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News & Views from the Cherwell Valley



Lower Heyford May Day Celebration 2013 - King and Queen Henry Balfour and Annabella Nelson

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	Ardley St Mary	Fritwell St Olave	Lower Heyford & Caulcott St Mary	Somerton St James	Souldern ABVM	Upper Heyford St Mary	Heyford Park The Chapel
2 Jun	08:30 1662 HC	11:00 Family Worship	11:00 1662 Communion	9:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Matins	9:30 Traditional language Communion	11:00 Contemporary Worship Communion
9 Jun	9:30 Family Communion	08:30 1662 HC	11:00 Family Worship	9:30 Sunday Club	11:00 Sung Eucharist	9:30 Matins	11:00 Contemporary Worship
16 Jun	9:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Family Worship Communion	11:00 Morning Prayer	09:30 Matins & HC	08:30 1662 HC	9:30 Family Worship	11:00 Contemporary Worship
23 Jun	9:30 Family Worship	18:00 Evensong	11:00 Family Communion	9:30 Family Worship Communion	11:00 TBC	08:30 1662 HC	11:00 Contemporary Worship
30 Jun	9:30 Benefice St. Peter & St. Paul - St Mary's Ardley						11:00 Contemporary Worship Communion
7 Jul	08:30 1662 HC	11:00 Family Worship	11:00 1662 Communion	TBC	11:00 Matins	9:30 Com- munion	11:00 Contemporary Worship
14 Jul	9:30 Family Communion	08:30 1662 HC	11:00 Family Worship	9:30 Sunday Club	11:00 Sung Eucharist	9:30 Matins	11:00 Contemporary Worship
21 Jul	9:30 Morning Prayer	11:00 Family Worship Communion	11:00 Morning Prayer	09:30 Matins & HC	08:30 1662 HC	9:30 Family Worship	11:00 Contemporary Worship
28 Jul	9:30 Family Worship	18:00 Evensong	11:00 Family Communion	9:30 Family Worship Communion	11:00 TBC	08:30 1662 HC	11:00 Contemporary Worship

Services described as 1662, Matins or Evensong follow the traditional form as laid out in The Book of Common Prayer. Services described as CW (Common Worship) use modern language and follow the revised form given in the Common Worship Service and Prayer Book. Services described as Family Worship or Contemporary Worship are suitable for all

 <p style="text-align: center;">Blessing of the Animals</p>	<p>Blessing of the Animals St Mary's, Upper Heyford</p> <p>Sunday 4th August 9.30am</p> <p><i>Bring your pet, a picture of your pet, or any animal dolls</i></p> <p><i>Look for further details in the July issue of 'Round the Fountain'</i></p>
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MINISTRY REPORT CHERWELL VALLEY BENEFICE 2012-13

A note from the parishes

With grateful thanks to the clergy, Edward and Peter, and all lay members, especially John our Lay Reader, who has had a difficult year with his health, and Barbara who does all her work behind the scenes.

We may not always show it, however, it is always appreciated.

Photo: Linda Mitchell



MINISTRY

This year this year we said a sad farewell to The Rev'd Paul and Mrs Chris Hunt. Their ministry, friendship and commitment has had a significant impact on the churches, communities and many individuals throughout the benefice. Paul's ministry brought together people for very different church backgrounds to work together in mission and service. The reduction in clergy has had an impact on the number of services and the availability of pastoral care. However lay members of the churches have helped fill these gaps for which I am extremely grateful. Mrs Barbara McGarry's role as administrator has especially grown. Our Lay Reader Mr John Hine has continued to support worship in the Benefice, and from Christmas of 2012 we have enjoyed The Rev'd Peter Bernhard's ministry on a regular basis. In the summer we will prayerfully make a new appointment for Team Rector.

