybe?) and cocktails al fresco round town, where to enjoy the countryside, and trips out on the buses. Plus around 20 festivals, fetes and garden parties – from poshstock Cornbury, Wilderness & Festival, to great village fetes and dog shows. It's all inside – along with summer holiday memories and health advice from our GPs.

***Enjoy the summer – we'll be back in September.***

## **News & Features in this issue:**

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- Top School's Simon Duffy hands over
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- That *Very English Scandal* – the Chippy connection ....
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- In the Spotlight: Nick, the Cancer-Journeyman
- Churchill's bumper car show!

*Plus all the usual Arts, Sports, Clubs, Schools and Letters*

## **The Town remembers**

100 years on from the last summer of the First World War – Mayor Don Davidson unveils a memorial at the Town Cemetery to twelve servicemen with Commonwealth war graves there ... and watch out for the Poppy plaques going up around town in the next month.



## Have a Healthy Holiday

### Holiday checklist

*Chipping Norton Health Centre sent the News this useful holiday checklist:*

- Check any vaccinations you may need before travelling
- Prepare an essential health travel kit eg: sunscreen (at least 4 star 'UVA' protection and SPF15 against UVB), antihistamines, painkillers etc
- Check travel insurance and any conditions
- Consider taking condoms to avoid fake or unreliable brands abroad!
- Check with your GP if you risk deep vein thrombosis
- Be aware of jet lag – especially from west to east



Lots more advice at [www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/before-you-travel/](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/before-you-travel/)

### Vaccination and medication advice

Do you need travel vaccinations and are your UK jabs up to date? Childhood jabs protect for some diseases but not for some abroad. Here's the Health Centre's advice:

**Which jabs do I need?** Check at least 6 to 8 weeks before travel – you may need a course of treatment that takes a few weeks. You can find out which vaccinations are recommended (or compulsory) for which areas at [www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk](http://www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk). Then call or visit the Health Centre and book a practice nurse travel appointment. For a private service see [www.masta-travel-health.com](http://www.masta-travel-health.com) – their nearest clinics are Oxford and Cheltenham.

**Advice from Health Centre?** Check with the Health Centre to see if your UK jabs are up to date and get your own record. To check whether you can travel with certain medication book a telephone or face to face appointment with the Clinical Pharmacist, Luis Fernandez Orgado. You may need paperwork to cover use of these drugs which are legal in the UK but perhaps not elsewhere.

**Do I pay for vaccines?** The following travel vaccinations are usually available free on the NHS: diphtheria, polio and tetanus (combined booster); typhoid; hepatitis A – including when combined with typhoid or hepatitis B; and cholera. They are because of their public health risk actually in this country.

You're likely to have to pay for travel vaccinations against: hepatitis B when not combined with hepatitis A, Japanese encephalitis and tick-borne encephalitis, meningitis, rabies, tuberculosis (TB), yellow fever. Ask reception for current fee rates.

**Any other helpful hints?** when planning your travel vaccinations:

- Diseases are more common in different parts of the world – check
- The time of year – such as rainy season – makes a difference
- Where you are staying could matter – eg rural camping and hostels versus a town package hotel
- The longer you stay, the greater the risk
- Time outdoors – such as trekking – could matter
- Your age and health might affect vaccination advice
- Aid work or medical activity could be risky
- Contact with animals might be risky (eg rabies)

If you're only travelling to countries in northern and central Europe, North America or Australia, you're unlikely to need any vaccinations. See [www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](http://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice) for country specific advice. Speak to your GP before having any vaccinations if you could be pregnant or breastfeeding.

**Advice on immune deficiencies?** For some people travelling overseas, vaccination against certain diseases may not be advised, for example: if you have an immune system condition such as HIV or AIDS; if you're receiving treatment such as chemotherapy; if you've recently had a bone marrow or organ transplant. Your GP can advise.

*Happy travels – and don't forget that if you're just off to a UK University – check your UK booster jabs!*

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### Beware the Blandford Fly

There were reports in June (around Enstone, Chadlington and Charlbury) of people being bitten by the Blandford Fly, a 2-3mm insect that takes a fancy to ankles and lower legs. The bites can be painful, irritate, swell up and blister



for several days. Advice issued last year from Woodstock Surgery says don't scratch, treat with soap and water, use camomile or anaesthetic cream, and watch out for allergic reactions. ... wear trousers and avoid clouds of flies on river banks. The fly often appears in Dorset (hence Blandford), Oxfordshire, and East Anglia (one News Team member got hit while boating on the Norfolk Broads). Hopefully by August the flies will have gone.

## Civic Garden Party



*Highlands Chair Pat Lake, Don Davidson, Christine Parrett from Dogs for Good, Peta Simmons, with Ida an assistance dog*

Newly elected Mayor of Chipping Norton Cllr Don Davidson and Mayoress Peta Simmons hosted a Civic Garden Party at Highlands Day Centre on Sunday 17 June. As previously when he was Mayor Don chose to hold the garden party as an alternative to the church civic service. This gave the chance for councillors and guests to enjoy the wonderful house and gardens, owned and run by local charity Age Concern Chipping Norton to provide day centres and activities for the elderly. This year's mayoral charities will be Highlands, along with Banbury-based Dogs for Good which trains dogs to help people lead more independent lives with fundraising events planned (see Letters p30). An excellent spread for afternoon tea was provided by The Tea Set.

## Joining (up) our organisations

Any readers want to help out with the Chippy News? On Saturday 2 June some 18 local organisations – including our own Chipping Norton News Club – got together in the Town



Hall to explain to the public what they get up to. Ranging from A to Y (Amnesty International to Chipping Norton Yacht Club), it was cheering to see just how many organisations there are in Chipping Norton; there really is something for everyone! The event, organised by the Town Council, provided a good opportunity for a fair amount of interested discussion between all the volunteers on the club tables – many of whom appreciate their Club's monthly report in the Chippy News. The main purpose of the event was to get more local folk interested in what's on offer in the Town. After a slow start, by lunchtime more curious visitors were dropping in, with clubs reporting lots of interest.

Chats at the News Team table also attracted some potential new volunteers. Everyone is welcome to come to our monthly meetings (hopefully back in The Chequers Barn

after it reopens). Next meeting is 7.30 Monday 30 July when the Team has a drink and collects ideas for the autumn *Chipping Norton News* editions. Meanwhile, if you didn't make it to Organisations Day and would like to join the News Team and help out in some way with your community newspaper, please contact Jill on 01608 643219 or email [chippymail@aol.com](mailto:chippymail@aol.com). The team is particularly keen to hear from anyone interesting in learning and doing desktop publishing to produce the News or helping with the website. Regular similar Town Hall days for local clubs seem like a good idea – but could do with a lot more publicity, and perhaps be run alongside some community events (singing on the Town Hall steps?!) to attract the punters. Does anyone want to help organise a next one?

## Whistling in the wind (or fog!)



*The Whistlers Team – finally made it to Jersey*

As reported previously in the News, a fit team from Whistlers bistro and wine bar in Middle Row, after weeks of training and sponsorship raising – set off to fly to Jersey on 10 June to run in the Jersey Half Marathon. After leaving Chippy at 3am, they took off from Gatwick at 6.45am ... only to be back at Gatwick three hours later because Channel Islands Fog had prevented their landing. They persevered with the trip later but were devastated to arrive too late for the run! Richard Main, out there with Matt, Vanessa, Liam, Darren and Janey told the News they will sign up for another half marathon elsewhere very soon. So don't spend your sponsorship money! It's all for the Alzheimer's Society. Each year the staff support a different charity. Last year they persuaded all their suppliers to provide food for a charity luncheon with proceeds going to Prostate Cancer research. Keep it up lads and lasses.

## Dementia Friends

Last month Local MP Robert Courts reports he was trained as a Dementia Friends Champion at a community session during the Alzheimer's Society's National Dementia Action Week. He told the News he praised all the activities taking place across West Oxfordshire to break down stigmas and show support for all those affected by dementia.

## July railway disruption

Train travelling residents in Chippy, Chadlington, Charlbury, and Kingham will be badly affected in July by the Oxford station closure for railway line improvements by Network Rail. On three weekends in July there will be no trains on the line between Oxford and Moreton-in-Marsh, with a

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replacement bus service. During the weeks 9-13 and 16-20 July the buses will replace trains between Oxford and Hanborough. Passengers are advised to check at Charlbury or Kingham stations or the travel updates on Great Western Railway's website. Existing train tickets can be used on Chiltern Railways from Oxford Parkway. More work is expected later in the year.

## Phone Co-op's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary



On Friday 1 June, The Phone Co-op in Chipping Norton celebrated two major landmarks; it was their twentieth anniversary and the official date of the Transfer of Engagements or merger with Midcounties Co-operative. The celebration event saw current and former employees and some members of the Midcounties

team sitting together discussing future opportunities for The Phone Co-op. It is now part of one of the largest co-operatives in the UK with a turnover of £1.9bn and a wide range of businesses including gas and electricity provider Co-op Energy.

In the photo from left to right: Nick Thomson, The Phone Co-op CEO, Jane Watts chair of the Board of The Phone Co-op and now in the telecoms committee of Midcounties, Vivian Woodell, Founder and Former CEO of The Phone Co-op and Helen Wiseman, President of the Midcounties Board.

## Citizens Advice's new Hub

Citizens Advice West Oxfordshire (CAWO) has opened a new facility to help support the communities of Chipping Norton and elsewhere in West Oxfordshire. Operating out of a private office space facilitated by Cottsway Housing, the 'Digital Hub' provides space for 10 additional volunteers and staff to speak to people over the phone, and via web chat. This is a more efficient service and the new Hub is already answering 50% more calls. The Advice line is 03444 111444 – open from 9am-4pm Monday to Friday. Local calls are directed to the local office by identifying the STD code and first two digits of the phone number. Teresa Archer, from CAWO said, 'As a local charity it is vitally important that we deliver services that meet the needs of the people in West Oxfordshire. We know that increasingly people are looking for advice via phone chats and online, as well as the more traditional face-to-face conversations, which is why the new Digital Hub will help us respond to this need. I would particularly like to thank Cottsway Housing for facilitating the office, the Friends of CAWO for their generous donation, and Nielsen of Oxford who provided us with office furniture.'

There are also face to face Citizen's Advice drop in services at Chipping Norton Baptist Church on Monday

mornings from 9.30-12.30 and at Chipping Norton Health Centre on Wednesdays from 9.30am-12.30pm and 1.30-4pm. The national website provides advice online, over email and via web chat at [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk)

## Parking pain at building works



*Parking along Russell Way leading to the Health Centre*

Peak activity at the two London Road construction sites has increased parking along Trinity Road, Russell Way and London Road. The 'perfect storm' sees both the McCarthy & Stone complex (at the back) and the new Retail site, at the front, at full construction activity – continuing for the next few months. With London Road parking now restricted, the combination of school drop-offs, plus parking for workers' cars and contractors' vans seems to be causing potentially dangerous parking – and police were involved in early June to help sort things. At Russell Way, the busy entrance for hospital and health centre, parking was causing one way traffic – with difficulties for Russell Way users to get on and off the main road.

Second, Trinity Road, used by both Blissfield Gardens residents and the contractors getting to the rear site, has seen many cars and contractors vans. Parents doing school runs are having to take pot luck on where they can stop. Nearby residents have been very concerned. At the London Road end, retail site developer Simons put 'no contractor parking' signs up



along London Road and down their bit of Trinity Road, and, according to police, workers are being asked to park back in the Town. At the back, residents have been concerned about contractor parking and the state of the road. The News asked McCarthy & Stone for a comment and a spokesperson said, 'We have been made aware of complaints regarding parking on Trinity Road, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused to local residents and motorists at this time. We are committed to resolving the parking situation and have recently finalised an agreement with the medical centre to allow the construction team to park at its facilities, along with hiring a marshall to manage contractor parking. We hope this will alleviate the concerns'. It may take until the winter, as building winds down, for things to get back to normal. Parents, doing short school drops and pick ups, could possibly be allowed to use the new retail site car park.

## All change at Chippy School

This summer Simon Duffy steps down as Head of Chipping Norton School after 12 years. New head Barry Doherty, who comes from being Head at Colmers School and Sixth Form College in Birmingham, takes over next term. Simon has seen the Town's comprehensive school build from its long history with change and progress. He has led from the front through some difficult times, and leaves the School in a very good state for the future. Chair of Governors Gregory Ledgard-Hoile told the News that during Simon's time in office the secondary education system has seen some huge changes and so has Chipping Norton School. He mentioned the difficult times with the 2015 Ofsted report but said, 'Under huge pressure, but with the support of our students and their parents, staff, governors and the wider community, Simon tackled the situation with great determination and skill and led us to the position Chipping Norton School now holds: A 'Good' school with an 'Outstanding' sixth form. I've enjoyed working with Mr Duffy immensely and wish him well in his future endeavours. On behalf of governors, I'd like to thank him for all of his hard work over the past twelve years and for the great contribution he has made to our school community.' See article below with Simon Duffy's leaving reflections. The News will include a profile of the new Head next term.



## Plan for old hospital site

The former Chipping Norton Memorial Hospital is still looking a sorry sight as it lies semi derelict years after it was sold by the NHS to a home-builder who found the redevelopment to be financially unviable. Now a revised planning application has been approved, which removes the need to provide affordable homes on the site, despite the normal requirement being for 40% affordable homes. At a meeting with the site agent earlier this year, former mayor Cllr Mike Tysoe reported that the landowner, developer St Charles' Homes, had reportedly said they may well develop the site themselves after all. But estate agents Chancellors are still marketing the site for sale at £2m, and they say there is now interest in the site and they can see the path open to a possible future sale. Additionally, it seems that releasing the requirement to build affordable homes could have unblocked the jam, but this can't be the answer for every site, as 'unviability' might cause very little affordable housing to be built at all.

## ... and what about Chestnuts?

The Chestnuts, the former nurses' home on Over Norton Road opposite the old hospital, was bought by the Whitbread Group to enable the development of Premier Inn. The hotel has been up and running for a couple of years, but Chestnuts is still empty (for around 20 years) and increasingly derelict,

## Simon Duffy – farewell and thanks

### *Chippy's school Head Simon Duffy sent the News his reflections*

Over 12 years ago I crossed the threshold in February 2006 as the 'new Headteacher of Top School'. The years have flown past – my longest time in any job – testament perhaps to the quality of Chipping Norton School and its community. It has been a hugely fulfilling role. So what will I miss most? An easy one. Schools are essentially about people and I will miss the students and staff tremendously. I have been fortunate to have seen some 3,000 students successfully move from Years 11 or 13 to the next phase of their lives. I am proud of the achievements, qualifications and skills that these students leave with, and proud of the part our school has played in making them the people they are. Having worked in six schools, I know the colleagues that I have had the pleasure of leading at CNS are among the very best I have worked with. Many have moved on to new challenges in education, but all have left their mark in their unwavering commitment to a richness of learning – the bedrock of our school ethos.

Teaching is never dull and dealing with its daily demands is often challenging and exhausting but always inherently rewarding. Students are endlessly fascinating, sometimes funny, frequently enthusiastic, maddening and engaging. I will miss most of all seeing children grow into thoughtful, considerate and successful young adults. But a

school is far more than just its teachers and students; it is a whole community in which parents play a crucial role.



The vast majority of our parents at CNS are hugely supportive and work alongside us in a positive way to encourage the very best from our students. This was never more important to us than following the 2015 Ofsted inspection. This support was invaluable and I would like to reiterate my gratitude for the encouragement and good wishes which contributed so significantly to making CNS the school it is today.

A few things I won't miss.... The relentless pace of educational change and the growing challenge of maintaining high quality education, when costs are rising and available funds failing. I won't miss those slow to praise but quick to blame, nor the latest list of acronyms, the snow days, Health and Safety paperwork and the false alarm fire warnings. I wouldn't have missed my time with you all for anything. I am proud to be handing over the School in excellent shape to Barry Doherty who, I am sure, will take CNS to an even better and brighter future. I would like to thank all staff, governors, parents and students for the part they have played in my time here and for their support. It has been my absolute pleasure and privilege to have led such a fine school.

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despite having planning permission for conversion to four flats. Whitbread told the News last year that they would put the building up for sale last January or February as part of a nationwide lot of their sites. However, nothing has happened, so the News contacted them again. The Senior Development Manager said in June that Whitbread had initially held on to the building for possible hotel expansion but this was now unlikely. He admitted that the building seemed to have 'slipped through the net'. It would be put on the market in the next couple of months with the benefit of planning permission to be sold on an unconditional basis. The Senior Development Manager seemed unaware that the planning permission was due to expire in six months. Perhaps this jog from the News might move things along! Watch this space!

