

Charvil Village News

Winter 2019/20



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Editorial

Christmas Day will have probably have been and gone by the time this magazine is printed and delivered (and the general election just a distant memory). Which reminds me, a big thanks to our regular Thursday Village Hall users who had to forego their regular bookings so we could again use our facility as a polling station.

It's been a very busy period in terms of bookings for the Hall and the East Park Farm Pavilion, with a number of local groups holding their Christmas or end of year parties. Various regular groups advertise or share articles within this magazine – if you are looking for something new to try in the new year, perhaps one of them will spark your interest. We have a thriving network of groups that meet for a range of interests such as singing, bowls, art etc.

Users of the Village Hall and the East Park Farm Pavilion may be interested to hear we have added some bicycle stands outside both buildings (in the form of metal hoops) so you can cycle to the facilities and securely store them outside.

Please do continue to share your thoughts and highlight your issues and concerns by contacting the CPC team using e-mail or www.charvil.com

I wish you and your families a happy and prosperous New Year.

Amanda Burton, Assistant Clerk



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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

Dear Residents

So, our glorious summer is now just a fading memory, our lawns are green again (and soggy), and the evenings on the patio are ... well ... gone! OK, so let's look forward to a very festive Christmas then!

As regards the Parish Council, in my last Foreword I advised residents that we had a number of vacancies on the Council; however, I am very pleased to say that we were able speedily to recruit three very positive replacements, and hence I take this opportunity to welcome Joanne Akeju, Roanna Collis and Neil Jackson to the Council. These new Councillors have already been assigned to the 'Amenities' and the 'Planning, Environment and Highways' committees, and we look forward to their contributions. These two committees undertake most of the forward planning and facility management work of the council, and hence 'new blood' can help to ensure that we keep abreast of current issues and concerns.

As I also said in my last Foreword, other committees (Finance, Staffing etc.) are no less important to the Council's work but are maybe less 'visible' in what they do. Hence my thanks again to all Councillors who give up their time to work for the village; some residents may not appreciate that their time and expertise is given freely for the benefit of the community.

On a different subject, all residents will certainly appreciate that numerous new housing developments are springing-up around us, and some of these are (and more will be) within the village. The Council does its very best to ensure that Charvil does not receive more than its fair share, but we also have to accept that people need housing, and that the population is growing. However, there is some benefit which comes to the village as a result, and that is the portion of the funds which comes to the Parish Council. We have already received some of this funding (and will receive more), and it will be for the Council, on the residents behalf, to decide what is to be done with that.

On this subject, Councillors will of course have their own views, and I believe that most will wish to see these funds used to provide further and better facilities within the village, for the benefit of residents. However, of course, exactly what these new/better 'facilities' should be remains a matter for debate.

Possible candidates might include new/better 'play areas' for children in the village, improvements to the existing Pavilion at East Park Farm to make it more usable by a wider range of clubs, or maybe other 'facilities' such as the previously discussed pre-school. As this issue will need to be decided over the coming months, I use this Newsletter now to invite suggestions and/or comment from all interested residents. It is not necessarily your Parish Councillors who will have all the best ideas and suggestions.

In conclusion, and as I have said previously, and I repeat again here, your Council works for the benefit of Charvil residents. Without your input we risk misreading public opinion and/or not seeing an issue which may be key to some residents. So please, take a moment to think about what 'extra' (or different) you would like to see within the village, and then pass this information on to our Parish Clerk, who can be contacted on clerk@charvil.com

Very best regards and have a great Christmas,

Jim Gillett

Chairman: Charvil Parish Council

Edited Extracts from the Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

Meeting held on 15th July 2019

Donations – Council resolved to give an S137 donation of £300 to the Twyford and District Volunteer Centre, a donation of £100 to Wokingham Veteran Tree Association and a further donation of £1000 to Polehampton Swimming Association

Amenities Committee The issues surrounding the tennis pass were discussed and it was decided that the Council would give CCTC another three months to advertise the pass appropriately and if they do not, Council would take it back for the following year. As far as the Tennis camps were concerned, it was decided that they should be invoiced for the extra hours over and above those in the agreement, and that Council should meet with the club to make it very clear that any changes in hours need to be approved by the Council BEFORE any advertising of the camps can be done and agreed that Council needs to be more pro-active in ensuring there are quarterly meetings to try to prevent any similar issues occurring in the future. Council approved the recommendations from the Amenities Committee for the contractors for the hall floor and the decorating.

Planning, Environment and Highways Committee – It was observed that the SID (Speed Indication Device) had been moved to Old Bath Road, and that it should be moved around more frequently. The clerk needs to get in touch with WBC to see if some of the older Charvil signs could be enhanced. The Chair of Planning, Environment and Highways would like to conduct energy surveys of the hall and pavilion in order to inform any future changes to boilers, lighting etc.

Meeting held on 16th September 2019

Open Forum – There were three prospective Parish Councillors present. Each one confirmed their address and that they are eligible to stand and then introduced themselves, explaining their specialisms and why they would like to join the Council. It was explained to them that there was a fourth candidate who, because of holidays, had submitted a brief introduction in writing. There were concerns that one of the candidates may struggle to make the meetings because of his job but he allayed those fears as he has other Monday commitments he does not miss often, and there were questions to another candidate regarding an enforcement issue on a new house adjacent to his stated address but he assured the Council that he had nothing to do with this new property. They were then invited to stay for the rest of the meeting, which they did.

Amenities Committee – Council considered the recommendation from the Amenities Committee to revoke the agreement with the Tennis Club regarding the Family Pass as no satisfactory promotional material has been forthcoming. After some discussion, it was resolved that the assistant clerk would send out one final request to see any new promotions, and that if this were not forthcoming, the clerk would contact the clerk notifying them of the termination of this agreement in line with the relevant clauses which was approved unanimously.

To note that there is a temporary flood barrier to be used in Charvil in any future flooding episodes

Meeting held on 21st October 2019

Co-Option of new Councillors – Roanna Collis and Joanne Akeju signed their declarations of Office and other paperwork at this point. Neil Jackson had done so before, in the presence of the Clerk, as he had to work and so could not attend this meeting. It was agreed that Cllrs Collis and Akeju would join the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee and Cllr Jackson would join the Amenities Committee.



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Monday 6th January 2020 –

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To consider the proposal for Youth Provision from Berkshire Youth – At present Council contributes to the Twyford Youth Club, whose youth workers would be happy to come and do street work in Charvil if it was needed. Because most local children go to Piggott, they generally want to be with their friends so if their friends go to Twyford (or to the Church Youth Club in Sonning), they will tend to go to these as well. Consequently, Council would be happier if Berkshire Youth were willing to work with, and possibly enhance, the services already provided, rather than effectively go into competition with them. The clerk was asked whether the Twyford Youth Centre could provide a quarterly report, so Council had a better idea of its work. It was agreed that Cllr. Collis would attend the Twyford Youth Centre AGM.

To hear verbal reports from Cllr. Hartley on the Borough Parish Liaison Forum, the Fete Committee and the Village Society – At the Forum, the main point of discussion was the announcement of a climate emergency and how the aim was for the Borough to be carbon neutral by 2030, and ideas were asked for what could be done locally. As far as the Fete Committee was concerned, Cllr. Hartley continues to be a member. No date has been set for next year's event yet, but payments have been made to local charities with the surplus funds. The clerk is to send the unpaid cleaning invoice to Cllr. Hartley who will arrange payment. The Village Society has finally found new people to join the committee, including Cllr. Hartley, and while it will prioritise social event, it would like to do more.

