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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the latest edition of the Charvil Village News. There is no mistaking it is summer, the recent heatwaves and dry spell have certainly made their mark everywhere. Despite the scorched ground we are fortunate to have the Country Park on our doorstep providing leafy shade in the hot days.

Inside this issue we have an update on some of the projects and initiatives the Parish Council are currently working on plus information on local events taking place.

Please do continue to share your thoughts and highlight your issues and concerns by contacting the Council team using e-mail or www.charvil.com. If you are involved in a Charvil-based group, society or charity and would like to highlight your activities in Charvil Village News, please contact me.

Don't forget to join in the fun at the Village Fete on 4th September, details can be found within.

Best wishes for a relaxing summer.

Amanda Burton, Assistant Clerk



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CHAIR'S FOREWORD

As I write this we are just recovering from the heatwave which I hope wasn't too uncomfortable for you and hopefully, since then you have been able to enjoy our summer evenings in and around Charvil.

Changes to Council members

We continue to have changes to the Council membership and are very pleased to welcome David Oppong and Isabelle Bray to the council. We sadly accepted the resignation, from September 2022, of Councillor Hilary Jones, due to work commitments.

Preschool

The Council has been approached by a pre-school provider to use council facilities with a planned start early in 2023. Thank you to those regular users who have worked with us and been flexible in moving their bookings around to bring this important facility to the village.

Pavilion Redevelopment

We have set up a user focus group to help us with planning the new redevelopment to make sure we understand the community's needs. With the ever-increasing building costs we may have to make some compromises which we will be consulting you on.

We have already started working with our architects on outline plans and will be sharing these with you in September on our website as well as at the Charvil Village Fete (Sunday 4th September).

Neighbourhood Plan

Come to the Charvil Parish Council stand at the Village Fete

2-6 pm Sunday 4th September

East Park Farm sports field

Find out about our plans and have your say on the **Neighbourhood Plan & Pavilion redevelopment**.

We now have working groups developing the five themes; Housing, Transport, Environment, Flooding and Community. These groups will develop plans and policies which form a major part of the Neighbourhood Plan. The final analysis of the residents' surveys is available now at <https://neighbourhoodplan.charvil.com>. There will be further opportunities to have your say on our proposals, please do to help shape the future of Charvil by contributing your thoughts and ideas.

Queen's Green Canopy for Platinum Jubilee

Thank you to everyone who has been watering our newly planted trees this is very important for their first few years especially with the very dry and hot weather. Thanks also to Greg Elphick for setting up rainwater harvesting at the village hall to help with watering the Community Orchard.

Improving walking and cycling

You may have seen - and hopefully contributed to – Wokingham Borough Council's Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) consultation that closed on 14th August. The CPC have been discussing the routes and options and we look forward to seeing improvements locally. We hope you have seen our new signs in the Country Park to help people enjoy the area with way finding and identifying our flora and fauna.

Residents attending the Council Open forum

We welcomed residents to the council meetings to raise concerns over planning issues – although often the Council shares their frustration at the final decisions!

90th Birthday wishes

I would like to give a special mention to Irving Cohen who was the Parish Clerk from 1997 to 2010 and provided invaluable support to councillors and residents of Charvil. He celebrated his 90th birthday on 25th August. Wishing you a Happy Birthday from all at CPC!

Thank you!

To Shirley Newman who is stepping down from organising this magazine's distribution.

And finally, I think we are all aware of the increased pressure on everyone's finances and, although CPC don't award personal grants, we do support Citizens Advice Wokingham and I would urge anyone in difficulties to contact them to see if CAW can help. And for those of us in more fortunate circumstances perhaps think about supporting local food banks or other ways of helping out your neighbours.

Jane Hartley, Chair Charvil Parish Council

Edited Extracts from the Minutes of Parish Council Meetings

Full Council Meeting held on 21st March 2022

Open Forum

Two residents attended, regarding Planning Application Number 220654. They were concerned about the Planning Application and gave a brief history of the issues regarding the single storey rear extension; that most of the construction had happened without planning permission, and that retrospective permission had been granted, but that the plans approved did not match the reality of what had been constructed up to this point. One of the residents had pointed this out to the Planning Officers, but the building continued, hence the second enforcement case to be opened on this extension. He stated that the rules are that an applicant can only have one chance at retrospective permission, and that this application to vary the original plan was in breach of this. Both residents agreed that even these proposed variations do not match what has been constructed and feel that the Planning Department are acting very much in the interests of the developer, and they feel that they are viewed as a nuisance by the Planning officers. They believe residents are losing faith in the system. The Chair expressed the Parish Council's sympathy with the residents' plight, as did Borough Councillor Sam Akhtar, who will try to list this application so that all parties can have their say. *Clerk's note: the rule about having one go at retrospective applications is just guidance.*

To co-opt Rob Jones to the Council upon signing the acceptance of office

Rob Jones signed the Acceptance of the Code of Conduct and the Acceptance of Office and was duly co-opted.

To note an update on the Platinum Trees and to decide whether to leave the number at 50, or to bring the number to 70, one for each year of the Queen's Reign

The trees from the Woodland Trust have been planted, some as part of the hedge at St Patrick's Recreation Ground and others where some trees had been felled near Simmons' Field. It was agreed that it would be fitting to plant another 20, probably to fill in more gaps in hedging on Parish Council managed lands, and more can be ordered from 4th April for planting this autumn.

The issue of a plaque for the Jubilee plantings was discussed, and it was agreed that Councillor Heath would investigate this. One idea was to put the plaque on a plinth near to the elm at East Park Farm, or to put the plaque onto the new pavilion, or the hall, as well as advertise the virtual plaques.

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To approve a draft Tree and hedge Policy

Subject to some minor amendments, the policy was approved.

To note the offer of a bench from the Polehampton Trust and to consider placing it at St Patrick's Recreation Ground

The Council were very appreciative of this offer and believe St Patrick's Recreation Ground to be an appropriate location. It was also noted that they will be in touch with Simon Bartlam of the Countryside service regarding the planting of some trees in Charvil.

To note the destruction of the Parish Council Notice Board by Scottish and Southern Electricity, and the steps being taken to rectify this

This was done so that the power could be restored to several households, and Scottish and Southern Electricity have agreed to repair the footpath restriction, and to install the new board that the Council have on order when it arrives, and that this should be done in the next two weeks.

To hear an idea about providing a jogging track at East Park Farm

The idea from Councillor Sutlieff was to provide a paved route using the existing paths round the school, tennis courts and car park. To create a loop, this would mean surfacing the stretch of grass between the school and the service road and providing a proper pedestrian route round the barrier on the service road but could be done and would be cheaper than installing a path right round the playing field. It was suggested Council approach Wokingham Borough Council to see how much it would cost to create a proper path between the school entrance and the service road, and if deemed feasible, Council would consult with residents on this idea.

To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Progress

The analysis of the surveys is going well, with the last 20% still to be done. The next meeting on 1st April will formulate the working groups based on the five themes identified, with an aim to launching them after Easter. *Clerk's note: because of Covid, the meeting on 1st April was cancelled, with the next meeting scheduled for the 22nd of April.*

Full Council Meeting on 11th April 2022

To co-opt David Oppong to the Council upon signing the acceptance of office

David Oppong signed the Acceptance of the Code of Conduct and the Acceptance of Office and was duly co-opted.

