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## Editor's Note

As I write this introduction on a crisp yet bright sunny morning in late March, it's almost inconceivable that we were experiencing such snow and wintry weather conditions until just a few days ago. I do hope the warmth of Spring is finally here to stay.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the Charvil residents who recently turned out and gave their time to participate in the latest annual Charvil litter-pick. Over 30 people collected over 50 large sacks full of rubbish and recycling, not to mention a car seat, two traffic cones, bathroom fittings and several tyres!

I would also like to take the opportunity to introduce your new Village Warden - Mike Weldon, who has already made a great impact since joining us. A Charvil resident for several years, Mike will be working alongside Roger Burns, and is involved in the maintenance of our facilities and regular litter-picking.

As always, if you are involved in a Charvil-based group, society or charity and would like to highlight your activities in Charvil Village News, please contact me.

Please do continue to share your thoughts and highlight your issues and concerns by contacting the CPC team using e-mail or [www.charvil.com](http://www.charvil.com) (which also has news and information about our council, facilities and village life), as well as following us on Facebook and Twitter.

Now that it appears to be finally here, I wish you a fabulous Spring. We hope you find something of interest in this latest issue of Charvil Village News.

Amanda Burton, Assistant Clerk

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## **Chairman's Foreword**

Dear Readers,

As I draft this the snow is slowly melting and hopefully will be merely a memory by the time our Spring Newsletter is published. Looking at the TV, I think that maybe Charvil got off relatively lightly.

The Parish Council continues to see changes in its line-up and since our last newsletter we have recently welcomed Daljit Ryatt to replace John Davies who moved away last winter. That now brings us up to our full complement of ten which will make things much easier, particularly in the committees. The best place to come and discuss any issues with your Parish Council is either in the 'Open Forum' at the start of every Parish Council meeting, or at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) which this year is at 8:00pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall. As I mentioned in the last Newsletter, the APM is never as well attended as we would wish. We lay out free drinks and nibbles as an enticement, and perhaps more importantly, it is your opportunity to tell us what you think, what you would like us to concentrate on, and generally to have your input to proceedings.

Perhaps the most important item on the wider agenda right now is the prospect of considerably more housing being built, both in Charvil and its adjoining parishes. This is a subject which I have addressed in both my earlier Forewords, and the matter continues to take up much of the Council's time. Wokingham has a commitment (set by the government) to build some 850-879 houses each year between now and 2036; and there is no argument that we do need more housing if our friends and family are going to be able to live and work in the area.

Not every parish can take a NIMBY approach and essentially say "Yes we need more housing, but not here!". Hence we must accept that Charvil will need to take some more housing, as will the other surrounding parishes. The question then becomes 'where and of what type'? Given the current housing shortage, housing in Charvil is typically well out of the reach of most young couples, and offering so-called 'affordable housing' at 20% off £500k is not going to solve the problem. What we need is housing which will sell for around £200k-£250k, together with additional housing which is for rent and/or part-purchase.

Wokingham Borough Council is currently working through a process of assessing over 200 potential building locations within the Borough (all for multiple-developments); however, if all the necessary infrastructure is to be provided, it is their view that at least two 'Strategic Locations' will need to be included. That means two areas where very significant building will be located, rather than spreading them throughout the Borough. One of those areas for consideration is in Ruscombe/Twyford where potentially 3000+ new houses could be built. This would involve the loss of Green Belt and prime agricultural land, and would put very significant pressure on the already stretched local infrastructure.

With the above in mind, and given the potential for such a plan to create chaos with the infrastructure (roads, schools, doctors, etc.) throughout the local area, Charvil Parish Council has chosen to support a campaign which has been set up by a number of local Borough and Parish Councillors to resist this 'strategic' location, while accepting that some level of further building is required in the area. Similarly, the campaign also promotes the identification and use of as many 'brown-field' sites as possible and the construction of truly 'affordable housing'. That campaign can be found at <http://cprwok.co.uk> and we urge all Charvil residents to view this website and sign-up to its petition. Without your active support we will have to accept what we are given, rather than what we need or want. I will be happy to discuss this in more detail at the APM.

To finish-off, we continue to invest in the facilities of the village, particularly the Pavilion and the Sports Pitches. We have started discussions on how we can encourage (and assist) Wokingham into helping us establish a new pre-school (although this will be a long-term project), and we would welcome your input as to what further facilities or projects you would like to see within the village. Come along and tell us at the APM!

Best regards,

Jim Gillett – Chairman: Charvil Parish Council

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## **Edited Extracts from the Minutes of Parish Council Meetings**

### **Meeting held on 20th November 2017**

**Open Forum** - Borough Councillor John Halsall attended to discuss his Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham. He ran through the background of the problems with the developers being slow to build once planning had been granted, resulting in the successful appeals, and how this is influencing the Borough's approach to the Local Plan. He feels that the Borough needs to take control of the developing itself because most local people can't afford the types of homes the commercial developers want to build, and that this development needs to be done close to urban centres with good transport links, possibly by redeveloping the centres of Twyford and Woodley, and some parts of Wokingham. Much of the development he envisages is flats, but some Charvil councillors felt that these are only suitable as rental properties. He ran through the Local Plan timetable; appealed for as many people as possible to write to Theresa May and WBC in planning terms; explained how much local support he has already for his campaign to prevent development of the greenbelt and grade one farmland; and how much money he will need to fight this campaign successfully. Council felt that the brownfield sites that Cllr. Halsall was referring to should be included in the sites being considered and asked why this had not yet been done and that while they would consider the request for funds, this would have to be considered carefully with all the other Budget issues.

**Environment** - Cllr. Andersen reported that she had four people interested in conducting a tree survey, and they will meet with the Veteran Tree Association in January

### **Meeting held on 18th December 2017**

**Donations** - It was resolved to award payments of £242 to Sue Ryder, £300 to Twyford and District Volunteer Centre and £345 to Keep Mobile. It was also resolved to award a grant of £800 to Charvil and Sonning Junior Cricket Club. It was resolved not to award a grant to Me 2 as Council were still not satisfied that they needed a grant when holding large reserves. These decisions were passed unanimously.

**To note the installation of the Speed Indicator Unit in Old Bath Road and the latest progress on Pipistrelle Way** - The Speed indicator unit is now up and running, and it was suggested that the flashing angry face should be activated up to 50mph rather than the original setting of 45mph. Cllr Hobson was thanked for dealing with the data.

**Environment** – It was noted that TPO1611-2017, covering many trees on Beggars Hill Road near to Sandford Farm, has been implemented. Cllr Andersen is to meet with the Veteran Tree Association on 17th January to discuss how best to conduct the tree survey. Cllr Andersen expressed a view that she would like to try to boost recycling in the village, and the clerk is to arrange for her to meet with the Cleaner and Greener team to see what is possible.

