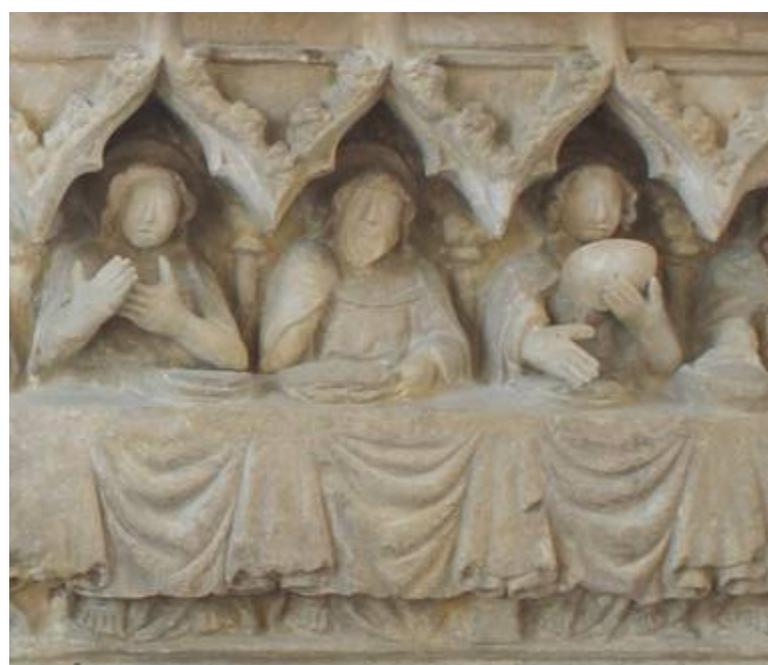


Valley News

April 2015

No 218

News & Views from the Cherwell Valley



St James' Church, Somerton - A celebration to mark the achievement of a seven year £350,000 programme of repair, conservation and improvement to the church and its Fermor Chapel (Photos: Clifford Reeves)

Valley News is delivered FREE to every household in:

Caulcott – Heyford Park – Lower Heyford - Somerton – Upper Heyford

Editor: Ian Lough-Scott, The Rickyard, Upper Heyford, Bicester OX25 5LH Telephone: 01869 232788
Email: ianloughscott@btinternet.com

Treasurer: Stan Morris, The Orchard, Water Street, Somerton OX25 6NE Telephone: 01869 345544

Also published on line www.upperheyford.com

Church Services in the Valley

	Ardley St Mary's	Fritwell St Olave's	Lower Hey- ford & Caulcott St Mary's	Somerton St James	Souldern Ann to the BVM	Upper Heyford St Mary's	Heyford Park The Chapel
29-Mar	BENEFICE Palm Sunday Communion Service - 11am Fritwell						
30-Mar	10am Communion					7pm Compline	
		7pm Compline	10am Communion				
				7pm Compline	10am Communion		
2-Apr							7:30pm Communion
3-Apr	4pm Quiet Refelection						10-12 Childrens Workshop
5-Apr	8.30am 1662 HC	9:30 Family Commun- ion	11am Family Communion	9:30 Fam- ily Com- munion	6.30am Sunrise Service	8.30am 1662 Com- munion	11am Communion
12-Apr	9:30 Fam- ily Commu- ion APCM	8.30am 1662 HC	11:00 Family Worship	9:30 Sun- day Club	11:00 Sung Communion	9:30 Morn- ing Prayer	11am Morning Service
19-Apr	9:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Fam- ily Com- munion	11:00 Morning Prayer	09:30 Matins & HC	8.30am 1662 HC	9:30 Morn- ing Prayer	11am Morning Service
26-Apr	9:30 Family Wor- ship	6:00 Even- song	11:00 Family Communion APCM	9.30 Family Commun- ion	11am Morn- ing Prayer	8.30am 1662 HC	11am All Age Service
3-May	8.30am 1662 HC	11:00 Fam- ily Worship	11am Family Communion		11:00 Matins	9.30am Trad lang Commun- ion	11am Communion
10-May	9.30am Com- munion	8.30am 1662 HC	11:00 Family Worship	9:30 Sun- day Club	11:00 Sung Com- munion	9:30 Morn- ing Prayer	11:00 Morning Service
Thurs- day 14- May		7.30pm Asscension Service Wesleyan Chapel					
17-May	9:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Fam- ily Com- munion	11:00 Morning Prayer	09:30 Matins & HC	8.30am 1662 HC	9:30 Morn- ing Prayer	11am Morning Service
24-May	9:30 Family Wor- ship	6:00 Even- song	11:00 Family Communion	9.30 Family Commun- ion	11am Morn- ing Prayer	8.30am 1662 HC	11am All Age Service
31-May	Trinity Sunday Benefice Communion Service 11am - TBC						

BENEFICE OFFICE

572 Brice Road, Heyford Park, OX25 5TE Tel: 01869 233687

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30 –2.30

Tel: 01869 233687

To book a wedding or baptism Tel: 01869 233687 administrator@cherwellvalleybenefice.org.uk

www.cherwellvalleybenefice.org.uk

Outside office hours please leave either a telephone or email message or in the case of an emergency
please telephone 01869 233249 or 07889 444 616

CHERWELL VALLEY BENEFICE

The Cherwell Valley Benefice in the Diocese of Oxford www.cherwellvalleybenefice.org.uk		
Rev Stephen Griffiths	01869 233249	stephen@cherwellvalleybenefice.org.uk
Rev Geoff Price	346262	geoffandhope@yahoo.com
Mr. John Hine (LLM)	01869 278565	
Benefice Office	01869 233687	administrator@cherwellvalleybenefice.org.uk

Dear friends,

A few weeks ago I saw 'The Imitation Game', the powerful story of cryptanalyst Alan Turing. The film portrays the nail-biting race against time by Turing and his brilliant team of code-breakers at Britain's top-secret Government Code and Cypher School at Bletchley Park, during the darkest days of World War II. Alan Turing and others are hired by the British government to work on a secret project to break what is largely seen as the unbreakable secret code behind the Nazis' communications machine, named Enigma, which if they can, would give the Allies an advantage and possibly even end the war. The problem is that Enigma is recoded every day, so that even if the team can decipher a coded message transmitted by the Nazis, that code would be obsolete by the next day. It is a brilliant film with equal amounts of joy and frustration. In the midst of the success of the code-breakers there is an unresolved moral dilemma about the innocent blood of Allied soldiers which, once the code was broken, had to be shed whilst the next move was planned. Too much Allied success would have given the game away. As the film unfolds and ends the treatment of Alan Turing is a sobering reminder of the power of prejudice.

We are about to enter once more into the drama of Passiontide and Easter. For Christians the Easter story solves another enigma. I wonder how long it would take for the best brains to work out this enigma: how can sinful people be reunited with their holy and just God? The problem is by no means straightforward.

Since God is holy, sinful people cannot enter his presence safely. This is the message demonstrated in the restrictions in the Old Testament tabernacle and temple. The message of the system of courtyards, curtains, inner rooms, cleansing rituals, sacrifices, and exclusive priesthood is clear: sinful people are not allowed to enter the presence of God in the Holy of Holies. Destruction awaited those who approached God unprepared. The prophet Isaiah understood this when he was swept along in a vision of God in the temple. Isaiah cried out: 'I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips...and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty' (Isaiah 6:5).

We might say the solution should be for God to overlook our sin. But God is just and sin cannot be ignored. Like a reasonable parent, God is true to his words of warning. Sin demands a verdict. Therefore the writer of Hebrews says, 'Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment' (Hebrews 9:27). We would assume from these findings that sinful people like us must face God's judgment and be barred forever from the presence of God.

The Christian message would hardly be good news if this was all there was to say! Unfortunately some people do twist Christianity into this hopeless, judgmental religion. An alternative answer could be that God presents us with the task of appeasing him and trying to make amends for our sins. However the building up of a 'treasury of merit' to counteract our sins is a long discredited Christian idea which cannot be substantiated in the bible, although some religions do promote this as the pathway to God.

Thankfully God not only shows us the problem but provides us with the solution: *God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God* (2 Corinthians 5:21). The '*him*' of that verse is Jesus Christ.

In a wonderful act of love and mercy God provided a substitute for us - someone to take our sin upon himself (thus freeing us from its consequences) and give us what we lack: righteousness and with it freedom to enter God's presence. This is the great exchange that is at the heart of Easter. As the sky darkened that first Good Friday the weight of the sins of the world fell upon the shoulders of Christ. In the silence of Easter Eve the disciples waited to see what, if anything, the sorrow and pain of Christ would achieve. Then the resounding answer – the power of sin and death destroyed and the empty tomb, signaling the promise of spiritual life in all its fullness. This great exchange enables us to know God and enter his presence as his children. This privilege begins when we accept Jesus Christ as our Saviour and will last forever. The enigma has been solved once and for all.

Happy Easter! We have many opportunities in the churches of the benefice to celebrate this good news. Please come and join us.

Yours in the service of Jesus Christ, Stephen

WHAT'S ON IN THE CHERWELL VALLEY

The General Election and Local Elections 7 May 2015

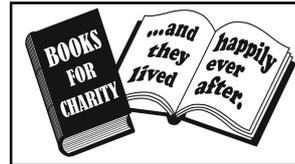
We can complain all we like about politicians and the state of the country but when it comes to voting many of us don't even take the trouble to vote in elections and wonder what the point of it all is. Throughout the world there are still too many countries without any form of democracy whose residents are denied any say in the governance of their homeland, so please exercise your right and vote on May 7th.



VILLAGE GREEN QUILTERS are having a sales table at the Trinkets, Treasure and Trash sale on Saturday 11th April 12-4pm in the Barnes Memorial Hall, Somerton. We are hoping to

increase our funds and there will be lots of goodies for sale – some quilting related, some not. Also the chance to win a beautiful double quilt – all hand quilted – in our raffle. Do come along and see what we have and also learn more about our small, but very friendly, group.