## Chippy's listed buildings



Do you own one of Chipping Norton's listed buildings? If so, local MP Robert Courts would like to hear from you as he now has a place on the All-Party Parliamentary Group looking

into issues affecting listed properties. There are 126 listed structures in Chipping Norton and 3,200 across West Oxfordshire. Legislation to protect heritage assets can restrict changes and, also, proper maintenance can be expensive, say the Listed Property Owners' Club, which has highlighting the burden this can place on a property owner. At an open forum sponsored by LPOC in Witney in June, Mr Courts (pictured) heard from a steady stream of about 60 West Oxfordshire listed property owners and business people. Ideas put forward included reducing the VAT on repairs to encourage repair over replacement of historic features, simplifying the planning process for listed building work, and establishing a registration process for master builders with the specialist skills needed for work on historic structures. Our MP told the News, 'We are lucky to have so many beautiful listed properties throughout West Oxfordshire, but of course, by their nature, they bring a number of unique and often burdensome issues, which must be discussed, considered and addressed. I look forward to taking forward a number of the points raised'. If you have experience to share you can contact our MP at [robert@robertcourts.co.uk](mailto:robert@robertcourts.co.uk) or at The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA.

## Wychwood Project boost

The Wychwood Project, a charity set up to develop landscape in West Oxfordshire, has been given a £21,759 grant from WODC to help with education and conservation projects. Set up in 1997, the early aim was to restore the ancient forest of Wychwood, which includes land that reaches up to Chipping Norton. The Project has lots of opportunities for people to volunteer and get out into the countryside. One example is a day's introduction to dry stone walling on Wednesday 18 July 10am-3pm at Cogges Manor Farm in

Witney. The day will be led by an experienced local walker and you will be able to get stuck in continuing the walling efforts of previous courses at this traditional farm. Booking essential, £30 per person. Also, a special summer Go Wild camp runs from August 13-17, for 8-12 year olds, at Ascott under Wychwood Conservation Centre. Activities include: wildlife box making, dragonfly safari, otter holt building, and more. Booking is essential, see [www.wychwoodproject.org](http://www.wychwoodproject.org)

## Singing out – Welsh style!!

If you have not already got tickets for the Caerphilly Male Voice Choir concert on Saturday 7 July in St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton, just come along and get one on the door!! Concert starts at 7.30pm. £12 per person to listen to an amazing Choir with notable soloist Cheryl Roberts. The Friends of St Mary's Church and the Lions will be pleased to welcome you. Another date for your diary is Saturday 6 October with the Friends' Annual Barn Dance. More information coming soon – watch out for posters. Contact Jo Graves [jograves46@aol.com](mailto:jograves46@aol.com) for more information.

## Chippy gets more eating choice

Chippy seems to be becoming a destination for foodies, with several recent pub revamps and upgrades to add to a wide range of established places – from sandwich bars, to kebab takeaways and gourmet food.

The latest addition is Hitchmans in West Street, which replaces Wine Bear and opened with a buzz on Saturday 26 May with an enthusiastic crowd (pictured). The News Team explored what's now on offer finding a Mediterranean inspired



menu, alongside a freshly installed wood burning pizza oven. The team of Adam, Charlotte, Richard, Will and Shaide are all part of the 'Hitchmans family' – the name taken from the building's history as the former HQ of Chipping Norton's Hitchman & Co brewing company – running local pubs from 1796 until 1968. The team say their food is freshly made with an ethos about great tasting, simple dishes at affordable prices. The wine, drinks and cocktail list is chosen with an eye to quality – house white and reds are around £19/20. Hitchmans is open 12-9.30pm Tuesday to Sunday, for a coffee, drink, light snacks or a full meal. On Fridays/Saturdays occasional acoustic musicians & artists provide some relaxed post dinner entertainment from 9.30 to 11.30pm.

Elsewhere in Chippy, The Chequers reopened at a launch on 22 June – a spokesperson told the *Witney Gazette* they were keeping the place 'as traditional as possible' and that The Chequers' ethos was 'real ale for real people'. The Fox now has a chef with a Michelin star on his CV and offers a full breakfast, lunch and evening menu using 'locally sourced ingredients serving up the best that the Cotswolds has to offer'. The revamped Red Lion is offering pizzas on Thursday

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to Saturday nights (see article p10), and the News understands that the grand and now empty HSBC building has been sold to someone planning a possible restaurant and accommodation.

## Mighty Pieman & friends

The News Team found Nathan Tuckwell and friends tucking in to meat and delicious veggie pies on the opening day of The Mighty Pie Company in Chipping Norton's High Street. It seemed a happy affair, with much chatting and some cider-sipping. Different breads and home made pickles and chutneys are also on offer.



See article in last month's News for more details of Nathan's pie-making career.

## But ... not everyone's happy...



Recent efforts to bring more business to Chipping Norton Town Centre are not good enough, if one disgruntled individual is to be believed. In early June a notice handwritten in

capitals (circled in the photo above) was pinned on one town noticeboard and suggested that the Town might enter for the 'Worst High St of the year' award. In the anonymous note they suggested that we'd win if the criteria were 'nothing but coffee and pizza outlets, charity shops, empty shops, and a ready supply of cocaine ... the reality is no banks, ATMs that never work, and absolutely no diversity, just a smug grubby little town trying to be something it clearly is not'. The Town does still have some empty properties but readers may not agree totally with these sentiments. Views in response – pro or con – are welcome from all. (Please note for the letters page name and address must be supplied, even if not printed).

## Not quite millionaire's row

The BBC's latest survey claims that householders in England and Wales are increasingly likely to live on millionaire row as sales of £1m-plus homes rose to a new high last year. Apparently 2017 saw 16,119 properties sold for more than £1m, up 5.4% from 2016. Of course most were sold in London but the data shows that in the 10 years since 2007

- 649 homes in Oxford City sold for more than £1m with the top one £10.5m
- 121 sold in Cherwell with the tops at £3.7m
- 198 sold in our own West Oxfordshire District with £8m the highest

Chipping Norton town itself doesn't have that many £1m+ properties. Currently on Right Move none of the 103

properties for sale inside the parish boundaries are priced over £1m. But if we include all the local villages (eg Kingham, Charlbury, the Tews etc) we find seven out of 173 priced above £1m. Of course the really posh ones probably don't make it to Right Move!! In Chippy the most expensive for sale was a four-bed detached house in West Street for £850,000 and the cheapest a one-bed retirement flat in Millview for £59,950.

## Protected site in the Tews

This time it isn't the discovery of a rare species of flora or fauna that is being preserved. This is a site designated under the 2005 Serious Organised Crime and Police Act – and no, the Tews have not become an international centre for dastardly criminal gangs. All that has happened is that two young people are reportedly leasing a cottage, Westfield Large, on the Great Tew Estate, are having improvements made and will be moving in sometime after their wedding. In this instance though the improvements include installation of security cameras and motion sensors, a team of Thames Valley Police in unmarked armed response 4x4s, and a group of other police officers armed and wearing combat gear patrolling the area – so not just a quick trip to IKEA. The Duke and Duchess of Sussex, for it is they, have, very sensibly, elected to live in one of the most beautiful areas of the country, whilst their permanent country home York Cottage near Sandringham is renovated. The couple do come under the heading of a rarely sighted species, but the community around them is already used to the much grander Beckham family and, whilst excited about their new neighbours, are

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hopefully intent on allowing them to enjoy the peace and quiet of the Oxfordshire countryside.

## Building futures for local youth



The OX7's drop-in service (housed next to the Theatre's Box Office) is already producing results to help local young people develop skills. Vic McFarlane, the Project Key Worker (pictured left) said that a number of young people have gained real, practical help in getting into work, including one person now in full-time employment at Soho Farmhouse. ECN's Shaun Fagan is helping find

sponsorship and organisations that can help – Aldi's regional management has agreed in principle to support OX7. More on that soon. Another exciting prospect is a linkup with the Town's Health Centre which would see OX7 becoming an approved Social Prescribing service. Doctors could then refer young people to OX7 if they believe the service would be beneficial to them. Vic emphasises that the OX7 project isn't just about getting young people into work, it's about training and education too. The project has arranged training and education for two participants not yet ready to join the workplace. 'This is usually alternative training,' Vic explained, 'not necessarily in a school or college. These are people who haven't performed well in formal education, but we have the connections and knowledge to find more suitable training.' These participants can later move on to work placements programmes and then full employment. The OX7 team stresses that the service is open to all – anyone can come to see Vic at the drop-in service (Thursdays between 10am and 1pm) to discuss someone's situation, whether it's their own or someone close to them.

## News from the Bumblebees

After a cold spring, bumblebees are emerging, feeding on nectar and pollen in gardens and flower-rich meadows. Species such as white-tailed, buff-tailed and red-tailed bumblebees can be seen and are relatively easy to identify. If you would like to discover more about bumblebees and other pollinators come to Wild Oxfordshire's event at Chadlington Memorial Hall on Saturday 21 July. The conference is aimed at local environment groups with practical advice on the creation and management of bumblebee-friendly habitats. Gill Perkins, Director of the Bumblebee Conservation Trust, kicks off the day with a national perspective on bumblebees and their conservation. James Gillies (100 Meadows Project) will give advice on small meadow / wild flower patch creation and management. Parish councils and community groups who are already working to provide habitat for pollinators will discuss their inspiring work. In the afternoon there will be a visit to Chadlington Green, with local experts to identify different bumblebee species and their habitats. The conference starts at 10am, ending around 4.30pm. Entrance, lunch included, costs

£20 (£15 for Wild Oxfordshire members). Details from Roselle Chapman at [roselle@wildoxfordshire.org.uk](mailto:roselle@wildoxfordshire.org.uk)

**Craig Blackwell**

## ... and join a bee walk

Join Craig Blackwell (former county ecologist), on Saturday 4 August, from 11am-1pm for a 'walk and learn' bumblebee session. Meet at Applegarth Garden Centre, Chipping Norton to see their bee patch – and bee friendly plants, then a walk to the meadow for bees at Chipping Norton Leisure Centre. Learn all about the bumble bee's life cycle and what plants we can put in our gardens to support them.

## Nursery's sponsored Toddle

The newly opened Willow On The Farm nursery school in Hook Norton has a particular interest not only in indoor learning but in getting children 'offline and outside'. So in June they ran a Sponsored Toddle for around 19



toddlers and parents to walk over the farm raising around £700 to support a local charity called See Saw which was set up in 2000 to support bereaved children. The Nursery's Alice Clark told the News, 'The parents arrived laden with picnics, to be met by the children waiting to start their Toddle. The parents clambered aboard the tractor and trailer and set off down across the farm to the picnic place. The children then set off at a good pace and in 15 minutes we could hear them coming towards the picnic area – singing *Oats and Beans and Barley Grow*. The finishing line saw some big hugs. The children were given certificates by Lucy from See Saw and balloons. Everyone agreed it was a very special day for a very important charity. The Nursery itself is set in 150 acres of fields, allowing children to explore the farm and Forest School, meeting farm animals and going on weekly tractor and trailer rides. The Nursery says that the children can experiment, take risks and develop their imagination, inventiveness and resourcefulness!

## Local Plan ... nearly

Just when it looked as if the much-delayed West Oxfordshire Local Plan, with Chippy's 1200 home development area and 'Relief Road', was about to be adopted (supposedly in June), a new legal ruling threatens potential further delay. A recent European Court judgement clarified the stage in the assessment process at which mitigating the impacts of development on flora and fauna should be undertaken. West Oxfordshire, like many other councils, had already prepared an assessment of impacts on habitats of European importance of their local plan proposals. But, following the recent ruling, the Inspector has asked them to double check whether further Habitat Regulations Assessment work is needed. It is unlikely that there will be major changes to the plan; it is a procedural matter. But frustrating so late in the process.



## Good recycling but more to do!

After all Chipping Norton's bin regime changes last year – how are we doing? First, the good news. A 2017 national report of 350 English local authorities shows South



'Recycling' efforts at the New Street car park

Oxfordshire 3<sup>rd</sup> with 63.8% and West Oxfordshire District Council 4<sup>th</sup> with 63.4% of household waste recycled. Top was Yorkshire's East Riding at 65.4% and bottom Newham in London with 14.1%. Urban areas tend to fare badly – Oxford City was lower at 49%. WODC's Recycling Officer told the News that after last year's changes, good performance has now continued, but there were slightly higher levels of contamination in the recycling bins (people putting the wrong items in for recycling). She added, 'It's common when a new service is introduced. Residents should check what can and can't be recycled on our website and make sure they are recycling food waste weekly'. Also in June a WODC report to

District Councillors said that the changes last autumn, to a new operator, had initially caused problems because of 'loss of local knowledge' about collection locations, and missed collections were up in bad weather.

A County-wide report also said more needed to be done. Ideas such as charging by weight ('pay as you throw') from the Local Authority Recycling Advisory Committee (LARAC) were looked at. LARAC believe that such radical moves are needed to achieve higher recycling rates but might need legislation. Charlbury's County Councillor, Liz Leffman who helped lead the latest review said caution is needed, 'We found that most people want to recycle but there is confusion about what can and can't be recycled. Recycling all food waste could save £3m per year.' Local action is also important. The County report praised work by the Community Action Group project. Also Transition Chipping Norton has started a Plastics Action group, working to point people to useful resources and persuade local retailers, cafés and pubs to adopt better options and responsible practices. There is an easy to use A-Z of waste and recycling on the WODC website – [www.westoxon.gov.uk](http://www.westoxon.gov.uk).

## Co-op food 'too good to waste'

In their campaign to reduce the amount of food wasted, Midcounties Co-op supermarket are trialling a scheme to sell food for only 10p that is past its 'best before' date – but is still edible, legal and enjoyable. It will mainly be tinned and dried goods. 'Best before' dates are recommended by manufacturers but are not mandatory. Many such products will not deteriorate. 30-50% of food produced globally is wasted each year. (NB: it is 'Use By' dates that are legally enforced as products outside these may be harmful).

## Kitchen Garden's bumper crop

Chadlington Kitchen Garden is a producer-community partnership started in 2016. This year they are producing bumper crops of fruit, vegetables and salad, which are then distributed through their veg box scheme to local people. All



the produce is harvested on collection day, so it can be grown for taste and variety rather than shelf life. Regular customers have a say in what crops are grown, so there's no waste! If you'd like to see what they're doing, drop in on Monday mornings for the volunteer sessions or call Emma on 07954 324430 to arrange a visit. (See also NOOG report on p22.)

## Chadlington Summer Soirée

Why not drop in for a Summer Soirée from 6pm on Saturday, 21 July, at Vale Bank in Chadlington to raise funds for the Memorial Hall and the Chipping Norton Friends of the Blind group? The £5 entry fee includes a glass of wine and there will also be a barbeque with food for sale. Chadlington's Village Hall Development Project, started two years ago to look at renovating or replacing the Hall, has stalled because initial

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cost estimates looked beyond the means of the small village. The Parish Council is reviewing options for more modest improvement ideas, and money raised so far by fundraising events, like this year's Gin Thing, will go towards improving facilities of the Hall to benefit the whole village. At their last meeting the Parish Council thanked the development project committee members, in particular Siobhann Mansel-Pleydell, Jon Alsop and Claire Bradshaw.

## Rollright's last chance saloon?

The former Unicorn pub in Great Rollright is up for sale. The pub was closed in 1989, since which time the owner has tried and failed to get permission for housing. West Oxfordshire District Council is keen to ensure the pub is given a chance to succeed as a local community asset and have already stepped in to carry out emergency repairs to arrest total



collapse. Now specialist pub estate agents, Sidney Philips, are offering the freehold for sale at around £350,000. For that you get the ground floor bar with four-bedroom accommodation over, together with a large garden and stone barn. But the Grade II listed stone building is in a 'semi-derelict state', say the agents, not safe to enter and with no services connected. A further complication is that the vendor is insisting on 80% of any profits arising from any future sale of the property for an alternative use during the next 50 years. However, our area is full of pubs that succeed in the most out of the way places, so let's hope this fine C18<sup>th</sup> building finds a keen buyer soon.

