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Editorial

Summer at last, the sun is shining and restrictions have been lifted, finally we can all cautiously acclimatise to our 'new normal'. It has been a busy time with the waves of opening and closing our facilities, along with the other projects the Parish Council are currently working on. We were fortunate to be able to welcome back our small regular clubs from April and can now extend the use of the facilities for small casual social gatherings. The tennis courts have seen a lot of action so far this season; the Annual Family Pass has proved very popular, with 100% uptake. Along with that, the tennis coaching by Teqnic introduced back in Spring means the courts have been very well used.

Thank you to all those residents who attended the Annual Parish Meeting back in May; it was nice to see some new faces as well as familiar ones. I hope you found the meeting helpful and informative as to what is going on in the village. Since then, all residents will have received your survey for Charvil Neighbourhood Plan,. Help us shape the village for the future, have your say, share your views and ideas by completing the survey either on paper copy or online, further information on the plan can be found within the magazine.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer.

Amanda Burton, Assistant Clerk

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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD—SUMMER 2021

I do hope you have been able to enjoy some summer weather with friends and family now that government restrictions have eased. The Council has been meeting virtually, and more recently face to face, so we have been able to move forward – if a little more slowly than we had hoped - with our major projects.

The Neighbourhood Plan – the Neighbourhood Planning Group is made up of residents and councillors, although the Plan has to be submitted by the Parish Council to Wokingham Borough Council, the Plan is owned by the whole community. We have delivered the survey to every household and thank you to those of you who have responded, there will be further opportunities to get involved so please keep an eye on our website – <https://neighbourhoodplan.charvil.com/> for regular updates, feedback from surveys and for opportunities to give your opinions or contribute in other ways.

We will be setting up working groups on specific areas of the plan like environment, transport, housing design etc. please let us know if you want to be involved by emailing us on Neighbourhoodplan@charvil.com

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Pavilion Redevelopment – as many of you will know the Pavilion at East Park Farm is in a sorry state and has reached the end of its life so this is an opportunity to rethink our facilities. Initial design and scope development is underway and we hope to consult with residents soon on options which we will published on our website (<https://www.charvil.com/>) and notice boards. The Parish Council has some funding from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and can take out a loan if the community wants more ambitious facilities.

Community Orchard – plans for a community orchard are progressing and we are hoping to plant the first fruit trees this autumn. Each year we will build up the orchard, increase biodiversity and manage the area so that more people can enjoy it. We are planning an area of rough grass – shown on the plan below as the striped area – where the trees will be planted. We have some interested residents – some of whom are sponsoring trees! – but we would like more people and families to get involved. Please email Miranda Parker, Clerk to Charvil Parish Council on clerk@charvil.com if you are interested in helping with the project by sponsoring a tree, helping prepare the site, care for the fruit trees or any other support!



Resident Engagement – underpinning all of the Council's work involves taking into account your views -although reaching a consensus is not always easy! - so we will be asking for your input in all our projects. Do come and visit our stall at the Village Fete on Sunday 5th September to discuss your thoughts with your councillors. We look forward to seeing you there.

In the meantime, can I ask you to please keep in mind that we've lived through a lot since this pandemic started so let's be kind and respect one another, the individual choices people are making and appreciate the risks they are comfortable with. Stay safe.

Jane Hartley, Chair Charvil Parish Council

Edited Extracts from the Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting held on 1st March 2021 via Zoom

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.

Full Council Meeting held on 15th March 2021 via Zoom

Amenities Committee

There was a proposal to allow a mobile food and drink van in the East Park Farm car park to test the viability of a café in the area. This was complicated by the fact that a particular proposal for a van by the pavilion had been received by the Council, and after much discussion, it was agreed that the matter be deferred to the next Amenities meeting where the principle could be discussed in more detail, and a recommendation brought back to the Full Council in April. Only at that point, if the recommendation were positive, the specific proposal would be considered.

The clerk reported that she had a conversation with Ian Gough regarding the proposals for improving the energy efficiency of the hall, and it was agreed that the Council would work with the Borough on these projects, although there were some concerns that the Council should not commit until the idea of a hall extension is completely off the table.

To consider progress on the change of lease for East Park Farm and to approve the approach so far – The Chairman explained that a group of councillors had a positive meeting with Bernie Pich of the Wokingham Property Services and Justin Turvey from the Planning Department. They advised that the Council needs legal representation to draw up a new lease. There was no enthusiasm for re-engaging Shared Legal Services, and it was agreed that the clerk would ask her contacts amongst the clerks to see if they could recommend anyone.

Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee held on 29th March 2021 via Zoom

OPEN FORUM - Simon Bartlam of the Wokingham Countryside service attended to discuss issues in common with the Council and Countryside Service. One such issue is signage in the Country Park and at East Park Farm. Simon Bartlam agreed to send an example of a recent information board he has developed for one of the new greenspaces in the Borough and these would cost around £5000 for four signs.

The clerk asked about the idea for coloured routes for recreational trails, and Simon Bartlam suggested that some of these should take in a wider area – for example, a walk to Dinton Pastures for those who enjoy a longer walk. These trails should happen this year – lots of things were delayed last year because the Pandemic prevented the service taking on seasonal staff, and so only essential tasks were undertaken. This would also need footpath waymarking. Dog fouling was another issue discussed. Simon Bartlam has funding for two dog waste bins in the Park but would like advice on where these should be located. Councillor Andersen suggested asking Councillor Mundy as he had cleared a lot of discarded bags in the area. A litter pick takes place in the park once a week. The issue of biodiversity was raised, and Simon Bartlam explained that because of the Pandemic, 5,000 volunteering hours were lost last year, but the teams are starting up again now to deal with conservation issues. Councillor Hartley explained that the Council is keen to promote biodiversity, and Simon Bartlam mentioned the importance of the wetland meadows, which are surveyed every few years to see how biodiversity is increasing. As far as trees go, Simon Bartlam thought that the area of scrub to the rear of Vale View may make a good location for an orchard, as these have an important part to play in the eco system. He would discuss with Duncan Fisher who is the Borough's

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Other tree planting could take place on the area by the railway line, although the current scrub provides the ideal habitat for nightingales, whose numbers are plummeting at present. It may be possible, however, to do some in planting. The clerk asked about the state of the path between Canberra and the river, and the areas near to The Heronry. The issue with the path near Canberra is that it washes away in the floods, so they are going to tarmac a short stretch to see if this is more robust. Road planings will be added to the other paths but unfortunately these are not so plentiful as the current contractor charges for them, and they were free before. It was agreed to arrange a site visit in May or June to discuss progress. The Chairman thanked Simon Bartlam and he left at 8.42pm.