Any queries call Freya on 3456546 or Pauline on 346654



Buy a drink and a book at The Red Lion, Steeple Aston

Second-hand books in good condition
All proceeds to charity

The Red Lion is open Monday to Friday
12 pm – 3 pm and 5.30 pm – 11 pm,
Saturday 12 pm – 11 pm
Sunday 12 pm – 5 pm

Any queries please ring Christopher 01869 349808



LOWER HEYFORD & CAULCOTT MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 2nd May

2—5pm

Lower Heyford Sports Field

Grand opening by celebrity to be
announced

Parade from Playing Field to Market Square and back at 1.45pm

BBQ * Teas * Ice Cream * Fun Dog Show Fast Lane * Raffle * Stalls

Children's Races * Vintage Tractors

Don't miss out, come and enjoy the fun

CAR BOOT (£5 per pitch)



**Community Market
Souldern Village Hall**

9:00am-12:00noon

Locally sourced, grown, produced or baked
*Meat, eggs, vegetables, plants, cakes &
savouries*

(subject to availability)

NEW THIS MONTH!

**FRESH CRUSTY BREAD
AND HOME BAKED CAKES**

**Hand crafted *gifts, cards & jewellery*
etc**

Sausage/ Bacon/ Egg Baps
(to eat in or take out)

Come and enjoy a cup of tea/coffee and a
chat with friends

Next Markets

Apr 18th, May 16th

Tel: 01869 345931 or email:
barbara.a.mcgarra@gmail.com for further
information or to book a stall



**TRINKETS,
TREASURE & TRASH**

**Barnes Memorial Hall
Somerton**

**Grand Table Top Sale
Saturday 11th April
12.00 – 4.00**

**Come & enjoy a cup of tea & home-
made cake
& browse the fascinating items on
sale.**

Enquiries Tel. 01869 346868



**HEYFORD PARK'S 4th
VILLAGE YARD SALE**

**Sunday 3rd May 2015
11 till 4pm**

Heyford Park, Upper Heyford

A yard sale with a difference as the
whole village can join in

From Plants, Homemade cakes,
Clothes, Toys, Furniture, Knick Knacks,
Tools, Books and lots more

Have a walk around the village and
grab yourself a bargain!



**EASTER EGG
HUNT**

**Friday 3rd April
2 - 5pm**

**Around the Community
Centre & Chapel,
Brice Road, Heyford
Park, OX25 5TE**

The 'Easter Bunny' will be there.
As well as Easter Eggs each child
will be able to plant some vegetable
seeds in a pot and then take them
home to grow

£2 per child or 3 children for £5
All proceeds to the Heyford Park
Community Garden



The Heyfords WI

Our February meeting welcomed Eileen Race and a colleague who gave a talk on 'Care & Finances in later life' discussing the importance of making a Will and Power of Attorney.

March was our AGM month. Reports were read of a very full and active year, with various speakers on textiles, blankets, Teddy Bears, making flowers and re-cycling. Two WIs were entertained with a history walk of Upper Heyford with refreshments. A Carol Service was arranged in Lower Heyford Church, around 60 people attending with the bells being rung. January we celebrated our 80th Anniversary which was very successful with past and present members.

We are just finalising our 2015/16 programme which looks to be another full year so why not come and see what we are doing. You will be made very welcome at any of our meetings.

Lynn Humberstone
01869 340596

The Warreners

We had lovely fish & chips at the Barley Mow in February, and send our thanks to Sonia and her team, as always they were greatly enjoyed by members.

At our March meeting we played Boccia (a bit like indoor bowls) which members enjoy and it is always very competitive!



Our thanks go to Age Concern and Troy who provided the equipment and acted as referee.

On April 8th we will have our picture quiz, which is very amusing and competitive, with members scratching their heads and thinking now who is that chap, I've seen him so often of TV!

The May meeting on 13th is a change to the programme and will be a meal out.

Ann, Brenda, Sheila & Veronica

'Care for a Cuppa' in aid of Katharine House

I would like to thank everyone who attended our friendly tea party on March 6th, those who provided cakes and raffle prizes, those who generously made donations. All in all we were able to send £130 to Katharine House in support of its wonderful work. *Veronica Lough-Scott*

Cherwell Valley Freegle Group

Freegle is an online group for locals to give away and get things for free.

As long as whatever item you are giving away or asking for is legal then it will be allowed on the group listings. The Cherwell Valley Freegle group was started in March 2005 and has over 1,300 local members in the Heyfords and Astons area already – all busy, giving away and getting stuff for free.

Freegle is a massive grass roots initiative that is leading environmentally positive individual action across the UK. There are over 403 independent groups spread throughout Scotland, Wales, NI and England and we have over 1.9 million members. Cherwell Valley Freegle is part of a very popular modern activity! Making good use of stuff that we all already have by making sure that stuff is not unnecessarily dumped at the tip or lying around not being used. You would be amazed at what you can get rid of and what you can get. The amount of goods that we ensure are reused rather than thrown away is growing every day.

It is really easy to be part of Cherwell Valley Freegle. You'll need access to a computer and an email address. Upon joining the group, you'll receive easy instructions on how everything works and what to do. Freegling works by offering unwanted items to the other members of the group, they will then email you direct if they are interested and will arrange a suitable time to collect it from you. If there's something you're looking for you can ask for those too, often someone will have what you are looking for as they no longer need it themselves.

Whether it be a TV, empty moving boxes, clothing, sports equipment, DIY materials, a household full of furniture, toys, books, some dishwasher tablets, office equipment, or an old WWII shelter it is possible to give it away or get it for free via Cherwell Valley Freegle, instead of it going to waste at the tip or languishing unused.

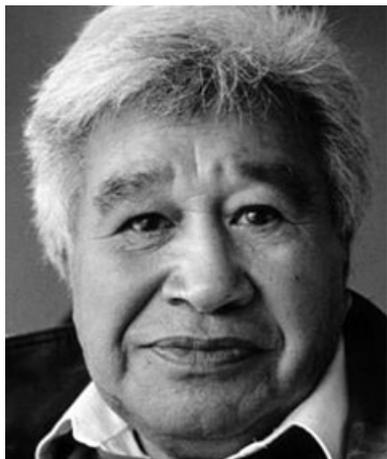
Freegle groups also foster community spirit, lessen mindless consumerism, assist the economically challenged, reduce the burden on local council's resources and encourage a more sustainable lifestyle - all done locally by locals and all done for free!

Join now at www.freegle.in/cherwellvalley or www.ilovefreegle.org



Poetry Corner

Hone Tuwhare (1922 – 2008)



Born in the far north of New Zealand, Hone Tuwhare spent an impoverished and nomadic childhood with his father, claiming to have lived in 16 houses by the time he was 13. As a young child he was immersed in Māori language and he strongly identified with Māori culture but he also loved English and read widely including the Bible, Shakespeare, Lorca as well as some of his NZ contemporaries.

His first collection of poems *No ordinary sun* was an outstanding success, running to three editions and 12 reprints over three decades. Fellow poet R A K Mason wrote in the foreword:

“Here – and I think this is for the first time – is a member of the Māori race qualifying as a poet in English and in the idiom of his own generation, but still drawing his main strength from his own people”.

This is the title piece of the collection and draws on Hone’s experience of serving in Japan after World War Two and witnessing the effects of the nuclear destruction of Hiroshima. He writes:

“The main theme is the horror and desolation than an H-Bomb would bring...something I feel very strongly.”

It seems as though the tree is the emblem of life on earth that might be destroyed by nuclear war. The third stanza ending with ‘the monstrous sun’ signifies the destruction of life itself.

NO ORDINARY SUN

Tree let your arms fall:
raise them not sharply in supplication
to the bright enhaloed cloud.
Let your arms lack toughness and
resilience for this is no mere axe
to blunt nor fire to smother.
Your sap shall not rise again
to the moons pull.
No more incline a deferential head
to the wind's talk, or stir
to the tickle of coursing rain.

Your former shaginess shall not be
wreathed with the delightful flight
of birds nor shield
nor cool the ardour of unheeding
lovers from the monstrous sun.

Tree let your naked arms fall
nor extend vain entreaties to the radiant ball.
This is no gallant monsoon's flash,
no dashing trade wind's blast.
The fading green of your magic
emanations shall not make pure again
these polluted skies . . . for this
is no ordinary sun.

O tree
in the shadowless mountains
the white plains and
the drab sea floor
your end at last is written

Janet Lince

**Experienced tractor driver
required p/t for the
harvest as well as some
other tractor work if
required.**



Must have a driving licence.

If interested please call me for an informal chat on
07841775096

GRAND BOOK SALE
Barnes Memorial Hall, Somerton
Saturday 16th May 10.00 – 12.00



Books, dvds, cds.
All in excellent or vgc.
Refreshments
01869 345439 for more information

What's going on at Cherwell District Council?

Councillor Calling

Elections, as every news outlet never lets us forget, are heading our way on 7th May. In these parts, we've obviously got the General Election, for which two candidates are neighbours from this ward – Conservative Victoria Prentis from Somerton and Ukip's Dickie Bird from Heyford Park – but also see my Cherwell District colleague Mike Kerford-Byrne facing re-election and, in some parishes, a third ballot paper for the parish council to keep us busy in the polling station. General elections usually boost turnout from the 30% who are interested in councils (well, we're more interesting than the Police and Crime Commissioner, who found only 13% could be bothered to vote at all!) to around 70%. However, this time, with the result likely to be an unpredictable cliff hanger, maybe even more will want to take part.

Well, they won't be able to if they aren't on the Electoral Roll. In the past, this was the responsibility of each "head of household" (no doubt the cause of many a discussion over the breakfast table as to who deserved that title!). But now it is down to each individual to register themselves. This shouldn't be an issue if you haven't changed address since last year's Euro elections but anybody whose details have changed has only until 20th April to inform Cherwell (as our Chief Executive, Sue Smith, is the Returning Officer – ie responsible for the election count) or you won't be on the register and will miss your chance to vote. Act now!

More building works have started in central Bicester, where the Franklins Yard car park used to be next to the new Sainsbury's. This is the final piece of the town centre jigsaw (and so the last big disruption there) and is due for completion by next February – remarkably quickly in my experience of builders! This multi purpose construction is called the Bicester Community Building as, in addition to a 53-bed hotel, office space and more shops, it will house Cherwell's local office (currently on Market Square) and the County Council's library.