## Boundary fence not approved

The boundary fence erected along a 160metre length of a residential property along Over Norton Road is not appropriate, a planning inspector has decided. The close-boarded timber fence was originally 1.8m high and later reduced to 1.4m high. Planning permission was refused on the grounds that it was 'an alien and incongruous urbanising feature' and an enforcement notice was served requiring its removal. The property owners appealed against the refusal and against the enforcement notice, but lost both appeals. The Inspector agreed with WODC, saying it was an 'extremely unsympathetic and incongruous addition' to the rural context.

## Katharine House update

**The Festival of Gardens** returns this summer with 30 gardens open. Dates in July are 1<sup>st</sup> Middleton Cheney (6 gardens), 8<sup>th</sup> Adderbury (2), 14<sup>th</sup> Epwell (1), 22<sup>nd</sup> Bledington (1), 22<sup>nd</sup> Heyford Park (5). **The Firewalk** on 12 October is a chance to walk on red hot embers for charity. No tricks. Email [getinvolved@khh.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@khh.org.uk) or call 01295 816 484 for details. **Bereavement Volunteers** are still needed by Katharine

House – a new foundation training programme starts in September. More information from Alison Mares, Volunteer Co-ordinator, on 01295 816 477 or [volunteering@khh.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@khh.org.uk)

## Pizza and Gelato at Red Lion



Chipping Norton-based Cotswold Pizza Company has opened their first permanent Pizza and Gelato restaurant and take-away in the Red Lion Pub along Albion Street. 'After a couple of summers running horse box based pizza

kitchens at weddings and events, we wanted to add a permanent offer in our home town', said owner, Abby Owen. Cotswold Pizza Company make Napoli style pizza in a wood fired oven, using fresh dough and ingredients from artisan producers from the Cotswolds and Italy. 'We pride ourselves on the quality of our ingredients – simple, sustainable and local. Our Gelato is not like English ice cream, it's made with milk not cream, from a single RSPCA-assured dairy herd in the Cotswolds. All our flavours are natural and importantly delicious, seriously delicious.' says Abby. The Cotswold Pizza Company is open in the Red Lion on Thursday and Friday evenings (6 to 9 pm) and all day Saturday (12noon to 9pm). You can eat in the sunny pub garden, inside the family and dog friendly pub, take away or just come and buy a Gelato waffle cone. The Company also has an events team offering catering

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## 'Scandal' started in Kingham



*Jeremy Thorpe celebrates his acquittal in 1979*

Some (probably older!) readers glued to the BBC's excellent *A Very English Scandal* have been kept enthralled by retelling of the 1960s tale of Liberal Party Leader Jeremy Thorpe's affair with Norman Scott, the suggested conspiracy to murder Scott, and dog Rinke's demise on Exmoor. One intriguing local connection revealed is that, reportedly, Thorpe, in late 1960 or 61, first bumped into Scott in Kingham, near Chipping Norton, when Thorpe was visiting a friend, one Norman Vater, who owned stables there. Scott (then called Josiffe) was working as a groom there and apparently living in Squirrel Cottage (owned by Vater) in the Daylesford Road.

Vater was apparently from Wales, the self-made son of a coalminer, who then inflated his name to 'Brecht Van de Vater'. He later added 'Honourable'. Vater apparently moved in high circles and entertained various men of consequence, including Thorpe, at his home in Kingham. Vater went on to be a dressage expert including appearing for Ireland in the 1976 Olympics. Thorpe supposedly wrote letters to Vater including one postcard, which Vater shared with Scott at the stables saying that, having learnt that Princess Margaret was engaged to Eton contemporary, Anthony Armstrong-Jones, he thought, 'What a pity. I rather hoped to marry one and seduce the other.'

On meeting in Kingham, Thorpe was sufficiently taken with Scott that he gave him his card and invited him to call in at the House of Commons if he ever needed help. Soon after this Scott left the stables after a disagreement with Vater. He later went to see Thorpe about all this and his loss of a National Insurance Card – presumably a result of the Vater issue. Things developed. Thorpe died in 2014 of Parkinson's Disease. Scott, aged 78, is still alive – offering lively comments on the BBC film and the history.

## Great Rollright Market

The next Markets (on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday each month) are on 7 July and 4 August, 9.30-12.30 in the Village Hall. A variety of home produced foods, crafts, ceramics, jewellery, organic cosmetics and plants. Wide price range, bargains, quality items. Welcoming café with bacon rolls! Warm, friendly, a great place to start the weekend.

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## Messing about on the river



Residents and staff of Chippy's Beech Haven care home enjoyed beautiful Oxfordshire sunshine on 18 May with a boat trip from Eynsham Lock down the Thames. Deputy Manager Sandra Marskell said, 'Seven of our residents, with four staff, enjoyed this fantastic experience through Henley's Rivertime Boat Trust charity. We set sail at 1400 hrs winding our way down the Thames and through Pink Hill lock. Our

residents had a fantastic time bringing back some happy memories for one particular gentleman on board. It was made special with the excellent knowledge and skills of the skipper Lucy and crew member Barbara. Residents enjoyed just cruising along with the added extra of an open air picnic on board.' The Rivertime Trust provides this service for people living with many disabilities; the boat is equipped with wheelchair access and a large sliding sunroof. Sandra added, 'There was glorious sunshine on that day so we just soaked it up. We will definitely be re-booking this fantastic opportunity for next year'

## Kevin and his fastest shed

Last month's edition reported the great news that the Fastest Shed had set an official new land speed record clocking just over 100mph. Fans may have wondered if it had a new owner – it hasn't! Proud



owner Kevin Nicks called the News to make sure we get his name right next time – big apologies Kevin. He told us that since his Pendine Sands record he was at York getting to 110 mph but had a setback with his engine breaking – so he's had to fit a new 450 bhp turbo engine. Kevin first registered the shed with the DVLA in 2015 as a legal vehicle with make and model designated as 'Fastest Shed'! He has clocked up 23,000 miles, is now investigating sponsorship from a US company and exploring taking it to Germany's Nurburgring race track. Kevin still enjoys his day job as a gardener but hopes to go on



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to some money-making ventures with the shed – and he's building another one.

## Cemetery War Memorial

As part of commemorations to mark the Centenary of the end of the First World War, the Royal British Legion Chipping Norton branch, with the Armed Forces Trust, commissioned a memorial board for the town cemetery. Based on research



*The British Legion and the ATC were represented at the unveiling ceremony at the Town Cemetery in May*

by branch chairman Steve Kingsford it tells the stories of the 12 servicemen from both World Wars who have Commonwealth war graves in the cemetery. It was unveiled by Mayor Don Davidson on Thursday 24 May in front of Town Councillors, Legion members and cadets from 136 Squadron ATC. The company then toured the cemetery laying a poppy cross on each grave. There are eight from the First World War and four from the Second. These include: sub-Flight Lieutenant Herbert Rutter Simms of the Royal Navy Air Service, 24, killed in action when shot down off Ostend on 5 May 1916; Private Charles Joines, 60, of the Royal Defence Corps who died after guarding port facilities at Newhaven on 26 January 1917 and Private Edwin Burbidge, 18, who died of cardiac failure and influenza on 7 October 1918, whilst training with the 53rd Young Soldier Battalion.

The Chairman was then shown an overgrown grave inscribed 'William Bryan, killed in action at Gallipoli'. Corporal Bryan, from Steeple Aston, served as a regular soldier from

1910 and married Chipping Norton girl Edith Haynes in February 1915. He was posted to Gallipoli with the 4th Battalion, the Worcestershire Regiment and killed in action on 4 June 1915. He was 31 and has no known grave. Edith returned to Chipping Norton living at 24 Rock Hill. She never re-married and died in 1937 aged 57. On her grave her husband is remembered; they shared little time together. The Branch, with Cemetery Committee permission, aim to restore her grave as a tribute to her and all women in the Town who endured such sadness as a result of the war. Steve Kingsford would like to hear from any relatives of Edith living in the area. Visit [www.chippingnortonbritishlegion.com](http://www.chippingnortonbritishlegion.com) or more information.

## Swimming summer at Lido

Midsummer's been and gone, the Lido season is flying by but there's still plenty of swimming time ahead. For anyone over 16 who would like to train as a lifeguard, join the NPLQ course Saturday 7 to Wednesday 11 July. Up to 19 July, every



Thursday 12.30-2.30pm there is free entrance for under 5s (accompanied in the water by a paying adult). Come for a swim and play in the toddler pool or main pool. Bring a picnic or snacks to enjoy on the lawn. Toys, floats, woggles, goggles and armbands will be available – so let's see the next generation of swimmers. For older children there are still some places on intensive swimming courses, from Monday 23 July running Monday-Friday for the following four weeks. Book one week or all four – it's up to you. See the website, email [info@chippylido.co.uk](mailto:info@chippylido.co.uk) or call 643188 for more information. The Lido hopes to offer another late swim at some point over the summer and don't forget our pop-up pizzeria, courtesy of Velo Pizzeria, each Saturday 4-7pm. See [www.chippylido.co.uk](http://www.chippylido.co.uk), [facebook/ChippyLido](https://www.facebook.com/ChippyLido) and [Twitter @ChippyLido](https://twitter.com/ChippyLido) or call 643188 for all more on above and updates. The Lido is run as a charity by the community for the community. You can support directly via [www.Totalgiving.com](http://www.Totalgiving.com) and/or via [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chippylido](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/chippylido) as you shop online. Many thanks for your support!

**Claire Williamson**

## Films at Churchill

Two Screen by the Green movies are showing at Churchill and Sarsden Village Hall this summer. On Saturday 14 July – **The Post** stars Meryl Streep and Tom Hanks in a remarkable and exhilarating drama created by Steven Spielberg set in the 1970s and centred around the infamous Pentagon Papers which covered 30 years of US involvement in the Vietnam war. On Saturday 4 August – **Victoria and Abdul** has Judi Dench in her second remarkable outing as Queen Victoria, with Ali Fazal as the servant sent from India who develops a protective relationship with the monarch. Michael Gambon, Simon Callow, Olivia Williams and Tim Piggott-Smith all add to the mix. All films start at 7.30; tickets £5 on the door. For

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## Welcome to Teasels



Teasels, a new antique and interiors business has opened in the Worcester Road Trading Estate – run by local entrepreneur Holly Hinchliffe Cooper (pictured). 140 guests went to the opening on 7 June – and an eclectic mix of supporters, trade colleagues, local dignitaries and Holly's friends and family. Chipping Norton's most recent retail addition is a burst of colour and textures, selling everything from clothes to bright cushions, furniture and vibrant rugs. Holly said, 'Teasels is an ever evolving space that reflects my style. Come in and talk anything materials, antiques and interiors'. Teasels, named after the owner Holly's childhood pet dog, sees a lifelong ambition materialise. Holly, a local girl

who went to Chadlington primary and Chipping Norton Schools then Banbury Art College, added 'I have been working towards this since I was 16'. She has several traders in residence, sources many items locally and will be running workshops soon. Contact Holly at [Info@teasels.co.uk](mailto:Info@teasels.co.uk). Visit Facebook, Twitter and Instagram or 6 Worcester Road Trading Estate, Chipping Norton, OX7 5XW.

## Mischief & mayhem at Library

Are you ready for the FREE summer reading challenge at Chipping Norton Library? From 13 July to 15 September children across Oxfordshire can join the Mischief Makers for the Summer Reading Challenge 2018.



Explore a map of Beanotown to find the mysterious buried treasure and become ultimate mischief makers ... Dennis, Gnasher and friends will help you solve clues and collect stickers, having lots of fun along the way! Read at least six library books of your choice over the summer holidays. As you read, collect stickers to help solve the clues and find the treasure. Complete the challenge and get your own Beano wristband, medal and certificate.

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There will be fantastic new books and activities at the Library throughout the summer holidays including a Science Oxfordshire event on Tuesday 14 August (time tbc) and there's more on [www.mischief-makers.org.uk](http://www.mischief-makers.org.uk). Psst... adults can get involved too. Look out for the 'Oxfordshire Reads' postcards to enter a prize draw! On Thursday 19 July at 2.30pm we're holding a free event for adults called *Memory Makers – Exploring Diaries from Pepys to today*. Join us for an informal discussion on what is so fascinating about diaries and the writers whose memories they hold. Share recommendations of diaries you've enjoyed reading and go home with lots of ideas for your next read!

**Sally Moore**, Librarian

## Summer holiday club

A free two-day holiday club for 5-11 year-olds is being run by St Mary's Church Chipping Norton on 14 and 15 August from 9.45am to 1.30pm. Becca Sterry, Children and Families worker at St Mary's, says the theme of the Club will be 'colour'. Her aim is to help children 'embrace difference and know that we are all totally loved by God' whilst having lots of fun along the way. The Club is free and includes a lunch for all the family when the children are picked up at the end. Email [children@stmaryscnorton.com](mailto:children@stmaryscnorton.com) for more information.

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## Police and community safety

*This month, news from police and an award for our Neighbourhood Watch volunteer co-ordinator*

**Neighbourhood Watch award** Clare Percival, organiser of Chipping Norton Neighbourhood Watch, was honoured for



*Clare pictured at the awards ceremony with Superintendent Mark Johns and Inspector Stephen Hookham*

her volunteering at Thames Valley Police's Community Awards in May. She was out again at Organisations Day setting up the Watch stall at 9am – staying all day, talking to people about safety for themselves and their families, encouraging people to join the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. This is only the latest in a round of public occasions attended by Clare in the past few months to promote the Watch to the public all over West Oxfordshire. Her commitment goes alongside a desire to help make her home town a safe and supportive environment for everyone – being good neighbours in the best possible way. When her caravan was stolen Clare decided that she needed to do more than just be angry and she helped set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme to benefit the whole of Chippy. Since then the scheme has gone from strength to strength and Clare is now helping other communities set up schemes based on this model. Clare has also lent her support to The Lawrence Home Nursing Team fundraising group; served as Chair of Governors for Chipping Norton Pre-School and co-ordinates the local Community Resilience Group. On winning the Community Volunteer Award, Clare said, 'I never would have thought that I would be nominated for doing something that I enjoy doing and am passionate about.' Congratulations to Clare and to the 400 police officers, PCSOs, special constables and volunteers who were nominated for awards for their work in making our communities safer.

**Smash & Grabs** PCSO Wes Smith reports an increase in smash and grab thefts. Thieves have been targeting vehicles parked at beauty spots across Chipping Norton. Rollright Stones, Wychwood Forest, Chastleton House and Sarsden House are some of the areas that have been targeted. Watch out!

**High Street issues** In early May PCSO Smith also reported criminal damage on the High Street in Chipping Norton. The MASH store had one of its statues outside damaged. Police are reviewing CCTV. Late May also saw reports of shoplifters along Topside with shop staff warning each other.

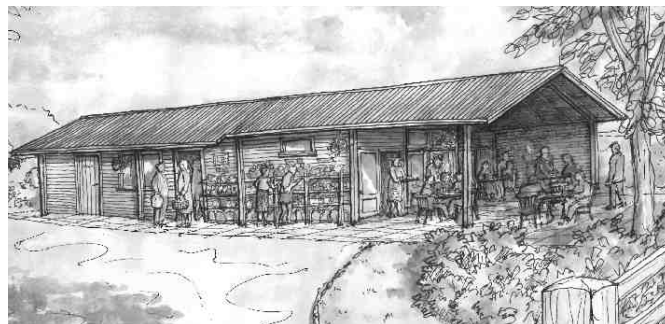
**Car park vandalism** Police are appealing for witnesses after offenders smashed a car passenger window in Albion Street car park over night on 9 June. Any information – call 101.

**Crime statistics** Latest reported crime numbers for Chipping Norton area in April were a total of 57 offences:

Anti-social behaviour 12, cycle theft 1, burglary 9, other crime 1, other theft 7, public order 2, shoplifting 1, theft from person 2, vehicle crime 4, violence and sexual offences 15. Please visit <https://www.police.uk/shape/sMiIqH/> for more information including outcomes for these crimes and contact information for your local policing team.

## Bledington Community Shop

Recently the News reported the proposal for a new community-owned shop and café in Bledington. Thanks to an amazingly generous response the project has attracted



£100,000 in the last six weeks to add to the £240,000 already raised, and it is anticipated that construction work will begin in the autumn. As well as donations from local charities and individuals, the project has benefitted from a share offer supported by The Big Potential Breakthrough funded by the National Lottery. By this time next year a ten year old dream will be a reality and the tremendous effort of Bledington residents will mean the community has a focus again.

