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Editor's Introduction

I am writing this introduction whilst we are experiencing a particularly icy blast of cold weather and soon after Charvil experienced its first snowfall of winter. Whilst the effects did not last long, the Parish Council worked hard to ensure the local amenities such as the Village Hall and East Park Farm Pavilion continued to be accessible and safe to use. The snow and ice, combined with the dark winter evenings, have reminded me that whilst there have been improvements to the lighting and paths recently, it is still important to be so careful when out and about in such conditions, even around our own homes and gardens.

Although the weather at this time of year can be inconvenient, or even dangerous, it can at times also transform our local landscape and provide opportunities to get out and about and see parts of Charvil in a new light (as long as it is safe to do so!)

On the subject of safety, we are regularly notified by residents of excessive speeds on the Old Bath Road and are delighted to say that the Parish Council has installed a Speed Indicating Device (SID) in a bid to help combat speeding. The device is battery operated and can be moved between a few key locations. The SID also collects downloadable data so the Parish Council is able to monitor drivers' speeds 24/7 and if necessary, use this data to request additional speed monitoring by Thames Valley Police.

This issue includes news on changes to the Charvil Parish Councillors. Also, if you are thinking about New Year's resolutions to try something new, or get more involved in village life, inside you will find lots of useful information regarding village events and the activities of many Charvil-based groups, societies and charities.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish you a very happy festive season and New Year. I hope you enjoy this latest issue of Charvil Village News.

Amanda Burton, Assistant Clerk

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Chairman's Foreword:

Dear Residents,

I started my first 'Chairman's Foreword' last August by saying that the last few months had been a busy period; well it seems that the busy period has continued for the remainder of the year!

As a Parish Council we have continued to see further changes in our line-up. With great regret we were sorry to lose John Davies who has now moved down to Devon to live closer to his daughter. John was an extremely competent 'Chair of the Amenities Committee' and under his management we have seen a considerable number of improvements to the council-owned facilities in the village (more on this later). Paul Mundy has now taken over this role and is following very capably in John's footsteps. In addition, we have welcomed Jane Hartley and Adrian Keward to the council, but that does still leave the space recently vacated by John Davies, and hence we would welcome any 'expressions of interest' from other residents who would be interested to put themselves up for possible co-option. If you have a skill to offer, an interest in working to improve the village and some element of spare time (particularly on alternate Monday evenings), then we would like to hear from you; please pass your name on to the Clerk at clerk@charvil.com.

I am hoping that most of you will have seen the numerous improvements which we have been making to our facilities in the village over the past year (if not, are you sure that you're living in Charvil!?) particularly around the sports facilities at East Park Farm which we took over from Wokingham Borough Council a little over a year ago. I mentioned in the last 'Charvil Village News' that the Pavilion is now very much busier than it was and is now home to many new clubs and sports teams. We have spent considerable sums on improving its looks from both inside and out, although unfortunately, it does still require some further work inside to repair some long-term water damage. Nevertheless, by the time we are finished it will be a facility to be proud of. In addition you cannot have missed the new fence around the pitches, the recently re-painted tennis courts and the generally improved look of the overall area. We will hopefully be able to achieve nearly all this simply from the much improved utilisation of these facilities and hence the much improved revenue which comes from that. Finally, plans are in place to establish a more regular use of the recreation area at St. Patrick's, with a local football team taking up regular usage.

Having discussed the above village improvements, perhaps the most important issue which will be facing the village (and the surrounding villages) over the coming years will be that of new housing development.

I mentioned this in my previous Foreword, and as a council we have been following events closely and in coordination with the other Northern Parishes. It is an obvious fact that we do need additional housing within the area (just look at the house prices!), and it is also a fact that Charvil will have to accept some portion of the necessary new housing. However, as I also stated previously, this must be proportional, it must include the types of house which can be afforded by our kids, and it must come with the necessary improvements to infrastructure. Wokingham (as the local Planning Authority) is currently studying a wide range of possible approaches, and Charvil Parish Council will be (and already is) getting involved to ensure that we see a fair balance of housing and infrastructure.

On a final point, the Parish Council can only help to put in place what it believes that the village needs and/or wants. With this in mind, I would like to take this opportunity to make a plea for more 'resident involvement'. The full council meets at 8pm in the Village Hall on the third Monday of each month (although there can be some occasional exceptions). The annual schedule is posted on all village noticeboards and on the website at www.charvil.com. Each meeting has an 'Open Forum' at the beginning when any resident can air any concern or issue which it would like the council to consider. In addition, the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) is held each May, again in the Village Hall. This is a legal requirement at which the Council must present its finances and aims for the next year to its electorate. However, it is a sad fact that out of some 1500 homes and over 2000 electors, the typical attendance is only around 30! So ... please come along, either to a Council meeting, or at least to the APM, if only for the free wine and nibbles!

All the best for 2018!

Jim Gillett – Chairman: Charvil Parish Council

Edited Extracts from the Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

Meeting held on 17th July 2017

Donations - After some discussion, it was resolved to award £200 to Homestart, £250 to Berkshire Vision, £50 to the Tree Association and £618 to CAB which was unanimously approved. It was agreed that Council would ask ME 2 for some more information before reconsidering the application in December.

Amenities Committee- It was noted that although the Sports Booking Conditions had been approved, they were still being tweaked on minor issues, and so while they are good enough to send out to hirers in August, they may be amended at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

There had been a complaint from the Ballet Group as there had been a mix-up with the cleaners; consequently, the floor had not been cleaned before the Ballet exams, resulting in damage to shoes and difficulties in performing well. The assistant clerk had re-imbursed the ballet group and is intending to pass the lost revenue to the cleaning company.

The gate at the Vegetable Plots had broken but has now been fixed by the landscapers at the Hall. The clerk reported issues with litter while the litter picker was on holiday, and what should the correct procedure be in his absence. This was deferred to the next Amenities meeting, where the idea of recruiting a second picker would be considered.