**To consider whether Charvil Parish wishes to contribute to the Northern Parish “Fighting Fund”** – After some discussion of the issues, it was resolved not to contribute financially because it was too much to take from households without express permission. Council did, however, wish to support the campaign in other ways.

**To consider how to help the fete** – it was resolved to allow free use of East Park Farm and the Pavilion on 8th July, and it was reported that various councillors had agreed to help with the beer tent. Cllr Hobson reported that the new committee were very positive and looking forward to organising a very successful day.

#### **Meeting held on 15th January 2018**

**In the light of the successful motion supporting the re-debate of the issue: To Consider whether Charvil Parish wishes to contribute £10 per household to the Northern Parish “Fighting Fund”** – There was a long discussion about the benefits of supporting the Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wokingham, which are that Council should not leave it to the other parishes to fight the cause, our parish needs to be involved or it cannot complain against what it might get in terms of extra development, that many residents would expect the Council to be involved and that the Campaign is possibly the best way to influence the type of housing to be built as well as suitable supporting infrastructure. The contrary view included the arguments that Council does not have a mandate to take this money from each household, that in these straitened times, it is quite a lot to add to the precept and that legal costs could escalate and the Campaign will come back for more money. Once the discussion was complete, Council voted seven to one with one abstention to support the motion.

**Environment** – It was resolved that the Parish Council would once again support the litter pick on Sunday 25th March at 2-4pm, starting from the Village Hall, which was approved unanimously.

#### **Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2018**

**To hear an update from the Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham** - The Chairman had attended two meetings of the CPRW and had gathered there was some initial legal advice suggesting that the Greenbelt was easy to defend, but it would be harder to defend the Grade One agricultural land.

For this reason, each parish would need to consider where its “red lines” were and where they may countenance development within their boundaries. Cllr. Hobson asked that there should be regular updates on the CPRW, at least every time there is a meeting, and that there should be clear success criteria to measure progress by. It was agreed that the Chairman would draw up some ideas for this, and that other councillors would add their thoughts, with a view for these to be agreed at the next meeting. The Chairman asked all councillors to try to get people to sign the online petition, so that the target of 1500 signatures can be reached to force a debate at WBC.

**To consider and if necessary, to approve, beginning the Neighbourhood Plan process, and to consider where Council would be prepared to accept extra housing in the village** – It was resolved that

Council would look to begin the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan, and would investigate what grants are available. Council agreed that there is a need for more affordable homes in the area, and that they would be happier to accept housing in the rest of Hick’s field, rather than north of the A4. They also felt that there needed to be more emphasis on infrastructure across the whole area if villages such as Charvil were to have more development. If Park Lane were to be developed further, there needed to be changes to it, and, there needed to be a crossing by the school.



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**Amenities Committee** – There was a discussion about the idea of having a family annual pass to the tennis courts and this was approved but its cost was to be referred back to the Amenities Committee as was the best way of securing the courts. It was noted that there was still no word on the pavilion floor, and that the assistant clerk would hopefully have some more news for the next Amenities meeting.

**Environment** Cllr. Andersen reported that she and Cllr. Hartley met with The Veteran Tree Association and that they have arranged a training session in April so that they can conduct the survey for Charvil. She also reported that she had met with Peter Baveystock, Irum Gulzar along with Cllr. Hartley and the clerk, to discuss recycling issues, and particularly the possibility of having a bottle bank in Charvil. Various sites were suggested and Cllrs. Andersen and Hartley were going to try to survey some residents for their views.

**To note the appointment of a Village Warden** – Michael Weldon has been appointed.

Planning Matters considered at recent Parish Council Meetings

**The Council had no objection to the following applications:**

- 173088     Application for the proposed erection of first floor rear extension to create habitable accommodation plus erection of two side dormers at 99 Old Bath Road
- 173472     Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 22 Thornbers Way
- 173542     Application to vary condition 2 and 10 of planning consent F/2014/2072 for erection of detached dwelling with new access, hard and soft landscaping and associated work. Condition 2 relates to the approved plan numbers, the new plan proposes preferred siting 1.5 metres forward, removal of chimney and basement. Condition 10 code for sustainable homes at 111, Old Bath Road
- 173617     Application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension to form porch plus conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation (retrospective) at 19a Charvil House Road
- 173680     Application for the proposed erection of first floor side extension to 14, Chiltern Drive
- 173732     Application for the proposed erection of single storey side extension plus first floor side and rear extensions to 10 Gingells Farm Road
- 180010     Application for the proposed erection of single storey side extension following demolition of existing garage at 15 St Patrick's Avenue
- 180280     Application for proposed erection of new decking to side and rear of the existing house plus erection of new shed at Water's Edge, Loddon Drive (adjoining parish consultation) – no Parish Council comment.

**Council made comments on the following applications**

- 173248     Application for the proposed expansion of the existing caravan site at The Homestead, Park Lane – the clerk was asked to comment as follows:  
*While the Parish Council is sympathetic to the housing needs of those living on the site, it is concerned about the change of use from commercial (B8) to residential accommodation (C3) in an area designated as countryside and outside the development limits.*  
*If the Borough is minded to approve this application, Council would like a condition to be included that only allowed employees to live on the site.*

173587     Application for the erection of one five-bedroom dwelling and detached garage with access and parking at Oaklands, Beggars Hill Road – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:  
*Charvil Parish Council would like to object to the above applications for the following reasons*

- 1. The proposed dwelling is outside the development limits as defined in the Managing Development Delivery document, and is therefore contrary to CP11 of the Core Strategy. The Borough's expressed desire in both documents is to prevent in-filling between settlements which would erode the character of the area, and this proposal would be a major step in the complete erosion of the gap between Woodley and Charvil which has already suffered serious harm with the allowed appeals on Waingels Road (Planning application reference 160902) and Park Lane (Planning application reference 143292). The applicant makes much of the appeal allowed on Waingels Road, both in respect of the five-year housing supply, and the idea that CP11 is no longer a valid objection to development in the countryside. The lack of five-year housing supply has been a major weapon of developers recently, but Charvil Parish Council supports the Borough's assertion that the responsibility of any shortfall in this area lies with the developers themselves because the Borough has approved more than enough housing to fulfil its obligations to 2026. While this Council disagreed with the Inspectors' conclusions on both recent appeals, CP11 was outweighed rather than out-dated by other factors in both cases, and it feels that this site is very different in that it is opposite farmland (albeit with a temporary railway yard for the electrification of the line), and the road itself has the characteristics of a country lane rather than a main thoroughfare.*
- 2. Other applications for new dwellings on both Beggars Hill Road and Lands End Lane adjoining it, have been refused and upheld on appeal because the roads are unsuitable for any further development as they are both single carriage way with no pavement and minimal lighting, and the junction with Waingels Road is deemed dangerous. Council feels that nothing has changed in this regard, and the erection of a further five bedroomed dwelling is only likely to increase vehicle movements significantly in percentage terms on a road currently enjoyed by walkers, cyclists and horse riders, where there are no passing places beyond residents' driveways.*

