

# Charvil Village News

Spring 2021



[www.charvil.com](http://www.charvil.com)

**Inside this issue:** Have Your Say!  
Annual Parish Meeting (see back cover)

Photo: Daffodils at roundabout on Park Lane,  
tended by Charvil Village Society

ALL AT  
*your local*  
STORE

OPENING HOURS

Mon - Sun

7:00am - 9:00pm

WELCOME TO YOUR  
LOCAL NISA  
STORE...WITH A  
GREAT RANGE OF  
PRODUCTS AT PRICES  
YOU'LL LOVE

*Our stores are*  
**INDEPENDENT  
BUSINESSES**  
RUN BY LOCAL PEOPLE

**UNDER NEW  
MANAGEMENT /  
OWNERSHIP**

**All credit and debit  
cards accepted here.**



**CHARVIL STORE**

**36 PARK VIEW DRIVE SOUTH  
READING  
RG10 9QX**

## Editorial

The bright and cheerful Spring flowers are pushing their way out of the ground, fresh new buds are forming on the trees and bushes and finally, with the lifting of restrictions, we too can all start coming out of our hibernation period with what, hopefully, will be the last lockdown.

Although some restrictions will still be in place, we are very happy to be able to welcome back the sports groups to East Park Farm and some of our regular users at the Village Hall at the beginning of the month. The Annual Parish Meeting has been planned this year for 19th May and although we have to limit the numbers to a maximum of 75 people and won't be able to host with the usual wine and nibbles, we do hope you will join us. At the meeting you will be able to meet your new Council; hear the latest on the Neighbourhood Plan; the plans for redeveloping the Pavilion and to raise any concerns you may have.

We will be offering our Annual Family Tennis Pass again for the new season, this was very popular last year and great to see the courts being used so often. This year, we are very pleased to announce new coaching facilities on offer at East Park Farm by Ed Francis of Tegnic; do look out for more details within the magazine.

Please do continue to share your thoughts and highlight your issues and concerns by contacting the CPC team using e-mail or [www.charvil.com](http://www.charvil.com)

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable Spring and Summer ahead.

Amanda Burton, Assistant Clerk

Uncompromising Excellence in Hair Care

Spring Issue



*Style*  
by Julie  
Est. 1998

| Hair Cutting and Beauty Therapy  
| Experts in Colouring and Permanent Waving  
| Hairdressing for Men, Women and Children

 @stylebyjuliereading  
 @stylebyjulie  
 @stylebyjulieRG

**Private Hair  
and Beauty Salon**  
Badgers Rise,  
Woodley, Reading,  
RG5 3AJ  
**0118 4378178**  
**salon@stylebyjulie.co.uk**  
**www.stylebyjulie.co.uk**

## CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD – SPRING 2021

Welcome everyone to Spring 2021, and let us hope that this is a 'new Spring' in all senses of the term. As I write this in mid-March, the lockdown is still with us but we do at least have a published set of 'unlocking stages', even if these published dates are 'subject to change'. Is it too much to hope that the more 'hard of thinking' among us (as mentioned on my last Newsletter) can just contain themselves for a couple of months longer, and that the 'unlocking' can go-ahead as planned?

As regards your Parish Council, we are doing our best to follow the published rules which should get us through with the minimum of harm to residents. Folk will know that the Village Hall and Pavilion at East Park Farm have been closed for some months. More recently the East Park Farm carpark has had to be closed along with the tennis Courts and the MUGA; however, again, no matter how hard we try to keep folk safe, there are a few of the afore-mentioned 'hard of thinking' who insist on repeatedly breaking into both these sites. This of course costs the Council (i.e. us all!) considerable funds to repair, and also adds in some small way to the continuation of the lockdown.

On other issues, as mentioned in my previous Foreword, the Parish Council is currently working on the development of a 'Neighbourhood Plan'. This is a project which will take some time to complete and it will be important that as many Charvil residents as possible contribute their input. If you would like to be directly involved, then please contact the Parish Clerk on [clerk@charvil.com](mailto:clerk@charvil.com) or respond to the questionnaire which will be coming through your doors shortly. There will also be a website where information on this will be available. You might ask why do we need a Neighbourhood Plan? Well, while it is indeed quite an exercise to complete, it does come with considerable local benefits. At face value it allows residents to provide input on a wide range local issues (wants, needs, don't-wants etc.), it allows the Parish and Borough Council to focus on such publicized opinions, and perhaps most important, it allows the Parish Council to receive a higher proportion of the funds which arise from local house building (the Construction Infrastructure Leve or CIL), which can then be invested in improved facilities within the village. This indeed is the Parish Council's long-term plan.

As also mentioned in my previous Foreword, the recreation field at St. Patrick's (and particularly the football pitch) is rented by Charvil Parish Council to AFC Reading as their 'home ground', and they have spent considerable sums improving and maintaining it for their matches. Residents and friends are welcome to use the recreation ground, and parts of this area may also be used by other groups, but only after contacting the Parish Council beforehand (contact the Parish Clerk or Assistant Parish Clerk), so that we can ensure that there is no 'conflict' with other users, and particularly with AFC Reading who currently have the priority.

On a further subject, please remember that there are elections coming-up on 6<sup>th</sup> May this year. These elections were postponed from last year, and our Village Hall will be open (with all the necessary 'COVID restrictions') for voting for both Parish Councillors and a new Borough Councillor. If you would like to stand for election as Parish or Borough Councillor, then the necessary documents can be obtained from the Wokingham Borough Council website, and you will need to get your Nomination Papers submitted to the Borough Council between 30<sup>th</sup> March and 8<sup>th</sup> April.

Finally, let me wish all residents a safe and COVID-free 'unlocking' over the coming 2-3 months, and hopefully by mid-summer we shall be back to some level of normality. Keep safe everyone.

Jim Gillett, Chair: Charvil Parish Council

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

### **Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting held on 2nd November 2020 via Zoom**

Full Council have approved the recommendation to try to reduce dog fouling on the sports fields by asking people to keep their dogs on leads when exercising them there. It was decided that signs should be put up, and Cllr. Andersen would try to talk to dog walkers to explain why the Council would like them to do this. The clerk will put something on Facebook and on the website to encourage compliance, and Cllr. Hartley will find a medical expert to write something about the health implications of dog mess.

The Anniversary Elm application was submitted, and Council are waiting to hear if they have been successful.



The clerk had been in touch with Simon Bartlam and the cost of new display boards is mainly the artwork – once this has been decided upon, the cost of each extra copy reduces – so one will cost around £4,000 but four will cost nearer £12,000. The possibility of asking for sponsorship from local businesses was discussed, and Cllr. Hartley was to ask the Village Society if they would be able to contribute.

Cllr. Hartley attended a webinar on recycling, which she found interesting. There is an app - <https://re3.fccenvironment.co.uk/recylo/> which can help residents find out what they can recycle where.

### **Meeting held on 16th November 2020 via Zoom**

**To note the successful application for a disease resistant elm to be planted in Charvil to celebrate 30 years of tree wardens** – This was noted, and it was agreed that the Chairman would be the official person planting the tree.

**To hear an update from the Village Society** – They have planted 300 daffodil bulbs and are happy to contribute to the cost of information boards at East Park Farm. They cannot generate much income at present as they cannot hold fundraising events.