Meeting of Amenities Committee on 12th April 2021 via Zoom

Open Forum - Meeting was opened with a minute of silence for the Duke of Edinburgh who passed away last week. Before commencing, Cllr Mundy advised that every member of the public would be given 3 minutes each to speak and as the meeting was held by Zoom, they would then be muted by the Clerk but were welcome to sit and listen to the meeting taking place until it concluded at Part II where, by the virtue of the confidential nature of the business, all members of the public would be asked to leave. A member of the public had concerns regarding the football teams using the fields (litter, urinating) and dogs on a lead signs, they affect Charvil residents and would like to see action and communication on both. The creator of Toasty (coffee and toasties food van) attended, wanting to preface it, cover any questions or concerns, and reported his ideas on how to tackle the potential additional litter by litter picking events etc. Another resident had concerns regarding the possible siting of a food van on the service road by the Pavilion, had received no formal communication, has immediate questions/points as potential site is very close to residential housing and pavilion which has always been a sports facility; why the kitchen facilities within the existing building couldn't be used (or even those at the village hall) instead of siting a van there potentially creating noise and smell. Concern with having the vehicle at the bottom of the service road which until now has been a safe place for children to access the field. Questioned the operating times of the van and asked that the Council involve residents and give them a clearer understanding of the request. In addition, she also wanted to question the signage that was put up on the field regarding dogs on a lead as they went up without public consultation, having just become a dog owner and wanted to exercise her pet on the field, feels that right has been taken away.

Another resident said the main reason for joining was to listen but did ask what the plan was when the car park closes at 8pm for groups using the Pavilion facilities where sessions end after the car park closure time. Another two residents attended to listen to proceedings.

To hear from the Assistant Clerk about the complaints raised via Facebook and emails to the Clerk regarding the behaviour of the footballers at EPF, the litter left on the field following the game and the follow up that took place with the teams immediately - The Assistant Clerk advised that on being made aware of the reports of anti-social behaviour of individuals on the fields (littering, urinating and defecating in the country park) on 3rd April, she made immediate contact with the home teams that were playing on the grounds that day and was reassured that none of the offenders were the home teams (the description and colour of the top of the person believed to be defecating in the bushes did not match any of the football teams playing that day home or away) and that all players were aware the toilet facilities were open in the pavilion. The Assistant Clerk has reiterated to the teams that they are responsible for their home team, away team and associated supporters, that they must make the users of the facility aware of the rules of conduct at EPF including the disposal of litter (every team has a dustbin that they must collect all rubbish in and dispose of in the Grundon bin outside the building, at the end of each match provide a video or photographic evidence they have left the fields clean, to remind their players home and away regarding the use of toilets, no bad language and for the players to demonstrate respect to the local community and facilities. Following the games last weekend such evidence was provided by the teams confirming the fields were clean on their departure. It is unclear where the few discarded bottles originated from that were pictured on Facebook. *Assistant Clerk's note: This situation will be monitored closely, and she will be in contact with the teams every week going forward and that the teams are aware there will be consequences for non-compliance.*

To hear from the Assistant Clerk regarding the reaction to the new signs requesting that dogs be kept on a lead on the football pitches - The Assistant Clerk reported that following the decision made at the Planning, Environments and Highways Committee to appeal to dog owners to keep their dogs on leads whilst on pitches and the subsequent erection of signs to remind/advise dog owners/walkers of this was received with mixed reviews, majority of the comments were negative.



In support of the decision made to prevent dogs running free on the fields, Cllr Sutcliffe reported that two ladies had been nearly knocked over by dogs running free and are now nervous using the country park and fields, she believes that there are many areas in Charvil that dogs are allowed to run freely and that it is not unreasonable to ask that they are kept on leads whilst on the sports pitches, she reported that in Wargrave they have a strict rule of no dogs at all in their park. Cllr Jones echoed the comments made by Cllr Sutcliffe but asked if it would be possible to advertise the details of dog wardens so that anyone would be able to report badly behaved dogs and commented how to a small child a large dog running at them can be very frightening and it isn't acceptable. Cllr Jackson admitted that initially he was against the idea of the signs but after thought believes it is the best compromise, the area where it has been requested dogs are kept on a lead is only the sports pitch area so relatively small, all other areas in Charvil dogs can be walked off lead for exercise. Cllr Gillett commented that he was also initially not in favour but had come around to agreeing. Cllr Mundy concluded the discussion, stating the Parish Council (several of which are dog owners) are not anti-dog but trying to do what is right for the whole community, he recognises that many dog owners are very responsible but there are others that do not pick up after their dog (excrement found by the children's play park being an example), to restrict dogs running free on the pitches whilst allowing them to run free in many other areas gives balance to the community.

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To further discuss the deferred topic from the last Full Council Meeting of the possibility of siting a coffee van or similar at EPF. The outcome of this decision will form the basis of a referral back to Full Council as a recommendation of a final decision - Cllr Mundy stated he was not in favour of the van. Cllr Jones reminded the committee that if a decision were made to go ahead with the van that in the past several requests had been received so all would need to be contacted to ascertain if they would be interested still, she proposed a set of questions be asked of each application, how they would deal with power to the van, what hours were needed, noise implications, rubbish and vermin. Although the initial request the Council received was for the siting of a coffee van on the service road by the pavilion, following the comments made by one of the residents in the open forum that the Councillors agreed any such van would be better placed at the far end of the car park by the stream so there would be far less impact on residents and it would be more accessible for people using the country park. Cllr Mundy raised the issue of access to the car park by the van as it would presumably require the top barrier to be open, it was decreed that the van holder could be given responsibility for the barrier as with other contractors that use the car park. Cllr Mundy expressed concerns with public liability insurance, what happens if someone were injured if as a result of having the van, also if the gate were left unsecured by the party running the van and as a result there was a traveller incursion – who would be responsible? Cllr Jones suggested it be written into the contract for the person running the food van that they are responsible for the gate. Cllr Gillett suggested by way of Facebook, the website and village news the Council consult the residents to see if there was support for a food van and for their opinions but to have a deadline for responses. Cllr Jones suggested trying to get public opinion may take too long and put a significant delay on starting of the business. Cllr Sutcliffe questioned whether it was fair to only ask the opinions of those who use Facebook as the website is not necessarily used very well and some other residents may have something to say. Bringing the discussion to a conclusion, Cllr Jones proposed the recommendation to full Council would be for a food van to be given a trial period for one month and during that time each applicant (past and present) be contacted and asked if there are interested still, location would be far side of the car park by the stream, questions to be asked: how they tackle: power, hours, noise, litter solutions and what insurance do they carry. CPC will also seek public opinion. Cllr Gillett seconded the proposal.