To hear a report on a meeting with Radu Cosmin of Thames Valley Police regarding the Speed-watch initiative and how we might get involved – The clerk and Assistant clerk met Radu, who administers Speed watch. The programme depends entirely on volunteers, who must be vetted by the police because they will have access to Loddon Valley Police Station to collect the necessary equipment. The idea is to slow people down, rather than to catch them out – if you do a check per week for up to three months, it tends to start altering people's behaviour. It is only done on more local roads with a speed limit of 30mph or less. There needs to be three or four people to run them successfully. If people speed, they will be sent a letter by police, and if they are persistent offenders, then they will attract more attention from the traffic police. This area needs more volunteers as there is only one at present. This does not mean we cannot request a team to come to this area, but if we could encourage volunteers, it would mean a greater presence locally. It was agreed that something would be written in the Parish Magazine and that Council would ask Sam Akhtar to help find volunteers.

Planning Matters considered at recent Parish Council Meetings

The Council had no objection to the following applications:

- 191676 Application for the proposed single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing conservatory and internal alterations to existing dwelling at 18 St Patrick's Avenue.
- 191794 Application for the proposed part single two storey side/rear extension including canopy plus insertion of 2no. rooflights plus first floor gable projection to rear following the removal of existing conservatory, single storey front extension to form porch plus insertion of 1no. rooflight, internal alterations and changes to fenestration to Milton, Milestone Avenue.
- 191908 Application for the proposed conversion of roof space of detached garage into habitable accommodation, insertion of front and rear dormers, internal alterations and changes to fenestration at 16, The Hawthorns.
- 191909 192077 Application for the erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions to dwelling, following demolition of existing bay window, plus erection of detached double garage to front of 38 Park View Drive North.
- 191925 Application for the proposed erection of a two-storey front extension, first floor rear extension, insertion of two enlarged front dormers, two rear dormers and 9no. rooflights, plus internal alterations and changes to fenestration at 101 Old Bath Road.
- 192227 Application for proposed first floor side extension and partial garage conversion, plus internal alterations and changes to fenestration at 104 The Hawthorns.
- 192334 Householder application for the erection of a proposed two storey side and single storey rear extension at 47 Chiltern Drive.
- 192335 192713 Application for the erection of one commercial storage building (Use Class B8) at The Homestead.
- 192675 Application for the prior approval of the erection of a single storey rear extension, which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 8m, for which the maximum height would be 2.9m and the height of the eaves 2.4 m at 11, Old Bath Road (For Information only).

- 192523** Application for the erection of a proposed single storey rear extension to enhance kitchen and living area and proposed single storey rear/side extension to convert store area into habitable space at 28 Charvil House Road – no Parish Council comment

Council Comments on the following applications

7319/19 To consider Planning Application 191788 Application for the proposed change of use of buildings and land from Agricultural to General Industrial use plus erection of two additional buildings (part retrospective)

– The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council would like to object to this application as follows:

- 1. Council objected to the withdrawn application 190672 on the grounds that several of the barns were only given permission given the exceptional circumstance of allowing an agricultural enterprise, and if this use were to change, then they should be removed. The applicant suggests that there is still an exceptional circumstance, to help rural enterprise. Given that there are a number of empty commercial properties in the area, this argument seems weak and is, in the opinion of the Parish Council, outweighed both by the site being in Flood Zone 3, thereby putting any potential businesses at risk, and by the proximity of a national cycle route and major route to the Piggott School which would be compromised by increased vehicular access on an already busy road.*
- 2. The applicant argues that the businesses using the site are not customer based, but if permission were to be granted, there is nothing stopping a more customer-based client basing themselves there. There is a business based there that has many commercial vehicles stored there already, and this would surely grow if official permission were given.*
- 3. The applicant suggests that the site has good transport links; the closest bus services are 10-15 minutes' walk away and the station around 30 minutes away so realistically, people are only likely to access the site by motor transport, or less likely, by bike. This does not seem sustainable.*

4. *The extra buildings that have no permission yet seem to add to an already rather cramped site visually, and while they are not hugely visible from the main road, do impact negatively on the residents of both Loddon Drive and Park View Drive North. Moreover, the hard surfaces that have accompanied the expansion of the built up part of the site since the last period of extensive flooding in 2014 will impact negatively on the residents further north on Loddon Drive as it will push more flood water toward the road way leading to these other vulnerable properties and to the agricultural worker's property also on the site.*
5. *The junction of Loddon Drive with the A4 was designed to deal with the minimal car movements of the homes on the Drive; these have always been few enough and vehicles were driven in an appropriate manner not to be a major problem. The unauthorised use of the site as light industrial already impacts negatively on the users of shared cycle/footway, as there are frequently vehicles pulling across the track with no regard for anyone on it. Currently, it is an accident waiting to happen, and indeed there have been at least two accidents on the road itself in recent months that, while were not caused by anyone to do with Loddon Drive, reflect that this is not a safe piece of road. The junction would need a radical rethink if the site were to be used by more businesses that would inevitably be the case if change of use permission were granted.*

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

192648 Application for the erection of three commercial buildings at The Homestead

– the clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council would like to comment on this application as follows:

1. *There is currently permission for nine commercial vehicles to be parked on this site. The application states that there is permission for 12 commercial vehicles – this is not the case as far as the Parish Council can ascertain;*

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there is a Goods Vehicle Operator's Licence (GVOL) for 12, but not planning permission. There is no permission for the Bells and Two Tones vehicles, nor a Rabbit Self Hire vehicle that also has a GVOL to operate from the site. The Parish Council would have objected to the extension to 12 vehicles in the GVOL if it had been permitted, but Parish Council can only object in exceptional circumstance. The road is narrow, is now home to a Primary School, which was not the case when permission on this site was first granted and is now subject to a new development currently being built. The Parish Council has no objection to the site being used commercially but is concerned that the type of business allowed should not include increased goods vehicle movements as complaints from residents have increased in recent years. There are grave concerns that the conditions of only working on Mondays to Saturdays 7am to 8pm are not being enforced. It is not fair on the residents of Park Lane that such noisy vehicles should be using the road late at night and on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

- 2. Having read both the report from the Planning officer and the Planning, Design and Access Statement, that Bells and Two Tones Ltd create minimal vehicle usage on the local roads, we feel that this needs to be challenged. Residents of Charvil see these vehicles out and about daily – possibly some people assume they are genuine fire and rescue vehicles, which is why they don't cause much offence – but they are frequently moving from the site. Charvil Parish Council do not regard this site as suitable for this business either, because of this; if they were just being stored there, that one be one thing but because of their regular use, they also have an impact on Charvil residents.*
- 3. In the Planning, Design and Access Statement, it states that there has been informal community engagement. It would have been helpful if this "Community Engagement" had stretched to the Parish Council, as there is no desire to prevent the site from use as a commercial site, but rather to balance commercial activity with the interests of residents.*

192528 Application for the proposed erection of an attached garage to the side of the dwelling and conversion of existing integral garage. (Part retrospective) at 1a Milestone Crescent.