WORSHIP

There is a wide diversity of worship styles across the benefice. Support for Prayer Book services is strong, and these have continued in different forms. Lay led Family Worship is vibrant and popular, and Family Worship Communion services have been strong across the benefice. A growing Sung Eucharist has been established in Souldern. Contemporary worship at Heyford Park is healthy, supported by a committed lay team of leaders and preachers, and a more charismatic encounter with Christ in Holy Communion is being explored. Special services for feasts, festivals and Holy Week have continued and drawn people from across the benefice and the communities.

MUSIC

The benefice has a huge amount of musical talent and commitment, although we are stretched to cover all the services we would wish to. The development of a choir in Souldern has been an important contribution to worship across the benefice. Our team of organists, pianists and other musicians, coordinated by Mr Iain Porteus have managed admirably and supported one another. Thank you to each and every one, and new musicians are always welcome.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Fritwell School is very much a Christian community in its own right, children participating in worship on a daily basis and clergy

led worship once a week. Youth Work for all ages at Heyford Park continues, supported by Christians from across the benefice. Each of the communities offers different provision for younger people within worship and outside of it, for example working together with the Wesleyan Reform Chapel in Souldern, as Sunday Club in Somerton, All-Age Worship at Heyford Park, or Lay Led Family Worship.

CHURCH COMMUNITY

The number of social events across the benefice is too many to list. In each of the parishes committed people have worked hard to provide entertainment, fellowship and in many cases raise funds too! Each of the village churches has ongoing schemes to make best use of and support those buildings. Our church buildings are a central place in our communities and a huge amount of work goes on behind the scenes: cleaning, maintenance, flowers and decoration. Thank you to all who work hard to make our houses of God a home to so many. Paul's leaving service was a particular opportunity for people to come together from across the benefice in Christian friendship and was well supported.

MISSION AND DISCIPLESHIP

Across the benefice we engage with mission in different ways. The Bicester Food Bank and Eve are well supported in serving the needs of local people. Growth in the worshipping congregations has been driven by invitation, warmth of welcome as well as the high profile of the church in each community. Together we must seek new ways to draw others to faith in Christ. A number of groups across the benefice support spirituality and discipleship: Bible Study, Steps, Create, Ardley Prayer, Women's World Day of Prayer, and others. Daily prayer is said across the benefice in different churches. Churchwardens and PCC's have in particular this year taken hold of what it means to grow in faith together as we look towards the needs of the future. The Church Wardens have continued to work well together and provide a meeting place for the needs of the different communities.

CONCLUSION

It has been a privilege to serve in Cherwell Valley Benefice over the last 12 months. To teach and to learn, to pray and to be prayed for, to lead worship and join in worship with others. Thank you to everyone.

WHAT'S ON IN THE CHERWELL VALLEY

SUMMER SOIRÉE

ST OLAVE'S CHURCH, FRITWELL
www.st-olaves.org

SATURDAY 13 JULY

POPULAR CLASSICS BY ACCLAIMED ORGANIST

JEREMY MEAGER

7:00 - 8:00 PM

&

AFTERWARDS AT:
GOOSE FARM, FRITWELL
WINE & LIGHT BUFFET

£12.00

Tickets: see website or call
01869 345195 / 346252 / 346497

BEER FESTIVAL

12, 13 & 14 July

Horse & Groom,
Caulcott



There will be 18 beers and 4 ciders on offer, and also live music played throughout the event. The hog roast will be served on Saturday afternoon by Gordon Wrighton from Fritwell, and filled rolls will be offered the rest of the time.

Money will be raised for cancer research through the sale of our festival beer glasses.

Community Market Souldern Village Hall June 15th

9:00am-12:00noon

Locally sourced, grown, produced or baked *Meat, eggs, vegetables, plants, cakes & savouries* (subject to availability)

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

Tel: 01869 345931
or email: barbaramcgarry@btinternet.com
for further information

FRITWELL OPEN GARDENS

16 JUNE 2013

2:00pm - 5:00pm

£4.00 (Children Free)

*Refreshments & Raffle
Plant & Book Sales*

For more information, visit
www.st-olaves.org

UPPER HEYFORD FLOWER SHOW

Saturday 31st August

This year's event has a 40s theme!