**To consider and approve the drawing up of a clear business plan for the Pavilion redevelopment plan and to appoint Cllr. Heath to undertake this** – Cllr. Heath ran through his proposal and will circulate his initial documents. He will circulate the economic case and financial case, with a draft for approval by the next meeting. Cllr. Ryatt will put together some advice on costings.

**To consider the re-development of the main Charvil Village Hall facility by way of an extension, re-purposing the space within the main hall for additional groups and re-development to meet the recent Green Facility survey output and consider the functionality of the existing pavilion**–It was agreed to look at this in conjunction with the pavilion redevelopment, as a third option. Although the plan put forward was just a starting point, Cllr. Ryatt believed this version would cost around £180k.

**To consider a request to use CIL funding to install way marking for rights of way and to install electric charging points for the Highways dept of WBC** – The Council were not interested in way marking as there are very few paths and cycle tracks in the village, but while very interested in electric charging points, they are not sure now is the moment while it is investigating the possibility of a new building and so present car parks might be affected.

## **Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee held on 30th November 2020 via Zoom**

**Highways** - It was noted that the clerk had been in contact with Robert Curtis, Transport Planning Team Manager at WBC, regarding the state of the cycle track, and he said he would ensure the work would be done. He also said he would bring up the Council's concerns about the proposed driveway at 1a, Milestone Crescent. Cllr. Andersen had brought this to the attention of Alex of Reading Cycle Campaign, and he has objected. The clerk reported the latest data from the Speed Indicator Device, that the volume of traffic had been lower than before the Pandemic, but that the maximum speeds are still worryingly high, at 75mph. It was noted that the tarmacking of Milestone Avenue was to take place in the week commencing 7th Dec, after the WBC Rights of Way officer had balloted all the households on the road to see whether they were in favour. A small majority were, so the decision has been taken to go ahead.

**Environment** - The clerk reported that she had met Ian Gough, WBC's Energy Manager with Cllr. Andersen and the Amenities Manager at the Village Hall to discuss how the energy efficiency of the building could be improved. He said that the best way to increase heating efficiency in the hall was to install infra-red heating, which heats people not the whole room – he suggested that maybe we could look at it in another hall where it has already been installed so we can give it due consideration. He has also offered to get his contractors to install LED lighting where we have not yet done so, and to check the cavity wall and loft insulation, and get this done, if necessary. He said that the alternative way of getting away completely from gas, was to install air source heat pumps, but that these are noisy and unlikely to get planning permission. There would be some sense in installing solar panels and storage batteries and he would advise how many would be sensible as there is little to be gained from selling energy back to the grid. It would make more sense to take the de-carbonisation of the building step by step as to try to do it in one go would cost around £60,000.

The clerk reported that she had been in touch with WBC about the Community orchard idea and that it was probably time to try to get local support and volunteers for the project. If this could be done, and we can show that residents of The Hawthorns are happy, then this would go a long way in our efforts to get this idea going.

# For all your printing needs

Our family run business has been established for over twenty years and has a client base as diverse as their requirements. Whether you're an individual or a blue chip company we can provide for all your printing needs.

- creative services • personal and company stationery
- brochures and leaflets • magazines
- promotional material • personalisation and mail-merging
- digital print for short runs and a quick turnaround
- conventional print • large format and display systems
- finishing • storage and stock management of clients' stock

For further information, please contact  
Peter (0118) 9311 488 or  
email [info@heraldgraphics.co.uk](mailto:info@heraldgraphics.co.uk)



**HERALD**  
GRAPHICS

272-274 Elgar Road Sth,  
Reading, Berks  
RG2 0BZ

## Meeting of Amenities Committee on 7th December 2020 via Zoom

**Consider whether to install additional signage on the fields at St. Patrick's and EPF to stop unauthorised organised groups from using the facilities:** It was reported that on several occasions unauthorised groups had been using the facilities. WBC have implemented a system where organised groups need to apply for a permit to use the facilities. Twyford operate a similar system and the Assistant Clerk was asked to follow up with the Twyford PC to find out how they run their permit system and how they enforce it and see if a similar system can be implemented in Charvil. In addition, Assistant Clerk asked to get quotations on the changes or additional signage required.

## Meeting held on 14th December 2020

**To consider the grants requests for S137 funds from Home-start Wokingham, Twyford, Wargrave and District Volunteer Centre, Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis Therapy Centre, Cruse Bereavement Care and The Link Visiting Scheme** - It was resolved not to award Cruse anything as the policy for grant funding discourages grants to national organisations. It was also resolved to award £400 to Link, £300 to Home-Start Wokingham, £300 to the Volunteer Centre and £160 to Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis. This was passed unanimously.



**To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan** – The group is contacting businesses and other organisations to inform them we are developing a plan, and to see whether any of them wish to be involved. Cllr. Sutlieff put out a request for marketing help, and Selena Durrant from Twyford has come forward to offer us her assistance free of charge. She is currently helping with a banner design, flyer and Facebook header. Cllr. Heath has developed a timeline to try to stop the plan drifting.

**To Review the EPF Pavilion Project specifically agreeing that:**

- 1) The Structure of the document is suitable to allow a decision to be made on one of the three options put forward**
- 2) Section “Current Situation” is discussed, agreed and finalised**
- 3) The Case for Change is discussed, agreed and finalised**
- 4) The Financial Constraint below is agreed:**

**“The financial constraint for the project is that the revenues must cover the costs without resorting to increasing the precept<sup>6</sup>. The public works loan will be for 50 years and that will be paid back before 20 years by using the current and future CIL”**

Council was happy with the structure of the document produced by Cllr. Heath, and were happy with the description of the current situation. Cllr Ryatt had said at the previous meeting that the estimated cost of a hall extension would be £180k but for a new shower/toilet block at East Park Farm as well, this would mean the cost would be £360k. This compares to £820k for Option one, to redevelop on the present pavilion site and £900k for Option two to build on the present tennis court site and relocate the courts to where the pavilion is currently. There seemed to be agreement that the case for change is sufficiently strong that it is more a question of which option, rather than whether to change at all. It was agreed that Option two is stronger in many ways than Option one because it is closer to the car park, which should increase footfall at any café included, and would be more appealing to many potential users. Consequently, it was agreed that it would be better to choose between option 2 and option 7. Cllr. Andersen is concerned about the environmental impact and felt a new building would be more effective from a climate change point of view than an extension to the hall which needs major modifications to reduce its carbon footprint. It was also accepted that, for Option 2 to succeed, there would have to be an anchor tenant like a pre-school. The clerk was asked to investigate whether there are chains of pre-schools that may be interested, as this may be a way of exploring the viability of the plan. Cllr. Heath will send out the document exploring the finances for approval at the next meeting.

## **Meeting held on 18th January 2021 via Zoom**

**Open Forum** – No residents present but a resident had been in touch with the clerk regarding the number of professional dog walkers using the field, making parents of young children feeling unsafe. This, along with Covid breaches on the field, and general increasingly high usage by people from outside the village, was of great concern to the Council. It was resolved that the car park would be closed providing this would not cause problems for the school. *Clerk's note: The school will open the gates when needed in the morning and afternoon, and at all other times, the gates will be closed. The assistant clerk will inform residents via Facebook and signage.*

**To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and approve the purchase of banners** – Cllr. Heath has further developed the Activities Plan to mirror the Neighbourhood Plan structure. The clerk is to apply for a Locality Grant to fund the cost of a website and publicity. It was resolved to approve the cost of six large banners for £300 to advertise the Plan. The questionnaire is in the process of being developed. James McCabe of WBC is to meet with the Neighbourhood Planning group to discuss progress and answer any questions they might have.