Full Council Meeting held on 19th April 2021 via Zoom

Amenities Committee

The issue of approving the recommendation for a mobile food located by the stream in East Park Farm for a trial period was considered. The main driver behind even considering a mobile food van at East Park Farm was the idea that it might provide the Council with evidence as to the viability of a café in any new building at East Park Farm. After much discussion as to whether this would really be the case, the other main argument for allowing such a trial was that this seemed to be something that residents would like. Against this was whether such a van would compromise the security of the playing fields in consideration of traveller incursions, and that the Council had rejected a similar idea only last year. The deciding factor, however, was the fact that any such trial would inevitably affect the Council's ability to deal with the many projects currently in hand, at a time when staff are already fully stretched with re-opening buildings, supporting the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, and putting together a coherent plan for redeveloping the pavilion. Consequently, it was decided to re-visit the idea later in the year, when there was more headroom to put all the necessary agreements, licenses etc., in place. This would be July at the earliest, and if the recommendation is then approved, all parties who have expressed an interest in the past year would be contacted to see if such a trial was of interest to them, and one would be selected.

To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Progress and to consider the timeframe for the delivery of the questionnaire and volunteers for this – Councillor Andersen summarized the minutes, highlighting the success in getting the working groups up and running. Councillor Hartley said that she had nearly completed the youth questionnaire. The idea would be to knock on doors with the survey, and then possibly visit again a week later to see how people are getting on with the survey. It was hoped that the questionnaire could be delivered between the 7th and 17th May, with a closing date of 9th June, and that a minimum response acceptable would be 20% of households. The idea would be to have a variety of drop-off points including the school, shop, village hall and possibly the garage, as well as FREEPOST. It was also approved to have badges, business cards and boxes with a common design, to help raise the profile of the plan. It was noted that fresh funding would have to be applied for before the questionnaires could be finalised. *Clerk's note: the timeframe has slipped and is now dependent on the response from the Locality Grant provider.*

In the light of the positive reception from Wokingham Borough Council for allowing the East Park Farm Lease to be amended, to decide between extending the existing Village Hall, or to redevelop the pavilion at a location yet to be decided, near to East Park Farm playing fields – It was resolved, by a majority of seven and two abstentions, to redevelop the pavilion

To approve a working party which will examine closely the steps that need to be taken to create a full project plan for any such redevelopment – It was decided that this group would consist of Councillor Ryatt, Councillor Jackson, Councillor Heath, Councillor Gillett, and Councillor Hartley. Councillor Mundy requested that the group visited him in his garden so they can better understand the noise issues for the houses close to the sports pitches.

In the light of recent complaints, how best to improve communications with residents – It was agreed that it would be a good idea to hold regular surgeries around the village. It was also agreed to bring this up at the Annual Parish Meeting to see how they would like communication to be improved. Also, maybe use Survey Monkey to gather responses.

Meeting of the Planning, Environment and Highways Committee held on 26th April 2021 via Zoom

Environment

The clerk gave some feedback on the meetings with the Localities officer. The most notable thing was that the clerk and Amenities Manager met with Ricky Josie of WBC regarding the shelter behind Vale View. He has offered to engage WBC staff to help clear the undergrowth and to paint the shelter, and install a solar light providing this is acceptable to residents. The clerk reported that Simon Bartlam had given some figures for signs, and the cost would be £9,000 for eight. The Parish Council has already committed £1500 to this and would investigate further funding.

Full Council Meeting held on 24th May 2021

Open Forum - Seven residents attended, representing others who were all concerned about Planning Application 211195, outline Planning Permission for four three- and four-bedroom houses in the rear garden of 6, Old Bath Road. The resident from the next-door property expressed particular concern about the proposed driveway, which would be within a metre of his property, bringing potential damage, noise, and air pollution to his home. The sloping nature of the plot would mean the new homes would have an overbearing effect on his garden, with loss of privacy and light. He was also concerned about light pollution, as well as fumes reaching straight into his children's bedrooms when the dustcart was attending the property. He is already suffering loss of light to his home due to the fence to the side of his property, and feels this proposal is pushing the limit of planning guidance to the limit. Other neighbours were concerned about loss of light to their amenity space, road safety, as this proposal would lead to five junctions onto the Old Bath Road dangerously close to a bend with extremely limited visibility, the need to relocate the bus stop, and the lack of a footway into the new development. Concern was also raised that if this passed, the existing house could be sold, and a fresh plan put in to redevelop the whole site with even more homes.

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Planning, Environment and Highways Committee (PEH) - The minutes of the PEH meeting on 26th April were noted. The Chairman noted that Councillor Andersen, the Clerk, and she had met with Emma Pilgrim of Wokingham Borough Council regarding the Community Orchard, who was positive about the project.

Amenities Committee - A proposal from Ian Gough of WBC was considered, to provide LED lighting in the hall where it has not already been changed over, to install roof insulation, and to provide cavity wall insulation, with the Parish Council paying around £300 per year for 10 years. The costs of doing this work are considerably more than £3000 and the Parish Council would benefit from the energy savings, so it was agreed unanimously to take up this offer.

To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Progress and to consider the timeframe for the delivery of the survey given the recent delay - It was noted that Council is still waiting to hear about the grant, and everything else is dependent on this. Councillor Heath checked the survey, and the updates are now with the web developer. Councillor Andersen explained that the staffing committee are recommending the temporary employment of someone to work on Council documents to improve their accessibility and to help keep the Neighbourhood Plan website up to date, up to a cost of £2,000. This will be on the next agenda for a decision. There was an article promoting the Neighbourhood Plan in the Henley Standard with the picture of Theresa May. Councillor Hartley has some pictures that can be used on social media.

To hear an update on the Pavilion project - Councillor Ryatt reported that the first meeting had taken place, and that they had decided on the Charter and Specification for the pavilion. He would work on this more in the coming week and he and Councillor Heath will put together the next steps, with a further meeting arranged for next week. Councillor Gillett is to continue to find a suitable solicitor.

Full Council Meeting held on 21st June 2021

Planning, Environment and Highways Committee (PEH) - To consider the Consultation on the proposal for the redevelopment of Bridge Farm in Twyford, and whether the Council would like to respond, and if so, what is the response. The clerk was asked to raise concerns about the timing of this consultation, as it seemed to be jumping the gun in terms of the Local Plan process, as the site is still outside of the development limits of Twyford and is on active farmland. In terms of the proposal itself, it was welcomed that there is public green space and a mix of housing types, but the cycling provision could go much further to improve sustainability, and the proposed roundabout will add to the existing traffic flow issues on the A4.