To consider the Community Litter Pick and how it went

The litter pick was attended by around fifteen people, well down on previous years, despite the same advertising. It was possibly impacted by school holidays having already started in some areas, and by the reduction in rubbish due to more people litter picking regularly.

The clerk questioned whether it was right to assume that Council staff would organise and give up an afternoon of their weekend to run this, when it is supposed to be a community event – particularly in the absence of any Councillors taking part, although the Chair did help with the clearing up. It was accepted that this assumption should not be made in future.

To hear a request from Charvil Rainbows, Brownies, and Guides to be allowed to contribute to the Queen's Green Canopy in Charvil

The Rainbows, Brownies and Guides are keen to plant some trees or hedges for the Queen's Green Canopy but need the landowner's permission before applying for free plants from the Woodland Trust. The clerk has identified significant gaps in the hedging at East Park Farm and has suggested this is a suitable location. It was agreed to give the permission for them to apply for hedging on this Parish Council managed land.

To consider installing a rainwater harvesting system at the Village Hall

It was resolved to approve this, which was passed unanimously.

To consider a proposal for a self-service dog washing facility at East Park Farm and whether Council would be interested in finding a space for dog agility activities

After some discussion, it was agreed that there was insufficient Council run space for the dog agility idea, and that given the plans to redevelop the pavilion, as well as tensions between dog owners and non-dog owners, a dog washing facility is not appropriate at this time, even though it was accepted that it would only be likely to be used by the more responsible dog owners.

To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Progress

The scheduled meeting on 1st April was cancelled because of Covid. Councillor Rob Jones and the Clerk had a zoom call with one of the joint owners of the field south of the railway line, who was interested to know whether there were any land allocation plans in the Neighbourhood Plan. The owners are keen to carry on owning it but need to generate revenue to maintain it. One idea is dog walking/training facilities, as these are popular, and another was to see whether there was funding for tree planting. It was agreed to keep in touch in case of mutually beneficial ideas.

To consider progress with the Platinum Jubilee Plans

Councillor Walker has found an app that either picks ten locations for you, or you can choose your own – and there are questions that can only be answered if you find these. It was agreed that the locations should be on both sides of the A4, to include the whole of the village, but there should be a disclaimer that children should only do this with adult supervision because of the roads. It was suggested that the Scouts should be asked to test it. The treasure hunt would be self-service and can be done any time over the Bank Holiday weekend, and participants can download certificates to show they have completed it. There will be prizes, with Council approving a budget of £100 for this. There will also have to be a GDPR statement as Council will be collecting data to be able to award the prizes.

The Council is also promoting the idea of street parties on Facebook, the Village News and on the website.

Full Council Meeting held on May 2022

Open Forum

Two people attended to present their ideas for running a pre-school from the current pavilion, with an intention of being considered for the pre-school provider in any new building. They had already given the clerk a lot of detail as to what they would offer, so he concentrated on various queries that had been raised. If they were to start operating from the existing pavilion, then they would be able to accommodate 33-36 children, depending on age – the older the children the more they could accommodate. They would need some outside space, and probably a shed to store outdoor play equipment. The fencing could be an issue, but the cost and style of this is negotiable.

If they established themselves and were offered the chance to move to the new building, while it was being built, they had various options available to cater for the children while this was taking place. One option is that they are looking to purchase a site for a Forest Pre-school, and this could house the children; or they are hoping to have another site in Wargrave, which again, could be a possibility. A third option would be to allow the children to attend the Henley Montessori Nursery that he runs and could use their minibus to take and collect children to make life easier for parents. He also mooted the idea of using the Village Hall. *Clerk's note: this would not be possible as it is already busy.*

Regarding his wish list, he accepted he was unlikely to get everything, but it did provide the Council with the type of facilities a pre-school would require. He emphasised that he saw pre-school as an education environment, not a child-minding facility, and his list reflected this.

The issue of being able to take Government funded children had been raised and he assured the Council that they would allow fully funded children to attend. He comes from a caring background, being a specialist in Special Needs, and appreciates how important it is for all children to be able to access quality education provision whatever their family circumstances. He also said he had been in contact with the primary school, and that he had a good team around him, of teaching staff and accountants.

Councillors then put questions to him, one being about car parking, and he explained that while they would look to have 60 children on their books, only around 25-30 would attend each session, so this should not put too much pressure on the car park. He was also asked about opening times, and these would be 8.45-4pm. When asked why he was not proposing to go on later, he said his aim was to offer an educational environment, not just childcare, and it is in the children's best interest to have shorter days. A further question was regarding demand, and he explained that for every 1000 homes, there is usually demand for a class of thirty, so there should be sufficient demand. The issue of day-to-day management came up and about employing and training up local staff. He is talking to Berkshire College of Agriculture and Henley College as both run childcare training, and it was suggested he approaches Piggott as they also have childcare training. He was asked whether he would be happy to pack away each day, and while he said he would be, he had hoped that they may be able to leave some equipment in place.

There was also a concern about allowing a pre-school in the current pavilion, as the Council is busy telling residents that the building is in a very poor state, and this would send mixed messages, although the part of the building in most disrepair is the changing rooms. The cost of fencing in an area was also a concern, as was situating it close to people's houses – the costs of the fencing could be shared, and the play area could be sited slightly differently. The issue of dogs near the outside area was also raised as there are so many dog walkers using the park, and many children fear them.

It was agreed that Councillors would visit the pre-school that the prospective provider already runs in Henley. He asked what the rent would be in the new building, and at this stage the costings of this have not been done as the Council is only at the concept stage, but the rates will have to cover the costs to the Council at the very least. It was pointed out that no decision had been taken on where the new building should be sited.



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To note the proposal for a cycle track between Twyford Station and Charvil, and that this will be covered by the Neighbourhood Plan Transport Working Group

Councillor Rob Jones reported that a resident had been in contact with Wokingham Borough Council and Great Western Railway, and that a meeting had been set up on 8th June with the, and he would like to attend on behalf of the Council. This topic will also be discussed by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Groups.

To note that Charvil Parish Council has replied to the Twyford Neighbourhood Plan Consultation with concerns about traffic and flooding

The following comments were submitted.

As many of the issues that affect Twyford also affect the neighbouring villages, we are generally sympathetic to the aims of the plan.

Many of the proposed walking and cycle routes would pass through the neighbouring villages, and the plan for a cycle route from Twyford Station to Charvil and even Woodley is something the Charvil Parish Council would support in principle.

There are, however, one or two points that caused concern, mainly on the basis that "No Parish is an Island", and directly impact on Charvil and/or other neighbouring villages.

Policy TW7: NATURE RECOVERY AND CLIMATE CHANGE p.39 While this seems sensible, this part covers Loddon Nature Reserve which is effectively the same green space as Charvil Country Park and Charvil Meadows. Both villages need to have a common approach, so our Neighbourhood Plans need to align, and Charvil Parish Council are concerned as to how this can be ensured.

Charvil PC also has concerns about the introduction of a weir and feel that they could only support this idea if all possible environmental impacts are explored, including effects on biodiversity, fish, flooding beyond Twyford's borders, and that the benefits in terms of green energy are considerable. There is also the issue of sewage in the river, and this needs to be dealt with before anything else is done.