*Get planting, cooking, painting and
photographing ready for the show.*



ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



HEYFORD and DISTRICT
"We Will Remember Them"

MEET and GREET

The Heyford and District branch of the Royal British Legion is holding a Meet and Greet in the Barley Mow, Upper Heyford after the committee meeting on Thursday 4 July 2013 from about 19:30. The committee would be delighted to see and chat with members of the branch and past and present members of the Armed Forces.

We would also make very welcome anyone from the Valley who is interested in joining the Legion*.

*To become a member of the Royal British Legion, it is not necessary to have been in the Armed Forces. All are welcome.

10K Airbase Race

Heyford Park, RAF Upper Heyford, OX25 5HD

Sunday 30 June



Fast, flat, traffic-free course Entry just £15
 T-shirt for all finishers Free on-site parking
 In aid of TVACAA and Oxfordshire Playbus

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HEYFORD PARK
 GOLF COURSE



Charity Number: 5076728

DO YOU VALUE THE OXFORD COVERED MARKET?



Would you be happy to see it become a mini Bicester Village?

Oxford City Council is demanding excessive and unrealistic rent increases which will certainly mean the end of the small independent shopkeeper in the Market, to be replaced in time with trendy retailers catering for tourists.

Help to keep the quality and character of the much loved market by completing the online petition:
www.oxford-coveredmarket.co.uk

Or contact The Oxford Covered Market Tenants Association
 c/o The Cake Shop, 4th Avenue, The Covered Market,
 Oxford OX1 3DZ

BE PART OF A VERY SPECIAL EVENT
 SING WITH A GERMAN ORCHESTRA
 THEY VISIT CHERWELL VALLEY
 CHURCH 3-6 OCTOBER 2013

FESTIVE CONCERT WITH OUR CHOIR, INCLUDING WELL KNOWN FAVOURITES ON SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER IN SOULDERN CHURCH, SUNDAY SERVICE WITH CHOIR & ORCHESTRA IN THE FIRST FULL PERFORMANCE OF A SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT OF A SCHUBERT MASS. THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE WITH OUR BENEFICE: AN OPPORTUNITY TO WELCOME OUR VISITORS AND EXPERIENCE THE WONDERFUL COMMUNITY SPIRIT IN THIS BEAUTIFUL PART OF OXFORDSHIRE.

HOW CAN I TAKE PART?

COME AND SING IN THE CHOIR FOR THE CONCERT & BENEFICE SERVICE—NOVICES AND EXPERIENCED SINGERS EQUALLY WELCOME COME WITH YOUR FRIENDS TO THE CONCERT ON

SATURDAY 5 OCTOBER 7.00 P.M.
JOIN US FOR THE SERVICE ON
SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER AT 9.30

THE COLLEGIUM MUSICUM, ESTABLISHED IN 1971 IN DINSLAKEN NEAR DUSSELDORF HAS TWENTY-FOUR SKILLED PLAYERS & REGULARLY GIVE CONCERTS & ACCOMPANY SERVICES.

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FOR DETAILS OF REHEARSALS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Iain & Mary Porteus Tel 345235, Email iain.porteus@btinternet.com

A date for your diary



Saturday 14th September 2013

What's going on at Cherwell District Council?

Councillor Calling

May's election excitements almost passed Cherwell by as, since I've been serving, for three years out of four, one third of us have come up for re-election and, in the third year, in case we thought of having a rest, the whole County Council has been up. This was complicated by their reduction in seats from 75 to 63, meaning that many parishes found themselves in redrawn divisions voting for unfamiliar faces. To complicate things further, in Cherwell there was a single by-election to replace the retiring Hook Norton councillor, which was won by our former county councillor, Ray Jelf, who will therefore carry on representing some of his former parishes at this new level – if you're not confused, you haven't been following!

