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Chairman's Foreward

Writing this just before Christmas it seems a suitable time to thank all the people that make Charvil such a great place to live. I realise I'm going to overlook somebody but—our Parish Clerk, Miranda, and Tracy, the Assistant Clerk, the councillors that give their time and enthusiasm so willingly.

Roger who does so much around the village to keep it tidy as well as attending to odd jobs here and there.

The newsletter team who compile and edit this fine publication and of course those that distribute it come rain or shine.

The Fete Committee who do such a great job, year after year, of putting on a themed event where we can come together and celebrate our village.

The Village Society and all the other clubs and societies that put on entertainment and social events as well as imparting valuable skills and knowledge. All of these groups feature in this newsletter, by the way, should you be looking out for a new hobby or social engagement.



I need to make a few appeals though:

We've been lucky with the weather so far this winter but watching the news footage of the flooding in Cumbria I'm reminded of the (admittedly far less devastating) flooding we've experienced over the last few years. We'd like one or two residents to come forward, ideally from the areas of the village which are first affected, to volunteer as community flood wardens.

The role entails making Parish Council and the Borough Authority aware of any vulnerable people affected by flooding so help can be made available to them as well as things like overseeing sandbag distribution and keeping an eye on

the local water ways looking for early signs of flooding or potential causes.

Please get in touch with the Parish Clerk if you feel you can help.

We need you to look out for your neighbours. There was a recent incident of a couple going door to door in East Park Farm with a story that they'd had an accident round the corner and needed money for a taxi home. Sadly they were believed by at least one resident whose good nature was taken advantage of. If you get a visit from a conman or a dodgy trader please contact the police immediately and if you've turned them away from your door perhaps keep an eye out to make sure they don't visit your neighbour.

I highlighted the No Cold Calling Zone initiative in a previous newsletter – if you'd be interested in helping to set up a zone in your street please get in touch and we can let you know what is involved.

We need you to stay in touch with us. Find Charvil Parish Council on Facebook and give us a 'like'. We're on Twitter too. Social media is the most efficient way we can let you know what's going on in the village (highlighted by the recent 'surprise' roadworks which cut us off from Twyford causing considerable traffic misery) and it's a great way for you to contact us too. The new charvil.com website has been completely revamped –we hope it's a useful and informative resource. Please take a look and let us know if you've any ideas for more content.

We need as many of you as possible to turn out in March on the community litter pick. We collected a huge volume of rubbish from across the village, I hope we don't find nearly as much this year but many hands will make light work of it. Keep an eye on the noticeboards and our social media channels for confirmation of the date.

Looking to the year ahead we hope to complete the transfer of the pavilion on East Park Farm from Wokingham to the Parish Council. It's been dragging on a bit but once completed we believe we can make much better use of the building than it currently enjoys.

Lastly we wait nervously the outcome of Mr Hicks' appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission on land adjacent to the Hawthorns.

Happy New Year.

Chris Drew, Chair,

Charvil Parish Council

Edited Extracts from the Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

Meeting held On 20th July 2015

Open Forum – Simon Bartlam of Wokingham Borough Council's countryside service attended, as did four residents. Two residents were from Waingels Road, who wanted to know the latest progress on the proposed sewer. Cllr Gillett reported that Thames Water had identified a second possible site on the corner of Waingels Road and Beggars Hill Road, but had yet to approach the landowner as regards a possible purchase. There was concern that this option may be too expensive, and would delay the sewer by some considerable time. It is widely recognised that the most economic site is on land that is presently leased to Waingels College, and Cllr Gillett explained the history behind why an alternative site had to be sought. It was agreed that a further approach to the college would be made, as Council feels that there may be some misunderstanding as to the environmental issues. The residents were keen to get involved with moving the situation forward but at this stage, Council agreed to approach the governors again to reach an amicable solution. Two other residents, the Chair and Treasurer of the pre-school attended, to explain the latest situation with the pre-school. At the AGM, the previous committee had recommended closure as the financial situation was so bad, but the new committee are not willing to accept this, despite a financial hole of £6,000. If this can be filled through fund-raising, the operating loss would be £1,500. The latest OFSTED report was encouraging, so things are moving in the right direction, but a lot of work needed to be done to secure the pre-school's survival. They explained their reasons for approaching the Parish Council – on one level they would like a grant, but also, as Jubilee Hall is