POLICY TW11: WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND FLOOD RISK Twyford NP highlights the threat of flooding, and highlights the threat at Charvil Meadows, but the proposed policy only requires a site-specific evaluation. Charvil PC would like a downstream impact element to this requirement as, for example, Bridge Farm has potential to impact Charvil properties and roads.

In the section Outside the Planning Policies, there were concerns about some of the plans to reduce the issues at the crossroads in Twyford.

In particular, there is a suggestion that greater use of Stanlake Bridge would reduce traffic flows through Charvil, but there is no evidence to support this.

The idea of banning 7.5t vehicles from the A3032 approaching Twyford crossroads would mean all large vehicles using the A4 through Charvil - so effectively pushing all the most polluting vehicles through Charvil on the A4. It is acknowledged that they would have travelled through Charvil on the Old Bath Road to get to Twyford anyway, but by concentrating them all on the A4, the road will become busier and more dangerous as they will be travelling at higher speeds than on Old Bath Road. Given the proximity to the cycle track to the Piggott, this is far from ideal.

The new set of traffic lights near to the Waggon and Horses pub would mean pushing all the pollution and traffic into Charvil. Given that at busy times of day, the tailback is down to the Waggon and Horses, this would mean that the tailback could stretch to the homes in Charvil, pushing the pollution problem from Twyford to Charvil. It would also make the road far more dangerous to cyclists and pedestrians, than is the case currently - and even more cyclists will be trying to use the pavement for self-preservation's sake. This idea seems very ill thought out.

To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Progress

The Working groups are coming together, and topic leaders have been chosen from the Steering group. The survey results are very nearly complete, and the group needs to decide how best to disseminate the results.

To consider progress with the Platinum Jubilee Plans

Councillor Walker has completed the Treasure Hunt, which has eight stops spread throughout the village. It will go live on the morning of the Thursday Bank Holiday and will be available for the four days of the weekend. It has been advertised on Facebook and will also go on the Noticeboards and on the website.

To hear an update on the Pavilion Project

There was a first meeting with the architect, and he has sent through a second set of plans on changes to the changing room layout that was discussed at some length at this meeting. Another meeting will be arranged once the architect has returned from holiday. Councillor Heath will check with Councillor Ryatt that the architect has our timeline document.

Full Council Meeting held on 20th June 2022

Open Forum

Three residents attended, two to listen and one who wished to raise a concern with the Council. The problem concerns goods vehicles driving along Park Lane at all hours of the day and night, and there seems little that can be done. The landowner where these trucks are stored has all the necessary planning permissions and licences, but the scale of the operation has expanded significantly over the years and the vehicles are bigger than the original ones, so are more invasive than they used to be. Because of the size, they are noisy, they drive down the middle of the road, endangering other motorists, and they tend to swing wide at the mini roundabout, which is also dangerous. They also tend to make the houses shake when they pass. The complainant was particularly aggrieved that there seem to be no avenues open to residents to object to traffic noise unless they live close to the depot – once vehicles are on the public highway, unless they are breaking the law, there is little to be done. Councillor Sutcliffe suggested he contact Theresa May to see if there is anything that can be done, and the Chair offered sympathy and pointed out that the Parish Council had frequently objected to the changes in the planning permissions at this location, and to the changes to the Vehicle Licence to Wokingham Borough Council, who can then complain to the Traffic Commissioner, but to no avail. It was suggested that the Parish Council should see whether a weight limit could be put on the road to protect residents, and it might be worth gathering evidence regarding noise and the quality of driving.

There was then a wider discussion about the general traffic issues on Old Bath Road and Park Lane, and Councillor Rob Jones suggested that this topic tied in with the Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair thanked the residents for their input and one left at the end of this discussion.

To officially co-opt Isabelle Bray and the signing of the acceptance of office and other papers

Isabelle Bray signed all the papers and was duly co-opted.

To note a report on the second stage of the Queen's Green Canopy planting and to consider how to encourage residents to donate time and money to the project

The Woodland Trust has approved the applications for more trees. The next step is to get residents involved, and to get donations of the extras, like fencing etc, which will cost in the region of £500. It was suggested that the Council could use Facebook, the Village News, the website, and perhaps a flyer to be given out at the Primary school. Councillor Heath offered to draft something.

To note the meeting that Councillor Heath and the Clerk attended regarding the proposed cycle track between Twyford Station and Charvil and to confirm the Council's interest in supporting this project

It was reported that this was a positive meeting, and it was agreed to write to Theresa May to ask for her support for this project as this would help try to secure Government funding. *Clerk's note: the Clerk wrote to Theresa May and had a reply that she was fully behind this project.*

To consider a request by Conserve Reading on Wednesdays for us to support up to three more conservation tasks at The Hawthorns Park next winter

It was resolved to approve this which was carried unanimously

To hear an update on the Neighbourhood Plan Progress

Councillor Rob Jones explained that the group are now putting together working groups on the following topics: traffic and transport, flooding, green and blue spaces, housing, and community hub. Evidence is being gathered throughout the process, and policies will be identified for land allocation, and plans will be identified for the Parish Council to adopt.

To hear an update on the Pavilion Project

The architect had sent some more detailed plans of possible changing room configurations, which had been discussed at a working group meeting. The choice really depended upon whether football teams were allowed to stagger their start times – if this is allowed, then a two-changing room option would be preferable.

It was pointed out that not all the Councillors had the dimensions of the existing building, and the likely size of the proposed new building. The Chair thought that the proposed building would have a similar footprint to the existing building. The assistant clerk was asked to arrange a meeting with interested parties as soon as practicable.

To consider whether to allow the proposed pre-school to use the existing pavilion from January 2023

After some discussion, it was resolved to agree in principle to this change, subject to agreement on various details. The assistant clerk was to see how many of the existing daytime users she might be able to accommodate in the Village Hall. It was also agreed that by accepting this organisation as a tenant, did not mean the Council would automatically offer them the lease in the newbuild. It was also accepted that the rent would be based on the current community rate for the building despite this being a business, as it is offering something that the community needs, and is recognition that the building is not ideal.

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Planning Matters considered at recent Parish Council Meetings

The Council had no objection to the following applications:

- 220533 Application for the proposed erection of a garden room with decking at 20 Canberra Lake Way
- 22029 Application for the proposed erection of a two-storey front extension, insertion of 1 no. dormer and 2 no. rooflights to facilitate conversion of the loft to habitable accommodation following demolition of rear chimney at Uplands, Park Lane
- 220268 Application for the proposed erection of a first-floor side extension, garage conversion and insertion of 1 no. dormer and 2no. rooflights to facilitate conversion of the loft to habitable accommodation following demolition of rear chimney at Uplands, Park Lane
- 220620 Application for the proposed conversion of existing roof space into habitable accommodation with associated rear dormer window and revisions to existing fenestration at 30 Park View Drive South
- 220757 Householder application for the proposed conversion of the existing garage at 23 Gingells Farm Road
- 220942 Application for a certificate of existing lawful development for the stationing of a caravan for residential purposes. The erection of a fence around the caravan, both elements relate to the same part of the land at Newlands Farm – for information only
- 221280 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey side/rear extension, following demolition of existing garage at 11 Old Bath Road – for information only
- 221374 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed conversion of the garage to create habitable accommodation and include changes to fenestration at 6, Old Bath Road – for information only
- 221171 Application for the proposed installation of a new glazed window to the existing shop front at 36 Park View Drive South
- 221181 Application for the erection of a single storey flat roof replacement storage and bike shed to the front of the main dwelling (RETROSPECTIVE) at Thatcher's Mead, Thames Drive