**To discuss and approve the Charvil Pavilion business case document - Cllr Heath to introduce and put arguments for and against each option and then each Cllr to give their views** – Cllr Heath introduced this and explained that this is purely about the Business Plan. While some figures need amending because of the approved budget, it remains the case that both options are feasible. Option 2 is more extensive and would need long term tenants, so we need to decide what Charvil want – he ran through the for and against arguments. One is ambitious but risky and the other is more conservative and is within Council's current financial means. Cllr Andersen thought that finances are a concern and that there is a risk, but generally likes the idea of Option 2.

Cllr Heath suggested that Council could contact pre-school providers and café managers to test viability.

Cllr. Sutcliffe is also concerned by the finances but believes extending the Village Hall is paying a lot of money to stand still. She mentioned the approach by a nature loving pre-school, and although they have found somewhere else, they may still be interested in the future, and the birthrate has increased in the Lockdown.

Cllr. Collis is also concerned by the finances as well, but believes the hall option is not viable, so prefers option 2 if tenants can be found.

Cllr. Ryatt is concerned that Covid and Brexit has pushed up construction costs considerably, and these may rise further. One option would be a modular construction, and so something could be built that could easily be extended when the need and available finances allow. Cllr Sutlieff thought this approach may be feasible.

Cllr. Jackson could also see the merit in this approach – he believes there is no merit in the hall option, but he too is concerned with the financial risk and the fact that option 2 would mean the Parish Council is happy to accept more houses in the village.

Cllr. Ryatt suggested that if Council were to go down the Option 7 route, then the pavilion would be replaced by a smaller building, but this could be extended in time, and Cllr. Collis agreed that this could be a workable plan.

Cllr. Jones was impressed by the business plan and while agreed that Option 2 was risky, she felt that the café at least, would be popular. In addition, if the Council could get grants then the risk to the Council could be reduced. She also asked whether we could find out how much CIL we could be getting. *Clerk's note: the CIL rate for residential properties is £365 per square metre, and the parish receives 15% of this, rising to 25% if a Neighbourhood Plan is in place.*

Cllr. Mundy thought that the reasons the present building is not working need to be analysed – is it because of its current location, what it offers, its condition, or a combination of factors. The future affordability of a replacement building is a concern as is the reliance on increased housing in the village, but he was impressed with the plan.

Cllr. Heath's main concern is whether the present Council is capable of managing the finances of such a large project

Cllr. Hartley would like the opportunity to develop an eco-friendly building but is also concerned about the finances – she likes the idea of a new-build and the idea of a modular building but wondered whether there was a need for an expensive kitchen as cafés can be successful without this.

Cllr. Gillett does not like the idea of extending the hall but is also concerned about the finances for option 2.

There was then a discussion about whether it would appeal to all age groups, and if the elderly were attracted, would this increase traffic. Traffic was a concern for several councillors, and Cllr Mundy said that some consideration needed to be taken of the need for more staff time than currently envisaged.

The ZUMBA logo is displayed in a bold, black, hand-drawn style font. The letters are slightly irregular, giving it a casual and energetic feel. A small registered trademark symbol (®) is located at the top right of the letter 'A'.

# ZUMBA®

Online ZUMBA classes

**Now available**

For more information

please email:

[smileysam@me.com](mailto:smileysam@me.com)

Cllr. Heath summed up the discussion, saying that while everyone was more enthusiastic about the more ambitious plan, there were concerns about the financial risks. The next steps were to talk to WBC; to contact potential tenant types; to investigate grant opportunities and to look at how costs may be reduced. Cllr Heath was thanked for his hard work

### **Meeting of Planning, Environment and Highways held on 1st February 2021 via Zoom**

**Highways** - Cllr Andersen attended a meeting of the Active Travel Forum, which was discussing the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). This is a policy in the making and it is hoped to have the plan approved by September 2021. It appeared to be very Wokingham Town and SDL centred, and apart from the proposed Greenway along the River Loddon, there is precious little in it to benefit the Northern Parishes. Cllr. Andersen will try to promote the parish's interests at the next meeting in March.

The clerk had downloaded the data from the Speed Indicator Device, and a new record of 82MPH was recorded, which, although at 4am, is very worrying. It was agreed to leave it on the Old Bath Road for the time being as it may help slow some people down.

**Environment** - There had been a further meeting with Ian Gough of WBC with some of the Councillors. He said there may be opportunities for funding, with the possibility of changing out the remaining non-LED lighting. There is the possibility that WBC can help with grants in return for contributions to WBC's carbon savings, with WBC claiming some and CPC claiming some. It was felt that any new building should be included in this and not just the hall.

The elm planting was noted, and Council are waiting for a bigger tree guard. The clerk was to send out a press release.

To progress the Community Orchard, the Council needs to leaflet The Hawthorns and Park Lane to gauge support and ask people to e-mail any comments to the clerk. The clerk will try to come up with a planting plan with the help of local experts so that residents can visualise the impact on the park.

The clerk reported that the Borough has a target of planting 250,000 in the next few years – some on Borough owned land, but they would also like parishes to identify sites, plus they are developing an initiative to encourage householder to plant trees in their gardens. It is uncertain what level of WBC support will be for this in terms of funding, expertise etc. The concern is that this is purely a numbers game, and that there needs to be careful planning if this is to be a successful venture, but it was also felt it could be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan.

## **Amenities Committee Meeting held on 8th February 2021 via Zoom**

**Decide whether the signage at EPF fields needs to be changed to include new text to enforce the rule that there is to be no organised activities without permission from CPC in order to stop the unauthorised football training etc:** It has become clear because of recent repeated unauthorised use at both locations that the current wording on the signs at both EPF and St. Patrick's is not clear enough that organised activities require Council permission. The Committee agreed that the signs at both locations be changed. It was suggested that the text should read 'No organised activities without the permission of the Charvil Parish Council'.

## **Meeting held on 22nd February 2021 via Zoom**

**To consider the issue of the damaged fence at St. Patrick's Recreation Ground and to approve the cost of repair** – The clerk reported that WBC had passed on a complaint from a resident whose husband had caught himself in a loose wire while crossing a low point in the fence between the Recreation Ground and the University land. This is not a public right of way, but many people step over at this point. Council considered repairing the fence completely, but it was felt that it would be damaged very quickly by disgruntled walkers. The contractor suggested re-instating the fallen post and connecting the remaining wires to this, so that the fence is clearly visible, but not at a wire at a height that will not prevent crossing if people choose to do so, although Council does not condone this. It was agreed that this was the most pragmatic course of action and it was resolved to approve the cost of this repair which was passed unanimously.

**To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and note the award of the Locality Grant** – The Council thanked the clerk for her work on the grant. Cllr. Heath gave a summary of recent activity and suggested that now there is more interest from residents, it is time to develop working groups. The clerk will circulate sample terms of reference, and Cllr. Hartley is working on the questionnaire.

**To consider the change of the lease for East Park Farm with the fresh intervention of John Halsall, and whether to push for a much-simplified agreement and to approve a collection approach** – The Chairman explained that he had thought that it would be possible to transfer ownership of the land, but this is not the case. In his discussion with John Halsall, leader of the Borough Council, the issue of a break clause on a longer lease for the Borough was raised.