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# IN THE SPOTLIGHT

## Nick – the ‘CancerJourneyMan’

*A News Team member met an inspirational local cancer survivor. Here’s his story*

Three years ago, Nick Parker from Over Norton was diagnosed with advanced Stage 4 prostate cancer that had metastasized all over his skeleton. Doctors gave him literally months to live but Nick is about to celebrate his three year anniversary post-diagnosis. Nick, now a motivational speaker, decided to fight and challenge his prognosis, rather than just accepting it at face value. Having suffered with high blood pressure and a stressful lifestyle in the past and now with apparently terminal cancer, he needed to turn his life around, and fast.

Following initial conventional chemotherapy with the usual undesirable side effects, he assessed everything about his lifestyle, changing to a whole food plant-based vegan diet, harnessing the goodness from, for example, the entire apple or lemon rather than just the juice or any refined derivative, including ‘blitzing’ a whole lemon and making ice cubes from it! This extreme vegan diet combined with many other lifestyle changes took the place of chemo and over time helped reduce his PSA (PSA is a protein measure for prostate cancer) to normal levels. As part of his own ‘wheel of complete health wisdom’ he also embraces something called the aggregation of marginal gains successfully adopted by Sir Clive Woodward and Sir David Brailsford.



Using this, Nick has picked 14 key areas where significant health and wellbeing gains can be made, including ‘baking in rest and relaxation’, ‘avoiding the toxins of life’ and ‘maintaining strong spirituality’. He has just been on a Buddhist retreat where he spent the whole time in silence, centring and refocussing his thoughts, while practising mindfulness in the lotus position. On returning he measured his PSA as he has done

monthly since diagnosis; this was reduced by 82% compared to before the retreat. Nick is now in a NED – no evidence of disease – phase and his consultant oncologist is astounded at his progression and the depth of research and monitoring he has done to get to where he has – quite unique. He is passionate about sharing what he has learned and achieved on his journey away from cancer, and seeks to ‘inspire people to take control and challenge conventional medical thinking’.

Nick has hired Chippy Theatre on 29 September for ‘ChippyWellFest’ where he and other health professionals will present life-changing treatments, diets and strategies for everyone. He hopes this might become a regular event. Watch out for more information about this and see Nick’s website [www.thecancerjourneyman.co.uk](http://www.thecancerjourneyman.co.uk)

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# SUMMER TIME

## Summer memories

**Anyone remember those favourite childhood summer holidays? We asked the News Team to dig out some of their dusty photos. Here's a few they found.**

'Who remembers droopy swimming costumes? And pebbly beaches? Four cousins being bossed around by the eldest, a boy of course, and all in soggy hand-knitted swimsuits. Sunny Bexhill-on-Sea in the 1950s was the home of our grandmother and we all descended on her (sometimes 14 of us – how did she manage?) for a fortnight.'



'Fishing with nets in slippy rock pools, lifting pebbles to find tiny crabs, throwing them back in the freezing North Sea. Collecting



shells and pretty pebbles to arrange as pictures or messages to be 'seen from the moon'. Building sand boats, sand cars, sand castles always with a flag or two and being buried up to our necks in sand. Sand cricket. Sand in the sandwiches, despite sheltering behind wind-breaks. Burnt shoulders with calamine dabs (not often: this was Northumberland!).'



'Pulling silly faces with brother and cousins at Bodiam Castle in the 50's, a special treat. My brother wearing our grandfather's ceremonial helmet .... minus plumes.'

'Earliest sunny summer memories of mucking about on Sandown beach in the Isle of Wight in 1952 with my mum and grandad – I never did learn to swim properly but developed a lifelong addiction to making sandcastles.'



'Back in the early 50s no far flung foreign holidays for me with my mother & father and two elder sisters. Did I mind? Not at all as Winchelsea had everything a cheeky little three-year-old needed: sand, rock pools, ice cream and my favourite breakwater. And I seem to remember that the sun shone every day.'



'In the early fifties, it took two days to travel from Lancashire to Cornwall, with a night's stopover in the Cotswolds. Late in the afternoon on day two, we reached out destination and the first glorious views of the seaside. Two weeks of bliss! Pictured here are two little girls on the beach with their Daddy.'



'In my late teens, back around 1989, racing newly popular mountain bikes. During long summer school breaks I cycled right round Britain,

to Rome and back, northern Spain and back, clocking up nearly 8,000 miles and £3,000 for charity! This year I'm cycling 200 miles from Glasgow to Inverness with my old touring pal.'

**Are our Newsreaders clocking up any memorable experiences this summer? Contributions and photos welcome.**

**Come & Join Chipping Norton the News Team**



**Volunteers welcome – especially for help with computer layout / DTP, proofreading, distribution & writing or editing news stories. Next monthly meeting is 30 July. Call Jill on 643219 for details.**



# Chipping Norton News



## Summer Supplement

For visitors and all regular readers, a special centre feature of summer fun starts here with lots to do and see!

### Our thriving historic Cotswolds Town

Whether you are a welcome summer visitor, or part of the friendly Chipping Norton community, our town is a great place to spend time in – and a wonderful base for getting out into the Cotswolds. Looking for more to do around and about? See inside for more on:

Picnics & cocktails

Top 10 things for bored kids

Fetes & Festivals

On the buses

Exploring the countryside

If you are new to town, start by taking a walk round to find out more about our Cotswold Jewel. Start at Repton's magnificent **Town Hall**, visit the **Museum** (opposite the steps) or call in the Lower Town Hall at the Saturday morning Visitor

If you have time to spare, try the **Library** (they may have a children's workshop on), call in **The Theatre** Box Office and its Gallery (for a free exhibition), try one of the Town's many cafés, pubs and restaurants, or



Information desk to find out what's on and pick up a walks guide. Or alternatively download the free Real Town Tour walking App from [www.ExperienceChippingNorton.org](http://www.ExperienceChippingNorton.org). Try the mile-long heritage walk from the Town Hall along the bustling Georgian High Street to the old **Hitchman's Brewery**; beyond to **Bliss Mill**, the Norman **Castle** banks, past the grand **St Mary's Wool Church**, beautiful **Almshouses**, and medieval **Guildhall**, then on a gentle ramble back to the town centre, taking in 1,000 years of history along the way.



just browse in the shops – the Town has a number of delightful independent gift shops.

The Experience Chipping Norton walking App also includes a 2½-mile circular walk through the Cotswold countryside, via the village of Over Norton through ancient meadows, churchyards and kissing gates and back into the Town. And there's also a bracing 10-mile return walk from Chipping Norton to the mystical Rollright Stones, a prehistoric landmark which was voted one of the Seven Wonders of the Cotswolds.

### Visitor Information

The nearest 'official' Visitor Information office is in Burford (01993 823558) but the Information Point at the Guildhall has leaflets, advice and computer access to tourist information (tel 01993 861000, open Mon-Thurs 8.45-4.30, 4pm on Fri, closed 1-2). On Saturday mornings local volunteers run a very helpful visitor information desk (10-1) at the Town Hall.

Care has been taken to give accurate information but it is always best to check before making a special journey.

All phone numbers have STD code 01608 unless otherwise stated.

## Picnic Pleasures

Take a picnic in and around Chipping Norton? There are plenty of places to roll out a blanket, enjoy a hamper in the summer sun, kick back and take in the surroundings. Close to home find a grassy lawn at **The Lido**, watch the kids at the **Recreation Ground**, find the **Community Orchard** over the stream, or check out the views of **Bliss Mill** on the Common (watch out for the cows).



Count the **Rollright Stones** while snacking and absorbing the view of the rolling hills. Further afield take a walk around **Broughton Castle** and gardens, the setting for filming *Wolf Hall*, *Jane Eyre*, *Shakespeare in Love*. Then perfect for a family day out is **Broadway Tower**, standing in a dramatic location with some of the best views in England. You might see up to 16 counties from the Tower's top? A paradise for cyclists, walkers and wildlife lovers. ....and here are some picnic essentials:

- Easy to make – try a quinoa, beetroot & feta salad. Pack your salad in a large jar or Tupperware container to keep it fresh with a small jar containing your dressing ready to serve.
- No picnic is complete without Scotch eggs & there's a wide selection at Rogér's on New Street.
- Make a showstopper pie to impress (or buy one from Mighty Pie on Topsidel!) or find a scrumptious quiche in a deli or supermarket.
- Let your guests make their own sandwiches and go Italian with some crusty bread an antipasti selection of cured meats, roasted veg and creamy buffalo mozzarella.
- For pudding meringues are always a great option with fresh fruit and cream.



Don't forget your bottle opener and a bin bag to pick up your litter wherever you go!

## On the buses

In spite of cuts, there are some great summer bus trips from Chippy. Check timetables before you go and don't miss the last bus home! Timings below correct on going to press.



**S3 to Enstone-Woodstock-Oxford centre and rail station** (daily) ([www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)) A much improved service with early first and late last buses. On Mon-Sat, the last regular S3 leaves Oxford rail station at 23.35 with night services (extra fares) at 00.05 (N7) and 00.35 (NS3). The last Sunday return to Chippy at 23.05 is a Route 7 via Summertown & Oxford Parkway. Daily between 09.08 and 18.08, S3 buses leave West Street hourly at xx.08. Woodstock offers Blenheim Palace – use back entrances for a free walk through the grounds. Visit the interesting Oxfordshire Museum & Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum. Oxford has lots to offer – Museums of Natural History, History of Science, Modern Art, Pitt Rivers, Ashmolean, Bodleian Library, two main theatres, cinemas, University Parks, Botanic Gardens, eateries of all types and shopping! Save money and buy on the S3 through Oxford Tube tickets to London. Stagecoach offer 'Family Gold' tickets, valid 24 hrs on most Oxfordshire services, for trips on to Bicester, Swindon, Witney, etc.

**50 to Shipston-on-Stour and Stratford upon Avon** (daily) ([www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com) from Monday to Saturday and [www.johnsonscaches.co.uk](http://www.johnsonscaches.co.uk) for Sunday) for visits to the Shakespeare sights etc in Stratford plus the theatres and the riverside. But last buses back are at 17.30 (Mon-Sat) and 17.50 (Sun).

**210 to Wychwoods-Crawley-Leafield-Witney** (Mon-Fri) ([www.WOCT.org.uk](http://www.WOCT.org.uk)) operated by a Community Benefit Society, helps villagers visit Witney & Chippy, but allows Chippy folk to go to Shipton or Milton in the middle of the day (dep West Street at 10.50). Try out The Hare (Milton), Wychwood Inn, Shaven Crown, Lamb Inn (Shipton) or take a walk through Wychwood Wild Garden in Shipton. Last bus back 15.21 from Milton.

**488/489 to Over Norton-Great Rollright-Hook Norton-Bloxham-Banbury** (Monday to Saturday) ([www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com)) voted in the top 50 bus routes in 'Bus-Pass Britain'. Visit Hook Norton Brewery en-route. In Banbury there is the Museum, (through Castle Quay Shopping Centre), the canal and Tooley's Boatyard. Last bus back 18.05 from Banbury.

**X9 to Chadlington-Spelsbury-Charlbury-Witney** (Mon-Sat) ([www.pulhamscoaches.com](http://www.pulhamscoaches.com)) Sample refreshments at Café de la Post, Chadlington or goodies at Chadlington Quality Foods, scarecrows in Spelsbury, eateries and the Church in Charlbury. Witney has a shopping centre, Thursday market, local history museum (blankets, beer and engineering!) and Cogges Manor Farm with children's attractions. Last buses back 18.20 Mon-Fri and 16.00 Sat.



## 10 Things to do

How can you stop that holiday? Here are five suggestions around Chipping Norton.

1. **Have fun at The Lido** – heated. 12.30-6.30pm plus Toddlers pool, grassy swimming course for over 16s. [www.chippyildo.co.uk/](http://www.chippyildo.co.uk/)



2. **Hold a shake party** – Tickettyshake in Middle Street. Find out how to host their own Shake Party
3. **Rocking Recreation** – Recreation Ground has a good toolshed, equipment for older kids and free outdoor gym
4. **Cycling challenge** – try a 10 mile ride burns 2500 calories! See, hear and smell a tent and stop a local
5. **Try a summer workshop** – Library, ACE Children's Centre run workshops and activities (see items in News and Events)

And here are five ideas a day

6. **Archery for Robin Hood** – bows & arrows at Batsford for 2 hours. [www.cotswoldarchery.co.uk](http://www.cotswoldarchery.co.uk) display nearby!
7. **Love those Crocodiles** – of the World – excellent for a family ticket – great
8. **Water sports and nature** – Park nr Cirencester is great for parking to get in. sports, archery, biking, out by the water's edge
9. **Check out those Romans** – family tickets for around a recent school trip go
10. **Try some climbing** (with adults) – centre nr Northleach is great for climbing, bouldering and

And some tips to keep the holiday from losing the phone chargers, find out or invent some money-earning free pocket money.

## do with the Kids

holiday teenage boredom? Here  
and Chipping Norton

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y – pop into award-winning  
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ow to give your kids & friends

- Chippy's New St recreation  
ddlers' park and new slide plus  
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machines for adults

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([www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org](http://www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org)) A 25  
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shop In Chippy The Theatre,  
Centre, and Leisure Centre all  
activities for kids aged 3 to 18  
(Arts)

car ride away

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ford Arboretum - £25 per child  
5/5 on Trip Adviser.  
o.uk See the amazing falconry

– At Brize Norton is Crocodiles  
value compared to some – £27  
eat fun and educational too.

**Nearest beach!** Cotswold Water  
under an hour away. Just pay  
Activities cost extra: water  
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## Cocktails al fresco in Chippy

Fancy a summer cocktail on a lazy day in Chippy? There are some great 'Al Fresco' spots tucked away. The **Crown & Cushion** has the largest outdoor decked area with attractive flower beds – child-friendly and wheelchair accessible. The balcony of **Bitter & Twisted** is the best to survey the action in Market Square. In Middle Row, **Whistlers** bistro cum cocktail bar has seating outside away from traffic. **The Kings Arms** in West St has a large rear courtyard, and along Albion St, **The Red Lion** has a terrace. **The Fox** has a hidden stepped terrace at the back, and outside **The Blue Boar** you can sit and watch lorries rolling by! Here are two great local cocktails to try

**Summer Fizz:** Catarina at the Crown & Cushion sent this non-alcoholic tippie (pictured right). Ingredients: 100 ml Orange Juice, 100 ml Cranberry Juice, 100 ml Elderflower Pressé, a dash of Lemonade, a dash of Angostura Bitters, 1/2 tea spoon sugar. Well mixed, served over crushed ice and dried Cranberries, dressed with fresh Mint, an Orange slice and a Strawberry.



**The Cotswold Mule:** Liam at Bitter & Twisted added a favourite stronger cocktail (pictured left): 'perfect when the sun is shining to quench that thirst'. Ingredients: Cotswold Gin, Kings Ginger Liqueur, Triple Sec, Lime, Mint, Ginger, Lemongrass, Fever Tree Ginger Ale ...Served over crushed ice. Sip this on B&T's balcony and watch the Town go by!



Further afield – try gardens or terraces at **The Salford Arms**, **The Tite Inn** Chadlington, and the **Art Yard Café** and **The Crown** in Enstone.

## Out & About in the Countryside

Fancy keeping fit, while enjoying the countryside? Here are some suggestions:

**Cotswold Warden Walks** – are guided by volunteer wardens acting as stewards of our local countryside. See [www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk](http://www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk)

- Tuesday 24 July – Start: 4.30pm. Difficulty: Easy. Duration: 3hrs Distance 5 miles. From the Rollright Stones. An evening walk to the three ancient Stones sites. A classic walk in rolling countryside to be enjoyed in the cooler part of the day.
- Sunday, 12 August – Start: 2:30pm. Difficulty: Easy Duration: 1.5 hrs Distance: 2 miles. From: Stonesfield, near Post Office. A Sunday afternoon stroll around Stonesfield village, once a centre for production of the characteristic Cotswold roofing slates.
- Thursday, 23 August – Start: 1pm. Difficulty: Moderate Duration: 3hrs Distance: 5.5 miles. From: Whichford Pottery. An afternoon walk through woodland and fields in the Warwickshire Cotswolds AONB
- Wednesday, 29 August – Start: 10am. Difficulty: Easy Duration: 3.5 hrs Distance: 7 miles. From: The Crown Inn, Church Enstone. A walk along the Glyme Valley to the grounds of Kiddington Hall.