- 221558 Application for the proposed erection of a part single part two storey front extension to create porch and first floor ensuite, plus insertion of 2no bay windows and 2no rooflights at 49, Old Bath Road
- 221665 Application for a certificate of existing lawful development for a garage conversion to create habitable accommodation and alterations of Hipped roof to form gable end including Loft conversion with rear dormer and changes to fenestration at 2, Park Lane—for information only
- 221692 Application for the proposed partial conversion of the garage to habitable accommodation, including the associated insertion of a window and 2 no. roof lights at 28, Thornbers Way
- 221828 Application for the proposed part conversion of garage to create habitable accommodation to include changing roof from flat to pitched plus 2no. rooflights, and internal amendments to Ground & First Floor at 7, Cleveland

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Council Comments on the following applications

- 220654 Application to vary condition 2 of application 212989 for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 1 no. roof light following demolition of existing conservatory and existing rear extension (part retrospective). Condition 2 refers to the approved plans and the variation is to allow an increase in the height of the roof (Retrospective) at 14, Chiltern Drive – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council have serious concerns about this application, the latest in a long line of applications at this site.

The original application, 212989 had largely been built when the part-retrospective application was submitted in September 2021, and it is our belief that the plans submitted at this time were inaccurate in relation to what had already been erected by this time.

Given this situation, and the fact that the law allows just one attempt to gain permission for unauthorised development, the Parish Council believes that this application to vary condition 2 should be refused, as approval sets a dangerous precedent in encouraging other unauthorised developments.

- 220673 Householder application for the proposed erection of a part single, part two storey front extension with part pitched roof and part flat roof. Single storey front extension to porch with canopy. Changes to the main roof from hip to gable to include 2No rooflights, rear dormer and removal of rear chimney stack to create habitable space. Single storey rear extension with changes to fenestration at Iffleigh, Park Lane – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council is pleased that the idea of a two-storey rear extension has been changed to a single storey extension, but still has concerns about the proposed extensions at the front of the house, which are out of keeping with the existing street scene.

- 220431 Application for a certificate of existing lawful development for the use of land to store commercial materials on the land to the rear of 70 Old Bath Road – The clerk commented as follows:

This application is attempting to prove that the site has been used as a storage yard by Mr. Jimmy Frankham for at least ten years and should therefore be granted a Certificate of existing lawful development as a storage yard.

Charvil Parish Council has concerns that the evidence provided is not entirely accurate.

- 1. The evidence provided by the applicant states that there was a Section 215 enforcement notice issued on 14th October 2011. The Borough Councillor, in her report in the Charvil Village News Winter edition, which would have been written at the end of November 2011, suggests that the land had not been sold at that point, as she was in discussions with the previous owner – so the earliest it is likely to have become a roofing yard would have been early 2012.*
- 2. There was an enforcement action brought against the landowner in January 2019 due to this illegal use, and the state of the site. The attached e-mail from the then enforcement officer indicates there was voluntary compliance, and the site was cleared. They were told at this point that the clearance must be permanent or further action would be considered. Given this was the case, there could not have been continual use of the site as stated in the application.*
- 3. Over the next two years, however, the site returned to use, and in January 2021, case no. RFS/2021/086081 was opened. While it took a further eight months for a formal notice to be served, the case had been opened well under 10 years of the start date of the illegal use.*

4. *The applicant states that he used it to store materials for his business, and occasionally had skips. Eyewitnesses report that at least three different roofing companies have been accessing the site in recent years – Ruscombe Roofing, Berkshire Roofing and Twyford Roofing. This suggests that there is more of a commercial element than just storing materials for his business.*
5. *The application is for the land to the rear of 70 Old Bath Road, but the applicant also owns the land to the rear of No. 72. This land was used as a private garden when the applicant lived at No.72, and along with some building materials, there is also an old trampoline, and possibly other toys. The Council is concerned that if the Borough does find in favour of the applicant, they will expand onto the area where there is no permission being sought. This situation needs to be regularised.*

220694 Application for the proposed erection of hardstanding (Retrospective) at Newlands Farm – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

Charvil Parish Council would like to raise the following concerns about this application

1. *While this application relates to agricultural use, it is developing further into the flood plain; and given the previous history of the site, the Council is concerned that a few years down the line, there will be change of use applied for, and that the surface may be changed, or not suitably maintained, to protect the porous nature that is vital given the flooding issues in the area.*
2. *There need to be certain conditions attached to this, that it does not become overflow parking for the various industrial units on the site; that there can be no change of use, and that the porous surface is maintained.*

220714 (Retrospective) Application for the proposed erection of 2no. single storey rear extensions at 40, Charvil House Road – The clerk was asked to comment as follows:

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

1. *The materials used in these extensions are not sympathetic to the rest of the dwelling, as is required in the Borough Design Guide.*

2. *The quality of both extensions is questionable, in that both have single skins, and will not be energy efficient.*
3. *This is over-development of the site, and the rear extension is larger than is normally allowed close to a neighbouring boundary.*
4. *Side windows are not normally allowed, especially where they impact on neighbours, and this has skylights that impact on the neighbouring property's privacy.*

The following applications were approved by Wokingham Borough Council:

- 214109 Application for the proposed erection of an infill front extension following demolition of existing front porch and replacement columns at 14, Chiltern Drive
- 220182 Householder application for the proposed garage conversion to create habitable accommodation, changes to fenestration, plus the insertion of 2no. roof lights at 25 Park View Drive South
- 220246 Householder application for the proposed single storey rear extension with 3No rooflights and garage conversion along with single storey front extension with 2No at Pebble Cottage, Milestone Avenue
- 220386 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed erection of a single storey side extension, following demolition of existing garage at 11 Old Bath Road
- 220533 Householder application for the proposed erection of a garden room with decking at 20 Canberra Lake Way
- 220714 (Retrospective) Application for the proposed erection of 2no. single storey rear extensions at 40, Charvil House Road
- 220673 Householder application for the proposed erection of a part single, part two storey front extension with part pitched roof and part flat roof. Single storey front extension to porch with canopy. Changes to the main roof from hip to gable to include 2No rooflights, rear dormer and removal of rear chimney stack to create habitable space. Single storey rear extension with changes to fenestration at Iffleigh, Park Lane
- 220268 Application for the proposed erection of a first-floor side extension, garage conversion and insertion of 1 no. dormer and 2no. rooflights to facilitate conversion of the loft to habitable accommodation following demolition of rear chimney at Uplands, Park Lane

- 220654 Application to vary condition 2 of application 212989 for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 1 no. roof light following demolition of existing conservatory and existing rear extension (part retrospective). Condition 2 refers to the approved plans and the variation is to allow an increase in the height of the roof (Retrospective) at 14, Chiltern Drive
- 220620 Application for the proposed conversion of existing roof space into habitable accommodation with associated rear dormer window and revisions to existing fenestration at 30 Park View Drive South
- 221374 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed conversion of the garage to create habitable accommodation and include changes to fenestration at 6, Old Bath Road
- 221171 Application for the proposed installation of a new glazed window to the existing shop front at 36 Park View Drive South
- 221181 Application for the erection of a single storey flat roof replacement storage and bike shed to the front of the main dwelling (RETROSPECTIVE) at Thatcher's Mead, Thames Drive
- 220694 Full application for the proposed erection of hardstanding (Retrospective) at Newlands Farm