Also, what kind of compensation would be fair to the Parish Council, given that the proposed redevelopment of the pavilion is potentially the most ambitious challenge it has faced. It was agreed that the Council would need legal representation to ensure its interests are protected, to ensure either a new or amended lease is fair to the Council.

**To consider closing the Village Hall car park while the building is closed** – Currently there is no way to close the car park, and after some discussion it was agreed that installing some wooden posts and a chain across the entrance would be a good investment as it could be used to close the car park in the evenings to deter late night use of the car park that disturbs neighbouring residents.

### **Meeting of Planning, Environment and Highways Committee on 1st March 2021 via Zoom**

**Environment** - There was no news from Ian Gough regarding environmental improvements to the hall. The Community Orchard project is slowly moving forward – the clerk has produced a leaflet to be given to residents of The Hawthorns, Foxes Walk and Park Lane north of The Hawthorns, and assuming this is well received, Council can go back to WBC to see what the next steps will be. The clerk would like to see whether there was any possibility of joint management of the Park with the Borough, so that biodiversity can be improved.

The clerk reported that she had attended a session on electric charging points, and from the Parish point of view, it may be preferable to provide the spaces and allow the Borough to manage them as they have access to cheaper electricity etc.

It was agreed that a glass recycling poster be put up at the bottle banks and put on Facebook, along with Cllr. Heath's figures regarding bottle bank use.

[Planning Matters considered at recent Parish Council Meetings](#)

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

- 202604 Application for the proposed extension of existing dropped kerb at 111 Old Bath Road
- 202642 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension at 7, Charvil House Road
- 203111 Application for the proposed part conversion of existing detached garage to rear of dwelling to create habitable accommodation at 1 Edward Road

203423 Application for the proposed first floor side extension to existing dwelling, single storey front extension to existing garage and single storey canopy to form porch at 9 Kilowna Close

**Council Comments on the following applications**

202975 Application to vary condition 2-6-7-10 of planning consent 152510 for the Full application for the proposed erection of a four-bedroom, two storey dwelling. Condition 2 refers to approved conditions, Condition 6 Landscaping scheme. Condition 7 Parking Provision. Condition 10 Garage to be retained as such and the variation is to remove conditions 2-6-7-and 10, (Retrospective) at 1a Milestone Crescent – The clerk was asked to object as follows

*This application is to vary the conditions laid down when 152510 was approved in November 2015*

*Charvil Parish Council would like to object to all the variations and removal of conditions for the following reasons.*

*1. This site has a long history of applications, and the previous application, F/2014/2679 was refused on several grounds, but when taken to appeal, the one issue that concerned the inspector was parking. The report stated “The site lies close to a junction where on-street parking should be discouraged in the interests of highways safety.....{and} highway safety is likely to be harmed, contrary to the provisions of CS policy CP6 requiring development schemes to provide appropriate vehicular parking and not to cause highway problems”. The approved plan for 152510 was approved because it had a driveway away from the junction, and it was deemed that with the garage and the smaller porch, there was ample off-road parking to satisfy the concerns of the inspector. Conditions 7 and 10 of this application was to ensure that the parking provision could not be removed.*

*2. What was actually built was not in accordance with conditions 2, 7 or 10, as the porch was much bigger than the plan allowed for, and the garage was replaced by habitable accommodation, making it hard to park two cars comfortably off the street. The Parish Council see the problems that the new application seeks to resolve by varying these three conditions, plus condition 6 regarding the landscaping as entirely of the applicant’s making, with no regard to road safety, or the environmental concerns behind the Landscaping scheme.*

*3. While the alternative garage that has been erected is not part of this application, the proposed new driveway to allow this garage to be usable as such, is unacceptable as it is on a bend and very close to the junction, close to a tree of considerable amenity value, the roots of which would very likely be damaged by a new driveway and would create a serious hazard for cyclists using National Cycle Route 4. Visibility would be very poor from the right as the tree would be in the sight line, and vehicles and cyclists approaching from the left would not be clearly visible either, as there is a great deal of on-road parking on Milestone Crescent. We accept the driveway is not a planning issue in itself, but if the Landscaping condition is varied, it would be to the detriment of other residents and road users potentially, if Highways were minded to allow a new driveway across their land.*

*Consequently, the Parish Council object to all four conditions being varied or removed.*

- 203072, Application to vary conditions 2-3 and 4 of planning consent 181175 for the Full application for the proposed conversion of existing residential units, associated parking and amenity space. Condition 2 refers to approved details. Condition 3 to Landscaping and Condition 4 to parking and turning space and the variation is to retain the detached garage at 36, Park View Drive South – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

*Charvil Parish Council would like to object to this variation because if the local parking concerns.*

*This site has been the subject of numerous planning applications in the past 11 years, and one consistent concern from neighbours on Park View Drive South has been the issue of parking.*

*When planning permission was sought for the garage in 2010 (application 101990), the Highways officers said that a shop of this size should have a maximum of five spaces - it currently has four.*

*All the spaces that should have been provided for the flat conversions have been provided, but unfortunately, no provision was made for a parking space for the proprietor of the shop.*

*So, the four spaces at the front have to provide for customers and the shop, when a property of this size should have up to five purely customer spaces.*

*Because of this factor, the Council feels the variation to retain the garage should be refused, and extra parking for the shop should be provided.*



# TENNIS COACHING IN CHARVIL

SESSIONS  
STARTING  
APRIL 19TH  
£9 PER SESSION

*East Park Farm Drive,  
Charvil,  
RG10 9TY*

**FREE TRIAL  
LESSON!**



## **Adults**

Beginners:  
Wednesday 11.30-12.30pm

Beginners/Improvers:  
Tuesday 6-7pm  
Sunday 10-11am

## **Juniors**

Tuesday 4-5pm - ages 4-8  
Tuesday 5-6pm - ages 9-12

Sunday 11-12pm - ages 4-8  
Sunday 12-1pm ages 9-11  
Sunday 1-2pm - ages 12+

*Teqnic.co.uk  
Ed.Francis@Teqnic.co.uk  
07983357931*

203456 - Full planning application for the proposed construction of a 3G synthetic pitch funded through the FA framework consisting of sports fencing, LED floodlights, storage container, spectator area and pedestrian access at Waingels College – the Clerk was asked to object as follows:

1. *We note in the Design and Access Statement that planning permission was granted for a similar proposal in 2018 (application 173584) but the school has not gone ahead with this after listening to local concerns about noise and light pollution. This proposal was some 90 metres away from the nearest homes. This plan is only 66 metres away from the nearest houses, at the more rural end of the school. The change in location may have less to do with concerns about residents and more about how it suits the school better. We would appreciate it if the concerns of ALL residents were taken into account.*

2. *The residents in Waingels Road are concerned about noise late into the evening six days a week – to mitigate the noise we appreciate there will be a 2-metre bund with trees planted, and while this will reduce the visual impact, it will not be high enough to reduce noise. If the plan is to be approved, could the hours of use be limited to 8 am -9pm Mon-Fri, and 8am-6pm on both Saturday and Sunday?*

3. *Residents in Waingels Road have informed us that they are not allowed much external lighting because of the proximity of bats and roosting birds. This is because as one goes down Waingels Road toward Charvil, there is more woodland, and the school abuts a patch of ancient woodland at the Charvil end. So, it seems odd that floodlights will be allowed so close to what appears to be regarded as an area of importance to the local habitat.*

4. *Council has concerns that while there is good cycle provision from the Woodley direction, there is none from the Charvil direction, and we feel that improvements to the cycling provision from Charvil should be a condition of this plan being approved.*