- The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council would like to object to this application for the following reasons:

- 1. This dwelling was eventually approved in 2015 (152510), after a previous application (142375) was refused and an appeal failed on the grounds that the Borough's parking concerns were valid. The approved plan allowed for three car parking spaces for this property, with easy vehicular access to the garage.*
- 2. A condition of approval was that the garage was to be retained as such and should always be available for vehicular use, and not used for habitation. This was to reduce the likelihood of on-street parking on a bend. Allowing the approved garage to be turned into habitable accommodation and replaced by a garage to the side of the dwelling is in direct contravention of this condition.*
- 3. The replacement garage (that has already been built) is narrow, and vehicular access would be difficult; if the landscaping that has been approved, had been completed, it would almost certainly be impossible. While the Parish Council accepts that there is space to park two cars, they would be one in front of the other, which in practice, would mean one usually ending up parked on the street. Neither the Planning Inspector nor WBC's Highways department were happy with anything that would encourage on-street parking at this site, and neither is the Parish Council.*
- 4. If the Borough is minded to approve this retrospective application, the Parish Council would like double yellow lines on the corner of this road to discourage on-street parking on a road that is part of a national cycleway and also a route to school for many local children.*

The following applications were approved by Wokingham Borough Council:

- 191211 Application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing rear conservatory, plus insertion of 3no. roof lights at Craigalea, Lands End Lane.
- 191264 Application for proposed erection of single storey rear extension at 16, The Hawthorns.
- 191305 Proposed Lawful Development Certificate for change from 2no flats to 1 single dwelling at 35 Park View Drive South.
- 191191 Proposed Lawful Development Certificate for single storey detached outbuilding for use as a playroom/gym at 58 Old Bath Road.
- 191588 Application for the erection of new garage including conversion of loft space to create habitable accommodation plus insertion of 3no. rooflights to front to existing dwelling at The Acorns, Waingels Road.
- 191676 Application for the proposed single storey rear extension following the demolition of existing conservatory and internal alterations to existing dwelling at 18 St Patrick's Avenue.
- 191794 Application for the proposed part single two storey side/rear extension including canopy plus insertion of 2no. rooflights plus first floor gable projection to rear following the removal of existing conservatory, single storey front extension to form porch plus insertion of 1no. rooflight, internal alterations and changes to fenestration to Milton, Milestone Avenue.
- 190800 Application for erection of a single storey side extension also raising the roof height and eaves level with new front facing dormer and rooflights to main roof and two-storey rear extension 3m in depth. Demolition of existing outbuilding at 58 Old Bath Road.
- 191908 Application for the proposed conversion of roof space of detached garage into habitable accommodation, insertion of front and rear dormers, internal alterations and changes to fenestration at 16, The Hawthorns.

Appeals Dismissed

- 182936 Householder application for a two-storey side extension and a single storey rear extension to dwelling at 47, Chiltern Drive

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

| Meetings of Charvil Parish Council 2020 | |
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| 6 January 2020 | Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting |
| 13 January 2020 | Finance Committee Meeting |
| 20 January 2020 | Full Council Meeting |
| 3 February 2020 | Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting |
| 10 February 2020 | Amenities Committee Meeting |
| 24 February 2020 | Full Council Meeting |
| 2 March 2020 | Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting |
| 9 March 2020 | Amenities Committee Meeting |
| 16 March 2020 | Full Council Meeting |
| 23 March 2020 | Staffing Committee Meeting |
| 30 March 2020 | Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting |
| 6 April 2020 | Amenities Committee Meeting |
| 20 April 2020 | Full Council Meeting |
| 27 April 2020 | Finance Committee Meeting |
| MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 8 pm and are held in THE VILLAGE HALL, PARK LANE. RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS | |

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Borough Councillor's Report:

Dear Resident

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2020.

Charvil is not a big place and as the Borough Councillor there are always a number of things that take place with residents, issues that arise, and those areas are never seen by the general public for obvious reasons. We don't have a lot of issues within the village and what we do have is normally involving Wokingham Borough Council directly, or working alongside the Police or my colleagues in Twyford, Hurst Remenham and Sonning. I speak with Miranda the Parish Administrator every four to six weeks and I want to say that she is amazing even giving me advice for some directions. Miranda runs a tight ship, and knows her business, I want to thank her publicly for all her support during 2019.

Milestone Avenue:

Andrew Fletcher from WBC contacted me about Milestone Avenue's issue which occurs mainly during the summer months, alas due to illness the meeting had to be cancelled but is re-scheduled.

Development in the Hawthorns:

There is going to be some disruption whilst they get started on the main structure of the house building. Please do take care and if you have any concerns about working late or out of hours can you please contact me and I will speak to Hicks directly.

CIL monies received from the development of the Hawthorns:

The Parish Council will receive monies for Charvil from the development of The Hawthorns.

The Parish Council would like some input from the residents of Charvil what facilities they would like to have added to Charvil.

Before the Parish Councillors are inundated for a Doctors Surgery or a further school, Just to confirm with residents of Charvil, an application for any Doctors surgery has to be agreed by the NHS Trust of which we have tried on a number of occasions and been refused. For an additional school, this would have to go through the Borough Council. Finally we are not allowed to have any form of speed humps on the Old Bath Road. However, if you have ideas, then please let me or the Parish Council know.

Bottle Bank:

Please do not fly tip your rubbish by these bottle bins, this is a bottle recycling and not household waste. If you are caught Fly Tipping and your details are captured the Council will prosecute where possible.

Milestone Avenue-Garden Waste:

Recently walking down Milestone Avenue, I noted a resident dumping their garden waste into the side of the road. This is NOT a dumping ground for Garden waste and anybody who make a decision to dump their garden waste is causing further problems for other residents when the ditch becomes full and the water cannot drain away. Please take some responsibility.

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 too.

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Christmas and New Year is traditionally a time when burglary increases in the Thames Valley and across the country.

By taking a proactive approach to home security, you can reduce the risk of becoming a victim, while helping to protect others, to build local resilience against burglary.

Celebrating at home

- Don't leave presents on view under the Christmas tree.
- Cut up packaging for any expensive items so that it will fit inside your refuse bin, never leave boxes next to the bin where they can be seen.
- Refrain from posting photos of high value presents, such as jewellery or electronics, on social media.
- Remember to mark your new presents using a UV pen and register them on the national property register at www.immobilise.com.

Going away:

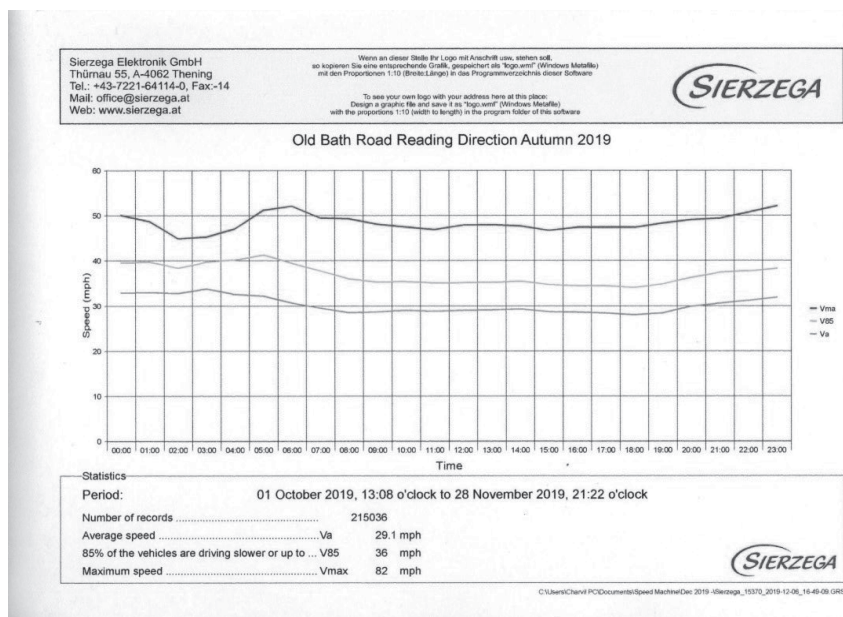
- Make your home appear occupied.
- Ask a trusted person to look after your home by pulling the curtains at night and putting your bin out on collection day. Remind them to put the bin away again once it has been collected.
- Invite a neighbour to park on your drive while you are away.
- Light up your living room using timer switch. A TV simulator can also be used to make give the appearance of a TV screen being used.
- Double check that you have locked your windows and doors before leaving.
- Never advertise on social media that you are away from home, as thieves can gather intelligence and some home insurance policies may become invalidated.