To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan and note the award of the Locality Grant – It was noted that Council had been awarded the grant to progress the survey, and that the website is now up and running. The clerk is waiting for a post code to be assigned to the Village Hall, and once this has been done, the FREEPOST can be sorted out. The surveys and letters have been finalised, and there are volunteers to help with deliveries once all is ready to go. There is a working group to look at developing the policies and the evidence base consisting of Mike Heath, Jane Hartley, and Rob Jones.

To hear an update on the Pavilion project - Councillor Ryatt informed the Council that he had been extremely busy, and so not much progress had been made, but they did have the charter and scope in place. He then explained that the working group needed a decision from the Council as to how any public consultation should be conducted. There was agreement that consulting without some outline plan would not work, so the Council needed to agree what should be included in the new building. Then an architect could be consulted, and an outline plan could be developed as a basis for the public consultation. There was a discussion around costs, and Councillor Ryatt estimated that a like for like replacement would be in the order of £650K, with the most ambitious plans exceeding £1million. There followed a long discussion around the issues, what people thought might work, what might cause problems and what is essential. Ultimately, it was agreed that the building needs to facilitate a pre-school, the Uniform groups, and changing rooms, with associated storage. The next step was to come up with some plans that could form the basis of the Public Consultation, with some explanation of the costs and potential revenues might be. *Clerk's note: the clerk did raise the point that the agenda item did not allow for any decisions of this kind to be made, and that if the public had been aware that this would be discussed, there may have been some residents present.*

Planning Matters considered at recent Parish Council Meetings

The Council had no objection to the following applications:

210617 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 3no. rooflights and a first-floor side extension and a front extension to form a dormer to existing dwelling and internal alterations 9 Park Lane.

- 210690 Application for proposed part conversion of existing double garage to create habitable accommodation, single storey rear extension including the insertion of 2no. rooflights, plus changes to fenestration at 135, The Hawthorns
- 210854 Application for the proposed erection of a part single, part two storey rear extension with the insertion of 2 no. rooflights, following demolition of the existing conservatory, plus changes to fenestration at 12 Gingells Farm Road
- 211676 *Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 2 no. roof lights at 41, Old Bath Road*
- 211799 *Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey porch, two storey front and rear extensions and part single part two storey side extension, plus changes to fenestration and remodelling of roof, following demolition of existing single storey side extension and removal of chimneys at Upton Cottage, Milestone Avenue*
- 211664 Householder application for the proposed loft conversion to form additional habitable accommodation including the installation of 2 no. pitched roof dormers to the side elevations, insertion of 6 no. new roof lights to the front, side and rear elevations, erection of a single storey side extension, plus changes to fenestration at 13, Charvil House Road

Council Comments on the following applications

- 210930 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension including the insertion of 1no. roof light, erection of a single storey rear extension, plus the erection of a veranda to the rear of the property at 43 East Park Farm Drive – The Clerk was asked to comment as follows *Council is concerned that this is overdevelopment on the site, but is more concerned that no mention is made of a soakaway at the front of the dwelling to mitigate flooding issues created by the bigger footprint on the public right of way to the front of the property.*

- 211111 Application for the proposed erection of a single storey front extension, single storey rear extension following demolition of existing conservatory, plus the insertion of 2no. roof lights and changes to fenestration at 5 Charvil Meadow Road – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council is concerned about the building line being moved forward as this will impact on the light of the neighbours at No. 6. The other concern is that by bringing the building line forward, there will be very little room for cars, and they will be forced to overhang the property boundary, impacting the street scene, as well as causing a potential hazard to pedestrians and passing vehicles.

The Council endorses the concerns raised by neighbours to this property.

211195 Outline application with some matters reserved for the proposed erection of 4 no. dwellings with new access road and associated parking and landscaping. Access and layout to be considered on land to the rear of 6, Old Bath Road – the clerk was asked to object as follows:

1. *Unacceptable" Backland" development. The north side of Old Bath Road in Charvil is characterised by low density homes with long gardens. The gardens of 6, Old Bath Road and neighbouring properties are of special visual importance as the gardens slope gently uphill to a public park, bordered by mature trees. The garden of 6, Old Bath Road stretches up to the west of the park and complements the verdant street view of the area. The proposed development would erode the character of the area, contrary to TB06 of the Borough Design Guide, as the new dwellings would be clearly visible from the Old Bath Road and will harm the street scene. This proposal will also appear cramped in relation to the homes on the Old Bath Road, Lime Tree Close and The Hawthorns development at the top of the slope. Moreover, there must be concerns that new dwellings so close to a public amenity will lead to conflict and demands to remove some mature trees in the park. A similar proposal for 42-44, Old Bath Road was refused with an appeal upheld (F/2010/0105 and appeal No. App/X0360/A/10/2126110) because this, too, was considered out of character.*

2. *Loss of privacy and security concerns for neighbouring properties. Because of the sloping nature of the site, the proposed semi-detached dwellings will appear more than two storey to the residents of 8, Old Bath Road, and will overlook the garden of this property, which currently enjoys a great degree of privacy. Of greater concern is the proposed access road which will run alongside this property. Because of the slope, when vehicles leave the proposed dwellings, there would be a clear line of sight into the bedrooms of 8, Old Bath Road, which is unacceptable, and there would be security issues as the rear garden would suddenly become much more accessible to intruders. No. 8 is already suffering from loss of light, due to a fence that has been erected outside their side windows, and this would be made worse by this proposal. There are also privacy and loss of light concerns for the properties of Lime Tree Close due to the sloping nature of the site. This is contrary to CP09.*

3. *Highways concerns. The proposed access to the dwellings is to run between 6 and 8, Old Bath Road. There is approximately 45 cm between the property at 8, Old Bath Road and the boundary. The proposed roadway would have to be a similar distance away from No. 6 to reach the minimum width, with no footway. The construction of such an access is likely to*

harm both properties, and use by heavy vehicles, such as refuse and construction traffic, could also damage these properties that will not have been designed with such an access in mind. There would also be increased pollution into the rear of the two houses, particularly No.8. There is no communal parking in the development and given the narrowness of the access road, visitors would have to park on Old Bath Road, which is a busy road – all homes on the Old Bath Road have adequate parking so on-road parking is never an issue. This is contrary to CP6. Other concerns are that the bus stop outside No. 6 will need to be moved, and that another junction onto the Old Bath Road at this point will increase the likelihood of accidents as there are already four busy entrances onto the road within 40 metres of this proposed access.