*Not only would the road become more dangerous for existing residents, but the amenity enjoyed presently would be adversely affected.*

3. *The supporting document for this application states that there would be a considerable CIL liability for this dwelling, which could go some way toward dealing with the infrastructure improvements required in the area, but Council also notes that the applicant is applying for a "self-build" exemption, so the net effect would mean that the application is contrary to CP4, requiring improvement to the infrastructure.*
4. *Council's final concern is that this application is contrary to CP6, reducing the need to travel, and particularly by car. While schools and some recreational amenities are within walking distance of this site, the nearest bus stops are around a mile away with at least part of the journey on poorly lit roads and paths, and the nearest railway station is over two miles away, with no provision for safe cycling. Council does not regard this site as "sustainable" when considering travel to work and access to other amenities such as shops and doctors' surgeries.*

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180212      Application for submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent F/2014/2503 and Appeal Reference APP/X0360/W/15/3130829 (dated 02/03/2017) 9. Site Access - provision to accommodate all site operatives, visitors and construction vehicles loading, off-loading, parking and turning within the site during the construction period on land to the west of Park Lane – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

*Charvil Parish Council appreciates that the construction of the twenty-five dwellings will inevitably cause some disruption to the daily activities of those using Park Lane, and so would like to suggest some alterations to the current plan to alleviate some of residents' worst fears during this period.*

- 1. Could the new site entrance be moved to the very bottom of the field, adjacent to the Homestead boundary? This would reduce the dangers of the site entrance being directly opposite the car park exit, which is used extensively throughout the day, but particularly at school drop-off and pick-up time. It also has the potential to being much wider than the proposed entrance opposite the car park exit, which will hopefully allow larger construction vehicles to access the site easily. At present, the proposed site entrance is not wide enough for these vehicles to access the field without driving on the verge on the car park side of the road, and even then, some have not been able to enter the field. The entrance must be wide enough to allow the largest of vehicles to access the site without blocking the road.*
- 2. Park Lane only has a pavement on the side of the road adjacent to the site, so there is an inevitable hazard for children walking to school. The primary school parents are very concerned about their children's safety during this phase and would appreciate the re-siting of the entrance to as far from the school as possible – which would be nearest The Homestead.*
- 3. Council would appreciate some conditions being imposed to reduce the likelihood of accidents during this period. One would be that construction vehicles cannot access the site at the peak times of school drop off (8.30-9.15am) or pick-up (3-3.30pm). We feel this would reduce both congestion and danger. Additionally, Council would like strict parking controls on Park Lane so that none can park on Park Lane itself. This should not be a problem if the site compound is large enough.*



180224 Application for the proposed erection of 3 four-bed detached dwellings with on-site parking and access off Park View Drive South on land to the rear of 35-37 Park View Drive South – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

*Charvil Parish Council would like to object to the above applications for the following reasons*

- 1. This proposal is to develop the back gardens of 35 and 37 Park View Drive South, which is contrary to the Borough's policy TB09 as laid out in the MDD DPD. Council is not convinced that this development would enhance the local area, as would have to be the case for it to be allowed.*
- 2. Council feels that this would be over development of the site, particularly as the surrounding area has a spacious feel, and is at present, an important green lung in the area, separating the mixed development on Park View Drive from the more uniform development of Strathmore Drive.*
- 3. Council is concerned that this development would put pressure on the trees that are proposed to be left according to the Arboricultural Report conducted by the developer. The garden of the house to the rear of Nos 45 to 47 will be surrounded by tall leylandii to the east and a mixture of mature trees to the north and west. Council is concerned that this would encourage any future householder to want to remove what trees they can get away with. Similarly, the proposed dwelling closest to Strathmore Drive to the rear of No.35, will have overhanging trees to the west, and while the initial plan is to cut back this tree on one side, Council still feel this may be in some danger as well.*
- 4. Council is concerned that there is already a number of conflicting uses of the narrow Park View Drive South; it is the main route to secondary school for most Charvil children; it is a major rat run as commuters find it easier to access the A4 from there than from the poorly designed roundabout at the Wee Waif; it often has multiple parked vehicles on it, particularly at the northern end where there is a popular shop; and finally it is a residential road with large houses, meaning that increasingly, cars are parked on the road because of more adults in households than used to be the case. Another three dwellings will mean at least another six cars trying to get out each day and will reduce the space for on-road parking where there is greatest demand for it.*

**The following applications were approved by Wokingham Borough Council:**

- 152886 Application for submission of details to comply with the following conditions of planning consent 152179(25/9/2015). 3. External materials. 4. Ground and Building Levels. 6. Cycle parking. 7. Access. 9. Landscaping. 11. Details of Boundary walls and fences at 111 Old Bath Road
- 171943 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey side/front extension to dwelling plus conversion of garage to habitable accommodation at 41 Cheviot Drive
- 171952 Application for the erection of a single storey side extension (retrospective) at 36 Park View Drive South
- 172211 Application for the part conversion of existing garage into storeroom and gym with raised roof levels plus first floor side/rear extension at 33 St Patrick's Avenue.
- 172520 Application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling plus part conversion of existing garage at 6 Wenlock Edge
- 172567 Application for proposed erection of single storey side extension following conversion of existing car port to garage and existing garage to habitable accommodation at 13, Strathmore Drive
- 172842 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to dwelling plus conversion of existing garage at 76 East Park Farm Drive
- 173192 Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed conversion of loft space to create habitable accommodation at 8, Simmons Fields
- 173088 Application for the proposed erection of first floor rear extension to create habitable accommodation plus two side dormers at 99 Old Bath Road
- 173248 Application for the expansion of caravan site at The Homestead, Park Lane
- 173617 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension to form porch plus conversion of existing garage to create habitable accommodation (retrospective) at 19a Charvil House Road
- 173472 Application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension at 22 Thornbers Way

**The following applications were refused by Wokingham Borough Council**

- 172243 Application for the proposed erection of first floor side extension at 14, Chiltern Drive
- 172743 Application for the proposed erection of two dwellings on land to the rear of 70-72 Old Bath Road