Highways Regarding Pipistrelle Way, Cllr Mowlem reported that Ian Haller of WBC had replied and advised that the residents need to write to the developer, Bewley Homes, to ask them if they are willing for the Borough Council to adopt the road. If necessary, the Parish Council would write in support of the residents.

Reports from Representatives of the Borough Parish Working Group and WDALC Meeting – Cllr Jeffery reported that there had been a discussion on the Local Plan and that at present it appears to be planning by appeal. There was also a talk from the Community Resilience Officer. Cllr Hobson reported that the WDALC meeting was a complete waste of time, and wondered why the group had not been wound up. *Clerk's note: Although the parishes had largely supported the group's cessation, the County Association vetoed this move.*

Meeting held on 18th September 2017

Open Forum The member of the public was interested in the after-effects of the weed-killer used in the Spring by the grass cutting contractors, as no grass has yet grown back even after such a wet summer. The Borough intimated that they would re-seed outside of this resident's house but the contractor felt that it may be next year before any seed would take due to the concentration of the poison. Borough Councillor Hobbs has agreed to deal with it on the resident's behalf. Two residents of the parish, Jane Hartley and Adrian Keward, attended to put themselves forward for co-option to the Council, to fill the two current vacancies. They ran through their reasons for wanting to join the council, where their areas of expertise lay, and what they could bring to the table. *Clerk's note: as there were two applicants for two posts, both are eligible for co-option.*



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To note the resignation of Cllr Davies from his role as Chair of the Amenities Committee and to elect a replacement as well as a new Chair of Environment, and a new Vice Chair of Planning –

The Chairman thanked Cllr. Davies for what he has achieved as Chair of Amenities, particularly with the hall. Cllr Mundy was proposed by Cllr Davies to replace him as Chair, and the Chairman seconded this. Cllr. Mundy was elected unanimously. Cllr. Andersen was proposed to fill the vacant post of Chair of Environment by the Chairman and was seconded by Cllr. Mundy. Cllr. Andersen was elected unanimously. The Chairman wished to step down as vice chair of planning and proposed Cllr. Mowlem to fill his place and was seconded by Cllr. Jeffery. Cllr Mowlem was elected unanimously.

Local Plan Update – The Chairman had been contacted by John Halsall about The Campaign to Protect Rural Wokingham and the two public meetings on Thursday 28th Sept and Sat 30th Sept. He also mentioned that the five-year housing supply issues were not caused by Wokingham but by the slow delivery by the developers. The Chairman will provide a further update at the next meeting.

To consider the development of the five-year plan – Cllr. Bell presented a plan of action to Council, whereby all assets will be listed, with an expected lifespan, so replacements can be budgeted for on a long-term basis. Once this is done, it will be easier to factor in new ventures and how much we will need to raise on top of non-earmarked reserves. At the same time, income stands can also be factored in, so at present, it makes sense to front-load expenditure at the pavilion while Council has the grant from WBC, so hopefully by the time this stops, all major expenditure will be done, and there will then be a process of rolling maintenance. In future, CIL money will become available and this will allow for new capital projects. The aim will be to work towards a comprehensive rolling plan.

Amenities Committee The meeting was not quorate so the following items were brought to the attention of Council. To consider whether to hold teenage parties and if so, whether to increase the deposit – This is a result from complaints from neighbours about noise and mess, and because of damage to some of the property stored in the hall, which resulted in £45 being withheld from the £200 damage deposit. Council felt that as the deposit more than covered the damage there is little argument to increase it further, but that the topic of teenage parties should be discussed further by the Amenities Committee.

To consider whether to allow for the signing of damage deposit cheques at the Amenities Committee meeting to speed up the return of deposits – this was approved.



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To consider how Litter Picker's absence should be covered in future – it was agreed Council would try to find another litter picker to work alongside the current contractor, and see if they could do handyman duties. Council need to decide whether this role should be filled by an employee or a contractor.

Highways It was reported that Council now had the name of a contact at Bewley Homes to ask if they would be happy for Pipistrelle Way to be adopted and the clerk is to write to him.

There have been complaints from residents in Old Acres Lane that cars belonging to residents of River Court are being parked on the chevrons on the Old Bath Road, severely impairing visibility when joining the Old Bath Road. This is compounded by speeding from the Twyford direction. The police have been contacted and their intervention has helped to a degree, but the situation needs to be monitored.

Environment It was noted that TPO request 172452, to remove dead wood and crown the oak adjacent to 11, The Hawthorns, has been granted with conditions. It was also noted that the Veteran Trees Association are still requesting a tree warden for Charvil. Our flood warden is considering getting involved but is trying to find out more at present.

To consider how Council can best support the fete committee to keep the event going in the future

– It was agreed to allow the committee free use of the committee room for meetings, and to support the new chairman. It was felt closer collaboration with the school would be helpful, as well as a closer relationship with the Parish Council. It was agreed that Cllr. Hobson would attend the extra-ordinary meeting on 10th Oct.

Meeting held on 16th October 2017

Open Forum – There were no members of the public, but there was PCSO Daniel Taylor to discuss the local issues and how best to report them. He reported that there are very few reported incidents of anti-social behaviour in Charvil, despite councillors and residents saying they have seen drug use and dealing both at East Park Farm and around the Village Hall. The advice was that if you see drug use or other minor criminal activity, ring 101, if you see drug dealing actually happening or other more serious crimes, ring 999, but if you see something else that concerns you which is maybe anti-social behaviour, then send an e-mail to TwyfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk. He reported that he often patrols on foot and on bike around Twyford and Charvil, including round the Country Park. As regards CCTV, if Council were to go down that route at the hall, then there would need to be three cameras, but East Park Farm is more difficult, because of its size, but if points of entry were identified, then it would be possible to install cameras by these entrances, to see who is actually at the park at a given time. The Chairman thanked Daniel for coming, and Council moved on through the agenda.