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becoming increasingly uneconomic to operate in, they would like the Parish Council to consider allowing the pre-school to move to the pavilion. The Chair explained that Council has policies which only allow for two rounds of applications, and the next is in December, and Cllr. Hobson said that he would be willing to talk with the pre-school in regard to the pavilion. Council were happy to give the Pre-school two free lets of the Village Hall to help with their fund-raising efforts. The Chair thanked them for coming and all the residents left at 8.45pm. Simon Bartlam then explained the proposed scheme to clear the waterway from the Old River to the east of Charvil Meadows, up to the concrete bridge that lies half way through the meadows. While this will do nothing to alleviate flooding, it would greatly benefit wildlife. Simon explained that it would cost £8,000 to clear the waterway of trees and sediment, which could be used to fill in the spot where it pools in the middle of one of the fields. The Environment Agency has promised their support, but Simon is unsure whether this is purely moral, or whether it will amount to some financial assistance. The problem is there is a maintenance budget of £45,000 for all Wokingham's areas run by the Countryside service, and it is hard to justify spending such a large proportion on one small stretch in Charvil, so the proposal is for the Parish to help fund this project by providing about half of the necessary money. The hope is to do this work in the autumn. Simon was also asked about the reports of Giant hogweed, and he explained that this is removed where it is seen, like other invasive species. His opinion was also sought on how secure Charvil was in relation to traveller incursions, and he felt the security was adequate. The Chair thanked him for coming and he left at 9.05 PM.

Donations It was resolved that Homestart Wokingham should receive £200, The Citizens Advice Bureau £367 and The Berkshire Blind Society £150, which was agreed unanimously.

Amenities Committee – Further to the discussion in Open Forum (see above), the clerk was asked to request the minutes of the governors' meetings at Waingels College for this Spring, as it was felt that there is a profound misunderstanding on the part of the governors as to what is being asked of them. It was resolved to reduce the price of the vegetable plots to £30 per year, and £15 for a second one, from 2016.

Highways – Cllr. Mowlem reported that the 30MPH signs on the Old Bath Road had been cleaned and the bushes cut back a bit, so they are more

visible. Council had also been told that repeaters were not allowed because there are already streetlights that should send the message to drivers that it is a 30MPH zone. Council agreed to get involved with the Community Speedwatch programme, and it was noted that there needs to be at least six volunteers.

Meeting held on 21st September 2015

Amenities Committee There have been complaints about the amount of rubbish around the MUGA again. It has been agreed that the water pump should be re-painted. The clerk is to write to a personal trainer who has been using the MUGA for Boot Camp activities to stop this as it is not to be used for commercial gain.

The chairman, Cllr. Gillett and Borough Councillor Ray attended a meeting at Waingels College regarding the sewer in Waingels Road. It would appear that there were a number of misunderstandings which have now been dealt with, but unfortunately because the college is now an academy, it is not allowed to hand over any land without the Secretary of State's permission. Given the difficulties, it was felt best to see what the outcome of Thames Water's investigations into the Beggar's Hill Road site are before pursuing any deal with the College.

Environment – The Borough Councillor, Cllr. McCann and the clerk all attended a meeting at the Primary School to discuss the possibility of helping develop the forest school that one of the teachers runs. The Borough are not in a position to help as they have a policy to concentrate all their educational resources at Dinton Pastures, but if they were amenable, it may be possible for the school and parish to work together to provide a suitable facility in the woodland at East Park Farm. It has been left that the school think about what they would want and then Council would consider the proposal.

East Park Farm discussions – Cllr. Hobson, Borough Councillor Ray and the clerk met with Dee Maddox-Hinton and Peter Baveystock to discuss the differences between the two parties. WBC are sticking with the proposal of diminishing financial support, which would clearly mean the costs to the Parish Council would be higher than previously envisaged. Council agreed that they were happy to continue with the discussions despite the extra financial pressure because of the potential benefits to the community. Council agreed in principle to taking on the area, but would like some commitment from WBC regarding the maintenance costs of the car park if they are to take that on as well. Cllr. Hobson was to draw up some fresh



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proposals to be passed on to WBC and the clerk was to arrange a further meeting with WBC to finalise the situation.