5. *Although the original application makes no mention of it, there is now a proposed emergency access onto Waingels Road. Council has concerns about the safety of another access point from a pedestrian point of view – could the emergency access not be through the school as at Piggott?*

*6. Waingels Road has a traffic constriction on it to discourage use of the road as a rat run, as it is recognised that is not suitable for large amounts of traffic. The pitch at Piggott certainly generates a great deal of extra traffic, as does Goals at Bulmershe, and we would assume a similar scenario on Waingels Road. It is already unsafe for vulnerable road users at night, and this will only become worse. The assumption in the Design and Access statement is that users will only come from Woodley, but nothing is that straightforward. If the plan is to be approved, could the speed limit be reduced to 30mph for the whole of Waingels Road?*

*7. Charvil Parish Council has no issue with the provision of extra facilities, and appreciate that as an academy, Waingels needs to maximise income, but we are concerned that this is coming at an unacceptable cost to the existing community as this plan stands.*

203586 Application for the proposed raising of roof to create additional first floor accommodation, with the erection of two storey front/side extensions and a part single storey, part two storey rear extension, following demolition of existing garage, plus internal alterations and changes to fenestration at 11 Old Bath Road

*The clerk was asked to comment as follows:*

*Although this application has considered some of the reason for the planning refusal of application No. 201314, and has been modified to some extent, significant concerns remain.*

*The neighbouring properties at No 15 and 17 have both been extended in such a way as to be sympathetic to the street scene of chalet type properties that are prevalent throughout Charvil. This proposal is still completely out of keeping with the general street scene and is still excessive in bulk and height – it is noted that the highest point of other houses are similar, but this proposal is far more dominant – and is disproportionate to the original house. This is contrary to the Borough's design guide.*

*It is also noted that the proposal is now single storey on the boundary with No.9, but the proposal will still reduce light into their garden due to the height and scope of the two-storey part of the proposal, and no effort has been made to mitigate the effects on the garden and home of No.15 – this was unacceptable in the previous application, and still is contrary to CP1 and 3.*



*Given the bulk of the property, and the loss of garden, Council is also concerned that this development could lead to surface water issues, and adversely affect the amenity of the neighbouring properties in this way.*

*For these reasons, the Parish Council still objects to this proposal.*

- 210051 Application to vary condition 3 and 8 of planning consent F/2009/0164 for the Change of use of land for the storage and distribution of empty skips and portable WCs (retrospective). Condition 3 refers to Storage only of empty skips & WCs and the variation is to allow all storage from the B8 class. Condition 8 refers to maximum number of vehicles this shall not exceed 14 (7 in 7 out) Monday to Saturday and the variation is to remove this condition at The Homestead, Park Lane – *The clerk was asked to comment as follows: Charvil Parish Council agrees that it is sensible to regularise the situation, and has no objection to the change to anything in the B8 class, but does have concerns about removing the limit on vehicle movements because of the residential area any vehicles of this class will have to travel through. What is the greatest concern, however, is that there is no limit on the time of day for such vehicle movements, so if the Council are minded to allow more movements, could there be a condition that these are not made out of hours.*

- 210107 Householder application for the removal of the existing double garage door and installation of upvc French door with side frames at 25, Newbury Close – *The Clerk was asked to comment as follows: Charvil Parish Council are concerned as this will not be in keeping with the street scene - regular windows would not look so odd.*

- 210462 Householder application for proposed erection of an outbuilding to the rear of existing dwelling at 19a, Charvil House Road – *the clerk was asked to object as follows:*

*The size and mass of the proposed structure is out of keeping with the surrounding area and is over-development of the site.*

*The build quality of this, with cavity wall insulation, a kitchen and shower room would make this appear to be habitable accommodation, rather than a games/garden room and the Council shares the concerns of neighbours that this is a bungalow by any other name, albeit that access would have to be through the householder's garden.*

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

- 202502 Householder application for the proposed erection of a two-storey front extension, part single storey, part two storey side/rear extension, single storey side extension to create garage, plus the insertion of 7no. roof lights, following demolition of existing garage, dining room and family room at 3, Strathmore Drive
- 202604 Application for the proposed extension of existing dropped kerb at 111 Old Bath Road
- 202642 Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension at 7, Charvil House Road
- 202975 Application to vary condition 2-6-7-10 of planning consent 152510 for the Full application for the proposed erection of a four-bedroom, two storey dwelling. Condition 2 refers to approved conditions, Condition 6 Landscaping scheme. Condition 7 Parking Provision. Condition 10 Garage to be retained as such and the variation is to remove conditions 2-6-7-and 10, (Retrospective) at 1a Milestone Crescent
- 203111 Householder application for the proposed part conversion of existing detached garage to rear of dwelling to create habitable accommodation at 1 Edward Road
- 202927 Application for submission of details to comply with the following condition of planning consent 190111 dated 31/05/2019. Conditions 5 Construction method statement and 6 Protection of Trees at Jubilee Hall Park View Drive North
- 203463 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a detached double garage to the side of existing dwelling at Ashley View, Beggars Hill Road
- 202106 Full Planning application for the proposed erection of new meeting hall following demolition of existing meeting hall, relocation of three metal storage containers, plus car park improvements with the installation of a cycle stand at Paddick's Patch, Waingels Road

## **The Following Application was refused by Wokingham Borough Council**

203586 Application for the proposed raising of roof to create additional first floor accommodation, with the erection of two storey front/side extensions and a part single storey, part two storey rear extension, following demolition of existing garage, plus internal alterations, and changes to fenestration at 11, Old Bath Road

## **The Following Appeal was allowed**

191788 Application the change of use of buildings and land from agricultural use to general industrial use (Class B2) and erection of two additional constructions at Newlands Farm, New Bath Road

**FULL DETAILS OF ALL APPLICATIONS REFERRED TO ABOVE CAN BE FOUND ON: [www.wokingham.gov.uk](http://www.wokingham.gov.uk)**



**Helping Hands**  
Caring since 1989

**Looking for  
support at home?**

With over 30 years' experience, we can provide high quality support with:

- Personal care
- Companionship
- Dementia care
- Respite support

For more information, please call 07436371703  
[helpinghands.co.uk](http://helpinghands.co.uk)

The Following meetings are scheduled but because of the Covid-19 Crisis, meetings will continue via Zoom until 17th May when we can meet in person. If anyone has questions, please e-mail the clerk

Meetings of Charvil Parish Council 2021	
12 April 2021	Amenities Committee Meeting
<b>19 April 2021</b>	<b>Full Council Meeting</b>
26 April 2021	Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting
10 May 2021	Finance Committee Meeting
17 May 2021	Amenities Committee Meeting
<b>19 May 2021</b>	<b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>
<b>24 May 2021</b>	<b>Full Council Meeting</b>
07 June 2021	Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting
14 June 2021	Amenities Committee Meeting
<b>21 June 2021</b>	<b>Full Council Meeting</b>
05 July 2021	Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting
12 July 2021	Amenities Committee Meeting
<b>19 July 2021</b>	<b>Full Council Meeting</b>
<b>09 August 2021</b>	<b>Planning and Finance</b>
MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 8 pm and are held in <u>THE VILLAGE HALL</u> , PARK LANE. RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS	