**The Following Planning Application were Withdrawn**

- 170586 Application to vary condition 2 and remove condition 10 of planning consent F/2014/2072 (proposed erection of detached dwelling with new access, hard and soft landscaping and associated works). Variation of condition 2 to change approved plans to allow re-siting of approved dwelling by 1.5 metres. Removal of condition 10 to remove the requirement to comply with the code for sustainable homes at 111 Old Bath Road
- 172439 Application for the erection of detached dwelling, hard and soft landscaping and associated work at 111 Old Bath Road
- 171262 Application for the proposed raising of roof and rear dormer extension with Juliet balcony and roof lights to front elevation to facilitate additional habitable accommodation at 15A Charvil House Road
- 172635 Application for the proposed erection of a two-storey side extension, first floor rear extension to 1, Milestone Crescent

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<b>Meetings of Charvil Parish Council 2018</b>	
14 May 2018	Amenities Committee Meeting
<b>16 May 2018 Annual Parish Meeting</b>	
<b>21 May 2018</b>	<b>Full Council Meeting</b>
4 June 2018	Amenities Committee Meeting
<b>18 June 2018</b>	<b>Full Council Meeting</b>
2 July 2018	Amenities Committee Meeting
<b>16 July 2018</b>	<b>Full Council Meeting</b>
<b>20 August</b>	<b>Planning and Finance</b>
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Dear Resident

Half way through March and it feels like November! Spring will be here soon, we just need to be positive.

### Jubilee Hall / St. Patrick's

I have received a number of emails and seen some of the Facebook messages of which I note some have been removed. From the beginning when the hall was closed and the pre-school departed, it was anticipated that this would become housing due to the fact it is a Brown Field Site. I am aware that it is disappointing to a number of residents that this has taken place, however, I have put an idea with the PCC.

The PCC build homes for local Charvil residents who are on wages that saving and trying to find the deposit are proving difficult. The homes are built at a reasonable cost and homes are sold only to Charvil residents who match the criteria to first time buyers. The land is leased to the new owners in the same way flats are sold where in 99% of cases there is ground leasing.

Currently, I have not received a response from the Church or PCC.

I know there are plans for the building of one house be built, alas, I fear that one house won't be the final application. The land is a classic Brown Field Site, with an existing building which will be harder to put pass planning departments and list.

### Hicks Development

The entrance opposite the school, is proving to be dangerous. I have spoken to the Planning Department and they were the ones who instructed Hicks, this was to be the temporary access for various ecological searches to take place. I am trying to get the access moved further down Park Lane so that access to the school is not hindered.

### General Development within the Northern WBC area

The relevant meetings and a petition have taken place. A petition will be presented to the Council 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

### Fly Tipping

It is definitely on the increase. All fly tipping reported to me I have passed on to Wokingham Borough Council. After going for a walk today (Sunday) 18<sup>th</sup> I noted further fly tipping and have reported this.



### Bottle Banks

It has been requested that Charvil has a bottle bank area. This is proving controversial with residents as a number of areas pin pointed are either too narrow, too close to houses etc. We have very limited areas to place a bottle bank and the best I have come up with is the very far end of the Car Parking EPF, right over towards the Railway track. If you have any ideas where this could be placed without causing issues, please can you let me or the Parish Council know of suggested places.

### Zebra Crossing for School

The Chair of the Parish Council and I would like to see a Zebra Crossing to the school. I am working with Highways at WBC with assistance of the Executive member for Highways.

### Dog Fouling

If you see a business or individual not clearing up, please take a photo and send on to me. WBC will deal with the matter to the best of our ability.

### Foster Caring

WBC have a shortfall of Foster Carers if you would be interested in fostering please contact WBC or give me a call and I can direct you to the right people to talk to.

I can be contacted on [emma.hobbs@wokingham.gov.uk](mailto:emma.hobbs@wokingham.gov.uk) or 07788 403841

Emma Hobbs, Borough Councillor

## **Speed Display Camera**

I hope many of you will have seen the Speed Display Camera which the Parish Council has recently installed on the Old Bath Road. The background to installing the camera was a long standing concern about the speed of some vehicles using the road. Residents have expressed concern about the safety of the Zebra Crossing and there was a feeling that some drivers were travelling too fast and some were failing to stop when people were waiting to cross.

The Parish Council has, over time, been in dialogue with Wokingham Borough Council and the Police as to what could be done to improve matters. Both have been helpful but our view was that we needed both better information on actual speed and a means of giving feedback directly to drivers in the hope that a visual representation of their speed would encourage them to slow down.

As you can see the camera shows the speed that a driver is travelling and it also collects data which can be analysed by the software that comes with the camera. This is useful in making our case to Wokingham and the Police for further action on their part.

I thought you would be interested to hear about some of the data we have collected. For example, in the period 15<sup>th</sup> December to 18<sup>th</sup> January there were 110201 records. The average speed was 29.2 mph and 85% of the vehicles were driving slower or up to 36 mph. There were, however, 522 vehicles travelling at 50 mph or more and the highest speed recorded was 79 mph. This was at the start of the speed detection zone but its speed was still 65 mph when leaving the detection zone.

More recently, in the period 17/03/2018 to 25/03/2018 there were 27551 records. The average speed was 29.3 mph and 85% of vehicles were travelling at 36 mph or less. So much the same as in the December to January period. The maximum speed recorded was 66 mph. This was at 18:16, a time when the roads and pavements will be very busy.

In terms of the success of the camera. Clearly we don't know what speeds were like before it was installed. It does show us that average speeds are within the speed limit but it also shows a worrying number of very high speed vehicles using the road.

Anecdotally, when I am downloading the data or just walking past, I have seen many cars slowing down so I hope it is having an effect. We will continue to discuss with Wokingham Borough Council and the Police how they can help to lower speeds on this road and the data will be of great use in showing the actual speed of vehicles.

The camera can be moved so periodically we will move it to other locations in the Parish, to give us a picture of speeds elsewhere.