The following Application was withdrawn

- 220293 Application for the proposed erection of a two-storey front extension, insertion of 1 no. dormer and 2 no. rooflights to facilitate conversion of the loft to habitable accommodation following demolition of rear chimney at Uplands, Park Lane
- 220773 Application for a certificate of lawfulness for the proposed part garage conversion to create habitable accommodation, insertion of 1no. roof light to existing rear extension, hip to gable roof extension, including loft conversion to create habitable accommodation, plus changes to fenestration at 2, Park Lane

The Following Applications were refused

- 220431 Application for a certificate of existing lawful development for the use of land to store commercial materials on the land to the rear of 70 Old Bath Road
- 220942 Application for a certificate of existing lawful development for the stationing of a caravan for residential purposes. The erection of a fence around the caravan, both elements relate to the same part of the land at Newlands Farm

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

Meetings of Charvil Parish Council 2022

5 September 2022	Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting
12 September 2022	Amenities Committee Meeting
19 September 2022	Full Council Meeting
3 October 2022	Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting
12 October 2022	Amenities Committee Meeting
17 October 2022	Full Council Meeting
31 October 2022	Staffing Committee
7 November 2022	Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting
14 November 2022	Amenities Committee Meeting
21 November 2022	Full Council Meeting
28 November 2022	Planning, Environment and Highways Meeting
5 December 2022	Amenities Committee Meeting
12 December 2022	Full Council Meeting
<p>MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 8 pm and are held in THE VILLAGE HALL, PARK LANE. RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS</p> <p>PLEASE NOTE: WHILE THE COUNCIL WISHES TO FOLLOW THIS SCHEDULE, PLANNING AND AMENITIES MEETINGS WILL BE PART OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR THE FORSEEABLE FUTURE UNTIL MORE COUNCILLORS ARE CO-OPTED – PLEASE SEE WEBSITE FOR UP TO DATE INFORMATION</p>	

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BOROUGH COUNCILLOR REPORT

It genuinely has been an energetic first half of the year, with lots happening and many positive initiatives introduced. I have been very busy supporting residents across Charvil with housing matters, improving the condition of our roads, replacing street signs and generally improving our beautiful village!

I have also been working to increase the number of bins across the village, on top of the three new bins in Milestone Avenue installed in 2021, we recently installed 3 additional bins in Charvil Country Park. I am hoping these additional bins, on top of our regular litter picks, will ensure our village is one of the cleanest in the borough.

I have included a breakdown below of some of the key updates and upcoming events in Summer 2022.

Wildlife Walk in Charvil Meadows and Country Park

I am excited to be running a wildlife walk in Charvil Meadows on the 30th of July 2022 from 10am-12pm. I will be joined by Simon Bartlam, Countryside Officer from Wokingham Borough Council, who will be providing an informative tour of our local nature reserve. If successful, I am planning on running further wildlife walks later on in 2022. Please keep an eye on my Facebook page for further updates.

Summer Reading Challenge

Science and innovation are at the centre of this year's Summer Reading Challenge, which encourages children to read six books during the summer holidays.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge runs from Saturday 9 July to Saturday 27 August and is designed to be flexible and fun for all abilities.

Children can sign up for the challenge by visiting their local library or registering online. Children can set personal goals for the summer, unlocking badges and rewards along the way. They will also receive book recommendations and tips for accessing books for free at home.

By taking part in the challenge, children will be able to join six fictional Gadgeteers. The characters have been brought to life by children's writer and illustrator Julian Beresford and they use their curiosity to understand the science behind a range of interests, including fashion, technology, cooking and music.

To sign up to take part in the challenge, go to the following website:
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

New Wokingham Leisure Centre

Wokingham's brand-new leisure centre at the multi-million-pound Carnival Hub, is to set to open on the 25th of July.

The new Carnival Hub brings together a large leisure centre and a new home for Wokingham library, along with flexible cultural use of the space. The new centre includes swimming pools, children's splash pad, a health suite (sauna, salt and steam room), 120 station fitness suite, fitness studios including group cycling studio, a café and a dual-purpose hall for sports or 400 seat-cultural performances.

The address of the centre is Wokingham Leisure Centre, Wellington Road, Wokingham, RG40 2AF.

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 a lovely, happy and relaxing summer break. 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

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NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM UPDATE

Keep burglars out of your property this Summer

Some facts about burglars:

- Burglars are often opportunistic thieves who prey on houses and flats
- Burglars will target homes they think contain valuables
- Burglars often look for homes with windows or doors left open or with vulnerable features they can exploit
- Burglars are aware of times people are expected to be away from their homes such as during the school run or holidays
- Burglars typically do not want to be seen or heard and if they feel they would be noticed by a neighbour or passer-by they are more likely to move on and find somewhere else to burgle
- Burglars often choose a home because they have spotted a specific vehicle, motorcycle or bicycle they want to steal – and the keys are more than likely to be inside the residence

You can take some simple steps to protect your home this Summer:

- Lock all doors and windows when you are away from home and at night. If you have a UPVC door, remember to lift the handle and lock it with the key.
- Install a video doorbell, alarm or CCTV system.
- Keep all valuables and keys, including car keys, out of sight and reach of windows, doors and letterboxes. Double check vehicles are locked and store keyless fobs in a suitable security pouch.
- Cut back shrubs and hedges to aid visibility
- Do not leave your home in darkness if you go out in the evening
- 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.
- Ensure sheds and garages are secure and security mark and register tools and other items you have stored there.
- Keep ladders and gardening tools securely locked away. Do not leave them outside where they could be used to break into your home.
- Do not advertise you are away from home on social media - wait until you return to upload any holiday snaps. Please ask a trusted friend or neighbour to keep an eye on your home while you are away.

Contact email details:

You can contact your local neighbourhood team via WokinghamNHPT@thamesvalley.police.uk Please note this email address cannot be used to report crimes or for any urgent matters.

CHARVIL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: your chance to influence our future developments

What you have told us so far: Residents survey results are available from Monday 15th August download the report at

<https://neighbourhoodplan.charvil.com>



We welcome your feedback and comments.



COMMUNITY ORCHARD UPDATE

Many thanks to those who have been lovingly watering, weeding and generally caring for the first six trees in the Community Orchard, situated in the Hawthorns park.

Despite the record temperatures and a period of sustained dry weather, the trees remain healthy, and have put on quite a bit of growth this year. Fruit trees help to boost the biodiversity of an area, and the optimum number is 100!

Although we haven't the space for 100, we would dearly love to plant another six to twelve trees this autumn, and to do this, we need some more sponsors. Each tree costs around £50-£60, so if you are interested in getting involved, either as a sponsor or as a guardian (or both), please contact the clerk at clerk@charvil.com.



QUEENS GREEN CANOPY



Recent exceptional and unprecedented weather events have certainly brought into focus the need for us to look after our planet and reverse the damage that has caused climate change. In the Queen's Platinum Jubilee year, an initiative from Her Majesty the Queen has been to push the planting of trees across the country under the banner "The Queen's Green Canopy". This has been open to everyone from individuals to Scout and Girlguiding groups, villages, cities, counties and corporates and Charvil has so far participated planted 52 trees around the Parish. It has been a great community activity that along with the success of the orchard at the village hall, has helped to further green Charvil and provide a legacy for future generations.