**Nature Reserves** – For a beautiful woodland and garden try Wychwood Wild Garden in Shipton-u-Wychwood covering 12.5 acres of avenues, woods and ponds The main entrance is on the A361 opposite Shipton Court. Foxholes is a tranquil woodland sloping down to the River Evenlode with



year-round colour and wildlife interest. Managed by BBOWT this 165 acre reserve has a 1.75 mile Wildlife Walk clearly marked with badger waymarkers. See [www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org](http://www.oxfordshirecotswolds.org)

**Wild Swimming** – defined as the practice or activity of swimming for pleasure in natural waters, typically rivers and lakes. You can of course swim wildly at the Wilderness Festival (see over) and also in the Evenlode at Stonesfield though some find it a little shallow. More at [www.wildswimming.co.uk](http://www.wildswimming.co.uk)

**Wild Food Foraging** – Chipping Norton's local Wild Food Foraging group is an informal, friendly gathering. They learn how the environment can sustain our lives, and share knowledge about delicious, nutritious foods we can gather for free! This has been part of traditional country living across all ages and locations. Meet on the last Sunday every month 3-5pm, starting at the Town Hall steps. Email [TransitionChippingNorton@gmail.com](mailto:TransitionChippingNorton@gmail.com) for details

# Fetes, Fairs & Festivals

## Major music festivals

**Cornbury Music Festival** (Fri 13-Sun 15 July) is back at Great Tew Park. Headlining on Friday are UB40 and Jimmy Cliff; Alanis Morissette tops the bill on Saturday with Pixie Lott and P P Arnold. Closing the show on Sunday are Squeeze. Other acts including Deacon Blue, Peter Asher (World Without Love) and Stereo MC's. A full comedy stage features James Acaster, Katy Brand and Phil Wang. The Hairy Bikers roar into Oxfordshire for a 3-day pop-up Woodfire restaurant adventure. [www.cornburyfestival.co.uk](http://www.cornburyfestival.co.uk)

**Battle Proms Picnic Concert at Blenheim Palace**, Sat 21 July. Gates open 4pm. From 6pm a WWI cavalry display, 6.35pm freetail by the Red Devils and toe-tapping Jazz from The Vignettes. 60-piece New English Concert Orchestra's programme includes traditional proms favourites. 193 live cannons & spectacular firework finale. [www.battleproms.com](http://www.battleproms.com)

**Wilderness**, Cornbury Park Thurs 2-Sun 5 August. The multi-genre music festival is set amongst rich forests, lakes and parklands. Escapism, creative freedom and flourishing cultures; the ideal balance between relaxation and revelry. Headliners: Nile Rodgers & Chic, Bastille, Justice, Jon Hopkins plus many more. Talks, debates, theatre, arts, comedy, dance, boutiques .... You can choose quiet, family camping or luxury glamping! [www.wildernessfestival.com](http://www.wildernessfestival.com)



**Fairport's Cropredy Convention** Thurs 9-Sat 11 August. Line-up includes The Levellers, Richard Digance, Fish and Police Dog Hogan apart from the eponymous Fairport Convention themselves. Markets in three main areas offer a diverse range of goodies plus catering stalls, craft and clothing shops. Trinkets and goodies along the canal towpath with more market stalls in the village. Large camping area. [www.fairportconvention.com](http://www.fairportconvention.com)

**The Big Feastival** Alex James' Farm, Fri 24-Sun 26 August. OX7 6UJ. A feel good festival of food and music for all the family. Headliners: Craig David, Paloma Faith, James Arthur & X-Factor winners Rak-Su plus other talented bands. Top chefs Raymond Blanc, Marco Pierre White and Andi Oliver. Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park, lifestyle village, vintage funfair, pop-up restaurants, village green games, camping and glamping village. [www.thebigfeastival.com](http://www.thebigfeastival.com)

## Local Fetes & Fun

**Hook Norton Charity Music Festival** Fri 6 July, 7.30pm-11pm & Sat 7, 1.30-11.30pm. A wonderful small family-friendly village music festival at the Brewery featuring John Coghlan's Quo and many more. Saturday features traditional Village Fayre. Ales, food vendors galore. [www.hookymusic.co.uk](http://www.hookymusic.co.uk)

**Long Compton Annual Summer Fete** with Dog Show. Sat 7 July 2-5pm. Raffle, stalls, bar, community choir, country dairy, crafts etc. Children's fancy dress (Country Life)

**Milton-u-Wychwood Fete** Sat 7 July. Village Parade 1.15pm. Fete 2-5pm. Fancy dress, live entertainment, children's games, stalls, fairground rides, tombola, BBQ, tug-of-war. Theme 'All That Jazz'.

**Kingham Summer Fete** Sun 8 July from 2pm. The Wild West: Rodeo bull, shooting gallery, kids wild west fancy dress, BBQ, live music, big raffle prizes, games and stalls.

**St Mary's Church Fun Day** - Chipping Norton Sat 14 July 12-3pm on the New St Recreation Ground, bouncy castles, bubble football, a hog roast, cream teas, nail painting, face painting and meet a real life hit TV show Gladiator.

**Shipton-u-Wychwood New Beaconsfield Hall**, Sat 14 July 1-4pm. 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Hall. Beer tent, pet's corner, nerf gun area, children's races, jousting, cakes sale, Wychwood Saplings Drama Group, Wychcraft Choir and Wychwood Singers. The Rock Project Musicians. The organisers hope also to greet any people who have used the Hall since 1988.

**The Theatre Garden Party** Sat 21 July, 36 New Street, 2-4.30pm. See Arts page 17 for details.

**Hook Norton Festival of Fine Ales** Sat 21 July from noon. Real ales, pig roast, music etc. A great family day. Visit [www.hookybeerfest.co.uk](http://www.hookybeerfest.co.uk) for details. OX15 5NQ

**Cogges Beer & Cider Festival** Witney Fri 27-Sun 29 July 6.30pm-11pm. 40+ locally brewed beers and ciders, live music, children's activities, Morris Dancing, games, delicious food, have-a-go belly-dancing. Tickets £10 adv/12 on day. [www.cogges.org.uk](http://www.cogges.org.uk)



**Riverside Festival** Charlbury Sat 28 July 12-10pm, Sun 29 11-8pm. Free music festival, over 40 acts playing across three stages. Details [www.riversidefestival.charlbury.com](http://www.riversidefestival.charlbury.com)

**BBC Countryfile Live** Blenheim Palace Fri-Sun 2-5 August. Fantastic family fun day out. Wildlife zone. Ice cream parlour. Main arena. Adam's Farm. Equine corner. Shopping. Displays. National Trust events. Waterside activities. Adv.adults £30/child £15. [www.countryfilelive.com](http://www.countryfilelive.com)

**South Newington Flower & Produce Show** Sat 11 August 2pm with village fete. Marquee, band, Fun Dog Show,, Hook Norton Brewery dray, children's games, sideshows and stalls.

**Whichford & Ascott Flower Show & Fete** Monday 27 August 1.30-5pm on the village green. Flower & Craft Show. Spitfire flypast. Vintage teas. Local band Wired. Fun Dog Show, children's sports, go karts, teacup roundabout, candy floss, Punch & Judy, tug of war, pig roast, vintage cars, tractors, ice creams, pub all day, stalls, sideshows, refreshments



**Wychwood Forest Fair** Sun 2 Sep 11am-5pm. Lodge Farm, Ditchley Park, between Charlbury and Woodstock. Main fundraising event to support Wychwood Project conservation work. Displays by Wychwood Barn Owl and Flora groups, rural crafts, children's fun fair, Morris dancing, food vendors, beer tent (featuring Wychwood Brewery beer!).

# THE ARTS

## The Theatre Norton

**Mummies, pyramids and a daft genie** – Tickets for this year's panto *Aladdin* are now on sale. Box Office 642350. [www.chippingnortontheatre.com](http://www.chippingnortontheatre.com).



*Earlybird bookers snapped queuing from 7am on the first day of Panto sales*

**Your help needed!** The Theatre, Chipping Norton is a registered charity, which through ticket sales, advertising, merchandise and sponsorship earns over 70% of the annual income needed to manage and maintain the building and its fantastic programme of live performance, activities, comedy and film. The remaining 30% is raised through grants, donations, Friends and Patrons subscriptions, fundraising events and appeals, and ... **The 200 Club** – which has a monthly £50 prize and bumper Christmas prize (up to £500). To join, drop in the Box Office in Goddards Lane. (You'll be supporting The Theatre too!) Congratulations to winners so far this year: January – Sheena Blundell; February – Mrs Janis Langdon; April – Margaret Smith; May – Joanna Van De Poll.

**What's On** **THE THEATRE**  
CHIPPING NORTON  
2 Spring Street | Chipping Norton | Oxfordshire OX5 1NL

**LIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

Sat 30th June, 7.30pm	TOWN HALL CEILIDH, £15 All proceeds go to the Theatre
Sat 30th June, 7.45pm	HARDEEP SINGH KOHLI & HELEN LEDERER, £13.50
Sun 1st July, 7.45pm	THE RAJASTHAN HERITAGE BRASS BAND, £16
Wed 4th July, 7.45pm	WHO, ME? £15, £13
Fri 6th July, 7.45pm	DIRE STRAITS: UK, £17.50
Sun 8th July, 7.45pm	MARK WATSON, £18.50
Sat 8th September, 7.45	THE MIKADO, £20, £13 under 16s
Sun 9th & Mon 10th Sept	HENRY BLOFELD: 78 RETIRED, £21.50

**FILM** **Tickets £10, £7.50 U16s**

Wed 27th&Fri 29th June, 7.30pm **EDIE (12A)**

Sat 7th July 7.30pm & Thu 5th 10.30am (Parents&Babies) **LIFE OF THE PARTY (12A)**

Tue 3rd 7.30pm&Sun 8th July 4pm **THE LEISURE SEEKER (15)**

Mon 9th & Wed 11th July, 7.30pm **ON CHESIL BEACH (15)**

Wed 1st, Thu 2nd 7.30pm&Sun 5th Aug 4pm **THE HAPPY PRINCE (15)**

Sat 4th, Sun 5th&Wed8th Aug, 7.30pm **OCEAN'S 8 (12A)**

Thu 16th August, 7.30pm **L'AMANT DOUBLE (18)**

Sat 18th&Sun 19th Aug **MARY SHELLY (12A)**

26th 4pm&7pm, 27th, 28th, 31st Aug & Sat 1st Sep 7.30pm **MAMA MIA 2!**  
Relaxed Screening : Mon 27th Aug, 10.30am, £5 (Carer goes Free)  
Parents/Carers & Babies: Thu 6th Sep, 10.30am £3.50 (with £5 membership)

**THEATRE SCREENINGS**

Thu 5th July, 7.20pm **EVERYBODY'S TALKING ABOUT JAMIE**

Thu 9th 7.30pm & Sun 12th Aug 4pm **ANDRÉ RIEU: AMORE, MY TRIBUTE TO LOVE**

Thu 6th Sept, 7pm **NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE: JULIE**

**SHOWS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES: ALL TICKETS £8.50**

Sat 30th June, 11.30am **HOW DOES THIS POLITICS THING WORK THEN? (7+)**

Sat 7th July, 11.30am **£5 FAMILY FILM—SHERLOCK GNOMES (U)**

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

**Theatre Friends Garden Party** – roll up roll up on Saturday 21 July, 2pm to 4.30pm! Enjoy delicious cream teas, musical entertainment, tombola and other delights in the beautiful gardens of 36 New Street, Chipping Norton. Look for the balloons. All welcome (no dogs, please). Free entry.

**Theatre Summer programme** – See the advert below plus see Theatre website and June Chippy News for young people's holiday workshops.

### Owen Mumford Gallery

– Exhibition by Lesley Wildman, a local Chippy artist who gave up her career recently to return to art, in particular painting, working chiefly in acrylics. She states, 'I am bringing together my fascination with representation of people and their stories ... to create a portrait that gives meaning and understanding of the person behind the portrait.'



Her first solo exhibition includes painting, sculpture, photography and textile art. Lesley graduated from the Royal College of Art 2000. Past exhibitions include: Stourbridge Glass Museum prize winner; Sotherby's UK; Sotherby's NY; Skemini Gallery Paris; Dusseldorf Contemporary Museum; V&A Contemporary Show. Gallery open: 9 August to 2 September, 1-3pm Saturdays and 30 minutes before each Theatre event.

## Oxfordshire Museum



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### Peter Rabbit™ Mischief & Mayhem

16 June-9 September. Peter Rabbit hops, skips and jumps right off the page in this interactive exhibition about Beatrix Potter's most famous creation. Discover original illustrations and memorabilia and see how the mischievous bunny became an international celebrity.

**20 Years of Treasure** Exhibition Objects found by local people and metal detectorists across Oxfordshire, including Treasure finds and items recorded by the Portable Antiquities Scheme. From clay pipes and pots to gold coin hoards, Elizabethan rings, a beautifully decorated pair of Roman callipers, Roman pewter from Somerton and an Iron Age brooch.

**Oxfordshire Women & Democracy** 23 June-23 Sept. Marking 100 years of women's suffrage, this display spotlights courageous Oxfordshire women who made important contributions to democracy. Original objects and photographs include a loan, from The People's Museum Manchester, of an Ascott Martyr's quilt and an original Suffragist banner from the Women's Library, London.

**Children's Holiday Activities** – TOM Tots on Tuesdays 10.30-11am. £1 per child, £2.50 per family. Family Fun drop-in craft sessions Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2-4pm in school holidays. £2 per child, £5 per family. All Oxfordshire Museum details from website or call 01993 814106.

# THE ARTS

## FibreFestival: A woolly affair

**Fibreworks**, in Chipping Norton's Middle Row, has quickly become an essential place for knitters and sewers – and the News Team called into their FibreFestival on 2 June with good



weather for outside activities! Visitors could learn to weave, explore the shop and stalls – each connected with the wool trade. Stallholders eagerly shared knowledge of skills and products, encouraging visitors to handle items on display.



**Jane Abbott's Alpaca stall** showed off products from her seven years of having her own herd at Grange Farm, Swerford. She uses their beautifully soft fleece to spin into wool and makes both needle and wet felt. Jane's felt figures (pictured), from birds to pictures to handbags, were on sale, with kits to have a go yourself. She is keen to

share her skills and love of alpacas so holds workshops, talks and demonstrations to groups. Contact 737313 or email [janeabbott099@gmail.com](mailto:janeabbott099@gmail.com) for details.

### The Cotswold Sheep Society

celebrated the breed introduced to the UK by the Romans. Their wool, known as the 'Golden Fleece', was an important export, playing a major role in the development of many Cotswold towns and villages, and in the finances of the nation. The first Cotswold Sheep Society was formed in 1892 when their flock book contained the histories of 22 flocks.



The Society has dwindled but members are still busy promoting the breed. Their comprehensive stall did this justice. Visitors could talk to experts whose knowledge and love of the various breeds were evident. On show and for sale were sacks of natural wool of Oxford Down sheep and pedigree Cotswold sheep, small bags of naturally dyed wool, knitted items and spun wool.

## Other local arts events

### Dean & Chadlington Music Festival

*Fabulous music making from Thursday 28 June to Sunday 1 July.*

**Thursday 28 June:** An Evening of Opera (with Supper) – Richard Coxon & Claire Bradshaw. 6pm & 8pm, Café de la Post, Tickets £35 including a three course meal. The 8pm performance is sold out.

**Friday 29 June:** Harry the Piano – 'One of the most gifted improvisers in the world.' Classic FM. 7.30pm, Chadlington Church, Tickets £20 including interval wine.

**Saturday 30 June:** The 2018 Festival Gala Concert. 7pm, The Great Hall, Ditchley Park, Tickets £46 including a glass of wine.

**Sunday 1 July:** 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Singing Competition. 1pm, Chadlington Church, Tickets £5 (tickets on the door). The

Opera Dudes. 7.30pm, Chadlington Church, Tickets £18. Further details at [www.chadlingtonfestival.org.uk](http://www.chadlingtonfestival.org.uk). Tickets on 658857 or [boxoffice@chadlingtonfestival.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@chadlingtonfestival.org.uk).

**North Cotswold Arts Association** meets at Warwick Hall, Burford Wed 11 July 2pm-4pm (all welcome) – David Durston demonstrating reed pens (used by old masters). Then from, Wed 29 Aug to Sat 1 Sept (10am-5pm), is the Members' Summer Exhibition and Sale with many styles of painting, sculpture, pottery and craft. For further information contact Frances 644425, [fran.buckel@btinternet.com](mailto:fran.buckel@btinternet.com) or visit [www.nortcotswoldarts.co.uk](http://www.nortcotswoldarts.co.uk).