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Local Plan Update – including reports from the Northern Parishes meeting, the public meeting and the Borough Parish Group, whether to support the idea of contributing to the area’s “Fighting Fund”, and whether to develop a Neighbourhood Plan

The Chair gave a brief overview of the various meetings and letters that Council had been copied in on, and there was a brief discussion about the possibility and cost of a Neighbourhood Plan but no decision can be made until it is clearer as to where development may be proposed. David Lee of WBC arrived at 8.50 to give a briefing on why so many appeals are being approved at present; mainly because the Borough is being penalised for slow delivery of housing, even though this was recognised as necessary by the Core Plan inspectors because the infrastructure needs to be in place before house building for the SDLs. This has been compounded by revised figures pushing house numbers up from 854 to 894 per year, and because developers have deliberately pushed up the prices of the smaller homes so there is not enough affordable housing being built. In reality WBC has approved planning applications for 13,000 since the beginning of the Core Strategy housing period, which is sufficient up to 2026, the end of the period. David Lee would like to encourage as many residents as possible to write to the relevant people in govt, local MPs etc., to express concern that WBC seems to have been penalised for doing exactly what has been asked of them in planning terms, and that the criteria for approving appeals needs to be reviewed as a matter of urgency, such that the number of ‘approvals’ is used as a guideline, not the number of completed houses (which controlled by the developers not WBC).

Moving onto the Local Plan for 2026-36, WBC feels that there needs to be a re-think on the national plan, because this area is in danger of saturation, with Slough and Reading not having enough land to fulfil its national housing requirement. This does not mean the area is against housing, but that it can no longer build at the nationally imposed rate without serious damage to the character of the area which has attracted both employers and residents in recent times. Despite this, WBC is having to consider where it can build its allocation of homes if its appeals to central government fail, and to this end it is evaluating all sites put forward. Developers have put forward a considerable number of possible sites in Twyford, Barkham Square and Grazeley; which is why WBC is having to spend a serious amount of time considering these three areas – otherwise, if these sites are simply rejected and then questioned by an inspector, WBC may not be able to defend the decisions from accusations of not looking at all sites equally. WBC’s preference would be to develop Grazeley as it is close to the motorway and railway, and is big enough to secure the funds for the additional infrastructure needed. However, it may be rejected because it is too close the nuclear installations at AWE Aldermaston. If this is the case, the other sites will have to be considered, and the Northern Parishes would be expected to take many of these homes.

While efforts will be made to develop brownfield sites and re-develop town centres like Twyford and Woodley, there will inevitably be greenfield development as well. Planners try to choose sites which have boundaries, like motorways, railways etc., and some sites put forward are unpopular because they could lead to merging of settlements. There is a lot to consider, but David Lee was clear that the Northern Parishes will have to take some development. The Chairman thanked him for coming and both he and Daniel Taylor left at 9.40 pm. The Chair asked Cllr Mowlem to urge residents to write once Council had received further information from Mr. Lee.

To note the expression of interest from local junior football teams to relocate to Charvil and from this decide a future date for an extra-ordinary meeting to consider how Council may wish to develop its facilities

– Cllr. Mundy explained the background and that AFC Charvil is a low budget club with a small income, and hence would not be able to pay the fees which the adult teams can. They are currently based at Sonning, but the older teams will no longer be able to play there after the end of this season. Council were very supportive of the idea of bringing the team to Charvil in principle, but as Cllr. Mundy reminded everyone, the use of the adult pitches was an integral part of the business plan, and junior football would mean a serious loss of income. Cllr. Mundy will talk to AFC Charvil, and therefore it is premature to arrange an extra-ordinary meeting at this stage.

Amenities Committee – Council was asked to consider what the best options were to deal with youngsters climbing into the tennis courts now that the hole they had made has been sealed up, because now it is clear they are climbing over the top which is further damaging the fence. One idea was to just leave the courts open so anyone can use them, but there were concerns about loss of revenue. Another idea was to re-instate the creep hole. A further idea was to put up high nets but there may be planning issues concerning these. A decision was deferred to the Amenities Committee.

Highways Cllr Mowlem and the clerk had met with Traffic Management and a representative from Morelock, and they suggested Council would be better off having a battery powered Speed Indication Device unit so it can be placed at various locations as required. Council needs to contact Streetlighting to get permission to attach the device to streetlights, but need the weight and dimensions first.

Environment It was noted that the tree work at East Park Farm has been completed. Council are still looking for a lead tree warden, as CPC's flood warden is happy to be involved but does not have the time to lead on this. Cllr. Andersen will try to get to grips with this and see if she can move it forward.

To hear an update from Cllr. Hobson on the Fete Committee, and to further consider how to ensure the fete's survival – Cllr. Hobson

attended the EGM of the Fete Committee and although the actual meeting was not successful, since then, a group of seven volunteers have stepped forward. Cllr. Hobson has agreed to be part of this committee to work as a link between the committee and Council. It was noted that Council are supportive of the fete and will help to keep it going.

To note the job description for a new litter picker and approve this for advertising – It was suggested the job title should be “Village Warden”, that the role was 6 hours a week and the pay was £8.70 per hour. It was resolved to advertise this on Facebook, the website, the notice boards and in the shop.