4. Landscape. Policy CC03 demands that proposals should retain existing trees and landscapes. Most of the mature trees were felled before the application was proposed, but there are still some trees on the site, and an old farm hedge. To complete the proposed development, the hedge, at the very least, would have to be removed, and this would be contrary to this policy.

The following applications were approved by Wokingham Borough Council:

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| 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 |
| 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 |
| 210462 | Householder application for proposed erection of an outbuilding to the rear of existing dwelling at 19a, Charvil House Road |
| 210617 | Application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 3no. rooflights and a first-floor side extension and a front extension to form a dormer to existing dwelling and internal alterations at 9 Park Lane |
| 210690 | Application for proposed part conversion of existing double garage to create habitable accommodation, single storey rear extension including the insertion of 2no. rooflights, plus changes to fenestration at 135, The Hawthorns |

- 210215 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for a proposed single storey rear extension with 1no roof light plus infill side extension to form garden store at 163 East Park Farm Drive (part approved, part refused as permitted development)
- 211599 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 5m, for which the maximum height would be 2.92m and the height of the eaves 2.55m at 4, Milestone Crescent
- 211640 Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension to form conservatory following demolition of existing conservatory at 57, St. Patrick's Avenue

The Following Application was withdrawn

- 203072 Application to vary conditions 2 and 3 of planning consent 181175 for the Full application for the proposed conversion of existing residential units to 4no self-contained flats, associated parking and amenity space. Condition 2 refers to the Approved details and Condition 3 Hard and Soft Landscaping Scheme. The variation is to vary the approved plan set to retain the detached garage and provide details of a hard and soft landscaping scheme and provide amended cycle storage details. (Part Retrospective) at 36 Park View Drive South

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18 October 2021		Full Council Meeting
01 November 2021		Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting
08 November 2021		Amenities Committee Meeting
15 November 2021		Full Council Meeting
22 November 2021		Staffing Committee Meeting
29 November 2021		Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting
06 December 2021		Amenities Committee Meeting
13 December 2021		Full Council Meeting
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Borough Councillor's Report

I was very pleased to be elected to the role of councillor for the village of Charvil only a couple of months ago. My first few months of being a councilor have a whirlwind of training, learning and consulting with numerous residents across the village to help make our village the best it can be!

I am excited for the months ahead in my role as councilor, and am looking forward to meeting, helping and working with as many of our wonderful residents as possible.

Covid-19 and re-opening of libraries

The way residents have worked together and supported each other during the last year makes me very proud to represent them.

The lockdown was eased again on the 19th of July. This has meant that some of the important local facilities, including libraries have now opened up. Wokingham, Lower Early, Spencers Wood, Twyford, Wargrave, Finchampstead and Winnersh libraries resumed their services from the 19th July, at full operating hours. Woodley library is open for its full hours, apart from Sundays which will start again later in the summer. The Arborfield pop-up library is implementing a staggered re-opening approach from Monday 2 August.

To encourage the community to get back out utilising these services, the council has replaced all public computers and upgraded them with new software; there will also be a programme of activities in place throughout July and August, particularly focusing on supporting children's literary development. These programmes include the Annual Summer Reading Challenge including a range virtual events, the Teen Writing Group, and some themed Storytime Sessions planned for later in the summer. These activities are specifically aimed at children and young people, who have had a challenging experience this past year and a half; with the programmes designed to get them inspired through literary during the summer holidays.

I am also pleased to mention that WBC are using its remaining allocation of the government's Covid Local Support grant to ensure pupils who receive benefits-related free school meals during term time continue to have access to healthy meals during the upcoming summer holidays. The government has extended the Covid Local Support Grant, which was set to end in June, until 30 September. The council is using the additional funds to provide food and grocery vouchers to support children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals over the six weeks summer holiday.

WBC continues run to a successful vaccination programme, with 4,000 vaccinations given to over 18's at the walk in surge vaccination site in Bulmershe Leisure Centre.

Litter picks

Our eco-group 'Charvil matters' continues to operate, with litter picks in Charvil taking place on a monthly basis. If you would like to join, please do get in touch using the e-mail address charvilmatters@gmail.com. Also, if you know of an area that needs attention, please do contact us.

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer, if you would like to get in touch with me regarding any local issues, my e-mail address is sam.akhtar@wokingham.gov.uk.

Sam Akhtar, Borough Councillor

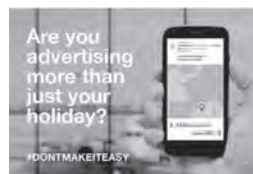
Neighbourhood Policing Team Update

Keep your home safe now and into the summer - with so many of us having been "Locked Down" in our homes, the number of house burglaries has dropped over the past year; however, thieves are still out and about, and have been taking advantage of open doors and windows or poorly secured garages and sheds.

Whether you leave your home to go to work, pop to the shops, get some exercise in the fresh air or even if you are working in your back garden, you should take steps to make your home look occupied and ensure any accessible windows (ground floor or reachable) and doors are secure.

Please lock all doors and windows at night. 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. Double check your vehicle is locked and store keyless fobs in a suitable security pouch.
- Ensure side and rear gates are in good condition and locked to prevent access to the rear of the property. Move bins away from side walls and fences.
- Keep ladders and gardening tools securely locked away. Don't leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home.
- Ensure sheds and garages are fully secured and security mark and register tools and other items you have stored there. Padlock items such as bikes, lawnmowers and even BBQs. Think about chaining items to secure shelves and installing anchor points to which motor bikes or bicycles can be padlocked.
- Cut back your shrubs and hedges to aid visibility.
- Consider a timer switch for your radio and lights.
- Service and maintain your burglar alarm.



- If you go out in the evenings don't leave your home in darkness.
- If you decide to go on holiday this year, please do not advertise you are away on social media - wait until you are home to upload your holiday snaps. Please ask a trusted friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your home while you are away.

Further information and advice can be obtained from the Thames Valley Police website at www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

If you have any information regarding burglary or anyone committing offences, please report it online at www.thamesvalley.police.uk or call 101. Alternatively, you can call Crimestoppers anonymously on free phone 0800 555 111.

Contact us

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

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The Charvil Neighbourhood Plan: What's it all about? By Rob Jones

Introduction

You will have seen the banners around the village, you may have read about it on Facebook or in **The Henley Standard**, you may have even caught sight of Theresa May at the Village Hall and you will have definitely received a letter and Residents Survey about the Charvil Neighbourhood Plan. So, what is it all about and what does it have to do with you?

Background

Charvil has a history of village plans being produced by the parish council with previous editions in 1973 and in 1993. Since this time the 2011 Localisation Act has provided these plans with legal weight and the chance for local people to have a stronger say on the development of their community. Essentially it will provide local influence on how land is used in the village.