Meanwhile, the more active will be interested in the land to the south of the Middleton Stoney Road after the first roundabout, where sports pitches have been quietly growing for a couple of years and will shortly be joined by pavilions, running tracks and parking, adding greatly to our local facilities. Further mud is also being moved south of Tesco, where a much larger Tesco will rise, allowing Bicester Village to grow and improve traffic flows with a "hamburger" roundabout and new park and ride. At the other end of the shopping mall, when the railway line reopens, the former Bicester Town station is to be renamed Bicester Village – upsetting traditionalists, but, hopefully, helping shoppers and so reducing traffic. Meanwhile, further east at the former MoD land, now bought by Cherwell, at Graven Hill, we've passed a Local Development Order, which was a new one to me. This sets design standards for new houses and acts like a blanket planning permission, reducing the bureaucracy both for the council and for the self-builders who will be building or, at least, fitting out their homes there.

You will be able to follow the fortunes of the first dozen of these on TV as Kevin McLeod is to feature them on Grand Designs – which could be somewhat nailbiting for the council as, if any of them get into real trouble, it could put future self builders off, while if it's a success, it should give the scheme a real boost.

Mobile homes, finally, (though often a misnomer as many residents have been in them longer than I've lived here!) are to get more protection as the long outdated Caravan Sites Act 1960 has at last been replaced by the Mobile Homes Act 2013. This, as well as giving tenants greater security, makes Cherwell responsible for ensuring the owners' compliance with site conditions. Alerted by a report to the council's Executive, Mike K-B and I have received assurances that these powers will not be used in any way which could land tenants with extra costs or onerous conditions.

So, lots of mud and digging, and an election on the way: it must be Spring!

James Macnamara

OXFORDSHIRE AGE UK

Age UK Oxfordshire is hosting a free Information Fair for older people in Bicester next month:

Friday 17th April from 10.30am to 1.30pm

At the Ex-Services Club, 67a Sheep Street, Bicester OX26 6JW (entrances on Pioneer Square and Sheep Street)

Representatives from Age UK Oxfordshire's various services will be joined by a range of organisations offering helpful information and advice.

Plus there will be a free **Zumba Gold taster session** at 11.30am

We hope you can find time to drop in, browse the stalls and find out about local support & activities. Entrance is free.

Coarse Gardening

It has been a fantastic year for snowdrops. They seemed to be everywhere - beside the road in Middleton Stoney, big fat clumps at Killingworth, all down the lane on the way to Barton church and, I am delighted to say, in very respectable drifts in my garden. They do so well here that we are trying a couple of special, named varieties, in the hope that they will increase fast enough to make an impact while we are still around to enjoy them. 'Hippolyta' is large and double-flowered, with a multitude of closely packed underskirts, like a '50s schoolgirl. Another good one, which I have wanted for some time, is 'Samuel Arnott', a tall and robust single-flowered variety which, if you have enough of them, perfumes the air with a honey aroma on sunny days. Neither of these is cheap, but I have a birthday coming up... So, having previously ordered some plants, we went to Colesbourne Park, between Cheltenham and Cirencester, which is advertised as 'England's Greatest Snowdrop Garden'. This was the home of John Henry Elwes, a gentleman traveler, explorer and big game hunter who discovered a type of giant snowdrop in Turkey which was eventually named *Galanthus elwesii* in his honour. When we went to pick up the snowdrops we had ordered there were some of these giants for sale, in pots - and they are whoppers, too: about a foot tall with huge white bells - so I thought I'd grab half a dozen while I had the chance. But, as Jack Aubrey would put it, the best-laid mice go off astray; Heather pointed out the price. Twenty pounds each. So then, as they used to say, 'your correspondent made an excuse and left'.

The heirs and successors to the estate, all Johns or Henrys, kept it intact. It now comprises 2500 acres, including four farms, 900 acres of forestry and most of the local village, as well as the manor house and its 'garden', i.e. thirty acres of woodland, a lake, and millions and millions and millions of snowdrops. I have never seen anything like it (*envy, jealousy*). There are numerous large sweeps of them in named varieties, carefully labelled, as well as the masses and masses of wildings. To add a bit of colour, there are sweeps of winter aconites and early varieties of *Crocus tommasinianus*, too, and wonderful fuschia-coloured patches (*envy*) of hardy cyclamen which have naturalised under evergreen bushes.

Not only that, but peeping out of a garage was a beautiful, drool-worthy Jaguar XK-150, one of the most iconic sports cars of the '50s and early '60s, before the advent of the E-type which supplanted it (*envy - British-Racing-Green-eyed envy - the worst kind*). This belongs to the present Henry Elwes, (great-grandson of old John Henry), who we bumped into near an area which was covered in clumps of 'Samuel Arnott' which were scenting the air as you approached (*more envy*). He told me that he had owned the car years ago, when it was new, I guess, and then sold it and after some removes ended up with an XJ-S like mine. This, he said, he had wound up to 150mph on the Oxford by-pass and it had scared him. Well, it would, wouldn't it? The very *thought* of it terrifies me. He said he had never seen a road island coming up at him so fast... Of course, I don't do that sort of thing - I just potter about in mine like a maiden aunt on a Sunday afternoon and I *never* exceed the speed limit, not ever, unlike certain of my friends. Oh, no, no, no. Unthinkable.

So he got rid of the XJ-S and bought back the old XK-150. The conversation was rapidly becoming like an ad script-meeting for comparezerjaguar.com (ckk!!), as we stood there facing each other like two elderly, white haired meerkats. That must have been quite a transaction, you know. Just to give you some idea, there is one like his, but not so nice, advertised for sale by the Runnymede Motor Company for sixty five thousand pounds. A snip, really. Back pocket money. It is, like his, a fixed-head coupé, known to petrol-heads as a 'tin top'. If you would prefer a 'rag-top', for those long summer holidays cruising on the sunny Continent, I suggest you try E&R Classics at Waalwijk, Holland, where there is a superbly restored example for only 139,000 euros. If it is still available - it was advertised in February - you could just pop over to the Netherlands, pick up the car and tootle on down to, say, Portugal, where it should be nice and warm and sunny in April. The pound is strong against the euro at the moment and fuel is dead cheap over there, so now's your chance.

We seem to have drifted somewhat away from the garden, but man cannot live by snowdrops alone. There are crocuses, too, as well as Jags. I think I have mentioned before that the mice used to eat mine, the corms, that is, until I tried planting them really deeply and stamping down the turf on top. That seems to have done the trick and we have had a very gratifying showing of them this year. So did Sir Henry Elwes - I owe him an apology, because I didn't know he was a Sir until I looked him up afterwards. He was also, in his time, Lord-Lieutenant of Gloucestershire, despite his somewhat cavalier attitude to the traffic regulations - or maybe because of it, who knows? You wouldn't want a slow-coach in the job, I suppose. You would need someone with a certain panache.

Well, anyway, it is so nice to think that very soon we shall be enjoying the warm spring weather that brings out the blossom on the trees, early tulips in the grass, the yellow butterflies, and the XJ-S with the hood down.

Happy motoring - sorry, gardening; I am losing the thread here. Brmm-brmm.

Roger Burt.





WI members get the centenary party started

Centenary celebrations began 1 January 2014 for WI members everywhere as the specially designed centenary baton officially began its journey around the UK. The baton, launched in Anglesey where the first WI meeting was held in the UK in 1915, is now travelling throughout the 69 federations in England, Wales and the Islands to celebrate the links of friendship and community developed through the WI, and will finish its trip at the Annual Meeting in June 2015 at the Royal Albert Hall.

The baton is travelling length and breadth of the UK to visit every federation, and will form the start of the WI's centenary celebrations as each federation plans a celebratory event to involve as many WI members as possible. Plans to celebrate its arrival and travel through each area are as varied as the members themselves; some have taken the baton through town centres on open top buses, on a speed boat and on specially arranged walks and to parties. Each federation are uploading photos to a memory stick stored within the baton to represent their members.



Courtesy of North Shore Photography

The baton will be in Oxfordshire from Friday 17th April until Tuesday 21st April. It will be in this area on Sunday 19th April, and will travel in a vintage Morris car through the villages to Bicester Garden Centre. The Home Guard will give a demonstration and we are sure there will be cake.

A brief History of the WI and the Oxfordshire Federation.

The WI was first formed in 1897 in Stoney Creek, Ontario in Canada.

The Women's Institute Movement in Britain started in 1915 with the first WI formed in Llanfairpwll, Wales on 16 September. Since then, the organisation has grown to become the largest women's voluntary organisation in the UK with over 212,000 members in 6,600 WIs. During the First World War the WI was formed to encourage countrywomen to get involved in growing and preserving food to help increase the supply of food to the war-torn nation.

The first WI in Oxfordshire was Kelmscott WI formed in 1916 (since closed in 1992) oldest WIs currently flourishing in Oxfordshire, formed in 1918, are Steeple Aston WI, Clanfield WI, Wolvercote WI, Milton-under-Wychwood WI Cassington WI, and Burford & Fulbrook WI. Our newest Freeland WI was formed in May 2014 based in Freeland near Witney. The Oxfordshire Federation was formed in 1919.

In the University Church of St Mary the Virgin, High Street Oxford, is a plaque to Grace Hadow. Miss Hadow was Chairman of the OFWI from 1931-32. Denman, the national WI college and named after the first Chairman, was purchased in 1947 and officially opened in 1948. Lady Brunner was highly instrumental in turning the idea of a National WI College into a reality. Lady Brunner was a member of Greys WI near Henley and rose quickly, via OFWI Chairman, to become the third Chairman of the National Federation of WIs (NFWI)

Denman College

Denman College offers a wide range of opportunities for life-long learning at the WI's own national residential adult education college situated at Marcham in Oxfordshire. The college offers approximately 500 short courses each year, attended by over 6000 students. The Oxfordshire Federation and many local WIs, have bursaries to give all members the opportunity of attending a course. Denman College is also open to non-WI members.

OFWI Facebook

In September 2013 Oxfordshire Federation joined the social media network. February 2015 took another step forward and opened a Twitter account.