Planning Matters considered at recent Parish Council Meetings

The Council had no objection to the following applications:

- 171554 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension; first floor side extension; infill extension to provide additional habitable accommodation plus replacement of existing flat roof to pitched roof at Temple Cottage, Beggars Hill Road
- 171721 Application for the proposed single storey side extension at 15, St. Patrick's Avenue
- 171259 Application for the retention of the freestanding automated teller machine to the right of the North-East facing elevation (retrospective) at Co-Op Food, New Bath Road
- 171260 Advertisement Consent for the retention of 4 non-illuminated fascia signs on the ATM machine (retrospective) at Co-Op Food, New Bath Road
- 171855 Application for the proposed single storey side extension plus rear conservatory extension following demolition of existing conservatory at 17 Thornbers Way
- 171933 Application for certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension to dwelling plus part conversion of existing garage at 6 Wenlock Edge
- 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

- 172250 Application for the proposed conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation with rear dormer extensions and rooflight at 16 Charvil Meadow Road
- 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
- 172243 Application for the proposed erection of first floor side extension at 14, Chiltern Drive
- 172439 Application for the erection of detached dwelling, hard and soft landscaping and associated work at 111 Old Bath Road
- 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 single storey rear extension to dwelling plus conversion of existing garage at 76 East Park Farm Drive
- 172743 Application for the proposed erection of two dwellings on land to the rear of 70-72 Old Bath Road

Council made comments on the following applications

- 171771 Application for proposed erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at Stummbles, Charvil House Road – The clerk was asked to comment as follows: *The Parish Council are concerned that the neighbour's concerns are fully considered when deciding on this application.*

The following applications were approved by Wokingham Borough Council:

- 171398 Application for a certificate of lawful development for the erection of a single storey rear extension following demolition of conservatory at 10 Simmons Field
- 171554 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension; first floor side extension; infill extension to provide additional habitable accommodation plus replacement of existing flat roof to pitched roof at Temple Cottage, Beggars Hill Road



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- 171869 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey extension to form a new porch, new dormers and demolition of existing outbuilding at 15, Old Bath Road
- 171521 Application for the proposed erection of two storey front and side extension, single storey side extension and rear extension and part conversion of existing garage to provide habitable accommodation at 7, Strathmore Drive
- 171058 Application for the proposed erection of a part two storey/part first floor side extension with front dormer window and conversion of loft with rear roof lights to create habitable accommodation at 16 Gingells Farm Road
- 171156 Application for proposed erection of single storey rear and side extensions, conversion of existing garage to habitable accommodation and internal alterations at 34 Old Bath Road
- 171231 Application for the proposed first floor side extension over existing games room to form habitable accommodation and alterations to fenestration at 21 Park View Drive South
- 171216 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension following part demolition of existing double garage at 2, Gingells Farm Road
- 171771 Application for proposed erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension at Stummbles, Charvil House Road
- 171283 Application for a certificate of lawful development for the use of land as a caravan site at The Homestead, Park Lane
- 172250 Application for the conversion of loft space to habitable accommodation with rear dormer extensions and rooflight at 16 Charvil Meadow Road

The following planning applications were withdrawn

- 161754 Application for the proposed erection of two storey side extension and first floor rear extension to 1, Milestone Crescent
- 171721 Application for the proposed single storey side extension at 15, St. Patrick's Avenue

Appeals Dismissed

- 170166 Proposal - Without planning permission the material change of use of the Land to a caravan site for the stationing of mobile homes for human habitation on land adjacent to Model Farm Cottages, New Bath Road, Sonning. Decision – The appeal is dismissed and the enforcement notice is upheld.
- 161565 Proposal - Full application for the proposed use of land for the stationing of caravans for residential purposes for 2no gypsy pitches together with the formation of utility/dayrooms and hardstanding ancillary to that use on land adjacent to Model Farm Cottages, New Bath Road, Sonning.

FULL DETAILS OF ALL APPLICATIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE CAN BE FOUND ON: www.wokingham.gov.uk

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Paul Mundy	Amenities Committee Chairman	934 5258
Claire Andersen	Environment	07500 931091
Jackie Jeffery	Planning	969 0834
Jane Hartley		07879 427350
Adrian Keward		9346707
James Bell	Finance	934 5221
John Hobson	Staffing Committee	934 4913
Fiona Mowlem	Highways	07957 867636
Parish Council Officers		
Miranda Parker	Parish Clerk	901 7719
Amanda Burton	Assistant Parish Clerk and Newsletter Editor	07850 234363

Meetings of Charvil Parish Council 2018	
15 January 2018	Full Council Meeting
5 February 2018	Amenities Committee Meeting
19 February 2018	Full Council Meeting
5 March 2018	Amenities Committee Meeting
19 March 2018	Full Council Meeting
9 April 2018	Amenities Committee Meeting
23 April 2018	Full Council Meeting
14 May 2018	Amenities Committee Meeting
16 May 2018 Annual Parish Meeting	
21 May 2018	Full Council Meeting
<p>MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 8 pm and are held in <u>THE VILLAGE HALL,</u> <u>PARK LANE.</u></p> <p>RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS</p>	

Borough Councillor's Report

Dear Resident

Firstly, I want to wish you all a Prosperous 2018. Whatever the year brings may it be fruitful and positive year.

Old Bath Road Speeding:

The speed checker has now been installed on the Old Bath Road, with a sad or smiley face. I have also spoken to the local police where I hope that on occasion during a 24 hour period there will be a Police speed trap. I haven't been promised anything but have asked the question and it is recognised that speeding does take place.

Hicks Development:

I have asked the WBC reference the Hicks site, all that I know is development is planned to start in the New Year of 2018. There will be a site manager based there from January 2018.

General Development:

The Northern Parish's two meetings in Twyford saw over 500 attendees. We still need assistance delivering updated information and if you are able to assist, please can you let me know. All political parties are working on this together and we have caused ructions within Wokingham with our initiative to get everyone working together.

Fly Tipping:

Charvil has received its first photo and a number plate showing an area where fly tipping has taken place. All the details have been sent to WBC, with anticipation of a heavy fine. I will let you know how this has gone. Thank you to the resident and I ask anyone who witnesses this to send me the number plate and if possible a picture and date.

Hare Hatch:

I have been asked whether Hare Hatch Nursery would be able to sell their land to a Supermarket and can other Garden Centre around the area also have permission to sell their land. There is no answer to this question until or unless applications are submitted to the WBC. Clauses for any form of proposed development can be added to all applications. I do feel that we need to be cautious about speculation regarding any development within the Northern area, I and my colleagues both Liberal and Conservative have not heard or seen anything coming through.