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SPEED AND SPEEDWATCH

Many of you have grown fond of the Village's "Smiley SID (Speed Indicator Device), which has appeared on a number of local roads over the last year and is now back in its starting place on the Old Bath Road. We have found out many things; that most people do not speed in the Charvil part of Waingels Road; that some people have managed to break the 100mph barrier on the 40mph part of the A4; and that the average speed approaching the mini roundabout with Park Lane from the Wee Waif is a worrying 30mph. We have asked the Borough Council to re-mark the roundabout and make the signage more visible – we will have to see what happens on that one. Apologies to those who have suggested places to put SID and these have not been followed up; we looked at Park View Drive South and the A4 from the Maidenhead direction, and there is nowhere safe to place the machine, which is why these areas have not been covered.



Above is a graph to show the speeds at SID's current location: average speed is 29mph, but that is mainly due to so many cars turning left or right at the nearby junction; otherwise it would be far higher.

We have spoken to the Police who are, as we all know, very stretched, and they are very keen to develop groups of volunteers to run Speedwatch programmes.

The idea of these are to modify drivers' behaviour over time, so it only works on local roads, rather than a major through route like the A4. A small team of volunteers in high-viz work together to measure the speed of a vehicle, to record the type of car, the registration plate and any other telling features of any that are speeding. This information will be passed to the police, who will write to offenders to warn them that they have been caught speeding, and not to do it again. If they are caught three or more times in a six-month period, the traffic police will be informed to watch for them so if they are then caught, they would be penalised. It must be stressed that no part of Speedwatch is to catch drivers out. At present, there is one volunteer from the Charvil/Twyford area, so there is a desperate need for more volunteers so that a programme could be set up to monitor areas of concern. If anyone is interested in helping with this programme, please contact the Parish Clerk at clerk@charvil.com , and hopefully we will be able to take positive action on this important issue.

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL LAUNCHES 'STAMP OUT THE DAMP' CAMPAIGN TO KEEP UP RESIDENT'S EXCELLENT RECYCLING RECORD



Wokingham Borough residents have proved themselves first-rate recyclers, but we now face a new challenge that needs everybody's help to meet.

Due to global economic changes, recycling plants are no longer accepting wet paper and card and recent batches sent from Wokingham Borough have been rejected for being too damp – meaning they have ended up not being recycled.

The council will react quickly to this challenge and is looking at the best options, but nothing can be delivered immediately. By the time a solution is found, hundreds of tonnes of potentially recyclable paper and card might go out of recycling loop – at significant environmental and financial cost. So, in the short-term, the council is launching its 'Stamp Out the Damp' campaign to encourage as many residents as possible to keep their paper and card recycling dry.

Wokingham Borough Council director of customer and localities Sarah Hollamby said: "We know the people of Wokingham Borough are passionate about recycling and that is why we believe our Stamp Out the Damp campaign will be successful. We do realise we are asking people to go that extra mile to keep their paper and card dry but there are simple ways it can be done."

Ways that will help keep your card and paper dry, when it's wet outside, include:

- Cover your recycling box with something waterproof
- Keep your recycling inside if you have space
- Keep your recycling in your garage or shed
- Stack your black boxes with the paper filled one at the bottom
- Put your black boxes out on the morning of collection rather than night before



Despite the setback caused by this unforeseeable change in world markets, Wokingham Borough's recycling has been soaring in recent months, with only about 1% of our waste now ending up in landfill and recycling rates of more than 55%.

The council is targeting a 60% rate – and keeping paper and card dry is essential for this.

“Food waste recycling has been a huge hit and has helped push our recycling rates up to unprecedented levels, and the way our residents have taken to that makes us confident they will also want to keep paper and card dry,” Sarah continued. “Targeting 60% and higher is a tough challenge but we believe it is essential given the environmental crisis the world faces. As part of this we are taking stock of our current waste and recycling services and are reviewing potential options that help us boost rates – and solve the damp paper problem.”

This way for help...

If you live in or are signed up to a GP surgery in the Wokingham Borough, Community Navigation is a free service working to improve your wellbeing and avoid unnecessary visits to your doctor.

Some 20% of GP appointments are spent dealing with non-medical problems. So Community Navigation signposts you to services and support helping you to explore and find solutions to your non-medical issues.

An older gentleman, for example, contacted the scheme because he was feeling lonely and isolated. He was directed to an organisation offering companionship, help with household duties and shopping. It worked with him, his confidence grew, and he felt happy and safe to stay in his own home.

The scheme can also signpost you to advice on housing, employment, benefits and much more. And it can help all ages – young families and teenagers too and link you to others who may share your experiences via self-help groups, clubs and agencies.

Contact Community Navigation by phone or online, Mondays to Fridays, 9am to 4pm. A Community Navigator will then come back to you, which they always aim to do within 24 hours.



More information:
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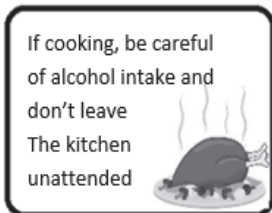
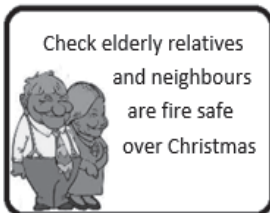
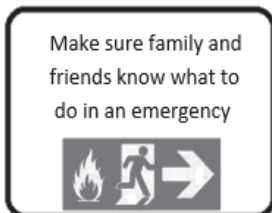
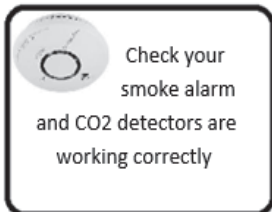
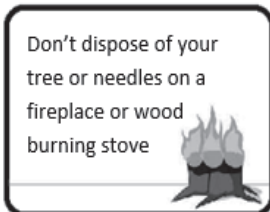
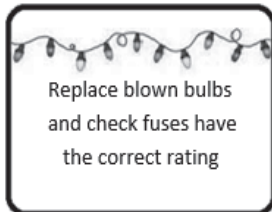
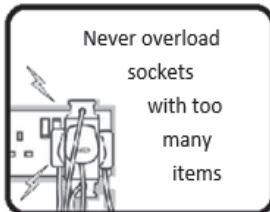
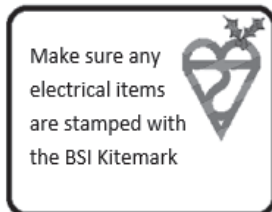
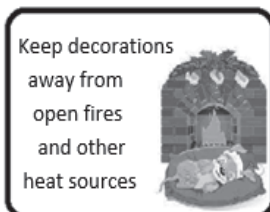
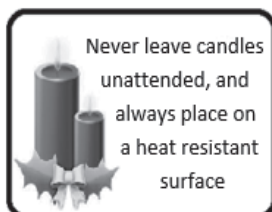