The result must have been even more perplexing for the many voters who chose UKIP in Banbury, getting themselves no UKIP councillors but a clean sweep for Labour (an interesting foretaste of how things might turn out at the next general election in 2015). As a result, the county's conservatives fell one short of an overall majority and have enlisted three independent candidates for the crucial votes on forming and administration and passing their budget: one of these was Bicester's deselected Labour representative, the long-serving hospital campaigner Les Sibley. So voting UKIP elects Labour, while loyalty to a Labour man supports the Conservatives – I'm not sure I'm keen on local politics getting quite so unpredictable when I'm up for election again, at the same time as the European parliament, next May!

Planning is also being messed up by politics and Cherwell is at the sharp end. The government, with all sorts of good intentions (boosting the economy, making house prices more affordable, reducing waiting lists and so on) replaced the old planning system with a new National Planning Policy Framework with a number of strong presumptions in favour of development. Crucially, in any District without a current Local Plan (roughly half of the country at present, as the hoops to jump through have been so constantly changed) planning applications have every chance of getting through if there is not a deliverable five year housing supply.

This raises some serious problems:

House-building becomes developer-led instead of plan-led. No longer are houses matched to infrastructure (schools, roads, etc) or need (young families, single old people, etc) or sustainability (near jobs, shops and so on): instead, profit drives applications for the most lucrative house sizes in the most expensive village locations.

Planning permissions mount up rapidly but don't meet the government's definition of "deliverable" because the scramble to win prizes in this particular lottery gives no incentive to actually build out the plots with permission. Once land has multiplied its value from being a field to becoming a building plot, it can be "land banked" – tucked away for future gains. Build on it and the five year target might be reached and the gold rush ended.

And, of course, in a perverse and unintended consequence, the greater the number of permissions in a fragile housing market, the higher the risk of actually building and so the fewer the homes that actually get built. Cherwell's planning committee is struggling with this badly thought through legislation. It is possible to refuse inappropriate applications despite the five year supply rule,

but this invariably results in an appeal – at the moment there are numerous such awaiting decision, when villages like Bloxham, Deddington, Adderbury and Bodicote will find out whether they will be overrun by this combination of good intentions poorly executed or saved by the common sense of planning councillors. It's the sort of decision one goes into the public arena to make, but now it's out of our hands. We can only keep our fingers crossed and hope.

Bicester town centre, to end on a positive planning note, is now due to open on 10th July, astonishingly soon for such a major project. While there's bound to be some disruption as we all, not to mention the buses, get used to the new parking arrangements, Sainsbury's and the cinema, plus many new shops and cafes, it won't be long before we forget the time when Bicester's centre was half the size of the bustling new heart about to start beating.

James Macnamara

Thames Valley Police

The following crimes have been reported to police. In Upper Heyford a wallet was stolen from a parked and unattended vehicle in the village. There were no reported crimes in Lower Heyford, Caulcott and Somerton.

All five of the rural team were involved in "Operation Jalopy 2" on 25th April, at Newton Purcell. The operation utilises an ANPR (automatic number plate recognition) camera, which checked 819 passing vehicles on our databases. 32 vehicles were stopped and issues were dealt with by officers. We have more operations planned for our area in the coming weeks.

WPC Brown has been involved with a local family and the ongoing multi agency meetings to resolve the issues they have. I'm sorry that we can't give you any more details, but this a really good example of unseen work which takes up a lot of time and hopes to find viable long term solutions.

On 30th April, we attended the Chesterton village coffee morning which was well attended by locals.

PC's Brown and Sullivan assisted with the May Day Parade for Chesterton school. The children assembled on the green and crowned the king and queen before walking back through the village to the school, ringing a bell as they walked to let people know. There were a lot of parents present who also joined the procession.

A resident of Launton contacted the team to report herself locked out of her car, trapping her house keys inside also. The PC's managed to gain access to the car without damage and she was grateful to be reunited with her belongings.