Field Behind Thornbers Way /Old Bath Road:

You may have seen machinery drilling. Having checked this out, this under no circumstances and interest in the possibility of development as it a flood plain. As I understand the investigation was do with levels of water from the Loddon how high are they reaching surfaces. I am not too sure what the outcome has been, but as I understand a number of areas are being recorded. The EA maps need updating and it could be that this is for the latest recording on their maps.

Dog Fouling:

If you see a business or individual not clearing up, please take a photo and send on to me and 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 or 07788 403841.

Emma Hobbs , Borough Councillor

Winter Seasonal Health & Safety Tips

On the Roads - Winter Driving and Cycling

We know that a combination of less daylight and changing weather conditions means driving and cycling at this time of year is significantly more hazardous. What can we do?

- Preventative maintenance - it's worth getting your car serviced before any really cold weather hits. Car batteries only have a life of 5 years. Ensure anti-freeze in the radiator.
- Checking the general condition of your car more regularly (before journeys) – such as wipers, tyres, oil and topping up washer fluid.
- Ensure your lights are clean (and working). Keep a set of spare bulbs and fuses in the car.
- Allow time before your journey to properly clear car windows, to ensure maximum visibility. Consider covering windscreens overnight (newspaper or invest in a specialist covers) – it saves time and de-icer!
- Grit/salt your driveway/parking space. Reverse in to make it easier to pull away.
- In windy conditions – be aware of car doors swinging out and hitting other cars
- Consider what to carry in your car in case of emergency (phone charger, blanket; warm clothing, gloves / shoes; drinks/energy bars, torch, high-vis vest)
- If you have to make that journey, having a passenger can help - another person can be more observant of hazards, and provide conversation to keep you alert.
- Take extra care to watch out for cyclists and motorcyclists on the roads, and also pedestrians forced to walk on the road to avoid ice and snow.
- Check out these winter driving tips from **ROSPA** which includes advice on all the above points:
- <http://www.rospace.com/rospaweb/docs/advice-services/road-safety/drivers/winter-driving-tips.pdf>

Christmas

There are a number of risks associated with these seasonal activities:

- Think about a timer switch for lights (internal and external) to prevent overheating (and save money)
- Candles, cards and decorations are not a great mix
- Don't keep presents on show. Lock your garage overnight if you keep presents hidden there

At Home

As the temperatures drop, we may be using heaters and fireplaces that have not been used since last winter:

- Get the heating system serviced and chimney swept. Ensure the room is ventilated.
- Ensure your smoke and CO2 alarms are working

The cold weather can play havoc with your home:

- Bleed your radiators regularly to ensure you remove air, which causes cold spots at the top. Cold spots at the bottom are a sign of a build-up of sludge, which bleeding will not fix.
- Check with your home insurer if they provide an emergency plumber or heating engineer. If they don't, make sure you have the details handy of appropriate contractors in case of emergency
- Check your water stopcock is working properly in case of leaks (and you know where it is!)

In the Garden / Outdoors

There is lots of tidying up and preparing the garden for winter especially raking up leaves (which are a slip hazard) – take care of hedgehogs hiding in leaf piles!!

- Patios and paths can be as slippery as ice, due to build-up of moss/algae etc. Worth jet-washing.
- Keep a pair of shoes or boots with non-slip soles by the door
- Keep a mixture of salt and sand handy to put on steps or paths in icy weather
- A top tip to avoid a frozen wheelie bin lid – wedge it open with a small block of wood
- Turn off outside taps at the stopcock, or fit an insulated cover to prevent freezing.

Health and Wellbeing

- Keep simple cold, flu and sore throat remedies in the house (to save going out when unwell)
- Order repeat prescriptions in plenty of time, particularly if bad weather is forecast
- Eating well to keep healthy during winter – be aware that it's easy for your intake of fruit and veg to drop.

Try to keep your exercise regime going – it's more difficult at this time of year, so perhaps try to go for more walks instead

Check out the NHS website for winter health advice:

<http://www.nhs.uk/LiveWell/Winterhealth/Pages/Winterhealthhome.aspx>

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Rural crime update from Assistant Chief Constable Nikki Ross

Reports of rural crime in the Thames Valley have increased by five percent between October 2016 and September 2017.

I would like to reassure members of our rural communities of my commitment to investigating reports of rural crime. We rely on information from our local communities and take such reports very seriously. Incidents are robustly investigated by our local policing teams who have dedicated Rural Crime and Wildlife Officers based across the Thames Valley.

Rural crime can take many different forms including burglary, robbery, theft, criminal damage, fly tipping, poaching and hare coursing. We are continuing to work with local residents, businesses and partners to raise awareness of crime prevention techniques while developing problem solving solutions to tackle rural crime.

There are often fewer witnesses to rural crimes and greater opportunities for criminals to target isolated properties and businesses. The impact of these crimes can also be greater, with people feeling more vulnerable due to their remote location.

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of rural crime by taking a few simple steps including:

- Keeping the boundaries of your land and property well-maintained and secure
- Fitting strong locks to sheds, garages and outbuildings
- Checking security equipment regularly to ensure it is working properly
- Locking equipment away in a secure building when it's not in use
- Security marking your tools and equipment



For more crime prevention advice, and to see details of your local Rural Crime Officers, visit the Rural Crime page on the Thames Valley Police website at: <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/protecting-your-business/rural-crime/>

If you become a victim of rural crime or suspect that a crime has taken place, you should always report it to police by calling the non-emergency number, 101. If an incident is in progress, or there is an immediate threat to life, you should call 999.

You can receive the latest rural crime news from Thames Valley Police and their partners directly to your phone or inbox by signing up to CountryWatch at: <http://www.thamesvalleycountrywatch.co.uk/>

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Messy Church is on its way

The information

In the New Year there will be a 'Messy Church' starting in The Ark at St Andrew's Church, Sonning.

Messy Church *is* church but a very different type of church to what you may be used to and is for all ages. Each Messy Church event is centred on a Christian theme of Bible story and follows the same structure:

- Introduction/welcome
- Activities based around the theme, including craft, food and science activities as well as a game or quiz.
- Celebration which includes a story, song and prayer, as well as a chance to show people what you have made.
- Finally we all eat a meal together.