Meeting held on 19th October 2015

There were two residents present to express concern about the amount of rubbish left at East Park Farm, and how they felt this had been exacerbated by the removal of one of the bins near to the pavilion. The chairman explained that while the Borough Council was not happy to increase the number of bins, the Parish Council had asked for one to be relocated near to the youth shelter as there were two very close together by the pavilion. Council was not aware one had been removed altogether and would ask the Borough again about the requested relocation. The residents were also concerned about the amount of rubbish left in the car park by people coming in during the evenings, particularly on a Friday night. The chairman explained that the Parish Council may take on the area next year, and then they would have more control, but in the meantime the clerk would contact the Borough to see what can be done. *Clerk's Note: The area is having weekly litter pick after each weekend, and the bins are emptied once a week on Tuesdays. One of the bins by the pavilion has been moved, but rather than to the shelter as requested, it has been relocated in the toddler playground; the clerk has asked for this one to be moved to near the shelter.*

Irum Gulzar of Wokingham Borough Council's Waste team attended to talk about waste and recycling. She explained that recycling rates were slowly increasing but that England was unlikely to reach the target of 50% recycling because of the nature of our housing stock and non-standardised recycling policies. Because landfill taxes were increasing year on year, every effort is being made to increase either prevention of waste, or more effective recycling. For instance, there is a rewards system for using real nappies, and the Borough has an agreement with Sue Ryder to give them re-usable furniture for renovation and then to sell in their outlets. She accepted there is some confusion about acceptable plastics and that heavily contaminated recycling is diverted to incinerators for electricity, rather than put into landfill. Wokingham is trialling wheelie bins for recycling, and if this is successful it may be rolled out to more developments. After a few questions, the Chairman thanked Irum and she left at 8.35pm.

Amenities Committee The clerk has been asked to see whether the

bushes by the bus stop on the Old Bath Road, near the Park View Drive junction, could be cut back as they are impairing visibility.

Thames Water has been in touch with Cllr Gillett to tell him they are still pursuing an alternative site for the pumping station and will report further in the New Year.

Environment – Cllr McCann has contacted Simon Bartlam to seek permission for a site for the primary school's Forest School. She is also going into the pre-school to promote the nature trail.

To consider progress of the East Park Farm Discussions – Cllrs Mundy and Hobson modified the terms of the lease, and WBC have accepted many of the most important alterations which should reduce the financial exposure of the Parish Council. The Chairman and Cllr Hobson met with Peter Baveystock, which was helpful. Council would still like evidence of the present costs of running the area, and also there is still some concern about the full repairing lease on a building which has a potentially short lifespan.

Planning Matters considered at recent Parish Council Meetings

The Council had no objection to the following applications:

1254 Application for a two storey rear extension at Craigalea, Lands End Lane

1325 Application for a proposed conversion of existing garage to additional habitable accommodation and associated alterations to front and rear fenestration at 14, Old Bath Road

150127 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 11, Kingsley Close

150188 Application for proposed store room infill between shop and store room at 36, Park View Drive South

150065 Application for removal of condition 13 of planning consent F/2014/1600 for the erection of one 4-bed and one 5-bed dwelling at 1, Strathmore Drive

150134 Application for erection of rear conservatory at 72, Park View Drive North

150186 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to form a conservatory at 47, Cheviot Drive



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152179 Application to vary condition 2 to locate the building 1.5m further to the south east and removal of condition 10 for planning consent F/2014/2072 on land at 111, Old Bath Road

152392 Application for proposed erection of a front porch and shower room at 25, St Patrick's Avenue

Council made comments on the following applications

150018 Application for demolition of existing double garage and erection of two detached dwellings with associated parking at 1, Park View Drive South – the clerk was asked to object as follows:

1. The council believes this is over-development on what is essentially a backland site. The applicant infers a precedent has been set at the junction of Strathmore Drive, but in both cases, the original dwellings have (or will be) demolished, to be replaced by two dwellings; on this, a smaller site than on either side of Strathmore Drive, the application is for three dwellings
2. The Council feel this development is out of keeping with the street scene on Park View Drive South, where most dwellings are large, detached and in generous grounds – particularly at that end of the road. This development would appear out of keeping with the general spaciousness of surrounding dwellings on the same road.
3. While each dwelling conforms to Wokingham's minimum number of parking spaces, as it is effectively creating a small cul-de-sac, and no provision is made for unallocated parking spaces. The Council believes that this will inevitably lead to on-street parking on Park View Drive South, near a busy junction with The Old Bath Road. Council believes this to be a potential safety issue.
4. Council are concerned that this development would affect a very established safe route to school, both for those travelling to the senior Piggott school, and for the smaller children travelling to the Charvil Piggott school.
5. Council feels that there is insufficient amenity space for such large homes, and that this would be out of keeping with the area.