The Neighbourhood Action Group met this month and discussed its priorities for the coming year. As a direct result of the suggestions by members of the community, we have been focusing on parking issues, particularly at schools. You'll notice that some of our "Have your Say" events are planned for school drop off and pick ups!

Finally, this month saw European Speeding Week, so on 15th April the PC's assisted Roads Policing Officers with a speed check on Camp Road, Upper Heyford unfortunately a high proportion of people caught speeding were from the village.

Thames Valley Alerts

Receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice by [signing up to Thames Valley Alert \(opens in new window\)](#) today.

Thanks to Heather and Roger Burt, an enthusiastic group of “Upper Heyfordians” and friends had the pleasure of being read to in the beautifully-renovated Reading Room last night.

They had invited Michael Swan, an Oxford-based English language teacher, grammarian and prolific textbook writer, and poet to Upper Heyford to read and discuss his poetry, both published and new pieces. He was warm and engaging, generous and entertaining, and there was no doubt, from the audience’s pleasure in the evening, of the “accessibility” of his work.

He has written two volumes of poetry, “When They Come for You” and “The Shape of Things” on a wide range of subjects, from domestic relationships, to vanity and envy, family sadness and writing poetry itself. As he says himself, “I cling to the belief that it is possible to write good poetry that is neither difficult nor boring. I use humour a good deal; sometimes for quite serious purposes”. He takes great delight in poking gentle and usually affectionate fun at the foibles of the world, though at times the tone masks an almost unbearable poignancy, dealing with death and madness, disappointment and loneliness.



There are so many poems that would have been a delight to put into the Valley News, but I’ve chosen these few to tempt you to read more!

Carpe Something

One’s reach, you say,
should far exceed one’s grasp.
I’m with you there.

My arms stretch out
towards a hundred objects of desire.

I keep my eyes
fixed on the unclimbed peaks,
the record marathon,
the book that sets the world on fire,
the knighthood offered and declined,
the Nobel Prize.

One’s grasp:
that’s where the problem lies.
Wrenching my gaze
back from the Oscar and the Oxford
Chair,
I clasp
my mug of instant coffee, stare,
into the mirror at my thinning hair.

Armadillo

I didn’t like to ask
about the armadillo.
Maybe Julia had brought it,
and she does not always welcome
questions.

I could just imagine it:
‘Why have I brought an armadillo
into the house?
Well, why shouldn’t I?
What have you got against armadillos?
You’re always trying to control me.
I never said anything
when you parked your motorbike in the
hall
for months on end.
And that reminds me.
When your mother was here . . .’

So you will understand
why I chose not to go down that road,
but just gave the creature some milk
and made it a bed by the fridge.

It settled down
and was perhaps on the way to
becoming
a valued member of the household
when Julia came in, and said
‘What the hell
is that bloody animal
doing in the house?
You’re always bringing things in
without asking me.
There was that blasted motorbike
that you parked in the hall
for months on end.
And that reminds me.
When your mother was here . . .’

I wasn’t there

I wasn’t there.
It was certainly someone else
who looked like me.

The women crying –
I had nothing to do with that.

You mention a child
plagued by sad memories.
I repeat
I was not there.

Photographic evidence
is not admissible.

People took so much trouble
and all their efforts
went for nothing?
I am sorry
but at the time
I was in Interlaken
or possibly Reykjavik
engaged on another matter.

My signature
on the documents
is a forgery.

Disappointment,
a sense of being let down,
of not being loved,

of being lied to?
Yes,
such feelings
are indeed distressing
and my sympathy goes out
to those concerned.

My diaries
for that period
show clearly
that I was elsewhere.

Not Quite

The poem is never quite
what you wanted to say.