Charvil Parish Councillors		
Jim Gillett	Chairman of Council	<b>969 7156</b> chair@charvil.com
Paul Mundy	Chair of Amenities	<b>934 5258</b> paulmundy@charvil.com
Claire Andersen	Chair of Staffing	<b>07500 931091</b> claireandersen@charvil.com
Pat Sutlieff	Councillor	<b>07788 100935</b> patsutlieff@charvil.com
Jane Hartley	Chair of Planning	<b>07879 427350</b> janehartley@charvil.com
Roanna Collis	Councillor	<b>07717 437308</b> roannacollis@charvil.com
Neil Jackson	Chair of Finance	<b>07809 591134</b> neiljackson@charvil.com
Mike Heath	Councillor	<b>07902 306381</b> mikeheath@charvil.com
Hilary Jones	Councillor	<b>0777 5796362</b> hilaryjones@charvil.com
Narinder Ryatt	Councillor	<b>07957 345652</b> narinderryatt@charvil.com
Parish Council Officers		
Miranda Parker	Parish Clerk	<b>901 7719</b> clerk@charvil.com
Amanda Burton	Amenities Manager and Newsletter Editor	<b>07850 234363</b> bookings@charvil.com

# **Berks/Bucks/Oxon & Milton Keynes**

## **Virtual Singing for the Brain**

Every Monday

Choose from three sessions:

10.00am - 11.00am

11:30am - 12.30pm

3.00pm - 4.00pm

The sessions can be accessed from a computer or tablet or you can call in by telephone.

For more details please contact:

[berkshire@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:berkshire@alzheimers.org.uk)

Tel no: 0118 959 6482

Here for everyone  
affected by dementia  
[alzheimers.org.uk](http://alzheimers.org.uk)

Get in touch today

[berkshire@alzheimers.org.uk](mailto:berkshire@alzheimers.org.uk)



## **Borough Councillor's Report**

This will be my last message to you, after nine years it is time for new beginnings for me and a new selected candidate for you.

I have achieved a lot over the years and tried my best to get things sorted as quickly as possible, even when the wheels grind slowly. Being a Councillor is not an easy job, people want things which you try and achieve, minds are changed, but I would say the most are grateful. The world keeps turning and council work never relents.

I want to thank Miranda the Parish Council Clerk. Miranda has always been there she has advised me, we have disagreed, we have agreed; Miranda never judges and has an understanding that there are some things that have to be left to WBC. Miranda, I thank you for everything over the years.

### Issues recently within Charvil:

We have had a spate of thefts from garages, sheds and lock up areas, for the very first time in all the years we have lived in Charvil, my husband's bike was stolen, (they left mine)! Subsequently, I am aware that the Old Bath Road was top of their list and they have started on the other side of the A4: St Patricks etc. I have had a long chat with Adam Young our PC and begged him to get more of a presence of police, but manpower is short. We both agree that most of these are being done during day light as people are out, concentrating on work whilst at home and may not notice anything.

Some advice - if bikes are in garages, then where possible park your car as close as possible to the garage door, this will deter them. I am sorry to say lock everything, side gates and garage side doors as these are organised gangs and anything you can do to deter them all the better. If you ever see anything suspicious, please report it to the police.

### Drug issues:

As you are aware from previous information, we had and still have a drugs issue within Charvil. It is suspected that these are people coming out of London as the selling of drugs has dried up a little and finding new affluent areas to work in. The car park next to the school is closed off, however, this won't deter them and again if you see anything suspicious please contact the police. I have talked to Adam about this and I am aware that there are more prominent police visits during the night . Number plates also assist the police in tracing the culprits, so just send photos to the police.



### Milestone Avenue:

This is going ahead at the end of March; it was voted on and agreed even though a number of residents are trying every angle to resist. WBC have a duty to maintain Milestone Avenue, there is money to be used and if this money is not used then Charvil lose the funds.

### Brown Bins:

Due to the passed years events, your brown bin has extended until end of April for charges of £65.00. Please use your brown bin and not the kerb-side to dump garden waste.

Finally, a thank you to you the resident of Charvil for lots of lovely messages I have received. I have declared gifts of flowers, wine, chocolates and even a fluffy toy.

Take care, be safe and look after your village.

Regards. Emma Hobbs



**Mr Ranju Khurana**

BDS (Lon) MFDSRCS (Eng)  
MClinDent (Lon) MRD (Eng)  
Registered Specialist Prosthodontist  
GDC No: 74950

**Dr Anu Chadha**

BDS (Lon) MFDSRCS (Edin)  
MSc in Prosthetics (Lon)  
GDC No: 79744

#### Professional treatments offered:

- All routine dentistry
- Instant digital x-rays
- Cosmetic dentistry
- Dental implants
- Teeth whitening
- Stain removal
- Hygiene therapy
- Advanced dentures (Prosthetics)
- Aesthetic prosthodontics
- Children's dentistry
- Home visits
- Endodontics (root canal therapy)
- Tooth removal (simple & complex)
- Emergency appointments
- Oral cancer screening

**Call us on: 0118 940 1057**

**68A High Street, Wargrave RG10 8BY, [info@wargravedentalclinic.co.uk](mailto:info@wargravedentalclinic.co.uk)  
[www.wargravedentalclinic.co.uk](http://www.wargravedentalclinic.co.uk)**

## **Neighbourhood Policing Team Update**

Spring into Action and Secure your Home from Burglars. Help us to keep crime down and make life harder for criminals by following our crime reduction advice this spring.

- Install a video doorbell or CCTV system.
- Service/maintain your burglar alarm.
- Use a timer switch on your lights and radio.
- Lock all front and rear doors at night and when you are out. (If you have a UPVC door, remember to lift the handle and lock it with the key.)
- Keep all valuables and keys (including car keys), out of sight and out of reach of windows and letterboxes. Keep keyless entry fobs in a security pouch.
- Secure access to the back garden. Are all of your gates and fences maintained and locked? Move bins away from side walls and fences.
- Keep ladders and gardening tools locked away.
- Cut back your shrubs and hedges to aid visibility.
- Ensure sheds and garages are fully secured.
- Double check your vehicle is locked too.

You can contact your local neighbourhood team via email: [TwyfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:TwyfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)— please note this email address cannot be used to report crimes or for any urgent matters.

## **Students Breathe Life Back into School**

The prospect of returning to school was eagerly anticipated by students at The Piggott School. They were keen to return to a measure of normality and, most importantly, they were excited to see their friends and teachers. School captain Harry Daisley said, “The thing I missed most about school is definitely the people! Not seeing my friends and teachers during the week was difficult to get used to.”

Despite this turbulent year, Deputy Headteacher, Rebecca Alexander is so proud of the way students have conducted themselves, “Once again, we have been extremely impressed by the positivity and resilience shown by all of our school community. It has been wonderful to see friends reunite and hear laughter around the school. The students have brought life back into the school.”

In the return to school students were encouraged to participate in a mass Lateral Flow Device testing programme to help stop the spread of Covid-19. A huge amount of work went into setting up the testing centre and remarkably, a team of over 65 volunteers carried out 4,365 lateral flow tests on students in just 9 days. We cannot thank our volunteers enough for their professionalism, patience and care over these past few weeks, as well as our students and the whole school community for their, cooperation, support and encouragement.

# Our Piggott School Heroes



## Thank you!

The Piggott School was overwhelmed by the support offered by parents and the wider school community in delivering 4365 lateral flow tests on students in just 10 days. We want to extend our thanks to our staff and the 66 amazing volunteers that took part. We couldn't have done it without you!