152026 Application for proposed closure of existing field access and relocation to form replacement access on land west of Park Lane – the clerk

was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council wishes to object to this application on a number of grounds.

1. The plans given are out of date and do not show the new school and how the car park has been relocated so that the exit is nearly opposite this proposed gateway. This inaccuracy would be very misleading to anyone appraising this application purely from the documentation provided, and is in contravention of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

2. Council feels that this proposal has severe safety implications for the school and other road users. Wokingham Borough have gone to some lengths to improve the

safety around the school by installing a new speed hump very near to this proposed gateway, and by reducing the speed limit from 40 to 30mph. There is little they can do about the visibility from the exit of the car park, which is far from ideal, but adding in another gateway at this point would negate many of the efforts to improve this stretch of road. In addition, there are parking restrictions on this stretch of road that would have to be contravened by anyone using the gateway because, assuming it is kept locked like the present one, a vehicle would have to be parked on the road to allow access. It is far from clear how this proposed entrance would be any safer than the present gateway.

3 *This proposal, as part of F/2014/2503, was rejected earlier this year, and it is of some concern that even though this bit of the hedgerow is less established than the rest, there would still be damage to the biodiversity of the site, and that any replacement planting over the present access would take years to reach*



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maturity. This loss of habitat seems unnecessary.

Overall, there seems little justification for the re-siting of the access to this field, and the negative impacts, both on safety and environmental grounds, seem to vastly outweigh the benefits.

152392 Application for proposed erection of a front, side and rear first storey and second storey extension at 57, Old Bath Road – the clerk was advised to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council would like to object to this application on the following grounds

1. *Council feels that this would be over-development of the site; it would be overbearing and would create a terracing effect that is very out of keeping with the area. This stretch of the Old Bath Road has a spacious appearance, and such an effect would not only look odd, but would create a precedent for neighbouring properties to do something similar.*

2. *This extension would be within a metre of the boundary of the neighbouring property, and looking at the plans, would be up to six metres high. This would be in contravention of the Borough's own guidance.*

3. *Because this extension is so large, it will lead to a loss of light to the neighbouring property's garden, and would lead to a loss of privacy as well.*

150325 Application for the continuation of siting of a mobile home for occupation by an agricultural worker at Newlands Farm, Loddon Drive – the clerk was to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council are happy to accept the continuation of the siting of a mobile home on this site but would like the condition included that it is only for an agricultural worker looking after this site, as there is a concern this could lead to further development.

152213 Application for proposed single storey rear extension to form a conservatory at 20, Pipistrelle Way. The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Council has been approached by the neighbours to this property and are sympathetic to their views. In the light of their concerns, we would appreciate it if your decision could take their views into consideration if there is the slightest doubt that this application should have permission granted

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152510 Application for proposed erection of four bed dwelling at 1, Milestone Crescent – the clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council would like to object to this application on the following grounds :

This plot has been subject to two previous unsuccessful planning applications and one appeal, which was dismissed because it was felt that there was not enough off-street parking. This application has possibly created one more parking space, if both garages are used, but there is still not enough off street parking to create the five usable spaces that are claimed.

At present there is substantial on-street parking on this corner, which is far from ideal, and a second property will increase this problem, rather than provide any alleviation.

For these reasons, the Parish Council would like this application to be refused

The following applications were approved by Wokingham Borough Council:

0681 Proposed erection of new play equipment and insertion of rooflights at The Wee Waif

0960 Proposed erection of a single storey side extension at 15, Strathmore Drive

CLE/2015/1005 Application for a certificate of lawful use for a wooden stage on land adjoining Chilterns, Thames Drive

2407 Proposed erection of 5 bed dwelling at Kenroy, Waingels Road

1325 Application for proposed conversion of existing garage to additional habitable accommodation at 14, Old Bath Road

150127 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension at 11, Kingsley Close