WI Life

The NFWI publishes monthly our own magazine WI Life. This colourful and informative magazine enables the organisation to communicate directly with over 200,000 members.

Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW)

OFWI is a member of this, the largest international organisation for rural women active in over 70 countries. It aims to raise the standard of living of rural women and their families mainly through education, self-help, and by giving them a voice at international level through links with U.N. agencies.

In Oxfordshire, we have raised many thousands of pounds to sponsor projects in South Africa, Colombia, India and Uganda.

Centenary projects

WI Centenary Fruit Cake competition

'Singing for Joy' centenary choir competition

'Tomorrow's Heirlooms'

The WI Centennial Fair - to be held on 3-6 September at the Harrogate International Centre

NFWI Annual Meeting

The NFWI will host its Annual Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday 4 June 2015. In celebration of the WI's centenary, the event will be streamed live via the internet so that members can arrange their own celebrations to watch the proceedings.

We have a very exciting line up with three confirmed speakers' Lucy Worsley, English historian, curator and television presenter, Helena Morrissey, CEO of Newton Investment Management and Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson, former wheelchair racer, parliamentarian and television presenter. The Lord Mayor of London will also make an appearance to welcome guests to the meeting and the winners of the Centenary Choir Competition will perform.

Members lucky enough to attend will receive a bite sized sample of the Centenary Fruit Cake made using the competition winning recipe.

It really will be a meeting to remember, and we all look forward to the day.

A special WI Royal Garden party Tuesday 2 June, Buckingham Palace Gardens in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Cornwall. Every WI across the country has been allocated a ticket.



Heyfords WI
1996



20 Years Caring for Pets

- Local friendly caring independent vets specialising in dogs, cats and small family pets
- Modern premises with excellent facilities. Separate dog and cat wards. On-site parking
- Gold standard care - unlike most vets we have a nurse working through the night caring for our patients
- Quality health care - independently inspected and accredited by the RCVS to veterinary hospital standard
- 24/7 emergency service - provided by our own vets

01869 323223

Keep up to date with our latest news and offers:



www.hartvet.co.uk



www.facebook.com/hartvets



www.twitter.com/hartvets



Browning Drive, Bicester, OX26 2XL

THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Police

Crimes

We have had several vehicles stolen overnight from a number of villages, a Mitsubishi Shogun from Lower Heyford, a Motorhome from Chesterton and a Ford Transit from Duns Tew. Heating oil was stolen from a tank outside a property in Bucknell and at another address in Stoke Lyne. Push bikes which were left unlocked outside houses were stolen from Ambrosden and Caversfield. There were 2 reported burglaries to houses in Launton and Ambrosden where jewellery was stolen and sheds in Ardley and Stratton Audley were broken into overnight. In relation to vehicle crime tools were stolen from a van that was broken into in Launton and a windscreen wiper was broken off a van in Wendlebury and finally a set of trade plates were stolen from a workshop in Steeple Aston.

Courier Fraud scam

A new type of scam is spreading across the country, which tricks people into handing over their bank cards and pin numbers.

Courier fraud, which often targets the elderly and vulnerable, sees the victim receive a phone call from fraudsters who say they are from their bank or the police. They tell the victim that they are calling because there has been suspicious activity on their account and advise them to call the bank from the number on the back of their card, which helps the victim believe the call is genuine.

The victim disconnects the phone and dials their bank or police, however the fraudster has kept the telephone line open so even though a number is dialed, it is not connected and the victim is still on the phone to the fraudster, who then gains their trust and asks them to either say or key in their pin, before telling them their card will be collected and a replacement delivered. Once the fraudster has all the information they need, a courier is sent to collect the card from the victim, and a replacement is delivered at the same time, which is not a genuine bank card.

The offender has obtained the person's name, address, full bank details, the card itself and the PIN. The bank cards are then used fraudulently without the victim's knowledge.

Advice for a victim to protect themselves against courier fraud

- If you receive such a call end it immediately
 - If you think you have received one of these calls please consider using another phone line, mobile or other method to contact your bank or the police.
 - If you can only use the same phone, disconnect the call and wait 5 minutes before you dial.
 - If an offender is nearby or you feel in danger dial 999.
- If you have handed over any details to the fraudster, inform your bank and cancel your cards immediately.

A Way of Caring
Registered Charity No 297099
East End, Adderbury
OX17 3NL



Katharine House Hospice 9th Annual Midnight Walk will be taking place on Saturday, 4 July 2015; *Walk for fun, for fitness or in memory of family or friends.* This year we have a Hawaiian theme so bring out your hula skirts and flower garlands and join us for the luau!

Application forms are now available, to get yours call the fundraising office on 01295 812161 or email us on fundraising@khh.org.uk, for more information and to register visit www.khh.org.uk. Closing date for applications is 22 June.

Open to adults and children aged 12 and over. Each child under 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Entry fee is £15 and we ask that you raise £25 minimum in sponsorship.

Last year nearly 500 people took part and raised around £70,000 to help fund the hospice services.

Don't fancy walking? Why not be part of our much valued team of 150 volunteers?

For more information phone Fundraising on 01295 812161. Over £600,000 raised in 8 years!

Bring A Pound To Work Day Friday 24th April 2015 **One Day. One Pound. Make a Difference.**

Just collect £1 from everyone in your workplace. Any profession. Anyone. Anywhere.

Last year's take a £1 to work day was a great success raising £4,193 and we want to make this year bigger and better than ever. All you need to do is organise your colleagues and get everyone to bring in £1, if you would like to arrange additional activities on the day such as a Dress Down Day, cake sale or a sponsored challenge, that would be fantastic! Anything you can do to help raise funds and awareness will make a difference.

To register your workplace or school to take part in our fourth Bring a Pound to Work Day, please email: daphne.robertson@khh.org.uk or call the Fundraising Office on 01295 812161.

If you work on your own you can simply text **KHOX17 £1 to 70070**

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE LOTTERY

Our lottery is a vital income source for Katharine House, having raised over £1 million since May 2000. If you're stuck for a birthday present idea, we have a variety of Lottery Gift Membership solutions. For £1 per week you might get a phone call on a Friday morning from Wendy our Lottery Administrator telling you that you've won £1,000- Wendy loves making that call! For more information call the Lottery Office on 01295 812161 or email lottery@khh.org.uk.

KATHARINE HOUSE HOSPICE NEWSLETTER

Would you like to keep up to date with all the Hospice's news, stories and fundraising events? We publish a twice-yearly newsletter and would be delighted to send you a copy. Our spring-summer 2015 newsletter will be sent out in early April. Please contact KHH Fundraising on (01295) 812161 or email general@khh.org.uk to receive your copy. Please be assured we will never pass on your details to any third party.

We're also on Facebook and Twitter- check out our page at <https://www.facebook.com/katharinehouse>.

Heyford Park Residents & Community Development Association



Plans for the Community Garden

Plans for the Community Garden are going well. Dorchester is agreeing a lease with Upper Heyford Parish Council, which we hope will be in place and ratified by the time the Valley News is delivered.

The paths have been dug out by Montel free of charge as their contribution, the next step is for the contractor to lay the paths. Hard core is being donated by Dorchester for path filling. Also Protyre has kindly donated 4 tractor tyres, which will be brightly painted by children and adults alike so as to make the garden bright and colourful, and aesthetically pleasing to all. Suttons have donated over 100 packets of seeds, which will be handed out and planted at our Easter (Good Friday) gathering. We have received half of the compost we won in a competition last year from CDC, with a promise that the rest will be delivered as soon as they have more stocks in.

We would like to express our gratitude to Cllr. Fulljames, who pushed very hard on our behalf to get grant aid. Even though she was visiting family in Australia, she did a watching brief, so as to make sure we were included in the grant giving procedures from the Big Society Grant from OCC., and we are hoping that she will do us the honour of officially opening our Community Garden later in the year. We are all set now to implement phase one!!

Phase 2 is getting the benches, raised beds, table etc, so lots more fund raising to be done, Upper Heyford Parish Council have awarded us £800 which will be for a picnic table which is fabulous news

Our events are: Tyre Painting, Easter Egg Hunt, tyre planting of herbs, veg, and flowers. Open Garden, Official Opening of the Community Garden, Community BBQ.

These will be advertised around Heyford Park and surrounding areas, also those who have submitted their e-mails will receive updates. You can also check up on our website: <http://hpcommgarden.wix.com> or check out our FB page: <https://www.facebook.com/heyfordparkcommunitygarden>



Montel kindly digging the paths



Tyres delivered by Protyre



Compost from CDC

EASTER EGG HUNT

Friday 3rd April 2 - 5pm

Around the Community Centre & Chapel, Brice Road, Heyford Park,

The 'Easter Bunny' will be there.

As well as Easter Eggs each child will be able to plant some vegetable seeds in a pot and then take them home to grow

£2 per child or 3 children for £5

All proceeds to the Heyford Park Community Garden



HEYFORD PARK RESIDENTS & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

Our Annual General Meeting was held on the last day of February. As always there was some lively debate on matters of concern, particularly -

Worries about speeding vehicles both in the housing estates and on Camp Road, coupled with worries about vehicles ignoring the one-way system at Brice Road and stop lines at various junctions, The nuisance caused by dust in dry weather and mud on the roads in wet weather (both from the construction sites surrounding us), and
The lack of signs for the sole entrance to the southside housing.

The main successes of the year were seen as –

Getting the Community Garden off the ground,
Involvement with both the Cherwell Local Plan and the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan
Getting more clarity from Cherwell District Council about the lettings policies for the Social Housing now being built at Heyford Park,
Developing a professional but firm working relationship with the Dorchester Group and arranging for their representatives to attend a public meeting to answer questions from residents, and
Maintaining a close working relationship with the Upper Heyford Parish Council.

All of the existing Committee were re-elected and two new members joined it. A warm welcome was extended to Clare Smith, one of the very first residents of the new Bovis homes. Will Bedford joined the committee as well, and was elected Secretary to replace Marilyn Brown who remains on the Committee but had wished to stand down from the Secretary's role. Chris Mullineux and Tim Bigelow continue as Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson and Angela Ford will carry on looking after our money – as Treasurer. The first Committee meeting of the Association will be in the Community Centre on Wednesday 25th March. We will discuss, amongst other things, our aims and intentions for the next year.