The plan cannot contradict the Wokingham Borough Council local plan, but it will work alongside it to provide the views and wishes of Charvil residents and these can be presented as formal policies. Additionally, the creation of a local plan allows the Parish Council to access a greater proportion of community infrastructure levy (CIL) funds from housing developers, increasing its share from 15% to 25% these increased funds can be allocated to local facilities and projects.

Typically, a plan can take more than two years to produce, but even before then the residents' views captured from the survey and other engagements (in what is described as a preformed plan) can be brought to bear on planning decisions. So, in essence the Neighbourhood Plan provides more money for the village and greater influence on how it is developed.

The Plan

In early 2021 the Parish Council set-up a steering committee to produce a plan for Charvil, this committee is made up of parish councilors and local residents (of which I am one). The project has begun. More detailed information about Charvil and the plan is available online at the dedicated website (<https://neighbourhoodplan.charvil.com>). We were also pleased that our local MP Theresa May provided her support for the plan with a visit as we launched (see picture) on a very cold May day.



The current focus of the steering committee is the Residents Survey, a copy of which has been delivered to every household in the Charvil during July. This survey seeks to understand more about what the residents like about living in Charvil, what they don't like, what are their views on housing, green space and the environment, there is even a survey for younger members of our community to have their say as well.

As I write this, we have received responses from close to 20% of Charvil households but we want and need more. The official deadline for the paper surveys is 3rd August but you will still be able to respond online until early September. The more local input that a plan receives the more weight it will carry when decisions are being made, its important our voice is heard.

Once the survey has been analysed we can then start the process of turning our views into the projects and policies that will shape the village for the next 20 years, this could include plans for cycleways, additional green space, new village facilities etc. At this point we will be looking to engage residents again as we look for more detail on what people want, this will be through more interactive events such as workshops or interviews and we'll be needing people to get involved.



As and when the projects and policies are completed and the draft plan formalised the plan will need to be inspected by the relevant authorities to ensure it conforms to the required standards. Then the plan is presented in its final form to Charvil residents for approval by referendum, and if agreed by a simple majority, formally adopted. A road map outlining this process can be seen in Figure 2 above.

So please get involved. Complete the survey if you haven't already. We need your views...

Speed Indicator Device

It is a while since we gave you an update on the data collected by our smiley faced machine.

Now that the restrictions of the Pandemic have been lifted, traffic levels are back to pre-pandemic levels, but some people are still driving much faster than they did pre-pandemic.

However, this does not feed through to the average speed when monitoring the Old Bath Road, as this has always remained around 29-30MPH – mainly because of drivers turning into one of the side roads near the monitoring site.

What is more pertinent to road safety are the numbers of vehicles travelling more than 36MPH - this is 15% of all traffic, or around 3,600 a week, or around 514 per day. I know the assumption will be that these excessive speeds are reached in the night-time, but looking at the data, you are just as likely to experience someone travelling at 50MPH at 2pm as at 2am – which is very worrying, considering the proximity of the zebra crossing.

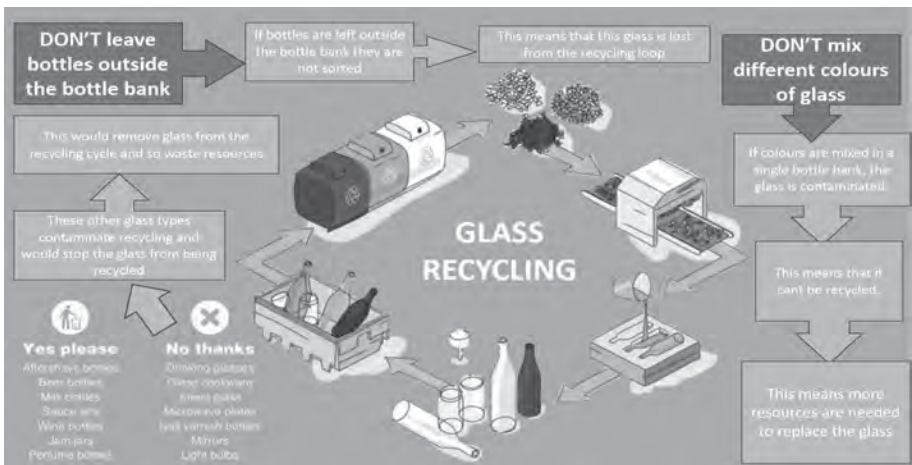
What can be done about it?

The answer to this is Community involvement as the Police are so over-stretched. Before the Pandemic, we asked for people who might be interested in setting up a Speedwatch group, but we had no volunteers – perhaps now people are spending much more time in the village, some people may like to come forward?

To recap how Speedwatch works: The idea is 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. 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.

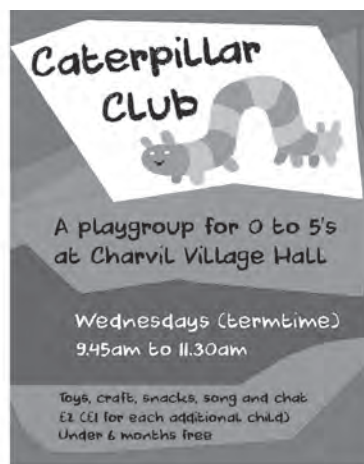
Bottle Bank on Park Lane

You may have noticed that an extra bank was installed on Park Lane to increase the capacity for bottle recycling, sadly it appears that people are still leaving empty bottles and other various items made from glass outside of the banks. If you find the banks full, please do not leave empties there, please return and try again another day.



Caterpillar Club

We are hoping to re-open Caterpillar Club on 8th September and welcoming everyone back. The sessions will run weekly (term time only) on Wednesdays from 9.45-11.30am at Charvil Village Hall. 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. Any updates will be posted on www.facebook.com/groups/CharvilCaterpillarClub



Timetable of Local Clubs

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
	11:30 – 12:30	Wargrave Ballet Swans (Seniors)	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	15:30 – 19:45	Wargrave Ballet School	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	17:30 – 19:00	Charvil Beaver Group (Canberra)	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	19:00 – 20:30	1 st Charvil Guides	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	20:00 – 21:30	Project Singers	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
Tuesday	09:30 – 13:00	Flower Painting Class	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	10:30 – 12:30	Glass Ensemble (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 (Lands End)	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	18:30 – 20:00	Charvil Cubs Group (Copperbridge)	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	19:30 – 22:00 (2 nd Tues)	Flower Club	Charvil Village Hall 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