151038 Insertion of a French window at 1, Pipistrelle Way

0308 Erection of 1 detached dwelling on land at 51, Park View Drive North

- 150065 Application for removal of condition 13 of planning consent F/2014/1600 for the erection of 1x4 and 1x5 bedroom dwellings at 1, Strathmore Drive
- 150134 Erection of a rear conservatory at 72, Park View Drive North
- 150186 Application for erection of a rear conservatory at 47 Cheviot Drive
- 150188 Application for store room infill between shop and store room at 36 Park View Drive South
- 150939 Application for a two storey rear extension at Claigalea, Landsend Lane
- 151633 Application for erection of two storey side extension at 5, Park Lane
- 152066 Application to convert garage to habitable accommodation at 11 Mendip Close
- 152179 Application to vary condition 2 to locate building 1.5m further to the south east and removal of condition 10 to planning consent F/2014/2072 at 111 Old Bath Road

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The following application was refused by Wokingham Borough Council

0930 Proposed erection of a front dormer extension at 92, Milestone Avenue

New Appeal

143292 Proposed erection of 25 detached dwellings on land West of Park Lane

Appeals Dismissed

2679 Erection of a 4 bedroom detached house on land adjoining 1, Milestone Crescent

Application Withdrawn

150018 Application for demolition of existing double garage and erection of two detached dwellings with associated parking at 1, Park View Drive South

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21st March 2016	Full Council Meeting
4 th April 2016	Village Hall & Amenities
18th April 2016	Full Council Meeting
9 th May 2016	Village Hall & Amenities
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Borough Councillor's Report December 2015

I am writing this report at the end of November expecting the newsletter to be distributed sometime after Xmas by the faithful band of volunteers who give up their valuable time three times per year to ensure that all of our residents are informed of the activities in Charvil and nearby. Thanks also to the editors and contributors that make it possible. I hope you have all had a fabulous Xmas and New Year.

Some time ago I asked for ideas to address the blind turning under the railway bridge turning left into Park Lane from Waingels Road. I am sure that we have all had near misses and frustrating experiences at this junction. A number of good ideas came forward, including "Stop signs, mirrors, traffic lights and changing priorities. I have been working with WBC Highways and can report that mirrors are no longer permitted as they can easily be misaligned or vandalised. Similarly, "STOP" signs require detailed justification to the Department of Transport and are not generally favoured unless there is real evidence that they would prevent accidents or fatalities and this junction does not suffer from these according to reported statistics. However, an idea has come forward to change the kerb and road markings so that left turning traffic is forced towards the centre of Waingels Road when turning left. I have tried it myself and visibility is improved as Park Lane is less obscured by the pillar of the bridge and drivers don't need to nudge so far out into the road. This idea has merit and is now under detailed review.

You may be aware that the major public meetings at the Council are now filmed and published on the Council website and on Youtube. In November I agreed to second a motion to place even greater emphasis on Mental Health within Wokingham, this being an issue close to my heart. You can see the debate and my speech on <https://youtu.be/nsI0GN4lt6o?t=3238> I am pleased to report that the motion to "appoint a Mental Health champion within Wokingham Borough Council to drive internal and external policies and stakeholders" was carried by the Full Council.

This was a very rare excursion for me into an area which is not exclusively relevant to Charvil. That is because I knew that this issue would be applicable to many Charvil residents but was also essentially non-party political, in keeping with my pledge to be genuinely Independent from the

major Political Parties. I try to be a strong voice for Charvil without the distractions of petty party politicking but it was heartening to have an influence of WBC policy.

I also attended and contributed to the new policy for Community Asset Transfer. This policy essentially permits the transfer of assets, such as the East Park Farm pavilion and playing fields, to Parish Councils and other voluntary groups so that they can be better marketed, utilised, managed and maintained. The Policy will be ratified by WBC in early 2016. I am hopeful that Charvil Parish Council (CPC) will seize this opportunity to take over the pavilion and turn it into a thriving facility for the benefit of our entire community. The potential is huge and untapped, and I would like to see it modernised, decorated and ordained with flower beds and perhaps climbing roses to give the area more of “village green” appearance, rather than the bare ugly municipal building that it is at the moment.

In similar vein, I would like to see Charvil become much more of a “floral village” that we can all be truly proud of and pleased to walk or drive through, for example with stone planters on major road junctions and flower beds improving the roundabouts. I would very much appreciate your thoughts on this and if encouraging then I will raise it with both WBC and CPC.