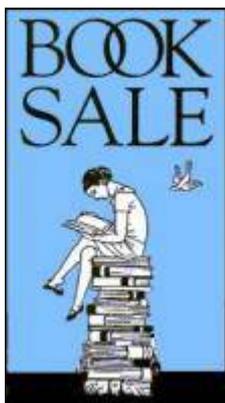
Even the great one,
the ultimate masterpiece –
ten lines only, but
all other writers
throw down their pens in despair;
in a matter of weeks
the whole world
has it by heart;
it is quoted at meetings and partings,
at weddings and funerals;
so profound is its message
that wars are stopped in their tracks;
an authority
wise and benign
is set up in Andorra la Vella
to govern the planet;
on the walls of the parliament building
in letters of gold
your text is inscribed –
even so,
it’s not quite
what you wanted to say.

NEWS & VIEWS FROM THE CHERWELL VALLEY

DIL'S SHOP HAS MOVED!

The shop on Heyford Park has closed and Dil has relocated his shop to Heyford Leys (on the mobile home site) where you can purchase most of the items formerly available in his old shop.

Opening hours are similar too.



Somerton Village Hall Sunday 16th June

2.00 – 5.00

New, excellent/very good condition books.
Fiction, non-fiction,
Reference, picture books.

Tea & Cakes

If you would like to hire the UPPER HEYFORD VILLAGE HALL ...



Please contact Emma Measures at
vhire@upperheyford.com or call **07563 170292**
(outside office hours only please) or visit the "Amenities"
section of www.upperheyford.com

Parish Residents Hire Charges

Group, Fund Raising & Church Events	£8/hr
Private Parties/Events (less than 1 day / hourly rate)	£10/hr
Private Parties/Events (1 day + / daily rate)	£140/day
Commercial/Corporate Events	£12/hr

Non-Parish Residents Hire Charges

Group, Fund Raising & Church Events	£10/hr
Private Parties/Events (less than 1 day / hourly rate)	£12/hr
Private Parties/Events (1 day + / daily rate)	£170/day
Commercial/Corporate Events	£14/hr

Amongst other things, the newly refurbished Village Hall offers:

- Large Main Hall with Stage
- Small Kitchen with 2 serving hatches onto the Main Hall
- Large Kitchen suitable for catering large functions
- Separate (rear) access for caterers / suppliers
- Off road parking
- Disabled access & facilities
- Full height panoramic doors opening onto recreation area

We look forward to hearing from you.

Alternatively, to hire the Village Reading Room please call
Brenda Cooper on 01869 233746

Cream teas are back!

UPPER HEYFORD READING ROOM



Sunday afternoons 2 - 4 pm

23rd June; 7th and 21st July;
4th and 18th August.

Oxfordshire Dementia Awareness Campaign 2013-14

Learn about dementia and live well

Information packed event to raise awareness of
dementia

The Mill Arts Centre, Banbury
10th September 2013 1 - 4 pm

For more information contact:
odac@guidepoststrust.org.uk
or 0845 1204048

Heyford Park Summer Fete

Sat 27th July

From 12-5pm at the
Community Centre and Chapel

Heyford Park Community Shop

The shop is now open and stocks every day
essential items plus Fresh Sandwiches prepared
daily,
Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, and
Vegetables, plus a Cafe

Open Mon-Fri 7am to 7pm
Sat 8am-6pm Sun 9am-1pm

Please support the Community Shop as it is run
by residents for the local community.

A Way of Caring
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East End
Adderbury
OX17 3NL



MIDNIGHT WALK 2013 LAST CHANCE FOR ENTRIES!

Closing date for our seventh Midnight Walk is 12 June, so get your entries in today! Entry is £15 and forms are available from Fundraising on 01295 812161, from any of our shops, or download a form from our website at www.khh.org.uk. Volunteers needed! We are now looking for route marshals to help us on the night. If you would like to help, please give Fundraising a call on 01295 812161. Last year this fantastic event raised almost £75,000 despite driving rain and blowing gales!