**The Arts Society Cotswolds** – 11 July lecture, 11.30 at Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford OX18 4RZ is *Angels from the Realms of Glory: the Wilton Diptych and the Roof of Westminster Hall* by Mark Cottle. The former is described as one of the most beautiful yet enigmatic paintings ever made and the latter as outstanding in the history of English art. Non-members welcome (suggested donation £10). Information at [www.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk](http://www.theartsocietycotswolds.org.uk)

**Wychwood Chorale** – 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Concert Saturday 14 July 7.30pm, St Mary the Virgin, Charlbury. Free Admission but voluntary contributions in aid of Aspire Oxfordshire Community Enterprise, Cecily's Fund and St Mary the Virgin Church.

**Kingham Proms, Picnic & Fireworks** Saturday 21 July, Primary School Field. Salomon Brass ensemble with guest soprano – including *West Side Story* suite and *Last Night of the Proms* finale. Tickets £25 via [www.lawrencehomenursing.org](http://www.lawrencehomenursing.org) or £30 cash on the day. Optional pre-ordered picnics see website. Gates open 6pm, concert from 7.30. In aid of School and Lawrence Home Nursing Team.

### Chippy Stage School Summer Workshop

Saturday 23 - Wednesday 27 July. Following the highly successful (Wizard of) Oz workshop in May, the summer workshop is based on the well-loved musical **Oliver!**

Participants will learn singing, dancing, acting and movement. 7-18 yrs.

Enstone Village Hall. £110. Email [lizeason35@yahoo.com](mailto:lizeason35@yahoo.com) for tickets. More at [www.chippystageschool.com.ipage.com](http://www.chippystageschool.com.ipage.com)



**Charlbury Autumn Tea Concerts** Those previously attending CRAG tea concerts know how enjoyable they are, listening in a relaxed atmosphere on Sunday afternoons to music from accomplished professional musicians. The next series starting in the autumn should include: Alastair Ross, harpsichord, Bach Goldberg Variations; Fretwork, the world renowned consort of viols; Brian Boothby, voice, guitar and pipes, Firegazing Songs, 'feral, story-weaving, original songs of vision, loss, land and valediction'; Rachel Beckett, flute and recorder with Alastair Ross, harpsichord; Andrew Parrott (world renowned conductor), piano and his wife Emily van Evera, soprano, Songs and Poetry from the New World. Tea and cake included in the ticket price of £10 (under 15s £5) Details [www.charlbury.info/community/88/](http://www.charlbury.info/community/88/)

# CLUB NEWS

## Scouting out and about

**Beavers** (Riverside colony) What a fun-packed term we've had! Beavers have done obstacle courses with a parachute



(pictured), been for a walk, finding all sorts of bugs, and have been learning the Green Cross Code to cross roads safely. They are looking forward to our trip to the All Things Wild nature centre near Evesham.

The **Cubs** started the term on a beautiful evening with a hike along Cleaves path up to Over Norton and then back to town via the recreation ground and a trip to Banbury for bowling and supper postponed due to winter snow finally took place. They have also been using different implements to carry water, quickly discovering the disadvantages of using a colander!

Eighteen **Scouts** had a great weekend at Aqua Camp: activities included sailing, kayaking, dragon boating and raft building and were all a credit to 6th Chipping Norton. They are also looking forward to their summer camp in Wales and are planning another camp in autumn including menu planning, food shopping plus compiling lists of activities and kit.

**Explorers** recently played host to John Morris who talked about his amazing cycling expeditions to the north of Scotland, Wales and abroad. He showed us his trusty bike and equipment and reminded us about simple maintenance. We then had the chance to try out the Blundell family tandem. Several Explorers are keen cyclists and John even managed to inspire some lapsed cyclists to get their bikes out. Explorers are planning several events this summer including helping at the Churchill Car Show, overnight activities at Gilwell and a youth hostelling expedition.

## Railway Club's summer timetable

A well attended meeting on 5 June heard fellow member, Jim Portlock, talk about his rail travels in Switzerland. Jim is a knowledgeable and entertaining speaker, showing his own very professional slides. We came away with far more insight into this, quite complicated European state: wealthy and independent and not a Euro in sight!!

Lots of feedback on the spring outing to the Welsh Vale of Rheidol Railway in Aberystwyth. We had our usual warm, sunny day. The line, which runs through most impressive scenery to Devil's Bridge, covers over 11 miles. An early start but a good day out, enjoyed by all.

The autumn outing will be on Sunday, 2 September to the privately owned Fawley Steam Museum. Owned by the family of the late Sir William McAlpine, it is now run by the Fawley Steam Society. For more details please ring 641586.

New speaker Alex Green, will visit on 3 July, with 'The Regional Railways Story'. On 7 August, well known Railway

author Lawrence Waters will talk to us about 'The GWR & LMS at Oxford'. Finally, on 4 September Bill Valley's talk is entitled 'History of the British Transport Police'.

We were well represented at the Organisations Day at the Town Hall on 2 June. Lots of interest in our very popular Club. Do come along if you like Railways, make new friends and enjoy the banter with a cup of coffee or tea, and a biscuit or two! We welcome new members and visitors alike.

Estelle Brain 641586

## Horticultural summer trips

We are now half way through the summer trips for the Chipping Norton Horticultural Association. The first was to Quarry Gardens, Coventry when the weather was dull but dry with the azaleas and rhododendrons perfect and the group of members and friends also enjoyed visiting



the two garden centres on the same site.

The visit to Coughton Court at the beginning of June proved to be a great success; weather was warm and dry. Members toured the house and then enjoyed refreshments fol-

lowed an afternoon in the gardens which were stunning, with the roses coming into flower and the planting around them beautiful.

The final day out to Stowe House & Garden in Buckinghamshire will be on Wednesday 18 July with places still available. Do come and join us – full details from the secretary Eileen Forse or our website [www.cnha.uk](http://www.cnha.uk)

## Support Chippy Amnesty

Summer is the time of year for fundraising for most organisations and our local Amnesty International group is no different. We have already had a collection day in Woodstock and the next is in Chippy's town centre on 1 September. On 14 July we will also hold our annual book sale under the Tolsy in Burford from 9.30am-3.30pm. The prices are low and the choice of books is always good.

Thanks to the Town Council for organising the Organisations Day on 2 June; visitors stopped and chatted at our stall and we attracted new members, so a very worthwhile day. In June we also held our Amnestea when shoppers popped in to enjoy a cuppa and cake, and had the opportunity to read about our work and sign a petition to help Refugees.

At our July meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, member Isobelle Jacques will talk to us informally about her work with Amnesty

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International and other humanitarian organisations. Feel free to join us at 7.30 in the Lower Town Hall; it should be interesting. All are welcome. Call Val for details on 645036.

## Stargazers & the Ladies of the Night



40 min star trail exposure showing rotation of the Earth, laser pointers and moving lights by the telescopes  
Photo taken by CNAAGer Steve Knight

A very quiet time of the year for Chippy stargazers with none but the brave staying out into the wee small hours before the sun's rays return to the dawn skies. However we have enjoyed a few successful sessions with some exceptionally clear nights. This month our guest speaker in the Methodist rooms on Monday 16 July is Dr Ann Bonnell from Leicester with a fascinating talk entitled Ladies of the Night (ie Victorian lady astronomers!). On 7 July we are at Long Compton village fete

from 2-5pm for some solar viewing to prepare for the lunar eclipse later in the month. Join CN Amateur Astronomers at the Rollright Stones on Friday 27 July, weather permitting, to view this through a range of powerful telescopes. Moonrise is at approx 9.30pm and it will rise already eclipsed allowing us watch it emerge from the Earth's shadow, the event ends at around 11.15pm. Following that, Saturn, Jupiter and Mars should be good targets if skies are clear. All are welcome to our meetings, indoors or out, no membership necessary just bring along your enthusiasm. Further info: [www.cnaag.com](http://www.cnaag.com)

Robin Smitten

## Summer time at CNWI

Members of Chipping Norton Women's Institute took a stand at the interesting and informative Town Hall Organisations Day on 2 June. On 13 June jewellery designer Helen Plumb will talk about her craft while at the next meeting on 11 July Mary Gregory is to profile the work of Associated Country Women of the World which has links with the WI movement. On 8 August we look forward to a talk about the Mitfords in the Cotswolds by Muriel Pilkington, and plans are being made for social gatherings through the summer and autumn. New members and visitors are welcome to join us in the lower Town Hall at 7pm on the second Wednesday of the month.

Prudence Chard 642903

## U3A wise up on the Joys of Psychology

On Wednesday, 4 July at 2.30pm we look forward to hearing from Ted Watson about his experience with Music for Shakespeare at the RSC. Ted is a composer, arranger, clarinettist and has been 'featured composer' for the Stratford-upon-Avon Festival of Music. Our August meeting will be The Joys of Psychology from Alan Wise (sounds intriguing!), followed by two of our own members giving a

series of readings in September. Topics for the autumn will then include Morris Dancing, Oscar Wilde, and Garden Photography.

We are always open to new members, so if you want to know more about U3A, the meeting series, or our 15 special interest groups, then come to one of our meetings (2.30pm in Methodist Hall on the first Wednesday of the month), visit [www.u3asites.org.uk/chipping-norton](http://www.u3asites.org.uk/chipping-norton), or call 01608 646578.

Martin Davies

## Thriving Folk & Acoustic Club

The June meet was a relatively slimline and select evening with many regulars away, it was nevertheless a very fine occasion with the chance for 'folk' to do a couple of extra songs including some newcomers who are always extended the warmest welcome. Good to see a hammered dulcimer (all the way from Swindon!) as well as acoustic guitars (of course!) and a mountain dulcimer; also a few splendid 'joining in' songs like *Mr Tambourine Man*. We find with the varied mix of styles/genres and relaxed atmosphere of The Artyard Café in Enstone that the Club continues to grow and thrive. Next meetings 9 July and 13 August start at 8pm. visit our website [www.chippingnortonfolk.org.uk](http://www.chippingnortonfolk.org.uk) for further details

'Rosie' Cherry

## Flower Club's Life in the Sun

May's meeting was a floral and food extravaganza with Dawn Keithley demonstrating how you can put flowers and food together for some colourful arrangements. We are looking forward to our summer outing in June to Irene Tyack's gallery and then 26 July sees another demonstration with Carol Brighton entitled My Life in the Sun. Visitors always welcome. More

information from Elaine on 07833 522592, email [snips59@icloud.com](mailto:snips59@icloud.com) or Ann on 01608 683289.



## Burford & Kingham Rotary

The Club continues to support the National Trust Chastleton House refreshment rota with profits to local and Rotary charities. Thanks to all who supported our Christian Aid Week door-to-door collection which raised over £1000. In June we helped Oxford Spires Rotary Club's annual World Pooh Sticks Championships and plan to support Carterton's Picnic in the Park. Club talks have included Blood Bikes, a rapid response medical transport service, Graham Short, the micro-artist and engraver who showed us examples of his work including his etching of Jane Austen on four of the new £5 notes increasing their value to over £50,000 each! We enjoyed a trip to Taylor's bell foundry in Loughborough which sponsored the installation in the Tolsey Museum of a 3.25 cwt Taynton church bell made originally by Tom Bond in Burford. We are happy to welcome visitors to club meetings but ask, please, that you contact our secretary at [terry.a.best@btinternet.com](mailto:terry.a.best@btinternet.com) beforehand.

Steve Barber



# CLUB NEWS

## Chippy Ramblers enjoy a sunny tea

Our June walk started at South Newington and, first, we went into the church and looked at the outstanding medieval wall paintings – not the only ones in our area but probably the best! Then we walked through marvellous grassy meadows towards Barford and back along a pleasant minor road. On the way we leant on a gate and admired a flock of llamas before being chased off by some handsome but very vociferous dogs. Back at South Newington we were invited to



sit in a lovely sunny garden to enjoy tea and cake. What could be a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon?

We meet on the first Sunday of every month in the New Street car park at 2pm. Then we get into 2 or 3 cars and make for the start of the leisurely 2-hour walk – a different one each month. New members are very welcome. Enquiries to Heather Leonard (643691 or [heatherleonard@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:heatherleonard@yahoo.co.uk)) or to me [jennyharrington@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyharrington@btinternet.com)

Jenny Harrington

## Single File – now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year

Members have recently enjoyed a variety of activities including country walks, films and concerts, days out at the Shipston Wool Fair, the Chadlington Beer Festival and to see open gardens, plus meals out, skittles and quiz nights.

The Club, open to all aged 45 to 75, living within 15 miles of Chipping Norton, has been in existence for nearly nine years. It offers friendship and also companions for events individuals would not normally attend alone. Members use our interactive website to schedule their own events, post photos and exchange messages. Further details from [www.meetup.com/single-file-chipping-norton](http://www.meetup.com/single-file-chipping-norton) or leave a

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message on 07518 97972. The first two visits are free with a complimentary drink at your first club night. These are held fortnightly from 8pm on Fridays in the lounge at the Crown & Cushion, the next ones are 6 & 20 July, 3, 17 & 31 August.

## WOWI agree Mental Health Matters

West Oxfordshire WI took part in the Town Council's Organisations Day on 2 June. We hope the people we spoke to realised that we are a friendly group who will welcome them to our meetings at 7.30 on the third Monday of every month in St Mary's Parish Rooms. At May's meeting we welcomed Keiran Graham from RLNI who gave an excellent insight into their work around Britain's coastline and inland waterways. Who knew that their busiest station was Tower Bridge on the Thames? Two of our members attended the National Federation's AGM in Cardiff. The Resolution Mental



Health Matters was carried with a massive majority. An excellent day with two great speakers. Stella Rimington, author and former Director General of MI5 and the newsreader Huw Edwards. We have an exciting programme and are busy planning the next one. Please come and visit us.

Hilary Dix 646228

## Future talks at Chipping Norton Probus

Members continued their varied speaker programme with a fascinating insight into The Wonderful World of the Westerns offered by Mike Payne at the May meeting. Many members recalled movie stars like Roy Rogers, John Wayne and Alan Ladd, especially from Saturday morning cinema sessions in the '40s and '50s. Future talks include ex-Mayor Mike Tysoe on *International Shipping – Life as a Shipbroker* in July and well known local speaker, Martin Way on *The History of the Thames Crossing at Radcot* for August. The Club also plans an active social programme, including a visit to the theatre in Cheltenham in July, a day at Stratford races in September and a visit to Lord's cricket ground in October.

Guests are always welcome at monthly meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at The Crown & Cushion. Visit [www.chippingnortonprobus.com](http://www.chippingnortonprobus.com) or contact our membership secretary, David Hearnshaw on 643374 for more information.

Martin Williams

## West Oxon Group MS Society

The sponsored skydive was on Sunday 27 May at an airfield near Swindon under slightly cloudy skies which then turned to brilliant sunshine. Five intrepid souls took to the sky and we hope to have raised over £4,000 for our funds which will help us to support those affected by MS locally.

Our next event will be a strawberry tea afternoon on Thursday 26 July in a member's garden in Longworth; hopefully the sun will shine so we can raise a little more money while enjoying delicious tea, scones and strawberries.

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Most of our events take a break during August, but we will still be here to help if needed – contact me (tel:645988 or e-mail: westoxfordshire@mssociety.org.uk or to find out more about volunteering, then again please contact me.

Peter Branson

## Green Gym here and there!



This last month – as usual – we have worked on a variety of sites. We went back to the Southill Solar Farm near Charlbury to pull up ragwort and thistles on a lovely sunny day and were thrilled to see that one of their fields was a brilliant display of wild flowers – poppies, ox-eye daisies, cornflowers

and more. In a few years' time we hope that the area we are working on will be a similar marvellous sight. Kingham Millennium Wood is attractive in a different way: there we continued to remove dead brambles and widen the paths. In Chippy we have continued to tend the Community Orchard (see picture) and the gardens at the Health Centre as well as working on the Common and Fitzalan Wood (near Travis Perkins). There we were disappointed to find that some of the willows we planted a few years back have started to develop willow scab. So we have cut back the affected branches and hope that it won't affect them too badly. All the trees there have flourished but the willows are the most vigorous as they enjoy the damp site by the stream.

Chippy Green Gym meets every Wednesday morning and welcomes new members, whatever your age or ability – there are jobs for all! Lifts may be available and there is no joining fee. Come and enjoy working outdoors in good company. For further details visit [www.chippygreengym.org](http://www.chippygreengym.org) or email me at [jennyharrington@btinternet.com](mailto:jennyharrington@btinternet.com).