 @PiggottCESchool  
 [www.piggottschool.org](http://www.piggottschool.org)



# THE PIGGOTT SCHOOL: CHARVIL PRIMARY

*Spreading kindness through difficult times*

## VIRTUAL CELEBRATIONS STILL MADE SPECIAL

It has been wonderful to have all the children back in school, they have transitioned back to school so well and are re-establishing their school routines.

On reflection, although teaching and learning remotely has been challenging for staff and students, we are so impressed with how remarkably well our whole school community coped. As well as keeping up with their school work, students continued spreading kindness in the community. They recently made beautiful birthday cards for local care home resident, Connie on her 101st birthday (image top right), and completed 100 of something in memory of Captain Sir Tom Moore (image below right). Pupils celebrated Mental Health Week and Book Week from home but still managed to get into the spirit of the celebration making thoughtful 'Helping Hands' drawings for Mental Health Week (image below left) and fantastic character costumes for Book Week (images bottom right).

Pupils of The Piggott School: Charvil Primary continue to be a great credit to the school, their families and their local community. The circumstances we find ourselves may have provided challenges, but thanks to the strength of our school community and our Christian values, we have witnessed many great achievements.

Welcome back to school!



“

*I love being back at school because I can be with my friends and they help me with my education. It's great to be able to share our ideas and have friends who can help you with things you aren't sure about. It's great to collaborate and use our knowledge together.*  
Student, Charvil Primary



Follow us on Twitter  
@piggottCESchool  
Visit our website  
[www.piggottschool.org](http://www.piggottschool.org)

## Charvil Village Fete Afternoon Party!

Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2-6pm

East Park Farm Sports Field

We are planning an Afternoon Party for the village with:

- music from Piston Broke
- children's entertainment
- burgers and hotdogs
- bar and more!

This will be on a more modest scale than the fete but will be an opportunity to enjoy some outdoors fun and music with friends and family. We will obviously be abiding on any restrictions that might be in place at the time – so please check the Friends of Charvil Facebook or Charvil Parish Council websites for updates nearer the time.

***We hope to see you there!***

Jane Hartley

[janehartley@charvil.com](mailto:janehartley@charvil.com)

Charvil Village Fete Committee

### Charvil Art Group

It's been a long time since the art club last met at the village hall and we are looking forward to a safe return once we've been given the green light. I'm pleased to say that the club has had zoom meeting on Wednesday evenings for those able to make it and some super paintings and art work has been produced.

As ever we will be looking forward to renewing friendships with present members and would welcome anyone with an interest in art or art appreciation to join us. Once up and running again we will produce another exciting programme with tutors and demonstrators to show us how it should be done. If you're interested in finding out more about CHARVIL ART GROUP, do contact me (Ken) on 01189690274 or visit our web site.

It's been a very difficult time too for Charvil Village Hall, having to close and not getting the income from clubs and other activities. We want to support them too, so once we're back, do join us. We are a friendly, happy bunch of artists and would love to see you.

Meanwhile do take care and best wishes for 2021.

Ken Docking, (Treasurer Charvil Art Group)





## Sonning CE Primary School

During this unprecedented time of lockdown and home learning we were able to give a range of interesting and inspiring activities for the children to do at home, along with the children of Key Workers who were coming into school everyday. It has been challenging at times, especially when the internet fails, but hopefully we have managed to give the children the support and confidence to continue with face to face learning now they have returned. We wish all in the Academy a lovely break and a Happy Easter.

The children in Chestnut class were inspired by the text - Lila and the Secret of Rain. The children created their own amazing mountain art at home by drawing, sticking on paper and even a mountain made from lego.



On World Book Day we all celebrate the enjoyment of books. The children were encouraged to taking part by dressing up as one of their favourite characters from a book they had read and send in pictures of them reading. They also made characters from potatoes. Here are just a few of our pupils in character and some of the potato characters.



Can you guess who they are?

During Children's Mental Health week the children were encouraged to 'Dress to Express' and on the morning call this is the sight that met two of our teachers. Well done to all of the children for really going to town with hats, masks, wigs and spectacular backgrounds.





Year 5 have been building shelters, indoors and outdoors, using natural materials as well as man made. This was linked to their class text 'The Explorer' by Katherine Rundell. The amount of work that has gone into these is very impressive.



We welcomed the children back on the 8th March by decorating the path up to the school with balloons and a big welcome back sign on the gate. To say thank you to all the parents and carers for their support during lockdown we offered a small token of appreciation—a bar of chocolate. There were not many left!



## **Caterpillar Club**

We remain closed and plan to reopen again in September, when schools return for the Autumn term. As in the past we would meet on Wednesdays from 9.45-11.30am at Charvil Village Hall. The group is for children 0-5 years of age with their parent/carers and costs £2 for a child and £1 for additional children. Please do look out for information on its reopening in a few months' time and we hope to see many of you in the Autumn. [www.facebook.com/groups/CharvilCaterpillarClub](https://www.facebook.com/groups/CharvilCaterpillarClub)

## **Charvil Women's Club**

Charvil Women's Club is still going strong despite being unable to meet at present. Currently Margaret Moore organises a monthly online 'talk' often with a quiz. This goes out to members via email on the first Thursday of the month which would have been our usual meeting date. This is followed two weeks later by a newsletter edited by Sarah Swatridge containing a selection of items of interest to Charvil Women's Club. We hope to be able to resume our monthly meetings at Charvil Village Hall in due course, but in the meantime we aim to keep in touch and support each other.

## **Jewel Tones and Sapphire**

Charvil based choirs, Jewel Tones and Sapphire, have been continuing rehearsals via Zoom. Not the same as rehearsals all together at the hall but at least we have been able to continue singing. We have been working on a variety of songs including a medley of Disney songs, 'Electricity' from 'Billy Elliot', 'I dreamed a dream' from 'Les Miserables' and 'For good' from 'Wicked'. We have been starting each Zoom session with a quick chat then a vocal warm-up which usually includes a tongue-twister or two! Have a go at 'Fresh fried fish' or 'Irish wrist watch'! We are hoping to finish the summer term with an informal concert in July. It will be about sixteen months since our last performance!

Suzanne Newman

## **Sonning Floral Arrangement Society**

We don't have a lot to report unfortunately. When we are allowed, we look forward to some nice Demonstrations. Last year we had to cancel from April to the end of the year. Then again cancelled so far this year, up to June 2021. However, those cancelled Demonstrators have agreed to return to us for year 2022 programme.

A quarterly Newsletter is planned to keep members informed. We are a happy Society and appreciating we have no choice, we are grateful to our members for their support and patience. We are planning a few outdoor events when allowed. Garden visits, afternoon tea in a garden combined with some additional attraction. Also a Bring-and-Buy sale which has always proved very popular. It will just be nice to have a get-together again.

Our monthly meetings are normally held in the Charvil Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month. Commencing at 2.00pm prompt. We welcome new members or visitors at a very reasonable fee of £5 per meeting, which includes an excellent flower demonstration followed by a nice cup of tea and a social chat. When allowed, come and join us.



For all the latest news, events and much more don't forget to visit our website [www.charvil.com](http://www.charvil.com) or follow us on Facebook 



## 1<sup>st</sup> Charvil Scouting group needs you!

1<sup>st</sup> Charvil is our local scouting group and runs sessions for children aged from 6 in our 2 Beaver Colonies, right up to Scout Troops. We started back in 2015, and the groups are growing with us – as our children get older, 1<sup>st</sup>Charvil grows to its next stage! We currently have 2 Beaver Colonies, 2 Cub Packs and 1 Scout Troop. As our numbers increase, we need extra hands to help out, so if you have any time to spare, please get in touch to get involved in this fabulous group!