All Heyford Park residents are automatically Members of the Association and are always most welcome at our meetings.

If any Heyford Park residents have concerns they want to raise they can email hprcda@gmail.com, or via our Heyford-Park-Residents-Community-Development-Association facebook page.

Gardens Open Day Sunday 5th July 10am - 4pm

After the success of last year we will be organising another Heyford Park Gardens Open day on Sunday 5th July. Anyone who would like to open their garden please contact hpcommgarden@gmail.com. It would be great if we could get some residents in the 'new builds' to open their gardens as well. A summer BBQ and Family Fun Day will be run in August, and fingers crossed the weather is better than last year! A very generous donation of £200 was also received from our local dog training group the '[Up N Over Agility Dog Training](#)' and £100 from [The Dorchester Group](#). Adding the bazaar money to the money raised through last year's Open Gardens and the Summer BBQ brought our total funds raised to £827.51
As we could then show that we had raised nearly £1,000 pounds Oxfordshire County Council then donated a grant of £1,500 to the Community Garden Project. This makes our total funds now an amazing £2,361.47

FRITWELL SCHOOL

The Big Lent Challenge

I'm writing this on the last day of term and we are now half way through the academic year. It has been a quiet term in school with the children working hard and making really good progress.

During the half term holidays the Christian season of Lent begins, so I have set the children a challenge for the forthcoming term. We decided that it was quite difficult to give something up for Lent, especially if you are so young, so we are going to try to do something extra instead. This might be washing the car, making their own breakfast etc. The challenge covers all of our school values of compassion, humility, inspired minds, endurance, love and service, so the children can actually "live" them in a meaningful way. The staff are also going to take on the challenge, so that we can share the experience with the children.

One of the projects we're undertaking this year is the development of a reflection area in our playground. Those of you who have visited the school will have noticed a large tree in the small playground which sits within a mound of earth. We intend having that area smartened up and adding some seats (which the children will make out of mosaics during Art Week). It will be a place for children who just want somewhere quiet to go to, in order to sit and think. The children will be heavily involved in the final look of the area, and have already added their own personal focus point to the tree in the form of a ribbon (one for every child in the school).

I can see it being a very busy second half of the year.

Awe and Wonder



One of the challenges in a school is to find different ways of firing up the children's imagination, especially in a world of tests, league tables and technology. How lucky we are in having a wonderful outdoor area where the children can make dens, build bug hotels and hunt bears, dinosaurs and Grufaloes. When I was teaching in Foundation Stage at this school we used to love going to the outdoor classroom for story time, so we were really disappointed when our wooden benches eroded due to the weather a couple of years ago. Fortunately, Mr Blake, one of our parents, has come to our rescue and, with the help of Friends of Fritwell School, has provided us with new furniture which looks truly amazing.

Our teachers have a real talent in finding ways to make the children's learning more exciting. Year 6 and Year 1 have been

to Pizza Express in Bicester to learn how to make pizzas to support their topics on the Romans and Food. Year 1 have also impressed their parents with their culinary skills by opening a café in their classroom to which they were all invited.

The Year 4 parents have also been into school to have a look at the work the children have produced on the topic of Water. The children visited Stoke Bruerne Canal Museum and had a trip on the canal in order to aid their learning.

The recent solar eclipse gave us the opportunity to allow the children to experience this incredible phenomenon. Armed with their equipment (boxes, tubes, colanders), the children were hoping the cloud would clear so that we might see at least some of the eclipse. And we weren't disappointed! The truly magical moment was when the sun reflected through the clouds producing a rainbow like effect on top of them. It was like a fantasy land!

I always feel so blessed to be in a job where I can help create memories for children that will last a lifetime.

Debbie McLeod, Headteacher



Congratulations to Sporn Construction on it being crowned Master Builder of the Year by the Federation of Master Builders. The family-run business set up more than 50 years ago by Bernard Sporn, a Lower Heyford boy, beat off 70 other competitors.

A North Oxford property was transformed by Sporn Construction from student accommodation to a luxury home. Judges described the project as incredibly challenging, and the owner said how delighted she was that Sporn Construction had won as the team were an absolute pleasure to work with and that the quality of the work speaks for itself.

**LOWER HEYFORD PLAYGROUND
OFFICIAL OPENING PARTY**



Sunday 19th APRIL, from 2:00 pm

Refreshments, Bar

Children's Entertainment

**LOWER HEYFORD &
CAULCOTT
MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS**

**Saturday 2nd May
2—5pm**

**Lower Heyford Sports Field
Grand opening by celebrity to be
announced**

**Parade from Playing Field to Market
Square and back at 1.45pm**

BBQ * Teas * Ice Cream

Fun Dog Show Fast Lane

Raffle * Stalls Children's Races

Vintage Tractors

Don't miss out, come and enjoy the fun

CAR BOOT (£5 per pitch)

fixed price PC Help to your door

Somerton based



DESKTOPS & LAPTOPS

TABLETS & MOBILES

NETWORKS & INTERNET

- Screen repair
- Data recovery
- Virus removal
- Power socket repair
- Software problems
- New PC advice & set-up
- Tuition (£25ph)
- Liquid spills
- Upgrades & more

★ from only £45.00 ★

- ✓ Free collect & return
- ✓ Evenings & weekends
- ✓ No fix - no fee
- ✓ Fully insured
- ✓ Repairs guaranteed
- ✓ Fixed price list at:

www.pc-wise.co.uk

PCWise



☎ **07581 368 311**

✉ charlie@pc-wise.co.uk

REMEMBER, REMEMBER, THE 5TH SEPTEMBER!



Enter into the spirit and join us as a volunteer.

Enter into the fun and come along on the day!

To help us, call Alison on 01869 233696 or email alison_a_graham@hotmail.com

ENTER INTO THE FUN!

COULD YOU BE OUR KING OR QUEEN OF CUPS ?



We need a caretaker to take care of the Upper Heyford Flower Show silverware!! Someone who will store, clean and cherish our proud history of prize cups.!

If that person is you or you know someone, please call Alison on 01869 233696 or email alison_a_graham@hotmail.com.



UPPER HEYFORD SUMMER FESTIVAL

14th June

Last year's Summer Strawberry Festival was a great success which we hope to repeat this year, with Pimms and strawberry teas on the green and Open Gardens all around the village. The date will be Sunday, 14th June, when we have ordered wall-to-wall sunshine and roses in bloom on every cottage wall.

Gardeners! - start preparing now!

Everyone! - put the date in your diaries.

Parish Council Elections

In conjunction with the General Election on 7 May, Parish Council elections will be held for all six Upper Heyford Parish Council seats. Current Councillors must re-apply and new nominees are encouraged. If there are six or less nominees, they will be elected unopposed. If there are seven or more, an election will be held. Nominations open on 31 March and close on 9 April. For details of application procedures and eligibility contact the Parish Clerk, Jack Goodman, as below:

Jack Goodman Jr, Clerk to the Council,
Hillside Cottage, High Street, Upper Heyford, Bicester OX25 5LE
Telephone: 07791-399823
Email: jackgoodman61@gmail.com

St Mary's Upper Heyford Tower Lighting January & February 2015

- 9th January In celebration of the birthday of Joshua. 'With love from all the family.'
- 16th January In celebration of the birthday of Mrs Gladys Gray. 'Happy memories of a wonderful mum on her birthday, with love from Ismay, Veronica and their families in America and England.'
- 18th January In celebration of the 53rd birthday of Elaine Beere. 'With love from her father,' Bob Beere.
- 22nd January In celebration of the 18th birthday of Holly Lough-Scott. 'With love from all the family.'
- 26th January In celebration of the birthday of the late Derek Bunce. 83 years old. 'With love from the family.'
- 6th February In loving memory of Chris Halek.
- 7th February In memory of David Olufsen who died in 2008. 'Always in our thoughts' Robynne, Michelle and Sally.
- 10th February In celebration of the birthdays of Ann Woski and Jacqui Dynes by Mary and Jack Goodman.
- 14th February In celebration of the birthday of Katie Hawkins. 'Lots of love from Jon, Rebecca, Joe and Beth.xxxx'
- 16th February In celebration of the birthdays of Aisling and Eleanor Dynes by Mary and Jack Goodman, their grandparents.
- In loving memory of Ron Beesley.
'Ron, 9 years have passed us by
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
From your loving wife, Jean, and all the family.'
- 18th February In celebration of the birthday of the late Matthew James. 'Love from Mum, Dad, Paul, Debbie and Grace.'

Bernard Medlin

Just before going to print we were saddened to hear of the passing of Bernard Medlin, and we send our condolences to Sheila and family.

There will be a tribute to Bernard in the next edition of Valley News

Ann Woski

We have very high hopes that Ann will be back with us very soon. She is convalescing in the new Bicester hospital and is much happier and more her old self. It will be a joy to have her back, and as a caring community we will be ready to do all that we can to help her settle in.

End of an era!

Just before the outbreak of the second World War the first 6 pairs of council houses on Somerton Road were occupied for the first time. To any of us who have lived in the village for too many years to want to mention the names of the families who took up residence is a roll call of familiar village names: Hudson, Gregory, Edmunds, Basford, Sale, Buswell, Slatter, Draper, Trendell, Brain, Fello, Guntrip.

These homes in the past provided most of the footballers and cricketers in the village teams, took on the majority of the allotments and won most of the prizes at the annual Flower Show.

Sadly the last member of an original family has moved out. Fred (Melvin) the last 'Gregory' has moved to a flat in Bicester and No 3 Somerton Road will soon be the home of a new family.

STOP PRESS

A parishioner is most upset by an incident involving her dog while out for a walk by the canal. Two dogs, not on leads, rushed her dog causing mayhem and in the ensuing confusion she was pulled over by her own dogs lead and fell. She is understandably livid.

This highlights the need for responsible dog ownership and control of dogs in public spaces. There are so many well cared for and beautifully trained dogs in our village that are a joy to behold, it is very sad therefore to hear of incidents of this kind taking place.