John Hobson, Charvil Parish Councillor



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## Timetable of Local Groups

WHEN	TIME	GROUP	WHERE
<b>Monday</b>	09:45 – 12:45	<b>Hawthorn Quilters</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	11:15 – 12:15	<b>Zumba</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	15:30 – 19:45	<b>Wargrave Ballet School</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:00 – 20:30	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Charvil Guides</b>	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	20:00 – 21:30	<b>Charvil Music</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	09:30 – 12:00 (Every other Tues)	<b>Ferry Lane Quilters</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	09:30 – 13:00	<b>Flower Painting Class</b>	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	10:45 – 12:15	<b>Tapestry Choir</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	14:00 – 16:00	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	14:00 – 16:00 (Every other Tues)	<b>Senior Residents Club</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	17:45 – 19:15	<b>Charvil Beaver Group</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	18:15 – 20:15	<b>Charvil Cubs Group</b>	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	19:30 – 22:00 (4 <sup>th</sup> Tues)	<b>Reading Cigarette &amp; Post Card Club</b>	Charvil Village hall Main Hall
	20:00 – 21:00	<b>Pilates</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	09.45-11.30	<b>Caterpillar Club (Toddler Club)</b>	Charvil Village Hall
	10:00 – 13:00 (Every other Wed)	<b>Berkshire Spinners, Dyers &amp; Weavers</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	19:00 – 21:00	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:30 – 21:30	<b>Charvil Art Group</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	16:30 – 21:30	<b>Slimming World</b>	EPF Pavilion Main Hall

WHEN	TIME	GROUP	WHERE
<b>Thursday</b>	09:00 – 10:00	<b>Pilates</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	10:30 – 12:30	<b>Singing for the Brain (Alzheimer's Soc.)</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	14:00 – 17:00	<b>Charvil Stitchers</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	17:30 – 19:00	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Charvil Brownies</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	10:15 – 13:15 (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thur)	<b>Berkshire Spinners, Weavers &amp; Dyers</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	13:00 – 17:00 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thur)	<b>Sonning Flower Club</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:00 – 20:30	<b>Korean Martial Arts</b>	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	19:30 – 22:30 (1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thur)	<b>David Chambers Dance Band</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:30 – 22:30 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thur)	<b>Reading Cigarette &amp; Post Card Club</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:00 – 23:00 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur)	<b>Hexagon Quilters</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:45 – 21:45 (1 <sup>st</sup> Thur)	<b>Charvil Women's Club</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	19:45 – 22:15 (4 <sup>th</sup> Thur)	<b>Charvil Wine Circle</b>	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
<b>Friday</b>	09:00 – 10:00	<b>Pilates</b>	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	09:00 – 10:00	<b>Yoga</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	16:45 – 18:00	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Charvil Rainbows</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	17:30 – 19:30	<b>Windsor Higashi Karate Club</b>	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	09:00 – 10:00	<b>Insanity Hit the Floor</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	09:00 – 10:00	<b>Pilates Bendy Stretchy (Beginners)</b>	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	10:30 – 12:00	<b>GKR Karate Reading</b>	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	10:00 – 17:00 (3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat)	<b>Berkshire Guild Spinners, Weavers &amp; Dyers</b>	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	09:00 – 11:00	<b>Chess Club</b>	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	18:00 - 19:45	<b>Jewel Tones</b>	Charvil Village Hall

For further information on any of the groups listed, please contact [bookings@charvil.com](mailto:bookings@charvil.com) or call 07850 234363.



## **Twyford Neighbourhood Policing Team Update**

Spring has arrived and the days are getting lighter and longer so we thought it useful to pass on some crime prevention advice about securing your windows and doors.

### **French Doors:**

If you have French doors or a conservatory that has double doors, you can buy a 'Patlock' which locks the two door handles in position. It provides a visual deterrent to any would be intruders and instant peace of mind for home owners. The lock works by holding the internal door handles secure so that the external handles cannot be operated. This ensures that the door mechanism remains in the locked position, even if the locks are snapped or removed. These can be purchased from a variety of online retailers.

Remember to shut and lock all doors and windows even when you are in the garden.

For more information about protecting your home and belongings, please visit the Thames Valley Police Website:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/protecting-your-home-and-belongings/burglary/>

### **Posting personal information on media sites:**

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of crime by considering the personal information you share online and through social media:

- Never include details of your home address
- Wait until you get home from your holiday before posting details about your holiday destination and any pictures
- Do not disclose any financial information
- Be wary of posting photos showing you with new purchases of high value items such as jewellery or watches
- Be selective with friend requests and only accept requests from people you know
- Click links with caution as social media accounts can be hacked

For more information about online security please visit the Thames Valley Police Website: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/protecting-yourself-and-others-cyber-crime-and-online-safety/>

## Contact us:

Please call us on the non-emergency number 101 or email [Twyfordnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Twyfordnhpt@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk). Please note this email address cannot be used to report crimes or for any urgent matters. In an emergency, where a crime is in progress or there is an immediate threat to life, please call 999.

If you have information about crime or anti-social behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, you can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

Twyford Police Station is open Wednesday 2pm - 6pm and Saturday 9am-1pm and is manned by volunteers. They are there to answer any queries and pass messages to the rest of the team.

To view information on your neighbourhood team you can visit the force website at: [www.thamesvalley.police.uk](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk). You can follow us on twitter via @TVP\_Wokingham

Officers now have the ability to create and send Thames Valley Alerts instantly enabling timely updates of emerging crime patterns. This is a free service allowing you to receive crime alerts and information about where you live. To register please go to [www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk](http://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk).

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**The swimming pool is re-opening for the summer on Saturday 5th May, 2018**  
**Come and visit us on our opening day 10am-12pm**

Membership to the pool is open to all residents living in Twyford, Ruscombe, Charvil, Hurst & Wargrave and to families with children attending schools within these areas. Join up and enjoy the summer in our pool! Please visit our website at [www.psaswimming.co.uk](http://www.psaswimming.co.uk) or find us on **Facebook** for further information.



- Fully tiled, heated 25m outdoor swimming pool in pleasant grounds, with showers and refurbished changing facilities and washrooms.
- Family swimming sessions Monday/Wednesday/Thursday and Friday afternoons. Also Saturday mornings. (please refer to our website for full timetable)
- Lane Swimming for over 16's, weekday evenings 7pm-8pm (except Tuesdays)
- Early bird swimming. Mon/Wed/Fri (6.30am-8.00am)
- Teenage fitness swim for children 12-16 years wishing to swim lengths (Wed 6-7pm)
- Dedicated 'under fives' sessions Friday mornings (11.45am-1pm) subject to supervision. (Please contact Rachel Arkell on 934 4801 if you can help)
- We will be running swimming lessons in partnership with a local swim school. Members only. (Further details to follow on our web & Facebook pages)
- The pool is also available for children's pool parties (Members only)
- Family membership just £40 for the season!

Please note: All sessions are subject to adequate supervision. We are entirely dependent upon voluntary help, particularly for poolside supervision. If you can help on a regular basis, please contact the **Chairperson: Lesley Jarvis on Tel 07720 040500**. Poolside First Aid training course provided.

## Charvil Village Society

Battling through the snow and icy winds, 38 intrepid villagers tackled the 'Beast from the East' to participate in the Village Society Skittles Evening. Held at the Lands End, the evening was a remarkable success, especially considering the weather conditions. While a few people understandably dropped out, those that braved the elements were treated to fantastic hospitality from the Lands End, and friendly banter as the competitive spirit took hold of participants.