WHEN	TIME	GROUP	WHERE
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
	13:30 – 15:30	Private Hire	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:15 – 21:00	Charvil Scouts	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	19:00 – 21:00	Short Mat Bowls	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:30 – 21:30	Charvil Art Group	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
Thursday	10:15 – 13:15 (2 nd & 4 th Thurs)	Berkshire Spinners, Weavers & Dyers	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	10:30 – 12:30	Singing for the Brain (Alzheimer's Soc.)	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	13:00 – 17:00 (2 nd Thurs)	Sonning Flower Club	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	14:00 – 17:00	Charvil Stitchers	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	17:30 – 19:00	1 st Charvil Brownies	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	18:30 – 20:00	Charvil Cubs (Heron on the Ford)	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	19:30 – 22:30 (1 st & 4 th Thurs)	David Chambers Dance Band	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:30 – 22:30 (2 nd Thurs)	Reading Cigarette & Post Card Club	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:00 – 23:00 (3 rd Thurs)	Hexagon Quilters	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	19:45 – 21:45 (1 st Thurs)	Charvil Women's Club	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
	19:45 – 22:15 (4 th Thurs)	Charvil Wine Circle	Charvil Village Hall Committee Room
Friday	09:15 – 10:15	Pilates	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	09:45 – 11:30	Mini Athletics	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	13:30 – 15:30	Private Hire	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	16:45 – 18:00	1 st Charvil Rainbows	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	17:30 – 20:00	Windsor Higashi Karate Club	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
Saturday	09:00 – 10:00	The Power Plant	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
	10:00 – 17:00 (3 rd Sat)	Berkshire Guild Spinners, Weavers & Dyers	Charvil Village Hall Main Hall
Sunday	12:00 - 19:45	Jewel Tones	Charvil Village Hall
	10:00 – 12:00	GKR Karate Reading	EPF Pavilion Main Hall
	14:30 – 18:00 (1 st Sun)	Sax Bandits	EPF Pavilion Main Hall

For further information on any of the clubs listed, please email contact bookings@charvil.com or telephone 07850 234363.

Youth Work in Charvil and the local area:

Background:

It will be three years this September since I, Chris 'Westy' West, started the role of Youth Minister for the parish of St Andrew's, serving Charvil, Sonning & Sonning Eye.

Schools work:

In these last three years I have had the privilege of working in the four local schools (Charvil Piggott, Sonning Primary, Wargrave Piggott & Blue Coat School). Each week I have been able to offer mentoring to 28 pupils a week, assemblies to every year group, lunch clubs, CU's & advocacy groups. As you might expect, lots of this went on zoom over lockdown to try and keep some momentum and contact but it wasn't the same as face to face!

Youth Work:

Alongside the schools work, I've also been able to offer all local young people and their friends; a weekly Friday night youth club (STAY on Friday), a bi-weekly Sunday faith growing youth space (STAY on Sunday) and lots of fun activities in the school holidays (STAY holiday activities).

Summer 2021:

This summer 2021 we were able to offer lots of fun activities, including; paddleboarding, aqua park, bowling, cinema, footgolf, canoeing, coral reef, an escape room and three drop in games sessions in Charvil at the field and courts. All the activities were full and the drop in sessions in Charvil were very well attended. We had lots of fun playing uni-hoc, rounders, football, kubb & basketball. Plus every half hour we set a challenge with prizes, which the young people loved to do.



STAY membership:

We currently have 110 young people on our membership list and many of these amazing young people live in Charvil and the wider parish.

Lastly, if you have young people in secondary school and they'd like to know more, come along or become a member of STAY then please do get in touch on youthminister@sonningparish.org.uk

Cheers, Westy

Charvil Brownies stay happy and healthy during lockdown

Like many groups, Charvil Brownies have mainly been meeting on Zoom, but we have still managed to have great fun and also earn some new badges.

The Summer term began with the girls doing the super bee challenge badge which has been designed to highlight the rapid decline in the worldwide bee population. The brownies learnt about the importance of bees alongside doing bee crafts, decorating bee biscuits and sharing some hilarious bee jokes.



We then completed the “feel good” skills builder badge where the Brownies learned about all kinds of activities which help us feel good including techniques to help you sleep, making a mindfulness jar and creating some yummy fruit kebabs whilst learning about healthy eating.

Luckily, we managed to have a couple of outdoor meetings at the end of term and it was great to see everyone face-to-face again. Hopefully, we will be able to meet back indoors from September.

For more information on Brownies including details of how to register your daughter or volunteer, please see the Girlguiding website www.girlguiding.co.uk

Barn Owl (Hannah Absolom)

The Project Singers

The Project Singers is a new choral venture which is starting in September. The group will be working on a number of choral projects starting with ‘A Night at the Movies’. We will be working on some fantastic songs from films including Singin’ in the rain, Fame, We have all the time in the world, City of stars, Hopelessly devoted to you and A million dreams. There will be a junior section for girls between the ages of 10 and 18 who will meet for rehearsals at Charvil Village Hall on Sundays between 6.15 and 7.45pm. The senior section will be for ladies who will rehearse on Mondays between 8.00 and 9.30pm. Our first performance will be at Norden Farm Centre for the Arts, Maidenhead on March 26th 2022. The two groups will join forces to sing a medley from ‘The Sound of Music’ to finish the concert.

If you would like more details please contact Suzanne on 0118 9340589 or suzanneynewman@btinternet.com



Sonning Floral Arrangement Society

We are pleased to report that we will be meeting again on Monday 9th August - please note - Monday, not the usual Thursday. The Meeting will commence at 1.45pm in the Charvill Village Hall. Slightly early, as our Chairman wishes to address a few changes that have occurred during lock down. Visitors are welcome as usual and our Demonstrator is Melanie Smith, her title is 'We're Off To The Dolomites'. The September to December meetings will be back to the normal Thursday afternoons, commencing at 2.00pm. Again, we have some excellent demonstrators to entertain us. Also, if you have anything to contribute to the Sales Table, Pat and her team are always most grateful.

As our members are well aware we had to cancel 8 demonstrations in 1920 and 7 for this year, so far.

However, most of the cancelled demonstrators are willing to come back to entertain us in 2022.

We are working on that programme at the present time.

We look forward to seeing our members and visitors again, to enjoy a lovely social afternoon, followed by afternoon tea.

Berkshire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers



Our members enjoy crafting at home but always appreciate the chance to meet up on Zoom or in person at Charvil Hall, to share their work and have some nourishing company and chat. Here are a few snippets of what we've been up to and details of how to get involved.