We love dogs, but some of the owners are a problem!

SOMERTON NEWS

St James' Church Celebration

On the evening of Sunday February 1st, from 6pm until 8pm, a reception took place in St James' Church Somerton. The bells were ringing to welcome parishioners and guests alike, and the church was looking and feeling its best!

This celebration was to mark the achievement of a seven year £350,000 programme of repair, conservation and improvement to the church and its Fermor Chapel. It was a celebration not only for Somerton parishioners but for the many people who have been involved with the work, in whatever capacity - the church authorities, the architect, the building contractors and conservationists, and of course the fund providers. The Guest of Honour, in his capacity as Second Church Estates Commissioner, was The Rt Hon Sir Tony Baldry MP, who introduced the evening, after which Victoria Prentis, as Church Warden, welcomed everyone.

Basil Eastwood, on behalf of the PCC, described the process from its conception, when a generous bequest from the Emberlin sisters in 2008 provided the means to continue the much needed programme of damp-proofing, which had been started when grants from English Heritage and the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust paid for repairs to the Fermor Chapel roof. Alcock's of Banbury were contracted to carry out the major works, starting with the repointing of the walls and installation of French drains and a soakaway. The windows were expertly repaired by Jonathan and Ruth Cooke. After the installation of mains drainage and water, came a new heating system, vestry, toilets and a servery, the floor was repaired and new chairs took the place of some of the damaged pews. The old organ was replaced by a more modern electronic one.

The conservation work needed more funding, and thanks must go to Basil for his expertise and perseverance in applying to the Heritage Lottery Fund, from whom £50,000 was granted. This enabled the setting up of the Somerton Village History Project and a village website, as well as the replastering, decorating and lighting of the Fermor Chapel, providing the perfect space for exhibitions and related activities.

Further funding, from the OHCT, Viridor Credits, the Church Buildings Council and the Leche Trust has paid for the wonderful conservation work, carried out on the Fermor monuments and the reredos by Matthew Beesley, on the C17 turret clock by Chris McKay and on the Fermor hatchments by Sally Woodcock.

Finally, whilst enjoying a glass of wine and some delicious canapés, we were invited to watch presentations, browse the displays, chat to the guests and simply admire our beautiful church, in the knowledge that the work carried out has helped to preserve it for generations to come.

Structural repairs, such as repointing and repairing the windows, is less evident but of equal importance, as are the major works in the Fermor Chapel where the effigies of the Fermor family and the hatchments have been painstakingly restored. The Fermors were Lords of Somerton between 1512 and 1552. Included in the programme was the reredos of the Last Supper dating from 1400 and a 17th Century turret clock has been repaired and cleaned. This Church is now of such historic importance that Brown Signs have been erected and there is now a regular flow of visitors, and have attracted a couple who have already booked their Wedding. The Church is also warm with comfortable cushions on the pews and a new Altar Cloth on the Lady Altar. Added to this, the Church is now always filled with beautiful displays of flowers (apart from Lent) by our "Flower Team" which includes Jenny Ray, a florist from Covent Garden, who would be delighted to accept commissions.

The Churchyard is now of equal importance and is under the dedicated care of Tony Callow who mows with enthusiasm, helped financially by the Parish Council.

The Christmas Bazaar, which was financially a great success, has helped the coffers of the Church to continue by giving half of the money to Church funds for which the PCC is eternally grateful

URGENT!! Our diligent bellringer and Treasurer, Stan Morris, is retiring at the end of this month after three years, it is with grateful thanks but with cries of horror from members of the PCC that we say farewell. Please, please can someone step into his shoes. It is a case of simple book keeping, reporting to the PCC, handling gift aid and a need not be involved with other duties of the Church.

SUNDAY CLUB – on the second Sunday of the month; this goes from strength to strength with 16 children and their parent at the last one. The children listen to stories, make handicrafts and, when the weather is good, they continue in the Churchyard sometimes involving animals who are all part of God's creatures and loved by children. The usual Easter Egg Hunt will be on Easter Day after the 9.30am service. The Rogation Walk where we "beat the bounds" with the traditional big sticks will be held in June.

Victoria Prentis who, as we all know, is the Conservative candidate designate, would like to thank everyone who has come forward to take on some of her duties as her allegiance is currently needed elsewhere!

Matins & Holy Communion is proving popular even though 9.30am is an effort for those from other parishes. It is on the third Sunday of the month and last Sunday it was amalgamated with Mothering Sunday where there were 20 adults and six children. The collection was taken by young Cecily Good, stunningly appalled in a matching fur coat, hat and muff; of course the takings were enlarged.



Our speaker in March was Michael Brown who gave us a very informative talk on 'A Bouquet of Weeds' with slides. It was interesting to discover that some of what we now call weeds were once important edible & medicinal plants. He gave us some tips on how to eradicate the more invasive varieties, one of which was to encourage bindweed to grow up stakes and then paint the growing tip with weedkiller which will be absorbed down to the roots. This would mean that my garden would be a forest of bindweed laden stakes for many years to come!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th April. This will be the AGM when we must decide whether we reform a Committee or continue on a more casual basis.

We Congratulate Rosemary Arnold recipient of a High Sheriff Award

These awards are made annually to recognise people in Oxfordshire who have made an outstanding contribution to the communities in which they live and work and who have had a high impact on the lives of others over a sustained period of time. They are recognised by their peers as inspirational and setting an example for others to follow. Awards are made on the basis of nominations received. Rosemary, accompanied by her husband Malcolm and Alan Mitchell, her nominator, received her accolade on Monday 2nd March in Christ Church, Oxford, (the day was made even more special as it was also her birthday). On the Saturday following she was lured, under false pretences to St James' Church, Somerton, where she was surprised by a gathering of at least 70 well-wishers where tea and cakes were enjoyed by all.



SOMERTON WEBSITE IS GROWING!

The website set up initially for the Local History Group will very shortly be open to other organisations in the Village. Nominated people from any group can put on details, events, contacts etc. which can be updated when necessary. Eventually anyone wanting to know anything about the Village will be able to access information from one site.

There has already been interest from the PC and the Village Hall and details will appear soon. If any other groups wish to join please contact me. Meanwhile please go to somertonoxon.co.uk

Rosemary deddlib@hotmail.com

April & May

The Roman holiday of Quirinalia falls on April 1st. People were sent on impossible quests such as finding a book on the mother of Eve or finding the seeds of the fern plant. It was called the feast of fools and many plays and songs were created for the fool. April is the month of the dawn goddess Eostra who is said to open the earth and allow it to flower. She is said to bring the Spring rebirth and her traditional animal is the hare. This is perhaps an ancient ancestor of the Easter bunny. During the second week of April Pace or Peace eggs were made and given to friends for peace and goodwill. The eggs were boiled in gorse flowers for yellow, red onion skins for red, nettle leaves for pale green and pasque flowers for dark green. The 23rd of April is St. George's day and a good day to watch out for dragons.

The cuckoo comes this month and if you hear its call while walking it is said good luck will follow. Swallows also return and bring prosperity to houses where they build their nests. All the leaves are in bud and if the oak leaves before the ash then the rains will only splash, but if the ash leaves before the oak then we are in for a proper soak. It is also said that if apples blossom in April they will be plentiful. It wonderful to see the hedgehog emerge usually mating on the eve of the full moon.

The evening before May 1st is the eve of Beltane which is the Celtic festival of the summer's beginning. The fire is made on high ground by nine people gathering wood and laying them inside a circle of stone engraved with ancient runes. The fire is lit by rubbing oak sticks together and the night is spent telling tales of love and courage. Before dawn greenery is gathered such as sweet woodruff, penny royal, hawthorn, birch or rowan. Posies are made to place on the doorsteps of friends and neighbours for good luck and to celebrate the spring. You then wash your face in the dew under the oak tree which makes for a good complexion and grants secret wishes. The day is spent with Morris dancing, and maypole celebrations. The 12th of May is St. Pancra's day who is the patron Saint of children. In the 16th century children would plant small herb gardens including thyme, rosemary, marigolds, chamomile and parsley.

April and May are a time of great joy at the greening of the earth. Each day is a celebration of each new flower, leaf and plant.

Debra Kaatz

Portway Cattery



Now open
Formerly known as "Home Comforts"
Come and see our renovations
For bookings or more information
www.portwaycattery.co.uk
portwaycattery@outlook.com
07508797224
01869345186

Portway cattery
Ardley road
Somerton
Nr Bicester
OX25 6NN

Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock

We run an extensive programme of courses for adults within the school all year round (apart from school holidays).

A full copy of our 2014-15 brochure is available to download on the Marlborough School website www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk/community

If you would like a free printed copy of our brochure or to book a place please telephone 01993 813592 or email comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk

Our summer term will begin on Tuesday 14th April, we are offering the following courses:

Acoustic Guitar More Next Steps (Wed 7.15)

Anyone Can Sing Level 1 (Tues 6pm)

Anyone Can Sing Level 2 (Tues 7pm)

French More Next Steps (Wed 7pm)

Italian More Next Steps (Tues 7.30pm)

Pilates (Mon 11am, Thurs 11.15am)

So Now You Can Sing (Tues 8.15pm)

Spanish Intermediate (Wed 7.30pm)

Tai Chi (Tues 6.15pm or 7.30pm)

Watercolour Painting (Thurs 2pm)

Yoga (Mon 9.40am, Mon 7pm, Tues 4.30pm, Wed 7pm, Thurs 9.40am)

Zumba Gold (Thurs 5pm)

On **Saturday 16 May** we are offering the following workshops:

Roman Blind or Curtain Making an Introduction with your sewing machine 9.30am-4.30pm £38.50 + materials

Aromatherapy: An Introduction 1.15-4pm £18

Italian for your Holidays 3 10am-1pm £18

French for your Holidays 10am-1pm £18

Drawing with Confidence 10am-4pm £33+materials

Photoshop for Beginners 10am-3pm £27.50

Yoga to cleanse and detox 10am-1pm £18

Sugarcraft – covering a sponge cake 11-12.30pm £15 or £30 if attend both sessions

Sugarcraft decorations for Summer 1-4pm £21+materials

Stained Glass 10am-5pm FULL

For more information about any of our courses or to book a space please contact me.