This was a departure from most society events, which are held at the village hall, but something that the society will consider in the future. So, why not join us on one of our forthcoming events later this year?



### **Saturday May 12 and May 19, 2018: Bingham's Brewery Trips**

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm at Bingham's Brewery

£12.50 per ticket.

Details and bookings through Mark A'Bear – Tel: 9343918

### **Friday June 22, 2018: Summer Walk**

7:00 pm at the Village Hall, Park Lane and Lands End Pub

Free of charge

Booking not essential, but please email Mark if possible.

### **Saturday September 29, 2018: Village Quiz - 7:45 pm**

Details and bookings through Mark A'Bear - Tel: 9343918

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

£7.00 per person

**Early booking essential**



Details of the Village Society and events can be found at:

<http://www.charvil.com/clubs-and-societies/charvil-village-society/>

We would like to increase our mailing list so that we can publicise events well in advance. The number of emails are kept to a minimum, so please sign-up to receive event information from the village society, by sending me an email at: [markabe@btconnect.com](mailto:markabe@btconnect.com)

Mark A'Bear, Charvil Village Society

## Caterpillar Club

Summer Term for toddlers at Charvil's Caterpillar Club playgroup for 0-5s, we are back every Wednesday (term time), starting Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April from 9.45am-11.30am. First visit is free, then it's £2.50 for the first child and £1.50 for additional ones. There's a healthy fruit/cracker snack for all children, followed by a biscuit. We also offer tea and coffee for parents, grandparents and carers (plus plenty of biscuits for the adults too). For more information visit our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/groups/CharvilCaterpillarClub](http://www.facebook.com/groups/CharvilCaterpillarClub) or call Chloe on 07507 597 583. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Hi, my name is June and I live in Charvil. I thought I'd write a few words to explain what I do (see my advert above ).

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I do a lot of work with a cycle training company teaching 10 and 11 year olds to ride on the road using the Bikeability standards.

I can help people of any age to learn to ride a bike, develop off road cycling skills, and ride on the road safely with other road users.

I aim to make all my lessons enjoyable, and at the pace of the individual's capability. I encourage trainees to move on to the next stage, but only when they feel confident to do so.

All my lessons are conducted in Charvil and surrounding local areas, like Twyford, Hurst, Woodley, Sonning.

So, when was the last time you were on a bicycle? Can I help you?

*June's Cycle Training, National Standard Qualified Cycling Instructor*

*Mobile: 07710 619452*



# Charvil

## Singing for the Brain



**Our Singing for the Brain sessions take place at:**

Charvil Village Hall  
Park Lane  
Charvil  
RG10 9TR

**Please join us from 10.30 - 12.00 on the following dates:**

12th, 19th, 26th April  
10th, 17th, 24th May  
14th, 21st, 28th June  
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th July

**Please note there are no sessions on 3rd or 31st May or 7th June**

**There is a suggested contribution of £ 1.50 per person for this service.**

**If you have any questions please get in touch**

T: 0771 3390 714

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Alzheimer's Society operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.  
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**Charvil Village Fete – SAVE THE DATE – 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2-6pm, East Park Farm Playing Fields and Pavilion (Behind Charvil Piggott Primary School on Park Lane)**

We have lots of exciting things planned for the fete this year including the **Great Charvil Cake Off** competition, there are various categories including Victoria sponge and cupcakes. We can't wait to see all the local baking talent, there are lots of exciting prizes to be won – see the leaflet opposite for details. There will be a dedicated 'Kids Corner' with a craft activity (children will be able to show these off in a parade and the winners will receive a prize), face painting, bouncy castle and some other activities. This area is kindly being sponsored and run by Hot Shots. We welcome Berkshire Reptile Encounters this year to provide some interactive entertainment with some scaly creatures. We have lots of food and drink, supplied by Nyama Catering, Shawarma Wraps and Charvil Piggott Primary School. New for this year is the Land's End Equestrian Centre providing pony rides which we hope will be a big hit. We also have lots of entertainment planned for everyone. A special princess will be entertaining with singing, dancing and stories and Spin Academy will be showing off their talents. There will also be Reading Football Club, Redingensians Rugby Club and others providing activities. This year we will be welcoming The Scoundrels band. This is along with the usual raffle and stalls. We would like to thank Davis Tate for sponsoring this event and helping with the marketing and advertising.

Follow us on Facebook 'Charvil Village Fete', visit our website [www.charvil-fete.co.uk](http://www.charvil-fete.co.uk) or email us on [info@charvil-fete.co.uk](mailto:info@charvil-fete.co.uk) if you require any information. For Cake Off details see the leaflet opposite.



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## **Charvil Art Group**

Hello to all the readers of Charvil Village News, we hope you will enjoy our contribution to this magazine.

Charvil Art Group has had a great year with lots of activities including visiting Tutors and Demonstrators, outdoor painting days during the summer months, and a very successful Exhibition in November. Our thanks go to our judge Catherine Ingleby and to Jim Gillett Chairman of Charvil Parish Council who presented the cups, prizes and trophies to the winners of the various categories. We also have an exciting weekly programme, details can be found on our website [www.charvilartgroup.com](http://www.charvilartgroup.com).



The Christmas lunch was very much enjoyed by everyone.

Our friendly, cheerful group (at present 20 members) meet at the Village Hall on Wednesday evenings from 7.30pm to 9.30 pm and I'm pleased to say we have had several new members join us recently. Are you interested in Art? Would you like to improve your art appreciation and skills? Why not join us? We welcome anyone who is keen to have a go, beginners or those who want to just improve their skills. Please contact Ken on 0118 969 0274 for more details.

## **Reading & District Cigarette Card & Postcard Club**

January 11th saw member Ken Townsend recount with pictures the early history of recording on disc and wax recordings, working as a sound engineer for EMI. For his last twenty years working for EMI he was Studio Manager at the illustrious Abbey Road Studios. Ken worked for EMI making sound recordings of famous singing artists and orchestras in European and UK cities. Famous vocalist artists and groups who visited Abbey Road including Shirley Bassey, Cilla Black, Alma Cogan, as well as Pink Floyd, The Hollies, The Wurzels, The Shadows, and the Beatles dating back to their first Artist Test on 6th June 1962, following rejection by other recording studios. Short musical excerpts of various artists, conductors and orchestras relating to Ken's work were played including George Formby, Gracie Fields and many other familiar 'oldies'. A fascinating nostalgic trip down memory lane of the 1960's – 80s, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

February 8th at Charvil revealed 'The Secrets of the Box', a talk by guest speaker, Tony Weston, who used a power point presentation to tell the members about an old Victorian writing box purchased at a country sale by his grandmother in 1920. In need of quality restoration, this was carried out by a Caversham craftsman who was briefed to open the known 'secret' compartment. Pictures showed the 'before and after' results, and the secret of the hidden compartment and it's contents. This was found to contain a vast quantity of invoices and bills, mainly from the 1870's, which enabled Tony to use his family history experience to explore the Scales family going back to the 1750's, covering the family history of the male and female branches. The paperwork stemmed from the Newark area, near Collingham. The family ran a successful quality linen mill business which prospered during the nineteenth century, employing at least 20 workers who were mainly housed in accommodation built on the mill site, some of the invoices were for bulk provisions, e.g. bacon. Unfortunately, cheaper linen foreign imports during the 1890's meant that the mill became unviable and it closed circa 1907. Today, houses have been built on the site, but it was an enthralling talk which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Tony discovered a Scales family survivor in Wiltshire who added to the family history information, and Tony handed over some of the originals to him after taking copies, other material has gone to the local museum who assisted Tony in his researches.