There are some very special trees that have been planted, such as disease resistant elms that support an endangered species of butterfly and many native trees that are so important for our wildlife. An incredible 1,178 invertebrate species use an oak tree and 257 of them rely solely on this tree! And the planting is not only restricted to individual trees but to repairing some of our hedges as well which are a great refuge for hedgehogs, insects and increase the biodiversity of our green areas. Silver birches, Rowans, Oaks, Hawthorne, and Crab apple trees have been planted at St Patrick's recreation ground and in East Park Farm areas-see if you can find them! They have posts and chicken wire protecting them and have green or blue discs with numbers to identify them.



But we are not done yet! The QGC runs until the end of March 2023, and we have secured a further 150 trees for the Parish. Some exciting parts of that project will include creating an avenue of 25 limes in the Charvil country park and the addition of native UK trees such as Rowan, Goat Willow, and Downy Birch all of which are vital to support a balanced and healthy environment.

Tree planting will occur in National tree week which is from November 26th to Dec 4th, 2022, and will be at the weekends. If you've got 2 hours to spare on one of the days, come along and join in-you can register your interest by emailing our Parish Clerk Miranda on clerk@charvil.com



We also are looking donors to complete the project and are looking for 10 people to donate £50 to raise the required £500. If you want to donate to please contact Miranda on clerk@charvil.com. The planting will be recorded on the Queen's Green Canopy Website (<https://queensgreencanopy.org/>) with a virtual plaque to commemorate the event along with photos for future generations to remember.

See you there!

NEW INFORMATION BOARDS FOR CHARVIL

Several years ago, the Parish Council ran a competition to name the lakes in Charvil once the Country Park had been handed over to Borough ownership. The winner suggested that they should be named after the plane that crashed in the early 1950's near the White Bridge on the Old Bath Road, and the airmen who perished that day.

Consequently, the lakes were named Canberra, after the plane, and Orrell and Haupt, the pilots. Haupt is fast morphing into a general wetland area, but the other two are much enjoyed by many residents.

The Parish Council were then going to put up notice boards to advertise the details, and to publicise the newly available paths, but for various reasons, this never happened.

Over recent years, the Parish Council has been working more closely with the Countryside Service to produce the Parish's nature booklet (downloadable from the website); to develop different length walks around the Country Park, Charvil Meadows, and Loddon Nature Reserve; and to improve paths and other facilities generally.

Rather belatedly, all this information has now been put together on the impressive information boards you can now find at the East Park Farm car park, and at various entrances to the Country Park, Meadows, and Nature Reserve.

On these, you can find a QR code which will not only lead you to the Nature Booklet, but also to the maps of each individual walk, which we hope will be helpful for residents and visitors to plan your walk, particularly if you have young children or limited time.



We would like to thank the Borough Council for organising these and providing much of the funding, and we also would like to thank the recently folded Charvil Women's Club, who have also contributed financially.

CHARVIL PARISH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE FUTURE OF
CHARVIL?**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE INVOLVED IN
FUTURE PROJECTS IN THE VILLAGE?**

**DO YOU HAVE THE TIME TO HELP BRING
AMBITIOUS PLANS TO FRUITION?**

If the answer is yes, please put yourself forward for joining the Parish Council by registering an interest with the Clerk, on **9017719** or **come along to one of our Monthly Meetings.**

Further information on the work of the Council can be obtained from any Councillor listed on the Parish Notice Boards, from the Clerk or from our web-site - www.charvil.com

Closing Date for Applications is Monday 10th
October 2022

THE END OF AN ERA



For many years, Shirley Newman has been involved with the Charvil Village News, and carried on organising the delivery of the magazine three times a year, long after retiring from the Parish Council.

While this role is very much behind the scenes, it is vital to the success of delivering to each household in a timely manner. This magazine will be the last edition that Shirley will be involved with as she

hands to reigns over.

The Parish Council is extremely grateful to Shirley for all that she has done for the village over the years, and in particular, the work with the magazine – she leaves big shoes to fill – and wish her all the very best for the future.

Thank you, Shirley!

If you might be interested in exploring the various areas of the village and would be willing to volunteer to deliver the magazine, please do get in touch either by phone 07850 234363 or by email bookings@charvil.com

RAINWATER HARVESTING AT THE VILLAGE HALL

It may seem like an odd topic during the driest period for many years, but the Parish Council would like to thank one of our very active residents, Greg Elphick, for installing a rainwater harvesting at the hall, for the inevitable time when we will have three months of solid rain! He has battled through sun baked ground, full of flints and boulders to do this for the Community.

The purpose of this is to provide water for the Community Orchard in periods of dry weather, as we plant more trees there. Possibly, if it is feasible, it may allow us to investigate wildflower planting and such like as well, to increase the biodiversity of the area further.





Charvil Village Fete

2-6pm Sunday, 4th September 2022

East Park Farm Sports Field

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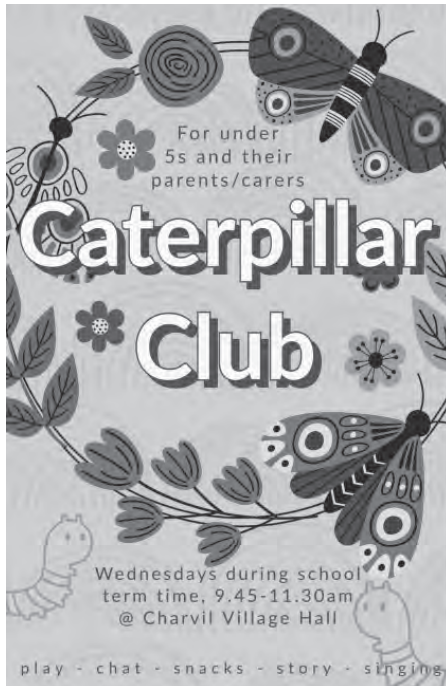


SUMMER QUIZ:

In which town in Berkshire would you be if you saw -

- 1) Jacksons Corner
- 2) The West Berkshire Museum
- 3) Alexandra Gardens
- 4) Observatory House
- 5) Joel Park
- 6) Nicholson's Shopping Centre
- 7) South Hill Park
- 8) The Stanley Spencer Gallery

Answers on last page



For under 5s and their parents/carers

Caterpillar Club

Wednesdays during school term time, 9.45-11.30am
@ Charvil Village Hall

play - chat - snacks - story - singing

CATERPILLAR CLUB

Caterpillar Club continues to thrive, and with a committed team running the group it has been great to build community, with friendships and connections being made through the group. We welcome parents and carers and their children 0-5 years of age to Caterpillar Club on Wednesdays (term time only) from 9.45-11.30am at Charvil Village Hall. Each session includes story, snack and singing time and costs £2 for a child and £1 for additional children. If you have pre-school age children and are free on Wednesday mornings do just turn up and join us. The autumn term will start on 14th September 2022. Any updates or for further information find us on www.facebook.com/groups/CharvilCaterpillarClub.



PIGGOTT SCHOOL NEWS

Off-Site Visits make a comeback at the Piggott School!