Our regular meetings

We always welcome new members and encourage interested or curious people to come to a few meetings first to meet us and have a go at spinning and possibly weaving, before you commit to joining. We meet on Zoom to craft together, on alternate Monday evenings, 7- 8pm, and alternate Wednesday mornings, 11am-1pm. We meet in person at Charvil Village Hall on alternate Thursday mornings, 10.15-1.15pm, (in line with the Government's latest Covid safety measures). If you would like to come to one of our meetings, let us know by email (berks.guild@gmail.com) and we will send you the dates of when we're next meeting. We have a website (bswd.org.uk) which has more details of our Guild, but this is currently being updated so information may not be current.

Our monthly workshops

We also have regular monthly workshops on Saturdays (11am – 3pm), which are currently being held on Zoom but from September will be held in Charvil Hall. Our expert guest speakers inspire and encourage us to experiment with new techniques and develop our skills. Here are examples of recent workshops we have enjoyed.

Long draw spinning – interested members were sent samples of Shropshire and Mohair fibres, so we could be guided through the long draw spinning technique using the same type of fibre. Despite being an old, classic and fast way of making woollen spun yarn, most people spin using a medium to short draw. We learned how long draw is well suited to create the textured effects of loosely spun mohair yarn.

Colour-work in knitting and weaving – using examples of Fair-isle, Norwegian and Stranded colour-work, we learned how different colours show up in patterns not only from where the dominant colour is placed in relation to contrasting colours but also depending how the strands are carried behind the work. Some colours look great together when they are in their skeins but don't look so good when woven together. We all shared our experiences of projects which were disasters because the wrong colours were used together and a rather muddy colour or a blurry pattern developed, and sometimes the colours clashed horribly. Learning about colour work is ongoing!

Ice dyeing – this is where ice cubes are placed on the area to which you'd like to add dye, then dye powder is sprinkled on top of the ice, then wait for the ice to melt, filling the space with dye. We were all impressed by the mottled watercolour look, almost cloud-like in the way the colours blended in and out of each other with bursts of contrasting colours here and there. Something new to work with!

2020/21 Re-use, Re-purpose, Recycle Challenge

Our members' diverse range of crafting skills and adventurous creative spirits were well demonstrated in the entries we received to our Re-use, Re-purpose, Recycle Challenge this year. Entries included men's slippers made from hand spun unused coarse fleece, with felted old sweater for insoles and



odd bits of old leather for the outer soles, A headphone bag made from woven strands of cut up old blue T-shirts, A backstrap made with string from chicken feed bag closures. A vase woven from old electrical cables in the style of Ndebele tribe neck rings (Dzilla). Yarn hand spun from cut up orange and lemon net bags then woven into a vase and crocheted into a small pot.

If this has inspired you to want to find out more, we would love to hear from you - thanks.



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Twyford and Ruscombe Horticultural Association - Autumn Show 2021

After a trying time for everybody the TRHA are really hoping they can hold their Autumn Show this year. They have had an encouraging email from the RHS, to which they are affiliated, saying that they are optimistic that events can be held later this year and they have provided a list of safety measures to consider.

Loddon Hall is booked for the 11th September 2021. The Association needs their loyal exhibitors to be prepared for this event. They didn't print a Show Schedule for 2021 but ask you to refer to the 2020 Show Schedule. The Classes will be the same as in the Autumn 2020 Schedule except for the Children's Class, 121, which will be the largest pumpkin grown from seed provided by TRHA.

If you don't have a Schedule, the Classes will be published on the website, www.trha.org.uk, or you can ask for a copy at the Store in Loddon Hall Road, Twyford. It is open on Sunday mornings 9.30am to 11.00am, or contact the Membership Secretary, Jenny Wager, tel: 0118 932 0127, email: TRHAMembership@gmail.com.

Please start to think about what you will be exhibiting. Only Members can exhibit so join now and help them to make it a special Show.

Reading & District Cigarette Card & Postcard Club

Club members are eagerly awaiting the renewal of fortnightly Club meetings at Charvil Village Hall, hopefully commencing on Thursday evening, September 9th. A programme has still to be confirmed but the probable first meeting will be an invitation to members to bring along and display their purchases and finds over the last 20 months of lockdown. With no fairs allowed to operate during this period, the only outlet to buy items for one's collection has been via e-bay or specialised on-line auctions. So we will wait to find out what has turned up!! Members of the public and other local clubs, for instance local history societies, or other collectors, are welcome to visit on any evening to find out about the club and our activities. We also hold quarterly auctions where members of the public can bring old pre WW2 cigarette cards and old postcards (pre- 1950) for valuation or to sell in our quarterly auction (tel. 0118-9695155). We are a friendly mixed club with a mainly senior age group, but welcome people of **ALL** ages, juniors and their parents would be especially welcome.

The accompanying picture postcards are local cards about 100 years old of Twyford interest. One shows the old Twyford mill & barge, pre-1919, the other is a photographic postcard of the local bakery van belonging to J. Webb & Co. circa 1924. The other interesting photographic card shows the bakery delivery trade bicycle of James Mitchell, 1906-1919, with a varied selection of loaves!!!



These local postcards show the interest that can be obtained by collecting these old treasures of years ago. Sadly, today picture postcards are almost relics of the past in today's modern media world. So we must keep the pictures of the previous age alive by still finding and collecting them and hopefully pass them on!!

Roy Sheppard, July 2021



The Link Visiting Scheme



The Link Visiting Scheme is appealing for more volunteers after receiving prestigious award

Link Visiting are delighted to have been honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, the highest award a voluntary group can receive in the UK! We are thrilled that our volunteers have received the recognition they so richly deserve. Volunteers have shown wonderful commitment to providing a lifeline of friendship and support to older people struggling with loneliness.

One of our volunteers, Carol, says: "It has been very rewarding getting to know my 87-year-old Link Friend, Jean. She has felt so lonely at times and for the first 8 months of the lockdown, I was her only visitor. I know she gets a lot out of our friendship, as do I. I helped her purchase a tablet computer 18 months ago and have enjoyed teaching her how to use it. She took to it like a duck to water! It has been life changing for her. We have always enjoyed going out together, visiting garden centres, nature reserves or if the weather is good, just going for tea and cake. I really enjoy our friendship and our time together every week."

We are now looking for more friendship volunteers who can spare an hour or two each week to join the team. Volunteering with our charity offers the chance to make a real difference to the lives of isolated people in our local community. It's also a chance to make new friends and feel connected. We provide comprehensive training and ongoing support and we match people up based on your availability and location so can volunteer when it fits in with you! Find out more by visiting our website: linkvisiting.org/volunteer or by contacting our office: 0118 9798019.

We believe that no one in our community should feel forgotten or lonely. Please do reach out if you'd like support. We'd love to hear from you!

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