The evening concluded with the traditional single card competition, raffle and refreshments.

April 12th sees one of the Club's popular Quarterly Auctions, and a number of cigarette card and postcard items have been handed in by local residents for sale. The Club always welcomes items from members of the public, for details ring 0118-9695155.

Roy Sheppard

## News from The Piggott School

It has been a busy term so far, with half term seeing two trips to the USA for students at the Piggott School.

### New York:

On 12<sup>th</sup> February twenty four excited students from years 10 -12 set off for the Big Apple along with three equally excited teachers. After overcoming the seemingly traumatic shock of no Wi Fi in the bedrooms, the students fully embraced the excitement and vibrancy of this wonderful city. Over the three day visit they saw all of the main sights and took part in some exciting Broadway theatre workshops. In their first workshop they had the opportunity to work with a cast member from Anastasia, the show they would see later in the week, to produce an impressive piece of musical theatre before heading off on a

fascinating tour of New York's world renowned musical venue, Radio City Music Hall. Later in the visit their second workshop focused on creating the opening scene of a Broadway musical, working with one of the cast from 'School of Rock' who they would later see live in a spectacular performance of the show that evening. During the visit the group were also able to take in Ellen's diner, The Lincoln Centre, where they caught up with the New York Philharmonic orchestra during rehearsals, and Central Park. At the One World observatory one student cured her phobia of lifts by ascending to over 1,200 feet in under 60 seconds to take in the extraordinary panoramic views of New York from the tallest building in the western hemisphere. Four days after leaving, the group returned exhausted but with hundreds of unforgettable memories!

### Killington, Boston:

A party of thirty eight sixth form students and four teachers set of for the slopes of Killington, Boston during February half term. A quick sleep was all that was needed after their tiring thirteen hour journey and they were ready to hit the slopes! The group consisted of all levels of ability in skiing, beginner, intermediate and advanced, and ski days were long but very enjoyable, with everyone making fantastic progress. Off the slopes, bowling provided much of the entertainment, with some fierce rivalry between teachers and students. For the final two days the group left the slopes and headed to New York to take in the sights, although the schedule didn't quite allow for a Piggott School reunion with the other trip. Maybe next time...



# Charvil Community Tennis Club

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Phone: 07447 934700 (Carl - Chairman)





## ***Sonning Regatta announced for Saturday 26th May 2018***

### **BANK HOLIDAY FAMILY FUN ON THE RIVER**

Agree with Ratty from *Wind in the Willows* that there's "nothing half so much worth doing as simply messing about in boats?" Then head down to the Sonning Regatta over the second May Bank Holiday.

Taking place on Saturday 26th May, the Regatta is a fun, family event held on the River Thames in the historic Berkshire village. The event features races for all ages and all rowing abilities - from aspiring Redgraves and Pinsents to complete novices.

There's the opportunity to take to the water in more unusual boats including dongolas, Canadian canoes and katakanus. And taking part couldn't be easier with all boats and equipment provided for both juniors (children need to be over seven years old) and adults with race entry.



To take part either download an entry form at [sonningfestival.co.uk](http://sonningfestival.co.uk) as of end March or head to Pearson Hall in Sonning on 21st April between 10-12am to register. Entry is £3 per child and £6 per adult.

If you're more of a land-lubber, there's lots to do on the riverside including children's entertainment, a beer tent, BBQ and snacks and an assortment of shopping stalls, why not enjoy a picnic on the bank of The Thames while cheering on the rowers and make a day of it!

The Sonning Regatta will take place from noon to 6pm on the Oxfordshire bank of The Thames, opposite Reading Bluecoat School Boathouse (just upstream of Sonning Lock). A ferry will operate from the boathouse. Alternatively, limited parking is available on site.

The event has a long but interrupted history. It began in the early 1900's and was stopped after World War II and was revived as a bi-annual event in 2000. Trophies from the heyday of the Regatta are on display at The Bull Inn in Sonning.

The Sonning Regatta kicks-off the Sonning Festival held over the second Bank Holiday in May (26th - 28th May). The bank holiday weekend Festival also features the Sonning Scarecrow trail, the cherished car show (Sunday only), open gardens and art exhibition in Pearson Hall.

For further information regarding the Regatta, please contact John Hargrave: [frampton\\_hargrave@msn.com](mailto:frampton_hargrave@msn.com)

**A brief update to residents from AFC Reading:** We are pleased to be making good use of the football area at St Patrick's Recreation Ground. The season is drawing to an end soon meaning our Saturday matches will stop, but we will still have friendly matches and training on the pitch a couple evenings per week.

*Our teams would love for you to pop along when we're playing to offer some home-team support. Thanks to those that have already popped along; we look forward to welcoming you again.*



**We are planning to realign the pitch over the summer** and as part of this work we will accommodate a goal closer to the play area. In the meantime, there is once again one goal to use at the further end of the Rec.

**Our long term aim** is to have permanent goals at both ends of the Rec. and also another pitch at the far end, again with permanent goals. This will require investment (the quality of the pitch at the far end needs work), and we are actively working to raise the required funds (see photo of one of our all-girls teams out in Woodley). We will provide further updates on our plans over the course of the summer.

**We are still keen for new players.** When we're training, please stop and say hello. If it's something you'd like to try then we would be delighted for you to join us. Contact [Ethan@AFCReading.com](mailto:Ethan@AFCReading.com) for more information.

Thank-you for your continued support,  
Ethan (Chairperson) & Damian (Secretary & Vice Chairperson)  
<http://www.afcreading.co.uk/>



**AFC Reading, fund-raising.**  
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## Sonning Floral Arrangement Society

Our first three meetings for 2018 have been exceptional thanks to our Programme Secretary, Rose Prescott. All educational, with gardening tips and very entertaining.