CONCERT

Consensio Concert will be singing acapella at Brackley Methodist Church on Saturday 8 June at 7.30pm. Refreshments will be available and tickets £6. For more information please contact Fundraising at 01295 812161

DESIGNER & NEARLY NEW SALE

Chipping Norton Town Hall opens its doors 10am to 4pm on Saturday 15 June for a sale of quality women's designer and high-street branded clothing including Joseph, Gucci and Ghost. Entrance fee £4

BANBURY RALLY 2013

The weekend of 29 / 30 June sees the Banbury Rally running their 45th annual rally at Smiths Fields, Bloxham between 10am and 5pm both days and this year they will be kindly donating 10% of their profits to KHH. Organisers would much appreciate if any supporters are able to volunteer time to help during the weekend, please contact Dave Heritage 01789 550881. The event promises to be a fun-filled and action-packed weekend and full details can be found at www.banburyrally.com

THE 9TH ADDERBURY CHARITY GOLF DAY

Come and challenge for some star prizes on 5 July at The Banbury Golf Centre in Adderbury and raise valuable funds for nursing care at Katharine House Hospice. Entry fee £35 per player, 1pm start. Coffee and bacon sandwiches to begin, matches finishing by 6pm with a buffet supper and prize giving. Don't miss out and book now by calling Nick Fennell on 01295 811059.

EASTER CHICK THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter knitted campaign, at the time of writing we have raised nearly £4,500. Thank you also to Kraft Foods for donating 1500 Cadbury's Crème Eggs.

Katharine House Hospice Newsletter

Did you receive a copy of our Spring Newsletter packed with updates, reviews and news? If not, and you'd like a copy and to go onto our mailing list to ensure you receive future issues, give the Fundraising Office a call on 01295 812161. Don't forget to let us know if you move, so that you don't miss out!

Are you following us on Facebook and Twitter?

Our Twitter and Facebook pages are gaining followers and are an excellent way to keep up to the minute with our news, events and lottery winners. Find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/katharinehouse and our Twitter you can follow us @khhosp. Come and visit and say hello

Be aware of the damage dogs can do, and the consequences for sheep, the dog and its owner



A farmers concern

This article was in the Farmers Weekly last week and we have touched on this growing problem before and I am very concerned by the number of dogs which are not on a lead when live stock are in the field and the potential danger to my livestock and the public that can occur.

Police have warned dog owners to keep their pets on leads when walking on farmland after six lambs were mauled to death.

Lancashire Police released a shocking image showing the aftermath of a vicious dog attack on sheep in Burnley. Officers were called to a farm on the border between Burnley and Bacup after reports of a dog attacking sheep on the moor near the farm. On arrival they found six small lambs had been attacked and savaged and two sheep, one of which was still alive, had been severely injured. Vets had to put down the sheep a short time later. A further two sheep had run away from the dog into a deep bog following the attack last Saturday afternoon (4 May). The farmer was visibly upset, as not only had these animals been savaged, but one lamb had its head bitten clean off. He had no choice but to shoot the dog to stop it causing more damage.

Dog owners should be aware that in extreme circumstances such as this, farmers have the right to shoot any animal worrying their livestock. The farmer in this case was inconsolable at what happened.

When walking on farmland, or in the countryside, dogs must be kept under control and when walking near livestock they must be on a lead. Instinct can take over when a dog is not on its lead - especially if it is with another dog - and this can lead to attacks on sheep, which not only cause suffering to the animals, but also to the farmer, whose livelihood can be affected.

Nationally, there were about 700 cases of sheep worrying by dogs last year.

In the valley we are blessed with wonderful designated walks across fields and these are regularly used by local parishioners and others from outside the area. All dog owners have a legal (but more importantly, a moral) duty to keep their animals under control at all times.

It is also necessary to highlight the use of poop bags as it is apparent that in many cases the bags are used to collect the poop but are then **LEFT IN THE FIELD** either in hedgerows or trees, rather than disposed of in a responsible manner in the dog waste bins provided.