Jenny Harrington 643269

## CRAG focus on Yemen Crisis

Charlbury Refugee Action Group members are gravely concerned at the plight of the people of the Yemen. A three-year civil war has produced 'the world's worst humanitarian crisis'. An estimated 3 million people are displaced within Yemen and there are around 280,000 refugees in neighbouring countries so this is a refugee crisis as well as a humanitarian disaster. Amnesty International has documented how all parties in the conflict have repeatedly violated international law and may also be guilty of war crimes. But it is the scale of the humanitarian crisis which is most shocking: the UN estimates that more than 22 million people – three-quarters of the population – need humanitarian aid and protection. A horrifying 8.4 million of these do not know where their next meal is coming from and millions don't have safe drinking water. Yemen faces the fastest-growing cholera epidemic ever recorded and the likelihood of famine. So what can individuals here do to help? They can donate to the aid agencies working there and also urge the British Government to help bring about a ceasefire, and then a permanent end to this conflict by writing directly to Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson and/or their MP. If you want to learn more about

CRAG, to join or to make a donation please visit their website: [www.charlbury.info/community/88/](http://www.charlbury.info/community/88/)

## Kitchen Garden visits

June's visit by North Oxon Organic Gardeners to Forge Farm near Cropredy was like stepping back in history. Former derelict barns have been picturesquely restored, and vintage farm equipment imaginatively harnessed. Following age-old N American farming traditions, Greg and Kate Klaes grow salad vegetables for local pubs in the summer, and exotic squashes for 'posh' London restaurants in the autumn. A delightful visit.

Continuing the theme, on Wednesday 4 July, we have a chance to see Chadlington's Community-Supported Kitchen Garden, which we learnt about at our October meeting. Very many varieties of lettuce, salads and vegetables are grown for over thirty local supporters who receive a weekly vegetable box. We'll then visit the garden of one of our members. And on Wednesday 1 August, we're off to Great Rollright for a tour of a member's newly created permaculture garden.



Do join us – 7pm start, and shared transport can be arranged. Further details at [www.noog.org.uk](http://www.noog.org.uk) or from Tracy Lean [tracylean@gmail.com](mailto:tracylean@gmail.com), 01295 780710.

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# SPORTS NEWS

## Chadlington Ladies Football Club

June saw the newly formed Chadlington Ladies Football Club participate in their first fixtures of the season. They play in the



*The team pictured with sponsor Sam Peet*

Premier Division of the Oxfordshire Women's Small Sided League at the Oxford Academy School on Monday evenings. Their first match was a 3-all draw against AC Witney. New players (aged 16 and over) of all abilities, or those just looking for extra fitness, are welcome at fun training sessions held at Chadlington at 6.30pm on Tuesdays. The Club was launched in March with support from Chadlington Sports Club and sponsorship from local firm Sam Peet Groundworks & Civil Engineering. Georgia Mayne runs the Club and Alfie Peachey is the FA Level 2 qualified coach. For further information email [chadlingtonlfc@gmail.com](mailto:chadlingtonlfc@gmail.com) or visit us on facebook, twitter and instagram (search Chadlington FC).

Greg Kemp

## Chipping Norton Football Club

The end of season awards night was held at Enstone Sports and Social Club to celebrate a very varied season. A good turnout produced a very good night with the following awards won.

*First team:* Players' player – Josh Hunt. Manager's player Kieran Watts. Supporters' player– Dan Newman. Top goal scorer – Rhys Warner Carter

*Reserves:* Players' player – George Knight. Manager's player – Jack Knight. Supporters' player – Christopher Mason. Top goal scorer – Jack Knight

*Shaun Weller Award for Services to the Club:* deservedly won by the Enstone groundsman John Hawtin. The Club is hugely grateful to his efforts in keeping the pitch pristine as we are to the Enstone Club and committee generally for their support.

Fundraising for next season has begun in earnest and there are already rumblings of training and pre-season friendlies. We are always on the lookout for new players. Please contact Dom on 07810 307213 for more information.

Dominic Rickard

## Cotswold Club Junior Golf

It's been a busy few weeks for the Juniors. Our budding 10-year-old star, Archie Sollis, won the BB & O Development Tour Event at Wexham Park with a gross 82. Fantastic result for him and a proud moment for the Club. After a recent blip the Team regained winning form against Broadway, who were unbeaten and top of the Mercian League. Once again our match went to the 18<sup>th</sup> hole to be decided; unbelievably both

hit great drives, great approach shots to 6 feet and holed the putts to halve the hole and for Chippy to win the match. Fantastic golf again from all the boys who played! We are now top of the Oxon Junior League and joint top of the Mercian League but have some really tough fixtures ahead.

Katrina Collie

## Chipping Norton Cricket Club

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> XIs:** The recent good weather has helped both sides score decent totals in the league. Our groundsman Mick is producing run scoring pitches for home matches. The end of the season could be interesting for our 1st XI, currently in second place in Division 2.

*Individual Performances to date:*

Five Wickets or More: M Stanway 5-31.

Fifty Runs or More: I Widdows 1<sup>st</sup> XI 90 not out, D Molyneux 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 79 not out, M Tompkins 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 75, M Molyneux 1<sup>st</sup> XI 74 not out, D Stafford 2<sup>nd</sup> XI 56, D Brassett 1<sup>st</sup> XI 54

*Home Games:*

July: 7<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Wantage; 14<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Kidlington; 21<sup>st</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Tetsworth, 28<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Stanton Harcourt, 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday XI v Cutts of Campden

August: 4<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Stanton Harcourt; 18<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> XI v Cairns Fudge; 25<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> XI v Charlbury

August also sees *President's Day* and the *Summer Camp for Juniors*.

Graham Beacham

**Spotlight on the U9s:** The team had a great start to their 'competitive' fixtures. Ten U9's travelled to Charlbury to play in three games against Chadlington, Charlbury & Great Tew.



The first game against Chadlington was a close and nervy affair. There were notable batting performances from Ted and Joshua. Chippy's bowling was very good, Kieran taking our only wicket with the help of Dylan's great catch

behind the stumps. We actually scored more runs than Chadlington but wickets were the difference... Game two was against Charlbury who won the toss and put Chippy in to bat. Stan and Olly quickly asserted themselves, Deeo and Dylan followed suit leaving Freya and Sam to finish the job. Chippy set Charlbury 144 to win without the loss of any wickets! Chippy's bowlers set about their task brilliantly earning victory by a huge margin. The final game was against a below par Great Tew who had to borrow three Chippy players. Chippy won the toss and elected to bat with openers Stan and Kieran scoring 29 including a HUGE six from Stan! Another clear win for Chippy after taking 4 wickets from 4 bowlers with another first wicket – this time for Millie and a solid catch at cover from Olly.

Every player is mentioned here: it was a great team effort and so rewarding to see everyone contributing. Thank you to all the players – they looked great in their club t-shirts and were very well behaved. Thanks also to all the parents who came along to support and to David Wood for scoring.

Dan Stafford, U9s Coach

# SPORTS NEWS

## More rugby Angels required!

Witney RFC is Chippy's nearest club offering women's rugby, and its Witney Angels team is recruiting now for the 2018-19 season. Rugby is a fantastic game for all shapes and sizes, young and old, and we'd love to welcome new players to our friendly, sociable team no matter whether you've played before or not. Pre-season training begins at 7.15pm on Wednesday 18 July and then runs weekly at that time until the end of the season next spring. You don't have to be there on the 18<sup>th</sup> to join, just turn up to whichever session you can – you'll be made very welcome. Keep an eye on facebook /witneyangelsnews for updates.



Claire Williamson

## Swimming with 4SSC

Congratulations to Ellie Lawrence on a great performance at the South East Regionals. In her seven races she finished in the top 30 for her age – a huge achievement which is down to her commitment and hard work.

Members who went to the Witney Sprint meet had a great day despite the heat. Out of 73 races the 22 swimmers managed 58 PBs with 8 gold, 4 silver and 5 bronze plus 8 speeding tickets for swimming too fast! Swimmers and coaches took part in the Rotary charity Swim-a-Fun at the

Leisure Centre on 9 June with the Club running a tombola and refreshment stall. This event was a great way to combine sport with raising money for charity. On 16 June the Club will be off to Aylesbury for an Inter-Club Gala with some great team relays to watch. Three more galas in July will see the end of competitive swimming for a few weeks, so the Club will be off on their summer camp in August. If you'd like to come along for a trial and maybe take your swimming to the next level, please contact membership@4SSc.co.uk

Philippa Upton

## Chipping Norton Skater Hockey Club

We're midway through the BISHA 2018 league season and we have happy teams and a happy club. The Peewees have shown resilience in all games. Matches have been exciting, players have given their all, and the camaraderie is inspiring. The Youth team show great promise. They have worked hard, playing against tough opposition with great determination. The Junior team is skilful and strong. All wins to date and they are steadfast in their approach to have more, displaying the best that they can be. No training or roller discos over the summer holidays. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

Geraldine Mangley

## Badminton Club

Thanks to those who came to the last Open Day. The season is now over and will resume in early September with another Open Day on 12 September. The Club meets on Wednesday evenings at the Leisure Centre from September to May. Call Sheila Tarrant (642687) for more information.

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# SCHOOLS NEWS

## Chipping Norton School

**Tenner Challenge:** Young Enterprise's 'Tenner Challenge' is



an exciting national challenge which encourages students to turn start-up capital of £10 into a profit within one month. Students develop key business skills including creativity, problem-solving and teamwork. They can then choose how to use their profits for the good of the community. We are very impressed with efforts made by Year 7s this year which meant over £1000 was raised for important charities, including Parkinson's UK and the Spinal Injuries Association.



**West End Work Experience:** Sixth form student Harvey Sivell recently enjoyed a fantastic week working on *Thriller Live* in the West End's Lyric Theatre. Throughout the week he worked in many different aspects of technical theatre including stage management and live sound. Harvey felt it was an amazing experience to go behind the scenes of a professional production working with the people

who make the performance possible. He is even more determined to follow this future career.

**CNPS Music Awards:** On Thursday 7 June Mr Duffy and Hugh Phillimore from Cornbury Festival welcomed thirteen Award Winners and their families to a presentation at the



School to receive tickets for July's Festival. The tickets were kindly donated by Hugh and Cornbury Festival to support musicians from Chipping Norton Partnership Schools. The Winners were nominated by teachers for their contribution and effort in music at their own schools. During the presentation the Chipping Norton School Ensemble and

Georgia Jukes led by Mr Brown, Head of Music, performed the beautiful aria *O del mio dolce ardor* by Christoph Gluck.

**CNPS Athletics:** We were delighted to welcome Years 4, 5 & 6 from our partnership primary schools for the annual Athletics Festival, led by Year 7 students trained by their teachers to run the Festival. Everyone had a role, either



starting or finishing races or marking standing long jumps and howler throws. Mrs Fisher also asked the Year 7s to demonstrate their athletic skills, and they were thrilled to do so, with lots of encouragement and support from the younger children. The afternoon was warm with a breeze, perfect weather for the children to compete in the sprint, middle distance, standing long jump and throwing the howler. The standard was very high and support for each other fantastic. The festival winners were: Big School Winners ~ Year 4 Kingham, Year 5 St Mary's, Year 6 Kingham. Overall winner Kingham. Small School Winners ~ Year 4 Enstone, Year 5 Chadlington, Year 6 Great Rollright. Overall winner Enstone.

**Victory at West Oxon Athletics Championships:**

Wednesday 13 June saw the return of the West Oxfordshire Athletics competition held at Horspath Athletics Stadium in Oxford. Each school was well represented by students from Years 7 to 10. They competed in number of disciplines including jumps, throws and both short and middle distance runs. It became clear that



CNS students were performing well securing a number of 1<sup>st</sup> places and picking up valuable points in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places along the way. Going into the relays in the lead the students performed consistently well through some excellent changeovers to finish the competition as winners becoming the first school to win the trophy for the fifth time since its inception in 2007. A number of records were broken by CNS students – no mean feat in the 12 years since the competition started. It was a fantastic achievement by all the CNS competitors.

# SCHOOLS NEWS

## St Mary's Primary

**Athletics:** At the end of May children from Year 4, 5 and 6



took part in the Athletics tournament at Chipping Norton School. We all had to do three different activities including



running, jumping and throwing. There was a long run which tired most of us out. It was fun and we all enjoyed it. We did very well. One of our competitors came first in all the girls' races. We were happy with our result and came second overall. We are very grateful for the year 7's and teachers who looked after us. (by Year 5)

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**Walk to School:** Our annual 'Walk to school' in May was another success. With the sun shining the children wore 'silly hats' through the Town and walked to school with parents, carers, staff and governors in tow. With the help of PCSO



Wesley Smith the children safely arrived at school with time to spare for refreshments before starting the school day.

**Chedworth:** Children in Years 3 and 4 visited Chedworth Roman Villa, continuing their topic about the Roman era. They had a tour around the remains looking at artefacts like bones, shells from snails and pieces of pottery. They also got to dress up as slaves and ground up seeds to make some Roman medicine. A great day was had by all.

**Friends Summer Festival:** Chipping Norton residents are invited to our Summer Festival of live music, food and drink. Don't miss this evening of fun to start a perfect weekend! The highlight will be entertainment with Hope and Glory, the well-known tribute band, covering tracks from Madness, the Specials and Bad Manners. As well as performing at Cornbury and other local festivals, the group played to a capacity audience at Lords cricket ground. For an atmosphere of a summer festival, prosecco, gin and beer will be on sale alongside hot food and entertainment for the children. An evening of family fun in a relaxed environment is promised. So come and join in on Friday 6 July, 5.30-9.30pm. Entrance payable at the door priced at £3 per adult/£2 per child. We look forward to seeing you there!



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# SCHOOLS NEWS

## Holy Trinity Primary

**Warwick Castle:** Year One went to Warwick Castle, managing to escape the rain. They had a wonderful day visiting the Time Tower, hearing a story from Princess Violet, designing their own coat of arms for a shield, watched the trebuchet being launched, had a picnic, watched the birds of prey display, saw some peacocks, watched a Bowman showing how to fire a long bow and finally, and



managed to stay together in the Horrible Histories maze. The children brought some shields back to school to draw our coat of arms onto next term. It was a very full but fun day!



**Year 2 Trip:** The children had an amazing day in Weston Super Mare, visiting the Museum for a Seaside Trail, which covers their topic on 'The Seaside'. They enjoyed time on the beach, building sandcastles, going on the swingboat and riding on a donkey, finishing the day off with a deserved ice-cream.

**Year 6 WOW Day:** As a reward for all their hard work this academic year, Year 6 children travelled to the Snozone in Milton Keynes for a Polar Experience and Sledging followed by bowling at the Hollywood Bowl.

**Year 4 Everdon Residential:** The children spent a fantastic few days at Everdon Outdoor Learning Centre in Northamptonshire, exploring beautiful woods nearby, building shelters, exploring animal tracks and their habitats. The children took part in all activities with great enthusiasm, and learnt many new skills, including fire lighting using steels and evaluating water cleanliness by identifying creatures living in the river.

**First Holy Communion:** Congratulations to our Year 3 children who made their First Holy Communion at the end of May. They all looked very smart and enjoyed their day immensely. The children celebrated with a beautifully decorated cake and drinks in the hall. They also had their own parties afterwards and celebrated again with their classmates.

**May Procession:** It was a wonderful day for our annual May Procession. All the children processed into the church and honoured Our Lady in their own way and presented flowers. Last Year's First Communion children crowned Our Lady with a crown of flowers.

**Young Entrepreneur Project:** Our Year 6 children created business plans for the Young Entrepreneur Project. They pitched their ideas to the 'Dragons' (Mrs Buchanan and Mrs Pickford) and received loans to start their businesses. They have started to sell a variety of nut-free food items including cookies and cakes, giant bubbles, craft products, sweets and ice cream. All money raised will be given to the two charities chosen by the Year 6 children: Oxford Children's Hospital and IMPS. We will keep you posted on the amount raised.

**Sport:** Well done to all children who have participated in the many sporting activities during the summer term, both with the Chipping Norton Partnership and WOSSIP.

**Summer Fete:** Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fete, helping raise over £4,000. We had an added attraction of our new Maypole – Year 3 and 5 children provided the audience with several delightful maypole dances. A huge thank you to our PTA and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it a lovely and successful day.

**New Parents' Coffee Mornings:** It was lovely to meet our 2018 Reception Class parents and children at our informal Coffee Mornings. It gave both parents and children the opportunity to meet with staff and each other. The children were also invited to spend time in their new classroom and outside areas. We look forward to the children starting with us in September.