Jenny Bodinham

Mrs Jenny Bodinham, Coordinator

Marlborough C of E School, Community Education

Shipton Road, Woodstock OX20 1LP

Tel: 01993 813592

Kizzies

Waterside Bar & Bistro
Heyford Wharf, Lower Heyford

Open at weekends 10am to 4pm

All-Day Breakfasts

Homemade Soups

Chillies & Curries

Jacket Potatoes

Hearty Stews

Cream Teas

Also available for weekday lunches for pre-booked parties of up to 25 people

Licensed to sell alcohol

Find us at Heyford Wharf, Station Road, Lower Heyford (opposite Heyford station)

01869 340348

bookings@oxfordshire-narrowboats.co.uk

HOLIDAY HOME IN SOUTHERN FRANCE



Sleeps up to six in three bedrooms.
Private pool and stunning views over
open countryside.

Situated in the small village of Durban-Corbieres,
one hour from Carcassonne, 40 minutes from the
Mediterranean coast.

For further details please contact
Adrian & Sarah Young

Wirepool Cottage Oddington OX5 2RA

Tel. 01865 331284.

email adrian@young99.fsworld.co.uk

EXPLORE YOUR BREATH INCREASE YOUR BODY AWARENESS QUIETEN YOUR MIND WITH **YOGA**



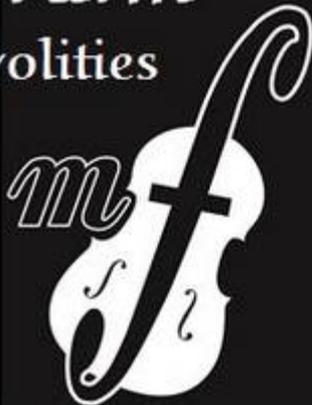
WHERE:
UPPER HEYFORD VILLAGE HALL

WHEN:
EVERY THURSDAY AT 7:30PM
(EXCEPT FOR SCHOOL HOLIDAYS)

WITH:
KLARA WALTERS-JAMES
TEL: 07799493510
NO PREVIOUS YOGA EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Manor Farm Music Frivolities

Ardley
OX27 7NS



- Violin/Viola Tuition •
- Parlour Concerts •
- Rehearsal Space •
- Come & Sing •

www.mfmf.co.uk
01869 345689

19 40's
50's
Friday Dance Lessons
Beginners & Intermediates

Vintage : Dance : Style : Music..



Fridays from 14 Nov : 7:30 pm to 10:00 pm
£5.00 : Pay on the door

Vintage
Dances & Classes
East Coast Swing
Jitterbug

Upper Heyford Village Hall
OX255LB : For more info/dates
Email: wotzzbuzzincuzzin@gmail.com

Wotzz...
Buzzin Cuzzin ★

Call/Text: 0797752284
Visit Wotzz Buzzin Cuzzin on Facebook



CAKES & COOKIES

FOR SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT !

I offer little cakes & funny cookies
also celebration cakes for that special day

BUGS, FISH, ANIMALS, WIGGLE, WORMS

**SPOOKY HALLOWEEN, EASTER BUNNIES,
CHRISTMAS TOO**

All handmade & Decorated by an
experienced chef

Tel : 01869232880 / 07787120285

Advertise

here

for

just

£6

FindersKeepers™



Luckily the best agent
in the country* is on
your doorstep.

Call Paul Rushworth
or Claire Drewett
now to get
started.

01869 329530



* Current winner of the Sunday
Times Best UK Lettings Agent.



01869 343 600
www.cridlands.co.uk



Cridland & Co. Ltd. The Morris Building,
Greenway, Caulcott, Oxfordshire, OX25 4NF

Registered in England & Wales No.7473887 VAT No.104543449



SMITHS NEWSAGENTS

We deliver daily newspapers and magazines to the
villages. Any combination of days per week catered
for, ring us on 01295 268499
or e-mail info@smithsnewsagents.co.uk

Aston Home & Garden Services

Experienced in all types of property and garden
maintenance

Fully insured Free estimates

For friendly and helpful advice call: Tony Middleton

01869 346927 or 07776 036808

6 West View, Somerton OX25 6NQ



Hayes & Smit
Plumbing & Heating Ltd
For All Your Plumbing Needs

Gez Hayes 07960 934 425
Stefan Smit 07546 826 810

hayesmitplumbing@gmail.com

Tony Cowles
TV AERIAL SERVICES

- Poor Reception Solved - Aerials repaired & supplied
- TVs - Hung on your wall for you. Also supplied & tuned
- Extra TV Points - For aerial and Sky (In HD!)
- Sky TV - Also Foreign Language TV

Call Bicester 01869 879111

A part of  OXFORD AERIALS

LOCAL HANDYMAN
is available for the following:

- Property maintenance including stonework, brickwork, wall repairs, repointing, & timber treatment
- Lathe turning woodwork
- Gardening
- Pest control

Please contact **Andrew Grimmatt on 232559**

STAPLES BUILDING
52 East Street, Fritwell, OX27 7QF

General Builders

Alterations

Refurbishments

Extensions

New Build

Specialist in conservation work
Planning service/Warranty Scheme

For advice & estimates phone:
Tim Staples Tel/Fax 01869 345592
Mobile: 0705 0011371

Email: staplesbuilding@talktalk.net

Traditional Chimney Sweep



Robert S Williams
Tel: 07964 709560



FRITWELL POST OFFICE

Open weekdays 9-1pm, 2-5.30pm
Half day Friday
Saturday 9-12.30 pm
Also at Upper Heyford Village Hall
on Thursdays 12 noon to 12.15

Full banking and post office services available

D L HANCOCK LTD
Funeral Directors & Monumental Masons
Established 17 years and still independent

BICESTERS ONLY INDEPENDENT FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTOR

A caring traditional **24 hour service** provided by Mr. Hancock personally

Serving Bicester and all Surrounding Areas

Private Chapel Of Rest

Mercedes Fleet of Funeral Cars




Member of The National Association of Funeral Directors

Member of The Society of Allied & Independent Funeral Directors

Perfect Choice Pre-payment plans available

Tel: 01869 244200 (24 Hrs)
Chapel House, 13 North Street,
Bicester, OX26 6NA.




KEN THE PAINTER

Domestic & Commercial
Internal & External

All Aspects of Painting and
Decorating Undertaken

Free Quotations

20 Years Experience

Tel: 01869 345507
Mob: 0794 1626984

5a The Lane, Fritwell, OX27 7QW

LOCAL REMOVALS AND VAN-MAN HOURLY HIRE



SPEED SOURCE
0800 454558

**10% DISCOUNT
WITH THIS
CARD**

REMOVALS

Full House Moves
Hourly Van & Man Hire

STORAGE

Dry - Alarmed
Ideal for Household and Archive

SHIPPING

Worldwide Sea & Air
Relocation and Commercial

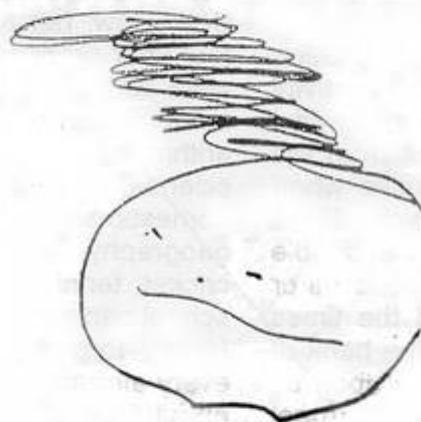
Unit 28 Balmer Cut, Buckingham Industrial Pk MK18 1UL
email: info@speedsource.co.uk • www.speedsource.co.uk

SA 21502

find us at:- www.localbusinessdirectory.co.uk

BRILLIANT HAIRCUTS
AT YOUR HOME
by

TRACY CLARK



- VIDAL SASOON TRAINED
- AWARD WINNER
- NEAR YOU

Perms/highlights £35 – Cuts £15
Telephone: 346768



Thames
Valley
Farmers' Market
Co-operative

**Banbury Farmers'
Market**
Cornhill, Market Place
1st Friday of each month
8.30am - 1.30 pm

Dec 5th	May 1st
Jan - TBC	June 5th
Feb 6th	July 3rd
March 6th	Aug 7th
April 3rd	Sept 4th

Come along and support your local growers and producers



Search 'Banbury Farmers Market' on Facebook
Tel: 01235 227266 www.tvfm.org.uk



Alison Graham MAR

Member of the Association of Reflexologists
Alison is a highly qualified and experienced mobile
reflexologist

Balance and harmonise your body with a natural and
relaxing therapy

Reflexology may help:

Stress and sleep disorders
Hormonal imbalances

Digestive complaints – IBS etc

Provide relief from chronic conditions such as MS
Or just have time out to relax and unwind!

Alison is a specialist pregnancy reflexologist
and works with clients at any stage of a pregnancy

Indian head massage and gift vouchers also available

Contact Alison on:

01869 233696 or 07775 507412

www.wellbeing-with-alison.com

Ashcroft THERAPY CENTRE

Hudson Street, Deddington OX15 0SW
www.ashcrofttherapycentre.co.uk

A great place to work!



Ashcroft Therapy Centre offers practitioners;

- Four beautifully decorated, stylish and relaxed treatment/therapy rooms.
- Smaller rooms suitable for 1-to-1, couples or family counselling.
- Larger rooms with treatment couches for use by Doctors, Osteopaths and Physiotherapists, Acupuncturists, Mobile Radiographers etc.
- Treatment and therapy rooms are all fully serviced and maintained to a very high standard.
- Clinical waste and sharps box facilities available.
- We can provide practitioners with their own web-space and e-mail address on our web-site.
- Fabulous surroundings in a warm, professional atmosphere at an affordable price.
- Session and daily rates available on an occasional, short or long term basis tailored to your needs.

Contact Robert on **07753 124 190** or email enquiries@ashcrofttherapycentre.co.uk
www.ashcrofttherapycentre.co.uk

CARE VISITS AT HOME

We care passionately



Call our professional team on 01869 324293

What we offer

We offer everything from personal care to shopping, cleaning or social visits. In fact everything you need to stay in the comfort of your own home.