It will held once a month and is beginning shortly after Easter. Leaflets with times and dates will be handed out around the parish as soon as the details are finalised so watch this space!

It would be fantastic to see you there.

How you can get involved

Messy Church relies on volunteers to help in many ways, both big and small, including helping with activities, preparing food and preparing resources in advance. A number of people have already volunteered to be part of the Messy team and it's not too late to get involved. We are very fortunate that Lucy Moore, Messy Church founder and Team leader, will be running our initial volunteer training on Saturday 13th January – this is open to anyone who has expressed an interest in being involved in Messy Church and names for training must be given in advance. If you are interested please contact Rev'd Kate at revkate@sonningparish.org.uk or 07463806735.

Rev'd Kate Toogood

Sonning Primary School

ANNOUNCES OPENING OF EVEN MORE NEW FACILITIES

Children book in time to explore new library.

Sonning Church of England Primary School continued its impressive improvements with the opening of a new library, computer suite and school office spaces on Friday 3rd November at 2.30pm.

Prime Minister, Theresa May was treated to a first look at the new library by a group of pupils when she visited the school for the Sonning Show.



“I am delighted to be able to announce the official opening of our brand new library and school office. A lot of hard work and planning has gone into the process of building the new areas,” said Mr Luke Henderson, headmaster at Sonning CofE Primary School. “I would like to thank everyone who made a contribution to the developments – it really does make an incredible difference to the running of the school and facilities available to the children.”

The improvements come hot on the heels of the opening of a new playground for the school in May 2017. Redevelopment of the school offices, fencing, car park and some internal alterations were 90% funded by the Oxford diocese. For the library, the school and local community pulled together to support the project. Half of the money was raised through the incredible efforts of the PTA and kind donations from the school community. Other significant donations came from the ‘Sonning Scarecrows trust’, ‘Ranmore trust’ and personal donations from parents of the school.

“This has been a fantastically successful year for PTA fundraising,” said Ann Daniels-Smith, Chair of the PTA at Sonning C of E Primary School. “Yet again I’d like to thank the PTA, all parents and other members of our school community for their contributions towards the school improvements.”



The new facilities were opened by Rev. Jamie Taylor (on behalf of the Oxford diocese and school governors), Sarah Baker (on behalf of the PTA), Luke Henderson (Headteacher) and children of the school.

Caterpillar Club

After taking a break for Christmas, Charvil's Caterpillar Club playgroup for 0-5s is back every Wednesday (term time), starting January 10th from 9.45am-11.30am. First visit is free, then it's £2 for the first child and £1 for additional ones. There's a healthy fruit snack for all children, followed by a biscuit, with tea and coffee for parents, grandparents and carers. For more information visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/CharvilCaterpillarClub or call Alison on 07876 336716. We look forward to seeing you there!

Charvil Rainbows

Rainbows in Party Mood

On Friday 24th November 25 Rainbows from Charvil and Twyford had their annual Christmas Party at Charvil Village Hall. Rainbows are the youngest members of Girl Guiding UK.

Sima's Action Kids provided the entertainment and the Rainbows danced and played games before sitting down to a party tea and visit from Santa.

On Sunday 26th November 8 Charvil Rainbows attended a Birthday Party to celebrate the Rainbow Section's 30th Birthday; the event held at Garth Hill College, Bracknell was organised by Berkshire Guide Association and was attended by 450 Rainbows from across Berkshire.

There were three activity areas for the girls to enjoy; skipping, Princess themed crafts and singing and dancing with Princesses followed by a picnic style tea.

All leaders and Rainbows at the party received a special 30th Birthday Badge.

All new enquiries for Girl Guiding, register their interest via the Girl Guiding website:

For girls:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-your-daughter/>

For adults:

<https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a.../register-your-interest/>

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Singing for the Brain



Our Singing for the Brain sessions take place at:

Charvil Village Hall
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Please join us from 10.30 - 12.00 on the following dates:

4th, 11th, 18th, 25th January
1st, 22nd February
1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd March

Please note there are no sessions on 8th or 15th February.

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

If you have any questions please get in touch

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SAVE THE DATE: 8TH JULY 2018

Charvil Village Fete News

Charvil Village Fete Association had an EGM in November where a new committee was formed. Everyone has lots of exciting ideas for next year's fete and plans are going full steam ahead to get as much fun and entertainment along for children and adults.

Ideas include 'The Great Charvil Cake Off' baking competition, a dog show, band and 'Kids Corner'. Please contact us if you would like a stall or to provide any entertainment.

In case you didn't know the Fete Association donates proceeds to local charities and groups. After the fete in 2018 we will be looking to distribute funds and would like to hear from you if you have a group or charity in Charvil that could benefit. We look forward to updating you in the New Year and seeing you at the fete. It will be held on 8th July 2018, 2-6pm at The Pavilion and East Park Farm Playing Fields, just behind the Charvil Piggott Primary School on Park Lane.

Please contact us on info@charvil-fete.co.uk or to book stalls stalls@charvil-fete.co.uk and follow us on our Facebook page 'Charvil Village Fete' for updates.

Charvil Women's Club

We meet at Charvil Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month at 8pm. We have speakers on various subjects, followed by refreshments: we also arrange visits to places of interest twice a year. We would welcome new members to join us.

Our programme for the beginning of 2018 is as follows:

4th January 'Hollywood to Broadway by Train' (Tony King)

1st February 'The Vicar's Wife from Germany' (Barbara Ratings)

1st March 'A Long Walk across England' (Graham Horn)

5th April 'America – Grizzlying in Alaska' (Neil Stewart)

Just turn up on one of the above dates or, if you prefer, ring Shirley Newman on 0118 9340589 beforehand.

Charvil Village Society

Boxing Day Walk

What could be better after an indulgent Christmas Day, than a sociable Boxing Day walk with friends and family?