For our 50<sup>th</sup> Year celebration we are to enjoy a celebration lunch, followed by a demonstration by National Demonstrator, Graham King. The event is to be held at The Sonning Golf Club and is a member's only event.

The next meeting will be 10<sup>th</sup> of May, demonstrator Lorraine Saunders and the title of her dem is 'More Magic Moments' On June 14<sup>th</sup> we will enjoy an outing to Salisbury to visit Michael Bowyer, again a national demonstrator where again we will enjoy, reception coffee, Lunch, demonstration followed by afternoon tea.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Charvil Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month commencing 2:00pm prompt. We welcome visitors at a very reasonable fee of £5, which includes a nice, after demonstration cup of tea and a social chat. Come and join us.

# **1ST CHARVIL BEAVERS & CUBS QUIZ NIGHT**



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## 1<sup>st</sup> Charvil Scout Group News

During the dark winter months, our Cubs and Beavers have spent a little more time inside learning and doing activities that go towards their badges, but have also made the most of the opportunities winter provides to take part in night hikes and evenings around camp fires which the children love. We have even managed to squeeze in some visits to the Aviation museum as part of the Beavers Air Activities badge, and the Cubs visited a local fire station which both the Cubs and the leaders found was very informative. The Cubs made the most of the opportunity to join the Twyford Cubs for a sleepover at Winchester Science museum in March which was great fun, especially as they were allowed to sleep anywhere in the museum – some were more inventive than others...

We are actively looking to start a Scout section shortly as our older Cubs are nearly old enough to join Scouts and a plan is coming together, though as we will be spreading our current leaders more thinly over three sections, we would like to increase our pool of leaders – do you know anyone who might be interested? Our Cub and Beaver sections are close to full capacity and both have decent waiting lists, so we are excited that when the older Cubs move up, it will free up some spaces to take some children in off the waiting lists. Finding Leaders to run the sessions remains our most difficult challenge – if we had more leaders, we could consider starting a second Beaver section.

To help with fundraising so we can purchase more equipment and give the Cubs and Beavers more opportunities, we are holding a quiz on the 11<sup>th</sup> May to help with fundraising and would be great if you were to join us – see the advert for more details

If you would like more information on 1<sup>st</sup> Charvil Scout Group, please contact [charvilscout@gmail.com](mailto:charvilscout@gmail.com)



## Jewel Tones

Charvil based girls' choir, Jewel Tones, have enjoyed a busy but successful term. On March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the choir took part in a concert at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead together with a ladies vocal group called Time2Sing, dancers and flautists. The concert celebrated World Book Day so we had songs using poetry, songs from musicals based on books and some using words by Shakespeare! A collection was made for the charity Read for Good and £135 was raised.

On March 10<sup>th</sup>, the choir set off from Charvil by coach at 8am to travel to Chichester to take part in several classes at the music festival there. Jewel Tones won both of their classes and received some excellent comments from the adjudicator. A small group of the older girls also sang in the vocal ensemble class and won their class too! Jewel Tones were awarded the Il Cantiamo Cup for the best choir of the day so a great day!

Jewel Tones have their next concert on April 21<sup>st</sup> at St Mary's Church, Twyford starting at 7.30pm. They will be sharing the concert with the Reading Phoenix Choir. Tickets are £8 and available from [www.readingphoenixchoir.com](http://www.readingphoenixchoir.com).

On July 1<sup>st</sup>, Jewel Tones are holding an Open Evening for potential new members to come along and see what we do. This will be at Charvil Hall between 6.15 and 7.45pm. If any girls are interested, they can contact the choir's musical director, Suzanne Newman, on 9340589 or [suzanneynewman@btinternet.com](mailto:suzanneynewman@btinternet.com). Our website is [www.jeweltones.co.uk](http://www.jeweltones.co.uk).



## Cinemanial!

On Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> June a fun singing afternoon is being held for female voices at Charvil Hall between 2.00 and 4.00pm. We will be singing Cinemanial – a great medley of songs from movies including Shrek, Enchanted, Twilight, Slumdog Millionaire and Sister Act arranged for 2-part choir. The session will be led by local music teacher and choir director Suzanne Newman. The cost is £10 which includes music and refreshments. To book a place, please contact Suzanne on 9340589 or [suzanneynewman@btinternet.com](mailto:suzanneynewman@btinternet.com)

## Sonning and Charvil Junior Cricket Club

The cricket season is fast approaching and we are open to new registrations from age 5 upwards. We have different programmes for each age group so please email for details and joining instructions. We are accepting new players in several of our age groups.

Our indoor programme has already started and these are being led by Jason Pennisi, Games master and cricket coach from the Oratory School. Jason is also an active member of the Berkshire coaching establishment.

This year we are fielding teams at U9, U11, U13, U15 and running our usual U7 beginner sessions. We will also field an adult midweek team that play 20/20 style designed to help our older boys and girls get used to adult cricket in a relaxed and fast-paced environment.

All of our teams compete in the Berkshire Youth Cricket League and we are consistent contenders for major trophies. We had 13 players selected for the full and district County squads, including two girls. Well done to all of them, and all those that participated in 2017.

Many congratulations to the two boys that won the 2017 Colt of the Year and Runner-up awards, respectively Kieran Burgess of Charvil, and Faris Kayani.

Please contact me on [scjcricket@ntlworld.com](mailto:scjcricket@ntlworld.com) to receive the 2018 season programme and supporting information as it becomes available. A number of teams were oversubscribed last season so don't delay.

Nick Ray, Founder and Coordinator, S&CJCC



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## Twyford Library

### What's On for Adults

**Knit and Natter** - Drop in for knitting and a chat.

Third Tuesday in each month 2pm to 3pm

**Reminiscence Club** - Discuss memories of days gone by.

First Tuesday in each month 10.30am to 12noon

### Twyford Author Book Group

First Monday in each month 2.30pm to 3.30pm

**Twyford Library Writers Group**- Group for adults to share ideas and writing with others.

Third Monday of each month 5.45pm to 6.45pm

### Twyford Tuesday Reading Group

Second Tuesday in each month 2.30pm to 3.30pm



### What's On for Children and Young People

**Rhymetime** - Rhymes for under 5's and their parents

Just drop in! Free Event

Tuesday April 17, May 15, June 19 - 11am to 11.30am

**Star Wars Reads Activity Session\*** - Star Wars activity sheets and origami craft activities for children aged 4 to 10 years old.

£2 charge.

Tuesday May 29 10.45am to 11.45am

**Storytime** - For children aged 5 years old and under.

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Tuesday April 17, May 15, June 19 - 3.45pm to 4.15pm

For bookings and more information call Twyford Library on (0118) 9340800

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