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Charvil Village Society

The Charvil Village Society events are open to everyone, whether or not you live in Charvil. So why not come along to one of our forthcoming events and bring a friend! If you would like to be kept informed about CVS events and don't mind a few additional emails each year, drop a note to markabe@btconnect.com and I'll add you to the distribution list.

Forthcoming Events

January 30th 2016: Village Quiz - 7.45pm

Details and bookings through Roger Burns Tel: 934 5524

Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Early booking advised as this is the society's most popular event. Admission £7.00.

Our thanks go to David Rowntree who, with Roger, has run the quiz for over 20 years, but has now moved away from the area. Joining Roger will be a new quizmaster, so whilst the format won't change, there may be some different questions to tackle.



February 27th 2016: Barn Dance - 7.45pm

With Dave Tindall and the Kennet Ceilidh Band. Bookings through Keith Tel: 934 1563.

Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Admission £10.00

This is the return of the very popular Barn Dance. No previous experience is required as everyone is led through the dances by the caller. A great fun evening and good exercise as well.



April 2nd 2016: Senior Citizens Concert and Tea

3.00pm to 5.30pm in the Village Hall, Park Lane.

All senior citizens are invited, there is no charge for this event. Details from Madeleine Boyce Tel: 934 5260.



July, 2016: Annual General Meeting, Committee Room, Village Hall

Open to all members of the Village Society.

The date and time will be published on our website at: <http://www.charvil.com/clubs-and-societies/charvil-village-society/>



New Website

Thanks to the Parish Council we have a new, dynamic web page for all our activities and events. Go to: <http://www.charvil.com/clubs-and-societies/charvil-village-society/> - for the latest information on forthcoming activities. If you have some ideas for future events, please feel free to contact us – details on the website.

Mark A'Bear, Charvil Village Society Committee

Charvil Village Fete

The evenings may be dark, and the air chilly, but the committee must turn our minds to warmer climes and this year's Village Fete. Plans are beginning to form regarding themes and formats. Don't forget: anyone in our community is welcome to have an input and if you would like to help with the planning and preparation then please contact our Chair, Vince Martyn, at vince@charvilfete.org.uk.

Most importantly, we need to let you know that the previously publicized date for the 2016 fete has changed due to a booking clash.

NEW DATE FOR CHARVIL VILLAGE FETE

SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2016

Charvil Preschool

We have had a very good start to the new school year and a very exciting year ahead of us.

Our main aim for the year ahead is to get the school to a Very Good status with OFSTED and with that, to ensure we have an excellent foundation for our early year children's education.

We have had a garden make-over, thanks to the help of volunteers and

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parents. Our next and most exciting change at the Pre-school will be Online Learning Journeys. This will enable staff to be more efficient and will create a better experience for parents as well. Parents will be able to access their own child's progress through an App on most mobile devices. We hope to get this implemented within the next 6 weeks.

On the 10th of October we had an Auction night and managed to get just over 50 people through the door. It was a great evening and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The Fundraising Committee put up an amazing event and the hard work paid off. We raised just over £2400 for the school! We have also received a donation from the Poor man's Trust for which we are very grateful.

In the school we had some exciting activities and events for the children that took place.

The kids had a Dizzy Disco party and we have also done a Pyjama dress up day for Children in Need. We also managed to raise some money for Children in Need that day.

MAD Academy came to our Pre School for one day and the children

thoroughly enjoyed the activities. A huge thank you for their efforts!

We done a bit of Carol singing in East Park Farm early December with our talented children and a few parents got their vocal cords going after a glass of Mulled wine.

We have a few events coming up over the next couple months.

The next Stay and Play Day will be on the 14th of January, then 11th of February and 10th of March between 10:00 – 11:00. The Stay and Play Days are every second Thursday of each month.

Charvil Pre-school is holding a Craft afternoon for children aged 3 - 10 with their parent, 2 - 4p.m. on January 31st 2016, at Charvil Village Hall, The Hawthorns, Charvil.

The cost is £5 which includes all craft materials; just bring a bag to take all your child's wonderful creations home.

Early booking is recommended as places are limited.

Please contact email - charvilpreschoolevents@outlook.com for booking or more information.

We are also having a Bavarian "Oktoberfest" evening on the 13th of February at the Charvil Village Hall. Please get in contact for further details.