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# SCHOOLS NEWS

## Middle Barton Primary



Our Year 6 children enjoyed the brilliant works on offer at the Kingham Sculpture Exhibition. The children took part in a sculpture trail, a fantastic day out in this beautiful setting enjoyed by all.

We held our annual plant and cake sale at school, run by Friends of Middle Barton School. We had a wonderful selection of hanging baskets and an array of plants supplied by Ivor Trafford and many delicious cakes baked by children and parents. It was a huge success yet again, raising an impressive £875!! We welcomed the return of the annual school Bake-off. This year we saw a huge variety of cakes ranging from beach themes to rainbows! As a school, we voted on appearance for the first round. This was followed by a morning of baking for the three children who made it through to the next round. Parent and locally renowned cake baker who bakes cakes for a living, Becky Bishop, came to judge (and taste!) the delights the children had made before deciding on the winner of round two. After the two in-school rounds, Maddie Panting is through to represent our school at the Chipping Norton partnership final in July.

## Great Rollright Primary

This month truly marks the end of an era at our school, with the retirement of Mrs Anne Hewett, our headteacher since 2006. Under her ambitious leadership the School has doubled in size, built a fourth classroom (funded almost entirely by private donations), started a free bus to Chipping Norton and, most importantly, won a strong local reputation for our uniquely nurturing and inclusive ethos. Mrs Hewett is pictured at a recent Buckingham Palace Garden Party, to which she was invited for services to education. She has touched the lives of literally hundreds of children in 41 years of teaching, most of them in Oxfordshire. We will miss her very much but gratefully wish her all the best in this new chapter of her life. For the past four years, Mrs Hewett shared the headship with Miss Michelle Hastings, who will continue as sole headteacher from September. So we are fortunate that the transition will be a seamless one. Parents and carers are strongly encouraged to visit this month, or after the summer holidays, to see all that we offer. Please make an appointment by calling 01608 737202.



## Chadlington Primary

The Year 5 Athletics team emerged victorious at the CNPS Festival. So well done Tom, Warrick, Alishca and Gracie for their outstanding efforts in Track and Field, and also an

excellent effort from the Year 4 team, who finished second. A big thank you to both of the Kings, who have been helping children to make masks for their summer production of *The Lion King* and will culminate with two performances at the School on a special outdoor stage on the 5 July. Year 5 & 6 headed to PGL in Wales, taking on Abseiling, Canoeing, Quad-biking, Archery, Trapeze, and Orienteering, the remainder of the School headed to the Cotswold Wildlife Park. A fascinating talk by one of the staff gave the children an array of facts about African animals, including the reason for Rhino's rolling in mud (to stop sunburn, and insects burrowing into their skin!), and that Giraffes have the same number of bones in their necks as human beings (seven). Such was the outstanding behaviour from all of those on the trip, that a Charlbury resident present at the park commented on how well behaved the children were, and wanted to know which school they went to!

## Bledington Primary

**Blue Class at Oxford Castle** *Edward, Zephan and Alexander*

*Y3/4 report:* Blue class went on a school trip to Oxford Castle to fit in with our history time travelling topic. We met a lady dressed up as a



prisoner from the castle and she took us up St George's tower that was very high – 101 steps! We got to stop in the middle for a breather and learn about Queen Matilda who escaped from the tower by climbing down her bed sheets. The stairs were all wonky and narrow but it was worth it – the view was amazing and you could see for miles! We saw the old jail cells from the prison that only shut 22 years ago. It gave us the creeps! Afterwards, we climbed up the big hill where we found a well left over from the Motte and Bailey castle from Norman times. We had lunch in the sun and then we went into an underground room where we did activities. We matched sentences to images from the past, sorted crimes and their punishments, dressed up and did some Victorian writing on slates. It was a great trip!



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## Kingham Primary



This has been a very busy month for sporting events, in particular tennis and swimming. As a new sporting competition, tennis has provided a super opportunity for some of our keen, year 3/4, racquet enthusiasts to play a series of timed matches against other schools. With an overall win in the local

partnership, we were automatically entered into the West Oxfordshire pool, where the children played six different eight-minute long matches. There was an anxious wait as the results were read out, announcing that Kingham had reached the finals! With some superb tennis, the team earned themselves 2<sup>nd</sup> place – a fantastic achievement. It was a great pleasure to accompany the children to this event and see their sportsmanship in action! Well done to all. The UII Girls and Boys Swimming Competition was another action-packed event, with the girls securing a place in the Oxfordshire School Games Finals. Once again, Kingham's sportsmanship shone through and we wish the girls good luck in the finals!

## Acorns Primary

Acorns Primary has been successful in its submission for a Sing-Up Silver Award! This is in recognition of our whole school singing journey and the fabulous singing we have been working hard to produce. After compiling extensive



evidence and documenting the wide range of singing across the school community, the final report was submitted just before Easter and we have been waiting with bated breath ever since! Thank you to parents, carers and governors for your support with our ongoing singing development – the report received with our award was very detailed and gave some wonderful endorsements of our singing achievements. In addition to this award, the School has also been nominated and supported financially by Warwickshire County Music Service to be a Music Mark Member in recognition of the value we place on music. Thank you to the staff, especially Mrs Head for all their hard work to ensure that pupils at Acorns are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. Our dedication to delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated.

## Town Nursery

We are coming to the end of the school year and sadly this means in July and August we will say goodbye to the children who start school in September. Meanwhile we are getting ready for our summer parties; the little ones will be having Teddy Bear Picnics hopefully with some sunshine. Nursery Three are planning a pretend bus/train ride with a picnic. Nursery Four children are having a pirate party. A wonderful display of pirates is already on the wall and treasure chests,

maps and many other pirate bits are being made. They will have many pirate stories, songs and poems and we look forward to seeing the costumes on the day. We are booking places for September if you are interested please contact 645646 or [admin@thetownnursery.co.uk](mailto:admin@thetownnursery.co.uk)

## Sibford School

**A lesson in how to stay safe:** Junior pupils were visited by Imogen McCabe of the NSPCC. Imogen, who was accompanied by the Society's mascot, Buddy, led two



*Imogen & Buddy with some of Sibford's Year 6 pupils.*

assemblies and conducted two interactive workshops as part of the Society's 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' campaign, giving children the knowledge needed to stay safe from abuse and neglect. Edward Rossiter, head of the Junior School, said, 'It was a very worthwhile and empowering morning for both pupils and teachers. Imogen discussed issues such as bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language. She also outlined the valuable work the NSPCC does and talked about how important it is for everyone in our school community to join them in their 'fight for every childhood'.

**Fun In The Country:** Sibford School's popular Fun in the Country holiday club will run from Monday 30 July to Friday 24 August (weekdays only). The Club is open to all children and activities include swimming, team games, arts and crafts, sport, outdoor play, and much, much more. Cost is £30 per day. To book a place call Elspeth Dyer on 01295 781203.

## Kingham Hill School



Saturday 2 June saw Kingham Hill School host its first ever Chill on the Hill, which happily coincided with the return of the sunshine. The event was a family friendly day that saw alumni, staff and current

families gather at the School to enjoy live music, market stalls, barbeque, bouncy castles and tours of the grounds. Organised by Mrs Austin, the School's Development Officer, the day brought together generations of Hillians (Kingham Hill alumni) from the 1940s through to the 2000s who all had the chance to share their memories of the School. In addition to the bar, hog roast and craft stalls on offer families were treated to live music from the talented KHS pop, the School's pupil-led band, who were joined on stage by Pink Floyd musician and alumnus Guy Pratt. Following the impressive performances of KHS pop, Guy was joined on stage by other talented musical alumni, including LX Paterson, Martin Glover, and Richard Adams.

# LETTERS

## Mayoral fundraising events

As readers may have learned, the Mayor and I are this year supporting two charities. First, 'Age Concern Chipping Norton', because of their support for carers, and secondly 'Dogs for Good', a charity that trains dogs to assist people in all aspects of daily life. We plan to hold at least two fundraising events during the coming twelve months. There will be a Themed Dance on 6 April with more details of that in the New Year. Nearer at hand is an event on 14 September. We are still trying to finalise details of this, and there will be posters around town soon. We hope there will be details in the September issue of the News, but as the publication date is only a few days before the event we wanted to ask you to mark your diaries in good time. We look forward to supporting the town events this coming year and hope to see many of you at our own events.

**Peta Simmons, Mayoress**

## Dangerous pavement parking



Really shocked on Sunday (24 May) to see these cars totally ignoring the pedestrians using Worcester Road. The only way past for pedestrians was to walk in the road and just imagine how dangerous for pushchair or wheelchair users. This is downright ignorance and laziness. I tried sending the photos to the police but if you've ever tried it you would know it's an impossibility. I then

used the Thames Valley 'Report a crime' website. Well, after 10 minutes of answering inane questions and numerous screens I gave up. From my limited experience I would say that contacting the police for neighbourhood issues was just about impossible. A good investigative project for you and just think of the help it would be if you could publish how the public are able to help report and fight crime. In these days of smartphones, a quick photo to the police might provide evidence and reduce crime if the perpetrators felt they might be monitored. I do feel that we have the technology if only the 'authorities' would give us an easy non bureaucratic method of helping them.

**Pavement user** (name and address supplied)

(Other readers' experiences or a police response are welcome - Ed)

## Marathon run for Alzheimer's

On Sunday, 15 April my daughter Virginia Bayliss ran the Brighton Marathon. Unlike the London Marathon, it did not receive any publicity – not even a brief mention on the news. All the runners put a lot into their training during the preceding months and all ran the 26 miles just as with the London Marathon. In view of this I thought all her friends in this area and the customers she used to serve in Cotswold Newsagents might find it interesting to know. Virginia Ran for the Alzheimer's Charity. She completed the course in 5hrs 40min, gaining her Medal. We are all very proud of her.

**Jeryl Simmonds**

## More unhappy bus shelter users

May I point out that the removal of the shelter ('where is our bus shelter?' June News) affects both ends of the spectrum. I have a friend with a toddler who relies on that bus route. Waiting in the bad weather was no fun for them either!

**GP White**

## Thanks from the Penny Jar Appeal



This year, Chippy Methodist Church is raising money to support a school project in Sri Lanka. A Methodist Circuit in Eastern Sri Lanka has been helping some 90 children from poor families with after-school lessons, for the past 13 years. They have six volunteer teachers. They also run a pre-school for 25 infants. Their local funding has stopped, so they appealed for help. From April this year, Chippy Methodist Church has designated their Penny Jar Appeal towards this project, together with a coffee morning and lunches the funds so far are £316.48. Thanks to everyone for their support

**Rev'd Soba Sinnathamby**



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# LETTERS

## Diamond wedding

Congratulations to Cyril and Brenda Smart who on 26 July celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. Love and Best Wishes to this special couple from all the Family and your many friends.

**Angie & Carl**



## Great support from Lions

We would like to thank Rob Caswell and The Lions for their swift response and support in providing a member of the family with the wheelchair he suddenly needed and for the advice given by Rob. With grateful thanks.

**The Heritage family**

## Flower Fairies are about

The War Memorial is constantly replenished with bright and beautiful flowers in the planters, which is so encouraging to see. Thank you, to the mystery fairy with the special touch, that brightens up our lives, and reminds us of those who died on our behalf.

**SJ** (full name and address supplied)

## Help for Cemetery Clear Up

A date for the diary – the next Cemetery Clear Up day will be on 13 October starting at 10am – refreshments as usual!

**Cllr Martin Jarratt**, Chair, Town Council Cemetery Committee

*The Chipping Norton News Team welcomes letters but reminds writers that name and address must be supplied and that the opinions expressed on this page are not those of the Team.*

## Councillor's Town issues

Councillor work has been incredibly busy following on from my re-election as District Councillor in May. There is nothing like a campaign to remind people your councillors are here to help! I have been inundated with complex housing cases and requests for help. It has been really helpful working with the new 'Families first officer' at West Oxfordshire District Council to resolve these cases and help families to improve their current living condition. On a positive note welcome to Nathan Tuckwell's Pie shop and Teasels Antiques and Interior space two new businesses opening in one week! People often comment to me that they wish the disused shops and spaces were 'brought back to life'. Let's hope there are more unique businesses coming... Retail is struggling and supporting our local businesses to flourish is so important.

**Laetisia Carter**, Chipping Norton District Councillor

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## Churchill's Vintage Car Show

On a brilliant summer's day, thousands of people – including some News Team members – descended on the small Cotswold village of Churchill to enjoy the 15<sup>th</sup> biennial Churchill Vintage Car Show.



Photo: David Jefferis

First held in 1988 as an event to raise funds for All Saints Church, the Show has expanded enormously over the years and now supports a range of local charities. Over 500 vehicles were on display, polished and gleaming in the sunshine. Experts, enthusiasts and local families admired, discussed and argued the finer points of motoring. The exhibits represented over a century of manufacture and included tractors and vintage Land Rovers, that favourite of the military and farmer alike. Anyone of a 'certain age' would have spotted models they or their parents' generation had previously owned or aspired to own. Those Zephyrs, Hillmans and Humbers that took us on family holidays to the seaside in the late fifties and early sixties.

The James Bond Aston Martins, the sleek E type

Jaguars and the tiny Austin delivery vans. A tribute to their owners, who have cherished and maintained these vehicles for us all to enjoy. Other attractions included a jazz band, many and varied food outlets, a car boot sale, a flower festival in the Church and various specialist outlets. A big 'Well Done' to the organisers and we look forward to 2020, and the next Churchill Vintage Car Show.



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## DIARY

### See also Summer Supplement for Fetes & Festivals

#### July (News out Monday 25 June)

- 1<sup>st</sup> **Rambling Club** 2pm - meet New St Car Park see p21
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **Railway Club** 7.30 Lwr Town Hall - see p19
- 4<sup>th</sup> **U3A** 2.30pm Methodist Hall see p20
- North Oxon Organic Gardeners** - see p22
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Great Rollright Market** 9.30am-12.30pm - see p11
- Caerphilly Male Voice Choir** 7.30 St Mary's Church see p6
- 9<sup>th</sup> **CN Folk Club** 8pm in Enstone - see p20
- 11<sup>th</sup> **Methodist Coffee Morning** 9.30-11.30 for Highlands
- CNWI** 7pm Lower Town Hall - see p20
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Amnesty** 7.30 Lower Town Hall - see p19
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Amnesty Book Sale:** 9.30am-3.30pm at the Tolsey, Burford
- St Mary's Church FUN DAY** 12-3pm on the Common - see advert p15 for details
- The Post** Enstone Parish Hall see p12
- 16<sup>th</sup> **West Oxon WI** 7.30 Parish Rooms - see p21
- Amateur Astronomy Group** 7.30 Methodist Hall see p20
- 18<sup>th</sup> **Horticultural Assoc** Trip to Stowe Gardens - see p19
- 19<sup>th</sup> **Green Drinks** with Transition CN 8pm Blue Boar
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Farmer's Market** 8.30am-1.30pm
- Bumblebee Conference** 10am-4pm Chadlington Mem Hall - see p8
- Chadlington Summer Soiree** 6pm - see p9

- 26<sup>th</sup> **CN Flower Club** 7.30 Lower Town Hall see p20
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Society of Recorder Players** 2.30-5pm in Sandford St Martin Parish Hall. Call 683550 for details

#### August (No Chipping Norton News)

- 1<sup>st</sup> **U3A** 2.30pm Methodist Hall see p20
- North Oxon Organic Gardeners** - see p22
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Great Rollright Market** 9.30am-12.30pm - see p11
- Bumblebee Walk** 11am-1pm see p8
- Victoria & Abdul** Enstone Parish Hall see p12
- 5<sup>th</sup> **Rambling Club** 2pm - meet New St Car Park see p21
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Methodist Coffee Morning** 9.30-11.30 for Methodist Homes
- CNWI** 7pm Lower Town Hall - see p20
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Railway Club** 7.30 Lwr Town Hall - see p19
- 10<sup>th</sup> **CHIPPING NORTON NEWS DEADLINE** see p31
- 13<sup>th</sup> **CN Folk Club** 8pm in Enstone - see p20
- 14-15 **St Mary's Church Free Summer Holiday Club & Lunch** 9.45am-1.30 see p13
- 16<sup>th</sup> **Green Drinks** with Transition CN 8pm Blue Boar
- 18<sup>th</sup> **Farmer's Market** 8.30am-1.30pm

#### September (News out Tuesday 28 August)

- 4<sup>th</sup> **Railway Club** Bill Valley - History of the British Transport Police 7.30 Lwr Town Hall - see p19