Why not join us for our annual Boxing Day walk, starting at 10:00 am from the Village Hall. The walk is usually a couple of miles and suitable for all ages. Dogs are very welcome as well.

The reward, after a gentle stroll, is mulled wine, mince pies and nibbles; all free of charge. There's no need to book; just come along, enjoy a sociable walk and perhaps make some new friends. Everyone is welcome.

Looking ahead to 2018, there's our January quiz and skittles evening to look forward to:

Saturday January 20, 2018: Village Quiz - 7:45 pm

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

Bring your own drinks and nibbles.

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Early booking essential

Friday March 02, 2018: Skittles Evening at the Lands End Pub - 7:30 pm

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

Cost £15 to include 'basket' main course, dessert and skittle hire.

Early booking essential because of a limitation on numbers

Also planned for 2018 is our annual Tea Party for Senior Citizens (April 7), a Bingham's Brewery Tour (May 12 or 19), and Summer Walk (June 22).

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

Mark A'Bear
Charvil Village Society

Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association

Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association has recently celebrated its 10th Anniversary and has published a 10th Anniversary Report. The Association covers all the parishes and towns within Wokingham Borough and to date their survey has recorded and mapped over 7000 veteran and notable trees. Their anniversary report includes each of the seventeen towns and parishes with a description of their notable trees.

Their anniversary celebration evening was opened by Cllr Angus Ross a long-time supporter of the association who talked of the value of WDVTA's work and data for the Borough. Jill Butler who campaigns for The Woodland Trust spoke about the changes in attitudes to veteran trees over the last ten years and described WDVTA as '*a brilliant example of how local groups can make a real impact for projects like the ancient tree inventory*'. Ted Green, a founding member of the Ancient Tree Forum was also present and promotes the enlightened view that ancient and veteran trees should be regarded as historic living monuments.

Alison Griffin chairman of WDVTA said *"It was wonderful to welcome so many old and new friends to our celebrations and the launch of our Anniversary Report. WDVTA have been surveying and working for trees since 2007, and to share our successes and plans for the future tonight has been a real pleasure."*

Surveying the veteran trees across the Borough has been a valuable activity. We have learned about our trees, history, land usage and biodiversity. Our data is used by residents and councils and has contributed to national records of significant trees. This is especially important at this time of unprecedented environmental pressure in Wokingham."

As well as the survey and Tree Warden activities WDVTA organises talks, training courses, walks and visits. The Association now has 240 members and welcomes more. Membership is free. Their survey of veteran trees has been completed in half of the parishes and towns of the Borough. In Charvil there are plans to complete the tree survey in 2018 and volunteers to help would be welcome. WDVTA would also appreciate help to complete the remaining parishes and are looking for additional tree wardens across the borough.

The Anniversary Report is available from outlets listed on the WDVTA website wdvta.org.uk or by calling 0118 978 4013.



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Sonning Floral Arrangement Society

There was a degree of reluctance when the Committee decided to move from the lovely Pearson Hall last January but it became increasingly difficult for some of our older members to park in Sonning and have to walk, sometimes as far away as The Blue Coat School. However, the move to Charvil Village Hall proved the right one. Our membership increased and all members proved happy with the move.

Our Programme Secretary, Rose Prescott, found us some extremely good demonstrators for the whole year. Besides the monthly demonstration the Society held a bring and buy coffee morning, an outing to Waterperry Gardens, and a well attended Summer lunch held at the home of our President, Ann Turner. In all an excellent and enjoyable year. The Society has had sadness though. Losing their very popular Treasurer, Pam Byrne, to a rather rapid form of cancer. This much loved lady is very sadly missed.

On the brighter side year 2018 is the fiftieth anniversary of the Society and we are looking forward to a great programme of events. SFAS has a very dedicated committee who try to please all members with various demonstration, outings and a popular summer lunch party planned to celebrate.

We meet at the Charvil Village Hall on the second Thursday of the month. Doors open at 1.30 for the Demonstration to commence at 2.00pm prompt. Join us as a visitor if you wish, for a very reasonable charge of £5. We are a happy bunch and, who knows, you may decide to join us.



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For all you tennis fans, Roger Federer has to be one of the best examples of a human body that moves effortlessly and with a phenomenal degree of precision. His body appears to move so fluently, which I suspect, is to a large extent natural. It is probably no coincidence that he is rarely injured despite the fact he has competed at the top level on a regular basis since winning his first grand slam in 2003.

Whether we are competing in a sporting arena or just functioning on a day-to-day level many of us compensate for our relative lack of technical limitation or strength or even just range of motion at certain joints.

It's like taking a jigsaw puzzle with a missing piece and trying to make up for it by making the other pieces bigger, if one muscle is lacking, or we lack symmetry, or are stiff in certain muscle groups, we compensate with other systems. It is these non-optimal strategies that can lead to pain and injury and we all have a tendency to do this.

Most of us do not move perfectly, the building blocks of stability, mobility, posture, symmetry, balance and body awareness are crucial to prevent problems. It's about the right muscles firing at the right time in the right sequence. Core stability means different things to different people. It is often used in such a general terms that we have bad posture or a bad back, so I need to improve my core strength or core stability. This is a massive over simplification. Core strength cannot in itself cure these problems. For the body to work properly it requires a complex interplay between our muscles and our nervous system from the soles of our feet through our whole bodies to our head.



Over the past twenty years Physiotherapy has been at the forefront of research into how our muscles work and what constitutes good movement and good muscle control. When helping people with back or neck pain, or indeed many other injuries as well, I try to give simple exercises or strategies to help improve the way they move and so help with pain free living.

Moving well doesn't have to be complicated. Good movement feels easy and effortless but requires practise, for some of us much more than others.