Our staff

Our staff are caring, undergo extensive and on-going training and are able to give medication. A full live in care package is available if required.

Alternative

Bluebird Care offers a realistic cost effective alternative to residential care. With familiar friends, relatives and possessions around, Bluebird Care 'just happens'



www.bluebirdcare.co.uk/cherwell

Domestic Cleaning & Garden Maintenance

when one pair of hands is not enough...



Our Services Include:

- Oven Cleaning
- Clearouts
- Spring Cleans
- End of tenancy clean
- Post-Building clean

- Free Quotations - Professional Service- Friendly Staff - Fully Insured - Locally Based

Contact Tommy on: cleanorclear@outlook.com

07447901701

www.cleanorclear.co.uk



YOUR OUTSTANDING AWARD
WINNING RESTAURANT

Bengal Spice Restaurant

&

Take Away

Authentic Bengali Cuisine

Fully Licensed
Air-Conditioned

New Street (High Street)
Deddington, OX15 0SP

Open 7 days a week including
Bank Holidays

On A4260 between Kidlington and Banbury

Tel: 01869 337733/337799
www.bengalspice-restaurant.com

NOAH'S ARK

Painting
Company

SIMPLY BEAUTIFUL DECORATION

All forms of interior and exterior painting
and decorating, specialising in murals.



T: 01295 811026

E: pete@noahsarkpainting.co.uk

W: noahsarkpainting.co.uk

Pebsham Cottage, Aynho Road, Adderbury
Oxfordshire, OX17 3NL



Gail Church offers a friendly estate planning service throughout Oxfordshire.

Home visits available - Fixed Fee Advice

- Standard Single Will - £150
- Standard Mirror Wills - £250
- LPA Property & Financial Affairs - £250
- LPA Health & Welfare - £250
- Both Personal LPAs - £400

Get in touch now 01869 244329 or gail@bicesterwills.co.uk

www.bicesterwills.co.uk

Forever Alive

I run my own Business under the umbrella of a global Health and Wellness Company, and am looking for self-motivated and hardworking individuals who would like:

- A new career
- To work from home
- Earn an extra income
- Run your own Business
- Flexible Working Hours
- Meet new people

Want to know more?

Tel: 01869 233026 Mob: 07730 392234

Email: foreveralive101@gmail.com

Contact Sophie today for an informal chat
Add me on Facebook:

HOME INTERIORS

- BESPOKE UPHOLSTERY & RE-UPHOLSTERY
- REPLACEMENT FURNITURE CUSHIONS
- HAND-STITCHED WINDOW DRESSINGS
- CURTAIN ALTERATIONS & LOOSE COVERS
- FURNITURE RESTORATION & FRENCH POLISHING
- PROCHEM FURNITURE STAIN PROTECTION
- LARGE SELECTION OF FABRICS/WALLPAPERS
- COMPLIMENTARY INTERIOR DESIGN



LAWRENCE FURNISHINGS
SHOWROOM & "IN-HOUSE" WORKSHOP

8D BOUNDARY ROAD BRACKLEY NN13 7ES
MON - FRI 9.00 - 5.00 SAT 9.00 - 1.00

01280 704437

RING TO OBTAIN YOUR FREE QUOTATION

www.lawrencefurnishings.co.uk
val@lawrencefurnishings.co.uk

SALE 20% Discount off selective fabrics wallpapers roller venetian & wooden blinds

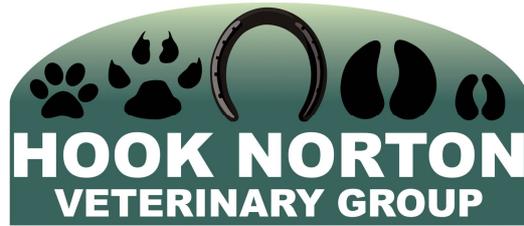


Thistles
a little taste of tartan

Lawrence Furnishings now offer their own brand of beautiful tartan wool satin lined scatter cushions and accessories. Created by their designer's love of Scotland each piece is lovingly handcrafted within their Thistles "in-house" studio. Now on display.



THE STUDIO 8D BOUNDARY ROAD BRACKLEY NN13 7ES 01280 704075 info@thistles-ltd.co.uk www.thistles-ltd.co.uk



White Hills Surgery, Sibford Road, Hook Norton, Banbury, Oxon OX15 5DG

FOR ALL YOUR VETERINARY NEEDS

Equine, Farm & Accounts Departments Tel: **01608 730085**

Small Animal Appointments & Enquiries Tel: **01608 730501**, Fax: **01608 730439**

Branch Surgeries:

Spendlove Centre, Enstone Road, Charlbury Tel: **01608 811250**

Heritage House, St Thomas Street, Deddington Tel: **01869 337732**

www.hooknortonvets.co.uk



SONIT ELECTRICAL SERVICES

Snowdrop Paddock, Mill Lane, Upper Heyford, Bicester, Oxon

**INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL DOMESTIC
OVER 30YEARS EXPERIENCE**

New Installations
Full/Part Rewires

Outdoor Security Lighting
Maintenance and Repairs

ALL WORK CARRIED OUT TO IEE REGULATIONS BS7671

All work guaranteed
Free quotation with no obligation

TEL: 01869 232272

MOB:07802 544509 MOB: 07742 601516

*Book keeping
Services*

*Self employed
Sole Trader*

Competitive rates

*S.J.Keen micb
Est.2003*

Tel: 01869 232880

Gas Heating and Service Ltd

Office:15 Bromeswell Close,
Lower Heyford, OX25 5NU

Registered in England No. 07676420

Gas Safe Reg. No. 532113

Telephone: 01869 349704

Mobile: 07808608970



Email: ghsoxford@gmail.com

Web: www.gasheatingandservice.co.uk

Pro tem advert

All seasons specialist cleaning services

CHIMNEY SWEEP

Traditional Chimney Sweep trained by
and probationary member of the National
Association of Chimney Sweeps
Fully insured to £5 million



**SPECIAL PRICE
STOVES & OPEN FIRES £39**

Contact Andrew Peace of Steeple Aston OX25 4SA

01869 349866 or mobile 07851 480755

COMPUTERPRO

Supporting North
Oxfordshire since 2002

COMPUTER PROBLEMS?

PROFESSIONAL COMPUTER AND IT SUPPORT SERVICES
FOR NORTH OXON'S HOMES & BUSINESSES

- PC won't boot?
- Can't connect to the internet?
- PC running slow?
- Considering a Mac?
- Need to use your PC more effectively?

With many 100s of extremely satisfied customers, we are known for our fast response and turn-around times, flexible call-outs and reliable support. We offer a very friendly, jargon-free, professional customer-orientated service. No call-out charges. Very reasonable rates. References available.

- Disaster/Failure & Data Recovery
- Hardware Repairs & Upgrades
- Virus/Malware Removal
- Wireless & Networking Solutions
- Internet & Broadband Setup
- Health Checks and Performance Diagnostics & Servicing
- Mobile Synchronisation & Cross-Platform Integration
- System Installation & Configuration
- PC - Mac - Linux
- Functional, Intelligent Bespoke Website Design
- Robust Data Backup/Protection & Security Solutions
- Individual Tuition, Group & Company Training/Instruction
- Loan Equipment Available
- Parts & Accessories Stocked
- 'Very Green Computing' - 100% Parts Recycling
- Discounts for Fulfilled Referrals

Office: 01869 352 002 Mobile: 07802 315 653
Email: pcstuff@computer-pro.co.uk
www.computer-pro.co.uk

Microsoft
CERTIFIED
Professional



All Roofs, Gutters and Chimneys

House Maintenance
Repointing
Internal & External Decorations
Patios
Decking
Fencing

For a Personal Service
Call Peter. N. Southam
01869 278333
07721 633220
peteroofer@aol.com
INSURANCE APPROVED!



Sharon's Plants

Established 1984

*Your local grower
perennials, seasonal, shrubs,
and Lots more*

*Heyford Park, Upper Heyford
Tel:01869232880 / 07787120285*



The Holcombe
Studio
High Street
Deddington
OX15 0SL

PolkaDots

Hair Design

Telephone: 01869 226522

Email: Polkadotsuk@ymail.com



Bookkeeping
Email Marketing
Database Management
Any other admin

Discounted rates for any business based on Heyford Park
and the surrounding villages

Give me a call to see how I can help
01869 233932
07855 326964
email: anna@annasadmin.co.uk
www.annasadmin.co.uk

Events Calendar - At a Glance

Friday 3 April	Easter Egg Hunt at Heyford Park Community Centre	2 - 5pm
Sunday 5 April	Easter Sunday Services	Lower Heyford 11am Somerton 9.30am Upper Heyford 8.30am
Wednesday 8 April	Warreners, Upper Heyford Village Hall	2pm
Saturday 11 April	Trinkets, Treasure & Trash sale Somerton Village Hall	12—4pm
Wednesday 15 April	Heyfords WI Upper Heyford Reading Room	7.30pm
Friday 17 April	Oxfordshire Age UK Information Fair at Bicester	10.30—1.30pm
Saturday 18 April	Souldern Community Market Souldern Village Hall	9—12 noon
Sunday 19 April	WI baton through the Bicester villages	
Sunday 19 April	Lower Heyford Play Area Official Opening	2pm
Friday 24 April	'Bring a Pound to Work Day' Fund raiser for Katharine House	
Saturday 2 May	Lower Heyford & Caulcott May Day Celebration & Car Boot sale	1.45 Sports Field
Sunday 3 May	Heyford Park 4th Village Yard Sale	11—4pm
Thursday 7 May	ELECTION DAY	7am—10pm
Wednesday 13 May	Warreners, Upper Heyford Village Hall	2pm
Wednesday 20 May	Heyfords WI Upper Heyford Reading Room	7.30 pm
Saturday 16 May	Grand Book Sale Somerton Village Hall	10—12 noon
Saturday 16 May	Souldern Community Market Souldern Village Hall	9-12 noon
Sunday 14 June	Upper Heyford Summer Festival	