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Regular Clubs

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| WHEN | TIME | GROUP | WHERE |
|------------------|---|--|--|
| Monday | 09:45 – 12:45 | Hawthorn Quilters | Charvil Village Hall Committee Room |
| | 10:00 – 11:00 | Zumba | Charvil Village Hall Main Hall |
| | 15:30 – 19:45 | Wargrave Ballet School | Charvil Village Hall Main Hall |
| | 17:30 – 19:00 | Charvil Beaver Group (2nd Group) | EPF Pavilion Main Hall |
| | 19:00 – 20:30 | 1st Charvil Guides | EPF Pavilion Main Hall |
| | 20:00 – 21:30 | Charvil Music | Charvil Village Hall Main Hall |
| | | | |
| Tuesday | 09:30 – 12:00 (Every other Tues) | Ferry Lane Quilters | Charvil Village Hall Committee Room |
| | 09:30 – 13:00 | Flower Painting Class | EPF Pavilion Main Hall |
| | 10:45 – 12:15 | Tapestry Choir | Charvil Village Hall Main Hall |
| | 14:00 – 16:00 | Short Mat Bowls | Charvil Village Hall Main Hall |
| | 14:00 – 16:00 (Every other Tues) | Senior Residents Club | Charvil Village Hall Committee Room |
| | 17:45 – 19:15 | Charvil Beaver Group | Charvil Village Hall Main Hall |
| | 18:15 – 20:15 | Charvil Cubs Group | EPF Pavilion Main Hall |
| | 19:30 – 22:00 (4 th Tues) | Reading Cigarette & Post Card Club | Charvil Village Hall Main Hall |
| | 20:00 – 21:00 | Pilates | Charvil Village Hall Committee Room |
| | | | |
| Wednesday | 09.45-11.30 | Caterpillar Club (Toddler Club) | Charvil Village Hall Main Hall |
| | 10:00 – 13:00 (Every other Wed) | Berkshire Spinners, Dyers & Weavers | Charvil Village Hall Committee Room |
| | 19:00 – 21:00 | Short Mat Bowls | Charvil Village Hall Main Hall |
| | 19:30 – 21:30 | Charvil Art Group | Charvil Village Hall Committee Room |
| | tbc | Charvil Scout Group | EPF Pavilion Main Hall |

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



For all the latest news, events and much more don't forget to visit our website www.charvil.com or follow us on Facebook 

Village Facilities:

Village Hall, Park Lane, Charvil

Since its opening in May 1988, the Village Hall has continued to serve the community and residents of Charvil and the surrounding areas as a superb venue for both social and recreational events, ranging from the many clubs who use the hall on a regular basis through to administrative functions such as Parish Council and Amenities Committee meetings.



The Village Hall is used regularly by over thirty clubs and groups. A current timetable of these clubs is shown in the centrefold of this magazine. Additionally, the hall is used for private parties, weddings and other occasional social events.

Facilities

The hall has just been redecorated throughout and is continually maintained and cleaned. It provides excellent facilities for groups ranging up to 200 in number (150 if closely seated). The building comprises:

Main hall (17m long by 9m wide). It is possible to accommodate a bouncy castle up to 14ft high. (22 large tables 182.5cm long by 76.5cm wide and 76cm high, plus 150 chairs)

Smaller room (6.3m long by 3.7m wide). Known as the Committee Room, suitable for smaller groups or meetings. (10 small tables 91cm long by 76cm wide and 70cm high, plus 15 chairs)

Fully fitted kitchen with cooker, fridge, microwave, hot water urn, kettles plus crockery and cutlery.

Additionally, there are WCs for both male and female, together with a dedicated disabled WC and baby changing.

Well-lit parking comprising 47 spaces plus 2 spaces for disabled.

Pavilion, East Park Farm, Charvil



The CPC took over the entire sports facilities at the Pavilion back in September 2016 and the usage of the building and sporting facilities has continued to grow. The venue is versatile and is suitable for both sporting groups, community groups as well as social gatherings especially for

those requiring the use of the large sports fields surrounding the building.

The regular clubs who use the building can be found on the current timetable, but it is also available to hire for private functions or social events.

Facilities

The main hall is continually maintained and cleaned. The maximum capacity for the main hall is 100 people. The building comprises:

Main hall (12.4m long by 8.1m wide). (21 large tables 182.5cm long by 76.5cm wide and 76cm high) and 68 chairs.

Compact kitchen with fridge, microwave, kettle, plus crockery and cutlery.

Direct access to the building by car for the event organiser and disabled users (4 spaces directly outside)

Large car park alongside the tennis courts 40 plus spaces available.

Four team changing rooms with showers and one referee changing room with showers.

Additionally, there are WCs for both male and female, together with a dedicated disabled WC and baby changing.

Alongside the Pavilion building there are two full size football pitches which are well used at the weekend and an artificial cricket strip, all of which available to hire.



The tennis courts continue to be popular with residents, we are lucky enough to have a well established tennis club operating in the village - Charvil Community Tennis Club, who use the courts regularly each week for their sessions (contact details for the club can be

found on www.charvilcommunitytennis.co.uk). The courts are also available for rental by the hour for residents and starting next year the Parish Council will be reintroducing an annual family membership, details of which will be available shortly.

Bookings

If you would like to book any of the facilities or either of the buildings for an event, whether it is a one off social gathering or a regular club, please contact the Assistant Parish Clerk on 07850 234363 or by email bookings@charvil.com

Twyford Volunteer Drivers

Mike joined Twyford Volunteer Drivers 10 years ago. "Now that I am semi-retired I can make some space in my diary. This enables me to offer help to people who otherwise might have to rely on taxis - at some expense and probably some inconvenience. It is satisfying to be able to help people in need and who are usually very grateful for the help. Who knows, I may need similar help in the future."



Passengers must be able to travel without assistance. They contact the office to book lifts in advance and then driver volunteers, who are paid a mileage allowance for using their own cars, volunteer for the jobs that fit in with their schedule. This can be as many or as few as they want.

Additional drivers are needed to ensure the service continues to run smoothly. Karen joined the Volunteer Drivers 3 years ago

"I was worried when I first began volunteer driving that I might have taken on something too time-consuming but nothing could be further from the truth. I can choose the job that suits me and there is never any pressure to do anything more. The people I meet are so interesting and I've learnt a lot of local history and driving shortcuts, I would never have discovered any other way. For me it has been a brilliant way to give back and it really feels like a win-win".

Bob, who chairs a seven-strong committee which runs the charity, said: "Volunteer driving is ideal for people with some spare time who want to make a difference in their local community".

Gillian, a Charvil resident and the charity's organiser, explains: 'We email drivers weekly with a list of jobs for the following week. Drivers respond by email if they can help with any of the trips.'

Urging drivers to try it, Bob said: 'We have approximately 270 people depending on us - and demand is growing.'

We are particularly looking for drivers from Twyford but any drivers that are interested in volunteering should call 0118 934 3010 or email twadvc@yahoo.co.uk.

The Charvil Village Society

The Charvil Village Society has been going for over 20 years and the current committee, which has been in place for several years, has recently decided it's time for a change of personnel on the team. The new committee would like to thank those who have worked so hard to organise social events in the village through the years.

The outgoing committee has agreed to donate £850 to each of the following charities, Babies in Buscot, Twyford Day Centre, Daisy's Dream, St Mungo's (homeless charity), Sue Ryder, Twyford and District Volunteer Drivers and Younger People with Dementia.

If you run a local charity and would like to apply for a donation, please contact the society committee as we are keen to continue to support local organisations and charities.

Planned events

The popular Boxing Day walk. A short stroll of 2/3 miles through the local countryside, meet at 10am at the Village Hall. All welcome, mulled wine and mince pies will be provided afterwards at the Village Hall. Children and relatives are all welcome and the event is free of charge.