By Elizabeth Jones MCSP HCPC MMACP clinical lead physiotherapist at Physiocare

Reading & District Cigarette Card & Postcard Club

The meeting at the beginning of September was changed from the original programme with members John Cahill and Graham Wright standing in for the guest speaker, who unfortunately was not available, John entertained everyone with a fascinating powerpoint presentation of old postcards of places that he and his family had visited in long past holidays, places which many members also recalled.

Graham showed us gems from his superb collection of vintage advertising postcards and trade cards.

In October Bryan Clark, our Secretary, gave a talk about the Fire Service, from its early beginnings after the Great Fire of London to the present day. Bryan began as a trainee firefighter, rising to becoming a Senior Manager in the local area brigade.

He recalled with pictures and descriptions the fire at Windsor Castle, at which he was present for 60 hours. He was stumped when asked why the fire service had red as a colour, however he later told us that it was the colour of the wall plaques originally used by pioneer early fire insurance companies. It was a fascinating evening with part two promised for 2018.

Our quarterly Auction relied on our members supplying items to sell, but we are hoping that local residents may wish to sell off any unloved or unwanted cigarette cards or postcards (preferably pre-1940) in one of our 2018 auctions, if so, please ring Roy Sheppard on 0118-9695155.

December 14th is the Club's AGM and Xmas Party which is always the best attended evening in the Club's calendar, which cannot be said of many societies AGM!!!!

2018 will be another full year consisting of interesting talks, many of a local nature, with member's evenings and quarterly auctions. Members of the public are welcome to come along to any evening which is free and jolly, and you can find out what the collecting hobbies are about. Find out more on the Club's website: www.readingpostcards.com

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Charvil Art Group

Hello everybody, Charvil Art Group wishes you a very Happy Christmas.

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We meet Wednesday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30 at Charvil Village Hall.

Our recent exhibition on 19th November at the Village Hall was very successful and we had 98 paintings entered, maybe you came to see it and voted for your favorite .Our thanks go to Jim Gillett, chairman of Charvil Parish Council, for presenting the various cups, trophies and certificates and to our judge Catherine Inglebury.

Maybe you would like something challenging to start the New Year, so why not come and join us when we begin our new term on January 17th .

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Jewel Tones

Charvil based girls' choir, Jewel Tones, have enjoyed a busy but successful autumn term. In October the girls took part in two classes at Maidenhead Music Festival and were winners of both classes with great marks of 86% and 87%. On November 4th the choir shared a concert at St Mary's Church, Twyford with the Seagrave Singers from Kettering and Abbey Junior School Chamber Choir. A wide range of music was sung by each of the choirs before the choirs joined together at the end to sing the spiritual 'I'm going up a yonder'. On November 19th, Jewel Tones took part in a concert at Holme Grange School in Wokingham together with the Reading A440 Choir and the Holme Grange School Chamber Choir. Jewel Tones delighted the audience with songs including 'Humpty Dumpty' and 'Pure imagination'. The term ended with carol singing and a Christmas meal. The spring term sees the girls preparing for their annual concert at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead on March 3rd and then Chichester Music Festival on March 10th. If any girls are interested in joining the choir, they can contact the choir's Musical Director, Suzanne Newman, on 0118 930489 / suzanneynewman@btinternet.com.

Singing Afternoon

On Saturday, 24th February, come and join us for a fun singing afternoon for female voices at Charvil Village Hall between 2.00 and 4.00pm. We will be working on a medley of songs by the great music theatre song writing team of Rodgers and Hammerstein arranged for 2-part choir. This afternoon is open to girls and ladies who like singing. The cost is £10 which includes a copy of the music to keep and refreshments. If you would like to book a place, please contact Suzanne on 0118 9340589 / suzanneynewman@btinternet.com

Get Fit, Learn Self-Defence and Have Fun

A new martial arts class club is meeting at the Charvil Pavilion to train in a Hapkido, a Korean martial art that focuses on practical self-defence applications and on learning in a non-competitive, safe yet challenging training environment.

Characterised by joint locks, throws, and dynamic kicking techniques, it is unique among Korean martial arts in its emphasis on deflecting an opponent's attacks instead of forceful blocking. It values redirecting force rather than confronting it head on.

Hapkido is not very well known in the UK and there aren't many clubs practicing it; however, it continues to grow with clubs appearing all over the country as students of all ages and abilities realise its many benefits.

If you start practicing Hapkido, you can expect to see in yourself:

- Increased physical strength and flexibility
- Weight loss and improved cardiovascular health
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Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need to wear anything special?

To start, exercise wear is fine but for more advanced techniques you will need to purchase a dobak (training uniform). This is normally needed after a few months of training.

Am I too old or too young?

Hapkido can be safely practiced by enthusiasts as young as five and older than eighty. It is a brilliant way to have good posture and remain flexible in our older years.

Am I fit enough?

If you are able to do moderate exercise, e.g. a short jog or brisk walk you can train with us. Hapkido in fact is a great way to build fitness and flexibility.

How much does it cost?

Classes are £10 per each 1.5-hour session or £35 per month on direct debit.

After attending five classes if you want to continue training you must pay the club and insurance annual fee of £30.

How often are classes held?

Once per week on Thursday evenings between 7:00 and 8:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Jay Zaldia on redtigerberks@gmail.com or on 07393929007. You can also check out our Facebook page on <https://www.facebook.com/redtigerberkshire/>.

AFC Reading are delighted to have the opportunity, with permission from Charvil Parish Council, to begin using the football area at St Patrick's Recreation Ground. We'll be using the area for the home games of a few of our youth teams. These are weekend, morning matches, with home games typically every other week.

Our teams would love for you to pop along when we're playing to offer some home-team support.

We are always looking for new players (and coaches and helpers) and would welcome anyone of any age if they have an interest in football. We are currently in winter training at Woodley Goals. Potential players are welcome to come along and see the club in action – contact Ethan@AFCReading.com for more information.



Thank-you for your support,

Ethan (Chairperson) & Damian (Secretary & Vice Chairperson)



<http://www.afcreading.co.uk/>

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

Storytime - For children aged 5 years old and under. Free, just drop in!



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