We would like to thank the whole Charvil Community for your support.

Johannes Burger, Committee Chair

From the Clubs ...

Jewel Tones

We welcomed ten new members following an Open Evening and informal auditions. We also welcomed a new accompanist, Sarah Kerr, from Wokingham. The choir started work on some new songs including a medley from 'Les Miserables' and 'Cantate Domino'. The first performance of the term was at Maidenhead Festival of Music where the choir entered two classes. We were winners of the Youth Choir class and came second in the Open Choir class. A group from the choir travelled to Ireland to take part in the International Choir Festival of Derry. We spent four days in this lovely city - singing, shopping and socialising! A return visit to Ireland is being planned for 2017. The choir finished the term with performances at two concerts -

their annual concert at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead and a concert at St James's Church, Woodley. Next term sees the choir entering Let's Sing Reading 2016 and the Choir of the Year competition as well as a concert with the A440 Choir at St Mary's Church, Twyford on February 27th at 7.30pm.

Jewel Tones organised a Fashion Show in September to raise funds for the choir. Several people volunteered to be models for the evening and they all did a fantastic job! The choir also organised a Tabletop Sale at which several local groups each had a stall to raise funds. The money raised at these events went towards the trip to Ireland as well as subsidising our new concert uniform..The choir would like to thank Charvil residents for their support of both of these events.

On 23rd April, there will be a fun singing afternoon at Charvil Hall between 2.00 and 4.00pm. This is for female voices from 10 to 100! We will be singing a medley of songs from Broadway shows arranged for 2-part choir. Songs include 'Always look on the bright side of life', 'Be our guest' and 'As if we never said goodbye'. The cost is £10 / £7 for those under 18. Places can be booked by contacting Suzanne Newman.

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Our indoor programme for U8s and above commences at Blue Coat School on 28th February and our outdoor season will start after Easter. This year we are fielding teams at U9, U11, U13, U14 and U15, running our usual U7 beginner sessions as well as a new midweek team designed to help our older boys get used to adult cricket in a relaxed environment.

All of our teams compete in the Berkshire Youth Cricket League and we are consistent contenders for major trophies. A number of our players are selected for the full and district County squads. The practice nets have been refurbished to complement our new bowling machines and we have also

added two "fast reaction" catching nets to our coaching equipment. I am waiting news on grants that if successful will allow us to dramatically enhance our all-weather practice facilities.

Many congratulations to the two boys that won the 2015 Colt of the Year and Runner-up awards, respectively Jacob Fitton and Isaac Blakey, both of whom played a great deal of adult cricket, with Jacob playing regularly for Berkshire as well as taking three wickets against the MCC!

Please contact me on scjcricket@ntlworld.com to receive the 2016 season programme and supporting

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information as it becomes available. A number of teams were oversubscribed last season so don't delay.

Nick Ray, Founder and Coordinator, S&CJCC

Charvil Wine Circle

Very early on a cold, dark Friday morning in October a coach full of members from the Charvil Wine Circle left for Dover in order to catch the ferry to Calais and from there drive to Vertus which is situated in the "champagne" area of France.

The trip was in order to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the beginning of the wine circle. On the Saturday a visit took place to a wine museum in the area followed by tastings of various champagnes. That evening a gala dinner at our hotel occurred, with appropriate wines throughout, and the members concluded the celebratory visit with a walk in the grounds of a sumptuous chateau followed by a very special luncheon.

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Talks by members on 'Recent Finds', general card dealing, and the Quarterly Auction which is always a popular event made up the rest of the Autumn quarter. The Club still needs vintage postcard and cigarette card lots to be offered for future auctions by anyone who has items to sell (tel. 0118 9695155).

The final meeting on December 10th was the AGM and Xmas Party which is always the most popular meeting of the Club's diary with 40 members in attendance. Another highly successful year was reported, and the

Committee was re-elected, with Liz Tebbutt replacing Geoff Ashton who stepped down after 15 years of excellent contribution and service to the club.

Members of the public are always welcome to visit the club evenings on the second Thursday of the month at Charvil Village Hall, or the fourth Thursday of the month at the Jubilee Hall, Park View Drive (North). Meetings start at 7.45pm and finish at 9.45pm. The club's website www.readingpostcards.com gives other details about the club, or ring 0118-9695155.

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