Friday January 24th, 2020 at 7:45pm - Village Quiz

Details and bookings through Mark A'Bear - Tel: 0118 9343918

Bring your own drinks and nibbles. £7.00 per person.

Early booking essential

Caterpillar Club

We have had an enjoyable term of play, painting, snacks, story and singing. We are looking forward to the Christmas party at the end of this term, before welcoming everyone back on 8th January. We meet on Wednesdays from 9.45-11.30am at Charvil Village Hall. Next term runs from 8th January – 1st April (term time only). The group is for children 0-5 years of age with their parent/carer and costs £2 for a child and £1 for additional children. Parents and carers can chat over tea, coffee and biscuits. Please do come along; it is a great way to meet local families and a chance to sit down for a moment (hopefully) while your children play. For more information visit our Facebook page www.facebook.com/groups/CharvilCaterpillarClub



Sonning CE Primary School

We have had a very busy, fun packed term at Sonning CofE. The staff and children have all been working very hard and getting chance to try some new activities. The term included, Eco Day, Children in Need, Cross Country Races, Boccia, football matches and an Explorer workshop!

In October, Mrs Hester Wooler, CEO of the Keys Academy Trust, visited the school to present a plaque to celebrate our recent academy conversion. Mrs Clare Borsberry-Lewis, Chair of Governors, accepted the plaque which will be placed in the entrance area of our school. Although it is early days, many exciting collaborative opportunities which will benefit our children are already planned over the coming months.



Also in October, we held our Harvest Festival Service in St Andrew's church, with all our donations being sent to ReadiFood.



In November, we had a visit from 'Pudsey' as we supported the BBC Children in Need day. Mrs Backhouse and the OSC team held a #bring and buy' sale, along with selling Pudsey items and raised £530.15.



Also in November, we held a Geography Explorer Day in school. An expedition leader came in to talk to the school about an arctic expedition he had been on. Each class then had a 'map skills and mini orienteering session' outdoors with our visitor.



We wish you all a very merry Christmas and peaceful New Year



@SonningPrimary

www.CharvilCommunityTennis.org.uk

Will carry on with Winter Tennis (Dress Warm)

- Sunday Junior Coaching (9.30-11.30am)
- Sunday Adult Coaching (11.30-12.30pm)
Starting from 12th Jan - 29th Mar (8&11 weeks)
- The Ladies group (Thursday morning 10-11.30am)
Starting from 6th Feb - 2nd Apr (8 weeks)



AFC Charvil



AFC Charvil is Charvil's FA Chartered, affordable, community, not for profit, youth football club providing fun footballing opportunity for local boys and girls from the age of 5 through to the age of 18.

The club has at least one team in each age group that play on Saturday mornings in the East Berks Football Alliance league. The EBFA league provides excellent structure for all our teams to find competition with local teams of closely matched capability meaning all of our games are fun and enjoyable for the players.

Our club was started in Charvil and the majority of our players, FA qualified coaching staff, referees and committee come from Charvil or the surrounding communities.

SEASON 19/20 UPDATE:

Our 19/20 season has started extremely well for all age-groups in the EBFA league – with our teams playing good football, learning each week and most importantly enjoying playing with their mates.

This year's U6 development squad under the supervision of coaches Trevor and Clare are having a lot of fun learning the game. Any Year 1 kids that would like to get involved are always welcome on a Tuesday evening 17:30-18:30 at the Piggott School 3G pitch in Wargrave.

PLAYERS, COACHES AND COMMITTEE - GET INVOLVED:

AFC Charvil welcome everyone young or old interested in football to come along and join in:

PLAYERS: The club continuously recruits players of all ages for squads that grow as players get older and match formats expand from 5v5 through 7v7, 9v9 up to full 11v11.

Players can come along for trial sessions free of charge throughout the season and training only subscriptions are available for those who would like to get involved but may not yet feel ready (or may not be available) for weekend games.

CLUB STAFF: Our club cannot operate without the fantastic contributions of our club staff. All our FA qualified coaches, managers, referees and committee members are volunteers who give their time to provide the footballing experiences for our players.

AFC Charvil invest in our club staff providing training, support and FA qualifications for all our coaches and referees without whom our games would not happen.

If you have any interest in contributing to your local community football club, in any fashion, then please do not hesitate to get in contact.

FOUNDATION CLASS KIDS - DEVELOPMENT SQUAD RECRUITMENT:

During the school summer term (May to July 2020) AFC Charvil will be running free of charge taster training sessions on a Tuesday evening for current Foundation class kids to come along and see if they enjoy football, like our club and to give them the chance to meet potential future team mates.

Whilst the clubs existing qualified coaches will volunteer their time to get this age group started, we will be very keen to find some new coaching staff to look after these young kids and manage their team as they progress through the age groups.

From September 2020 these kids can join our AFC Charvil U6 Development squad that will spend a year training, having a few practice games and preparing to enter the EBFA league at U7 5v5 in Sep 2020.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

AFC Charvil are committed to making football affordable for all our players, providing the lowest possible membership subscription fees and investing all our income back in to the running of our club. We are fortunate to have a number of sponsor organisations who help our teams in return for publicity, involvement with youth football and for contributing to our local community.

If you or your contacts would be interested in sponsoring AFC Charvil then please get in touch to learn about our sponsorship packages for the 2020/21 season.

AFC Charvil can be found on facebook, at our Pitchero website or please contact chairman@afccharvil.com.



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1st Charvil Scout Group News



We are growing from strength to strength as we are now opening our first Scout Group (10.5-14yrs) and they take on even more challenges and experiences.

We are looking forward to the spring coming and getting out and about more as light increases and weather improves. We are hoping to get involved in lots of hikes and camps as the new year progresses.

We do have some spaces in the Tuesday beavers(6-8yrs) 6-7pm or Cubs (8-10.5yrs) 6.15-8pm. So please contact us if your child is interested in experience some fun and adventurous activities.

If you are interested in helping as a volunteer or if your child would like to join, drop us an email to 1st Charvil Scout Group charvilscout@gmail.com.

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Seasons greetings

AFC Reading would like to wish the residents of Charvil a Very Jolly Christmas and a Happy New Year.

A brief update from the club. It's amazing how quickly the start of the new season has come around. As we reflect on last season the majority of our teams performed well, some winning their league, many adding to our trophy collection and ALL having fun playing the beautiful game.

Our season has resumed and we're pleased to report that repairs to the pitch at St Patricks completed during the summer have taken well.

We've been working hard to raise funds for the club and also for the charities we support. Our fund raising events have raised £1,000 in support Sue Ryder and £100 for Sarcoma UK.

Our club continues to grow and goes from strength to strength. We're looking for sponsorship - if you're in a position to support, please get in touch. Or if you know of anyone looking to join youth football, you'd be welcome to join a complimentary training session. Please contact Ethan@AFCReading.com

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous 2020!

Thank-you for your continued support,

Ethan (Chairperson) & **Damian** (Secretary)

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



Jewel Tones

Jewel Tones have had a busy term starting with Maidenhead Music Festival at which they won the Youth Choir Class. The choir then had two concerts in November. The first was at Queen Anne's School, Caversham where the girls were joined by Vivace Voices from Reading and Serenata from Neath. The second concert was at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead. For this, Jewel Tones were joined by Charvil-based ladies choir Sapphire, UkuladiesPlusOne, Wind in the Woodwinds, a flautist and a dancer.

After Christmas the choir will be working towards a concert on March 15th at Norden Farm to celebrate its 30th anniversary! The choir will be singing some of the most popular songs from the last thirty years. This concert will start at 3pm. Tickets are on sale from the Box Office – 01628 788997. We would love to see any former members of the choir.