After the challenges of the last two years of the pandemic, we have been delighted to return to some form of normality, particularly where our off-site visits are concerned. To make up for lost time, we have had nearly 5500 'participant days off-site', spread over 75 trips since restrictions were lifted. As we only have 1523 students on roll, this shows that most of our students have had the chance to take their learning outside of the classroom more than once over the last few months.

All Charvil Primary classes have enjoyed educational visits this year. Locally, they have visited the area on foot, had swimming lessons in Polehampton pool, and done Bikeability. They have also gone to the previous staples such as Rushall farm, Marwell Zoo, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Windsor Castle and Upton Court. Year 6 however, were offered the chance to go on an exciting residential to Croft Farm, a JCA Activity Centre in the Cotswolds

At the Senior school, we were especially aware that many of our new Year 7 students had missed the opportunity to undertake any residential during their Primary years so we decided to take them on an adventure into the wilds of Henley! They travelled by boat to a remote pop-up campsite, having a go at stand-up paddle boarding, eating stone-baked pizzas fired onsite, enjoying hot chocolate and s'mores round the campfire and sleeping in lovely bell tents. It was wonderful to see the students running freely in a field, playing with their friends, and not a mobile phone in sight.

Years 8 and 9 would normally have had the opportunity to join residential trips to Europe, but as international travel was not looking very secure when we started to organise their trips, we opted instead for a PGL trip to the Isle of Wight and a Tented Village Outdoor Adventure experience in Dorset. Much fun was had by all, particularly on the Dorset Mud Run (I'll leave you to imagine what the aftermath of that looked like!!)



We took 3 Year 10 crews out on the Tall Ships Youth Challenge, sailing for 5 -days around the Solent. The weather was perfect; sunny but with enough wind to get some exhilarating sailing in. One of the yachts had dolphins swimming alongside at one point – a truly magical moment. On the final night, the students put their skills into practice by successfully navigating the boats back to Portsmouth harbour under a beautiful 'tangerine' moon.

The Design and Technology department had an exciting year with a team of Piggott students being shortlisted as one of the 10 top designs of the year in the national Design Ventura competition. They spent a day at the Deutsche Bank HQ in London, pitching their project to a panel of judges before being invited to the prestigious final awards Celebration Evening in the Design Museum.

Other visits our secondary students have been offered include Marwell Zoo, Thorpe Park, Sky Academy, University Taster Days, CISCO, The National Museum of Computing, GoPerform, The Imperial War Museum, Chelsea Stadium Tours, and Kew Gardens, Hi5 Adventures, GoApe, Rushall Farm, Slapton Ley, and some of our Year 7s were even able to complete their Bikeability course if they had missed it in their previous schools.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award has been a great success this year too. We started the offering DofE in late in 2019, not long before we entered our first lockdown, which made it particularly challenging for our students to complete their volunteering, skills, physical and expedition sections as most of their original plans were scuppered by the new restrictions. Still, Piggott students are a resilient and adaptable bunch and we have now had 73 students successfully completing the Bronze Certificate of Achievement and 54 have gone on to complete the full Bronze Award, with many more well on their way. Congratulations go to all our participants who have worked so hard, we are very proud of their achievements. In September, we will begin offering the Silver level for the first time.

We wish all our students (and staff and parents) a relaxing summer and look forward to returning in September and welcoming our new students into Years 7 and 12.

SONNING CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Below is a few of the events and activities from the Summer Term at Sonning. We are looking forward to the Summer Holiday and look forward to returning again in September with a new class in Reception and a new head, Mr Phil Sherwood.

GREAT FIRE OF LONDON Chestnut recreated the Great Fire of London with their amazing DT Tudor houses and saw first-hand how fast the fire must have spread in 1666.



FIR CLASS TRIP TO UFTON COURT Fir class had a very exciting time on their trip to Ufton Court. During the day they learnt all about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings, had a go at some of the everyday tasks people would have had to do in that time period and even took part in a mock battle!

SCIENCE—LIFE CYCLES

The children in Maple Class have enjoyed learning about life cycles in Science. They watched as the eggs hatched overnight on a live webcam and then after 24hrs when they fluffed up, they were moved to the brooder. Each class across the school has had the opportunity to meet the chicks and they have now been collected to be re-homed at a local farm. This activity was funded by APS.

SONNING REGATTA Congratulations to the girls in Maple Class for being awarded 2nd Place in the Sonning Regatta. We were lucky enough to share in their fantastic achievement when they brought their medals in to share in assembly.



SONNING FESTIVAL Our school entry, for the Sonning Village Scarecrow trail was a feat of engineering! Thank you to everyone who helped.

There were many other fun occasions from Jubilee celebrations, careers days, school sports day and World Music Day that were enjoyed by pupils and their families



CHARVIL ART GROUP READY FOR A NEW TERM



With summer well under way, the Charvil Art Group takes a well deserved break from their weekly meetup.

The group have covered an exciting array of themes and workshops over the past year and we look forward to inviting any new members to come along on **Wednesday the 14th September 2022 at 7:30 pm** for Enrollment Night, at **Charvil Village Hall**.

Whether you are a beginner in painting and drawing, or are wanting to get back into art again, Charvil Art Group provides a friendly and social creative environment.

For more information goto <https://charvilartgroup.co.uk/>

READING & DISTRICT CIGARETTE CARD & POSTCARD CLUB

The Club has survived the effects of the Covid pandemic with slight adjustments to the programme. The Club only meets once a month now, on the second Thursday of each month, from 7-30 pm to 10.00pm, although most evenings conclude at 9-30. Generally we have an attendance of 20 members, male & female, our meetings can consist of a talk by a member, not necessarily about the collecting hobbies, quarterly auctions, open to members of the public who wish to sell their unwanted/unloved postcard and cigarette card collections (pre-1950 preferably, tel. 0118-9695155). Every meeting a few members bring along some items to sell, the next meeting is a NEW event in the Club calendar.

On August 11th club members will be holding a mini-Collector's Fair, from 7:45pm to 9:45pm, no entry fees, come & buy, sell items, bring items for our next auction, meet the members and learn about the Club and our collecting hobby. We would love to see you there, young & others of all ages!!!

September 8th – Quarterly Auction.

October 13th -- Talk by Richard Howarth, "Royal Procession".

November 10th -- Talk by John Cahill, "Cereal Packet Giveaways".

December 8th -- AGM & Christmas Party.

For further details about the Club ring 0118-9695155.

THE PROJECT SINGERS

Charvil based choir, The Project Singers, spent the summer term working on their second project – Let's Sing! The choir has a section for girls between the ages of 10 and 18 plus a section for ladies. We chose songs all about what we love doing – singing! Songs included – Like a singing bird, How can I keep from singing, Cantar and Thank you for the music. The project ended with a concert at St Mary's Church, Twyford on July 3rd. The concert ended with the two sections combining to sing 'Why we sing. To finish the term, the ladies enjoyed a meal at The Heron on the Ford while the girls had a pizza party at Charvil Hall.

We have a few spaces for new singers to join us for our third project – Home for Christmas! We will be working on some great seasonal songs including Silver bells, Walking in the air, Let it snow and Pavane for a silent night. The ladies meet on Mondays between 8.00 and 9.30pm and the girls meet on Sundays between 6.15 and 7.4pm. For more details please contact the choir's Musical Director, Suzanne Newman, on 0118 9340589 / suzanneynewman@btinternet.com

On Sunday 16th October the choirs would like to invite you to a Singing Showcase between 5.00 and 7.45pm at Charvil Hall. Pop along to hear the choirs as well as some soloists. Have a cup of tea and a slice of cake!