We are seeking leaders for Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, to enable 1<sup>st</sup> Charvil Scouting to continue to run for all age groups and all of our local children who want to be involved. Sessions are on weekday evenings, running for between 1 – 1.5 hours, and we hope to be able to start back to face-to-face meetings soon. This is a great and very rewarding opportunity to get involved in your local community.

If you have some time to spare and would like to find out more, please get in touch with us at [charvilscout@gmail.com](mailto:charvilscout@gmail.com) Previous experience isn't necessary as training will be given, and a full DBS check will be required, which 1<sup>st</sup>Charvil will organise for you.

If you are a Charvil-based family with children interested in joining our waiting list for places, please contact us to start your child's Scouting journey in one of our Beaver Colonies. Send us an email to note your interest and we will get in touch with full information. The groups enjoy lots of different activities, games and adventures, and learn lots of new and interesting skills, so come along and join us. And of course, if you have an hour or two each week that you could help out with one of the sections, your child will be guaranteed a place!

## Test your local knowledge

### Berkshire Quiz



1. Berkshire has four racecourses - can you name them?
2. What sport do the Bracknell Bees play?
3. Thomas Michael Bond was born in Newbury in 1926. Which series of fictional stories for children did he write?
4. Which King of England was buried at Reading Abbey following his death in 1135?
5. Which actress was born in Reading and studied drama at the Redroofs Theatre School? She appeared in 'Finding Neverland' and 'The Reader'.
6. What is the name of the largest vineyard in Berkshire?
7. How long is the River Thames?
8. Which pop singer was born in Windsor in 1971 and is best known for his single 'The one and only'?
9. Which biscuit company was founded in Reading in 1822?
10. What is the name of the community arts centre in Maidenhead that is built on the site of an old dairy farm?

*See bottom of next page for the answers!*

### **WARGRAVE BALLET SCHOOL**

Ballet Classes RAD Syllabus

Wargrave - Charvil - Henley

tel: 07495 949135

[www.wargraveballetschool.com](http://www.wargraveballetschool.com)



### **Would you like to advertise here?**

The Charvil Village News is delivered to all houses in the village.

Prices start from just £23.

3 editions per year are produced and there is a discount to put your ad in all 3 editions.

Contact:

[bookings@charvil.com](mailto:bookings@charvil.com)



“My Care, My Home, My Choice”



## Bluebird Care Reading, Wokingham, Windsor, Maidenhead and Bracknell

- Home Care visits in your own home
- One to One care with Live in Care
- Night Support
- Dementia Care
- Domestic/Shopping
- Respite Care
- Companionship
- Social support



Please call our friendly team TODAY

Reading 0118 9863 552 or [reading@bluebirdcare.co.uk](mailto:reading@bluebirdcare.co.uk)

Maidenhead 01628 566 244 or [maidenhead@bluebirdcare.co.uk](mailto:maidenhead@bluebirdcare.co.uk)

[www.bluebirdcare.co.uk](http://www.bluebirdcare.co.uk)

### **Berkshire Quiz Answers -**

1. Ascot, Newbury, Windsor, Lambourn
2. Ice hockey
3. Paddington Bear
4. Henry 1
5. Kate Winslet
6. Stanlake Park Wine Estate
7. 215 miles – 346 km
8. Chesney Hawkes
9. Huntley & Palmers
10. Norden Farm Arts Centre

## Reading & District Cigarette Card & Postcard Club

In January, instead of the normal traditional first meeting of the year being a large screen powerpoint talk and display about scarce cards in Graham & Beverley Wright's, they substituted a 'zoom' meeting instead, and the cards and talk appeared on our home screens. It was a successful trial meeting, but unfortunately many of the members were unable to watch it due to lack of technical skills on their part, otherwise it was a success with plenty of interactive communication. Definitely worth further similar future evenings.

With fairs not available to buy cards, the hunt for elusive and unknown 'treasure finds' are on-line auctions and e-bay, which have seen some choice cards available. When the Club meetings begin again I think that the first evening could be another old favourite, "Recent Finds", when members bring along their recent and not-so-recent purchases of the last 18 months and chat about why they find them so alluring and how they obtained them. There will be a lot of catching up to do.

The Club's famed Annual Fair has had to be cancelled for 2021 because of the uncertainty of possible restrictions creating an uncertain future for the next 9 months. However, we hope to schedule a Fair in June, 2022, covid regulations permitting. The Club are eager to re-start evening meetings in this Summer, all conditions permitting and Charvil Hall being available.

For details about the Club, membership, activities and auctions please ring 0118-9695155, or visit the Club website : [www.readingpostcards.com](http://www.readingpostcards.com)

Roy Sheppard

This postcard shows the Bath Road at what is now Sonning Roundabout (the sign board refers to 'Woodley Golf Club' (opened in 1912?). Charvil in the distance is merely agricultural land. How the Bath Road to Twyford & Maidenhead has changed, it is unrecognisable today.



Postcard of 1909 showing the unidentified 'Champion ploughman of England', the ploughing match was held at Sonning in 1909.



# Drain & Able

Independent Drainage Service

- All Blockages Attended To With No Call Out Charge
- CCTV Drainage Surveys • No Nonsense Approach
- Service Contracts/Planned Preventative Maintenance
- Health & Safety Accredited • No Subcontractors
- Public Liability Insurance
- Qualified Uniformed Engineers in Livered Vehicles



**HIGHLY  
RECOMMENDED**

**24/7 EMERGENCY SERVICE**

**GUARANTEED ARRIVAL**

**ALL TELEPHONE CALLS  
ANSWERED PERSONALLY**

**CALL ANYTIME ON 0118 957 6244 OR 07795 598207**

**[www.drainandable.co.uk](http://www.drainandable.co.uk)**

Proud members of  
**Checkatrade.com**  
Where reputation matters



**City & Guilds**



## PRINTER SUPPLIES

INKJET & LASER TONER CARTRIDGES, PRINTERS  
COPY, PHOTO & SPECIALITY PAPERS  
FOR HOME, SCHOOL OR BUSINESS



## PRINTING SERVICES

DOCUMENTS, LARGE FORMAT & PHOTO PRINTING  
BUSINESS, OCCASION & WEDDING STATIONERY  
FULL DESIGN SERVICE

**THINK INK THINK... READY2PRINT**



**READY2PRINT**

**FAST, FREE DELIVERY TO CHARVIL & SURROUNDING AREAS**

TO PLACE AN ORDER OR MAKE  
AN ENQUIRY, EMAIL US AT  
[fleet@readyprint.co.uk](mailto:fleet@readyprint.co.uk)

Store  
Ready2Print  
110-116 Fleet Road  
Fleet GU51 4PA  
T: 01252 815577

Office  
Parkside House  
Charvil RG10 9UN





CHARVIL PARISH  
COUNCIL

# ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

**WEDNESDAY 19th MAY**

**8pm - 9.30pm**

held at

**Charvil Village Hall**

How we spent your money!

Have your say in future village plans!

Come along and join us for Charvil updates  
and discussions with your local Parish Councillors



*Everyone Welcome, please come and join us*

[www.charvil.com](http://www.charvil.com)