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Meadow Quilters Christmas Fair

Meadow Quilters from Binfield held a Christmas Fair at Charvil Village Hall on the last Sunday in November and raised £1,050.30p for The Thames Hospice.

The hall was an ideal venue to hold the event, being light, very clean and spacious. Meadow Quilters had sales tables with their hand made items, also a Raffle, Tombola, Guess the name of the Rabbit, as well as tea coffee and delicious cakes. There were a number of other traders present selling stained glass items, alpaca gifts, beer, jewellery, honey, wood turned items to name just a few. The Thames Hospice were also represented by 2 of their volunteers selling many items from one of the Hospice shops.

We had 150 people through the door plus a few children and it was an enjoyable and successful day. Thank you to any villagers who attended.

Meadow Quilters are hosting Doughty's Roadshow (they sell fabrics and quilting related items) at the hall on Monday 17th February 2020. The money raised from entrance and refreshments will go to Air Ambulance.

Sonning Floral Arrangement Society

For our New Year commencing January 9th 2020 we have secured 12 lovely monthly demonstrations, commencing with Stehanie Cornell, title 'Spring is Coming' Included in this programme we are holding an open meeting in the Sonning Mill Theatre where Graham King, a National Demonstrator, whose title is 'Simply Magic', will entertain us. Date for this special demonstration is Monday 30th March and tickets will be available at our monthly meetings in Charvil Village Hall. It is likely to be very popular and tickets will be available to members first and then first-come-first-served. Admission £15.00 which is reasonable for such an event.

Our programme will include a day trip to Pam Lewis by coach, on May 19th. Coffee and refreshment on arrival, tour of her very interesting garden, lunch, followed by a demonstration with tea and cakes. More news on this special to follow.

We also plan a visit to a local open garden and our annual Coffee Morning fund raiser to include the popular bring-and-buy. Also, more news to follow.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Charvil Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month commencing 2.00 pm prompt. We welcome visitors at a very reasonable fee of £5, which includes an afternoon flower demonstration followed by a social cup of tea and biscuits and a social chat.

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A playgroup for 0 to 5's
at Charvil Village Hall

Wednesdays (termtime)
9.45am to 11.30am

Toys, craft, snacks, song and chat
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Charvil

Singing for the Brain



Our Singing for the Brain sessions take place at:

Charvil Village Hall
Park Lane
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RG10 9TR

Please join us from 10.30 - 12.00 on the following Thursday's in 2020:

9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th January

6th, 27th February

5th, 12th, 19th, 26th March

2nd, 23rd, 30th April

Please note there are no sessions on 13th & 20th Feb or 9th & 16th April

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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Alzheimer's Society operates in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
Registered charity number 296645.



"Alzheimer's Society run a popular and well-attended Singing for the Brain® group for people affected by dementia at the Village Hall. It's held every Thursday between 10.30am and 12noon and is supported by a small group of wonderful volunteers who give freely of their time to help ensure the session runs smoothly, everyone feels welcome and the singing goes well. The

group offers people with dementia and their carers the chance to socialise and enjoy a good old-fashioned sing-song in a safe and supportive environment. It's a fun and lively morning!

The group now needs to find two new volunteers:

A Pianist

We're looking for someone to accompany the singing. For this role you'd need to be able to play the piano to a good standard, sufficient to be able to competently accompany a range of popular songs from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s.

A Support Volunteer

Our Support volunteers work with the Group Coordinator to make sure each session runs well. Their main role is to welcome and chat with people with dementia and their carers. Other tasks you are likely to be involved in include: helping to set out the room, putting out signs and Society materials, supporting the Singing for the Brain Leader by joining in songs and encouraging participation, making and handing out teas/coffees, collecting in and washing up, tidying up the room after the session and putting away the tables and chairs

For this role you'd need to enjoy music and singing, have good verbal communication skills, be willing to help out wherever needed in the group and be happy to work as part of a team.

You don't need to be able to sing well to volunteer at the group - enthusiasm, empathy and an understanding of what the group is trying to achieve are what's most important!

If anyone is interested in finding out more, Jane Penton, Alzheimer's Society's Volunteering Officer for Berkshire is the person to contact. Feel free to email her at jane.penton@alzheimers.org.uk or call on 07540 921 221."

Physio Matters- A Balanced approach



There is a plethora of information reminding us of the importance of exercising to look after our muscle and bone strength and our heart and lungs but when was the last time you worked on improving your balance? Falls are the number one reason older people are taken to the emergency department in a hospital. Figures from the NHS show that a third of people over the age of sixty and about half of those over eighty have falls at least once a year. The problem with declining balance is that as an individual starts to feel unsteady they become increasingly reluctant to exercise for fear of falling. We see lots of older people come in to the clinic for help with their balance. Either they have had a fall or they recognize that they not as steady on their feet as they once were and as such they have a fear of falling.

What type of exercise you do makes a difference. Don't think that just because you are super fit for your age you are not susceptible to deteriorating balance. Studies have been undertaken on athletes ranging in age from 40-90 who have achieved superior cardio vascular health, muscle strength, bone mineral density and metabolic health similar to somebody 30 years younger. Despite their physical prowess these athletes were only a little better at balancing than the couch potato of the same age.

Injury and pathology will also inhibit your balance and surprisingly to most people recovery from the injury, be it a sprained ankle or a broken bone, does not usually result in full restoration of your balance mechanisms. Recovering your sense of balance needs specific exercises. Generally speaking, to improve balance we need to challenge it. This means we have to feel a little wobbly as we do so. Difficult for those who feel wobbly all the time and for the younger folk, well they tend to take their balance for granted.

Can you balance on one leg, whilst keeping the other leg clear of your stance leg? If so, take a moment to check you are not 'cheating'! When balancing this is most usually gripping with the toes of the stance foot and 'fixing' the eyes- staring at a certain point. Practising standing on one leg with relaxed toes and free head and eye movement is a good basic exercise to start with. You might be surprised how many young fit people struggle to do this.

Vary your activities; try to include elements of aerobic exercise, swimming, walking or cycling. Flexibility such as yoga or Pilates and some resistance work which is important for strengthening bones and preventing osteoporosis, as you get older. Don't forget to add in some balance work, which not only helps prevent injury as we exercise but most importantly help us stay on our feet as we get older.

Elizabeth Jones MCSP HCPC MACP Clinical Lead Physiotherapist



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Charvil Women's Club

We start our programme on Thursday, 9th January with a talk on the work of the Alexander Devine Children's Service and welcome any local ladies to join us. We meet at the Village Hall in Park Lane at 8pm on the first Thursday of each month and fit in an outing and meal during the year. Contact Shirley Newman on 0118 9340589 if you are interested.

Berkshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers

The Berkshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers is a very active and enthusiastic group of approximately 70 members, ranging from beginners through to experienced.

We meet at Charvil Village Hall on the 3rd Saturday of the month, from 10.30am to 4.30pm, for talks, demonstrations and workshops given by professional craft workers and experienced Guild members.



This gives members an opportunity to learn a wide variety of new techniques and skills, share ideas and display completed work either informally or by entering our competitions and exhibitions.

The spinning and weaving groups also meet at Charvil Village Hall, on alternate Wednesday and Thursday mornings, and are an excellent

way to learn how to spin or weave in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere.