'Love is all you need'

On Saturday 3rd September between 2.00 and 4.00pm come along and join us for a fun singing afternoon for female voices at Charvil Hall. We will be working on 'Love is all you need' - a medley of songs by the Beatles arranged for 2-part choir. Songs include All you need is love, Here comes the sun, With a little help from my friends and A hard day's night. Cost is £10 which includes music and light refreshments. Places do need to be booked and paid for in advance so please contact Suzanne Newman on 0118 9340589 / suzanneynewman@btinternet.com.

SONNING FLORAL ARRANGEMENT SOCIETY

Members of the Sonning Floral Arrangement Society are very happy to be meeting again. Second Thursday in the month at the Charvil Village Hall. So far, we have enjoyed a successful seven months of this year. We have been entertained by some excellent Demonstrators, plus a very successful workshop. Additionally , a great visit to Blenheim Flower Event, a special afternoon tea and a lunch to be arranged in August.

We welcome visitors to our meetings for a very reasonable fee of £6. Very good value as we also enjoy tea and a chat after the Demonstration. Our next meeting is Thursday 11th August. The Demonstrator is Emma Curtis, well known in the flower world. Meetings commence 2.00pm prompt but doors are open from 1.30pm as we do try to start on time.

We are cautious and wear masks if we feel it necessary.

CHARVIL SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Charvil Short Mat Bowls Club is seeking new members. We are a friendly group who play on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm – 4pm and/or Wednesday evenings from 7pm – 9pm indoors from September to April at Charvil Village Hall, RG10 9TT. For further details please ring **0118 969 4022** or **07770787791**.

BERKSHIRE GUILD OF SPINNERS, WEAVERS AND DYERS

True to form our Guild members have had a busy calendar this year, full of interesting talks from guest speakers, learning new skills, annual competitions, as well as our usual weekly in person meetings at Charvil Village Hall.



Here are just a few examples of what we've been up to:

- Alfresco spinning! (see photo)
- Spinning - long draw, flax and silk fibres, decorative art yarn.
- Felting wool for buttons, fasteners and finishings.
- Expert talk on designing and weaving functional fabrics.
- Old fashioned Cloutie Rug making, using offcuts of material.
- Learning about Ikat weaving.
- Ice dyeing with Kool Aid.
- Natural dyeing with Tansy, Marigold, Coreopsis, Ragwort, Onion skins and Beetroot.
- Annual Knitting and Crochet competition.
- Annual Challenge Competition to make a bag involving one or more of the 3 disciplines, spinning weaving and dyeing.

If you're interested in crafting or just curious to see what we do, please feel free to come along and join us.

Spinning - alternate Wednesdays, 10.15am - 1.15pm (Committee Room)

Weaving - alternate Thursdays, 10.15am - 1.15pm (Committee Room)

Guild Day – on the 3rd Saturday of each month, 10.30pm – 4pm (Hall)

Alternatively get in touch by email Berks.guild@gmail.com

Website <http://www.bswd.org.uk/> (under renovation)

PLANS TO RELOCATE TWYFORD LIBRARY TURN AN IMPORTANT PAGE

Proposals to relocate Twyford Library from its existing site to a new home turned an important page last week (28 July) when the Council's executive voted to complete the lease for the Old Polehampton Boys school building and allocate an additional £330,000 towards the works.

This funding is on top of the £720,000 already put aside for the project and reflects the rising cost of materials nationally and an ongoing desire to make the new Library as energy efficient as possible. The additional funding will come from Section 106 (S106) contributions, paid by developers to help deliver infrastructure projects across the borough and support local growth.

"We're committed to making sure the people of Twyford have fantastic facilities" said Cllr Clive Jones, newly appointed leader of the council and executive member for business and economic development. "Moving to this site helps us create a permanent home for the library replacing the aging temporary building, along with other benefits such as access to public toilets. It's also an opportunity to bring this important listed building, at the heart of the village, back into use, giving it a long-term future as a community space.

"The past few years, with covid and now the rising costs of living and financial instability have put so much pressure on local people. Being able to give them facilities like this, where they can access all the great things our library service offers, as well as gather and feel part of the community is incredibly important. With everything from access to computers, regular events, books and clubs, children's activities and the opportunity to borrow books and other resources for free, there will be something for everybody to enjoy."

The Old Polehampton Boys School is a Grade 2 listed building in Polehampton Close. It is owned by the Polehampton Trust, a local charity who seek to support residents in need as well as children's educational development in the Twyford area.

The Council will work in partnership with the Trust, to lease the building for 99 years at a peppercorn rent, ensuring it can be brought back into use and remain available to local residents for generations to come.

Andrew Cardy, chair of the Polehampton Trust, said: "The Trustees of The Polehampton Charity are absolutely delighted that Wokingham Borough Council have secured funds for this long awaited and much needed Library project. Many people in the village have campaigned over the past 20 years to relocate the library and 10 years ago David Turner suggested the Old Boys School.

The Old Boys School was built to educate boys from the village with money left by Edward Polehampton. This lovely historical listed building in the heart of our wonderful village will now be transformed into a fabulous facility for the wider community.

“The Polehampton Charity is 300 years old this year and this Library is a fitting reminder of the legacy that Edward Polehampton left the village. The Trustees would like to thank past and present administrations at Wokingham Borough Council, everyone who has been involved and especially David Turner and those who have campaigned so hard for so long.”

With approvals in place the council will proceed with entering into the lease with the Polehampton Trust so the project can progress. Keep an eye out for more information about this exciting project later this year.

TWYFORD AND RUSCOMBE HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION



The Twyford and Ruscombe Horticultural Association would like to thank all their members who entered their produce and crafts in the Summer Show and made it such a success. The volunteers are busy planning the Autumn Show, which will be held in Loddon Hall, Twyford, on 10th September 2022, and are they are hoping for even more entries as their members become accustomed to returning to normal.

The junior members will be bringing the heads of the sunflowers they have been growing to be measured. Judging by the success of the potato growing competition, and the interest in the plant stall, it is obvious that TRHA have some budding horticulturalists in their midst.

Visitors are welcome at all the shows and refreshments with homemade cakes will be available. There is also an open invitation to join the TRHA coach trip to RHS Wisley on Wednesday 14th September 2022. The £22.00 pp cost includes entry and transport from Twyford. Details can be found in the TRHA Newsletter, or on the website, www.trha.org.uk. Payment can be made at the TRHA Store in Loddon Hall Road, Twyford, RG10 9JA, any Sunday morning. TRHA hopes this first trip post lockdown will be one of many.

If you wish to take advantage of all the benefits of TRHA you can apply for Membership at the Store, or email Jenny Wager at trhamembership@gmail.com.

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QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE TREE PLANTING IN CHARVIL



What is it?

We are planting a further 150 trees as part of the Queens Green Canopy initiative, to green up Charvil and because it's a great community event! Planting is in national tree week



Volunteers wanted

We welcome and need more volunteers to help for a couple of hours over one of the weekends in National tree week. Please contact the Parish Clerk (email below) if interested.



Donors wanted

We need £500 to complete the planting. If you are interested in donating £50 to reach our community goal please contact the Parish clerk (below)

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