As well as our regular groups and meetings we also held our biennial open day and display of members work in October. A very popular event, this year was no exception, with nearly 70 visitors coming along to watch the "sheep to sofa" challenge, have a go at drop spindling or tapestry weaving and see the beautiful display of members work before finishing off with a drink and a delicious home made cake and perhaps something from the wonderful sales table.



If you are interested in finding out more about these traditional crafts we would be delighted to welcome you to one of our meetings or alternatively you can contact us by email at berks.guild@gmail.com or have a look on our website, www.bswd.org.uk , for more information.

Charvil Art Group

Charvil Art Group sends you their best wishes for an enjoyable and happy festive season and with all good wishes for 2020.

We continue to meet regularly on Wednesday evenings from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm at Charvil Village Hall, returning after the Christmas recess on 8th January when we tackle detailed miniatures.

The 12 sessions in our Spring term include 3 tutor evenings. We welcome back Artist Xue -Chinese Brush tutorial (Jan 22nd); Jonathan Newey - coloured pencils (19th Feb) and Mick McNicholas—life drawing (March 18th).

Why not make a New Year's resolution about getting involved with our happy club. Everyone is invited regardless of ability or experience and we would love to see you. Further details can be found by phoning Ken on 01189690274 or Hilary on 01189343595 or visiting our website www.charvilartgroup.co.uk.

Our Annual Exhibition in November was a massive success thanks to all of you who came to support us. The club members all played their parts well and deserve much praise and thanks. We were able to display 86 paintings as well as having additional non exhibition paintings in our browsers for sale. The club sold 22 paintings a record number in our history, surely a testament to the skills and ability of our members.

Our thanks to our judge for giving up her time and to Jim Gillett, Chair of Charvil Parish Council, whose encouraging words were well received as he presented the certificates, cups and trophies to our winners. Well done to everyone.

Fancy joining us?

Happy New Year, Ken Docking

Reading & District Cigarette Card & Postcard Club

The October meetings began with a talk by the Chairman, Richard Howarth on one of his favourite topics, Scottish shipping companies, particularly those associated with the lochs and inland waterways. Richard explained how he first caught the 'collecting bug' while on holiday in Scotland aged 10, and brought along a photo of his twin brother and himself at the time. His brother then began his lifelong collection of tram & bus transport, while Richard decided to specialise in shipping, particularly Scottish and UK coastal shipping which also includes the piers used by the boats.

He brought along a tiny sample of his collection of non-postcard items associated with the Scottish waterways which were laid out across several tables, ranging from timetables, large company advertising posters of pre & post WW2 era, and earlier items, branded company chinaware & glassware, tea-towels, books, souvenir items. This Richard informed us is only the 'tip of this particular iceberg', his postcard and book collections on this topic dwarfed his associated ephemera. One new member commented how reassuring it was to realise that he was not alone in being the only one afflicted with collecting mania. Many of us also echoed those sentiments!!!

The enjoyable evening concluded with the usual refreshments, single card competition in four categories, and the raffle.

On October 22nd the members were invited to bring along and give a brief talk about "Recent Finds".

Peter Meyer showed photos taken of UK road vehicles that were also used on the UK rail track system.

Liz Tebbutt talked about her recent purchase in a public auction of some interesting A4 size and larger real photos of early Royal and important occasions, mainly pre-WW2, explaining their uniqueness and significance and identifying some of the famous people present.

John Cahill displayed his recent additions of chocolate wrappers from Kinder sweets, pointing out the variety available. These were 'Kinder' paper wrappers to add to his existing collection of the brand.

New member, Roger White, showed a cigarette card for which he had been searching for the last 30 years!! A Salmon & Gluckstein early "Beauty" cigarette card which he recently found as he was leaving a Hants & Surrey cigarette card meeting in Aldershot.

Roy Sheppard, followed with four real photographic postcards posted in 1907, enlarged to A4 size, showing the interior of the engine/turbine room and switchgear of the Victorian built Greenock Power Station, built in 1897 and de-commissioned in 1970, an unusual subject for postcards.

Richard Howarth concluded with books that he was delighted to have recently purchased on his favourite topic of inland waterway shipping, and UK coastal piers.

The next meeting, November 8th, will be a Club quarterly auction, and members of the public are welcome to offer any unwanted postcards, pre-1970, or cigarette cards pre-1939 for future auctions, telephone 0118-9695155.

Details of the Club, it's location and programme can be found on their website : www.readingpostcards.com

Twyford Library

If you love discussing books then one of our book groups at Twyford Library could be for you. We have three groups that meet monthly and we discuss a range of books on different themes and by different authors. It's a great way to make new friends, so just drop-in to any of the groups and you would be made very welcome. For more information call Twyford Library on (0118) 9340800 or email bookgroups@wokingham.gov.uk

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

Home from Home Book Group

Last Tuesday in each month 10.30am to 11.30am

Twyford Tuesday Reading Group

Second Tuesday in each month 2.30pm to 3.30pm



What's On for Children and Young People

Rhymetime - Rhymes for under 5's and their parents, Free Event

Tuesday January 21, February 18, March 17 11am to 11.30am

Storytime - For children aged 7 years old and under. Free Event

Tuesday January 21, February 18, March 17 3.45pm to 4.15pm

Winter Pressures Community Navigation

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What is Winter Pressure Community Navigation? It is a free service designed to help keep Wokingham Borough residents safe and well over winter. We will work together to make sure you are winter ready and connect you to local support or activities. We will:

- Find out what your needs might be or what you would like to do.
- Search for local charities, community groups and organisations that can meet your needs.
- Make the first contact with the organisation on your behalf, if **you** choose.

How will this help me?

We will speak to you on the phone or meet you face to face, either at your home or a local venue such as a café or library. We will discuss your needs and put together a plan of how we can help you meet those needs. We will signpost you to appropriate sources of social support and other non-medical services within your community.

Connecting with these organisations could help:

- Improve your general health.
- Improve your well-being.
- Reduce feelings of isolation.
- Get out and about more.
- Meet people with shared experiences.



What happens next?

We will keep in touch with you until the end of March 2020, to see how you are getting on, if you are enjoying your new activity or if there is anything else you might need at all.

We will also review how you were feeling when we first met and compare it to how you're feeling now, so we can see your progress.

To find out more about the Winter Pressures Community Navigation, or to make a referral, please contact:

Hannah Ellis

01344 304404

hannah.ellis@involve.community

08:30—16:30

Mon/Tue/Wed/Fri



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CARETAKER

Charvil Parish Council is responsible for the provision and maintenance of certain facilities within the parish, including playing fields, leisure facilities, the Village Hall, the Pavilion at East Park Farm, rights of way, bus shelters, public seats, notice boards and some street lighting.

The Council wish to appoint a Caretaker for the Village Hall and the East Park Farm Pavilion who will be working mainly at weekends and evenings, supporting the other Council staff as required.

Key Tasks

- To open and lock up the hall and pavilion at weekends, including evenings
- To be on call for evening parties with one month's notice
- To make minor repairs as needed and to report any other faults as required
- To erect and dismantle the stage as necessary
- To check alarms and fire extinguishers each month
- To conduct the weekly run-offs for the legionella's checks

A full job description will be available on request from the clerk

Other information

There is a need to be flexible in this role as the hours required each week will depend on bookings; however, it is envisaged that the role will require between 6 and 8 hours per week.

This is a key role which helps to ensure the Community buildings in Charvil are maintained in the best possible condition, and that our service to the Community is first class. We are proud of Charvil and hope to recruit someone who will enjoy being part of the team which makes this happen.

Rate of pay will be £9.39 per hour.

If you are interested, please contact Miranda Parker at clerk@charvil.com

Closing date for applications is **Friday 31st January 2020**