There has been a number of cases where the bags have been found in the stomach of cattle and sheep.

Hugh Jones, Manor Farm, Upper Heyford

LOWER HEYFORD NEWS



LOWER HEYFORD MAY DAY

The Sun shone for our 5th Annual May Day Celebrations, and what a day it was. Beginning the parade from the Jehovah Halls Car Park at the top of the village, walking and dancing with the Witchwayze Morris Dancers to the Bell Inn. Then back to the playing field where the crowds had gathered, the fete was opened by Roy Hudd comedian/actor, pictures are available to view and place orders if required on www.edmundsphotography.co.uk

The King and Queen were Henry Balfour and Annabella Nelson who did a splendid job – Well done to both of them. The fun dog show was a success with quite a few entries this year, our thanks again to Derek Kingdom who is our judge.

The vintage tractor static display was very popular and thanks to Jean Day for organising these lovely cared for machines.

Deddington Fire Brigade gave their time once again, the children never tire of this attraction and we thank them enormously for giving up their free time.

The Car boot sale was very popular with a few stalls selling out. The pitch fees for the car boot were given to Katherine House Hospice in Adderbury.

A huge thank you to Georgina for bringing her beloved pony along, another new attraction this year.

As usual the stalls, rides and Ice cream van were all very busy.

Thank you to Jo Pickford for supplying the bales so that the skittles stayed safe.

Also thanks to Darren Hancock for supplying his limousine to fill with balloons.

A big special thanks to Janey for agreeing to do the face painting, she was very busy all day and barely had time to drink her tea.

And of course thanks to Eddie Green who had been thrown in the deep end on the microphone to comper the whole event.

Last but definitely not least thank you to the villagers who donated items for the raffle, book stall and bottle stall, you all helped to make a really lovely day.

Finally I would like to thank all the army of volunteers who I have not mentioned personally who gave up their time to help with stalls, erecting the marquee and preparing the field, without you it would not have been such a huge success, your help supporting the community is very much appreciated. Feedback from villagers and visitors has been very positive which you all take credit for, profits go towards raising funds for the Bonfire Night Spectacular, the Carol Service and the odd Jubilee.....plus any other significant event.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any ideas for next year.

Many thanks again everyone you were fantastic!

Gay Hawkins.



Community Education at the Marlborough School, Woodstock

We have put copies of our Community Education programme in libraries, shops and schools around the area but if you still can't find a copy it is available to download on the Marlborough School website www.marlborough.oxon.sch.uk (Community tab then Courses for Adults). Our website is also a great way of finding out about any changes to the courses.

We pride ourselves on our warm friendly service. Give us a try – we're sure you won't be disappointed. We aim to offer a wide variety of courses at reasonable prices, our tutors are all high calibre and passionate about their subject areas. Come along and be inspired.

We are always looking to expand our programme so if you, or someone you know, might be interested in teaching a course that would complement our offer then I would love to hear from you.

To book a place or for further information please telephone **01993 813592 (office open 10am-2pm daily during term time)** or email comed.4560@marlborough.oxon.sch.uk.

Summer 2013 Weekly Classes (below are classes that still have spaces and can be joined at any time)

- Pilates all levels Tuesdays 6.10pm
- Yoga all levels Tuesday 7-8am
- Badminton all levels Mondays and Thursdays 7-8pm
- Archery all levels Mondays and Thursdays 8-9pm
- Golf all levels Saturdays 12.30-1.30pm

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 15 and 16th JUNE

Stained Glass Leaded Workshop

Ring to book a place on any of the courses. We look forward to hearing from you.

Mrs Jenny Bodinham

Community Education and Woodstock Partnership

The Marlborough Church of England School

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Deddington Health Centre news

Health Checks for people age 40-75years are available for those people without a long term condition. We send out letters inviting people to attend, but you can also request one without a letter. Please ask at Reception if you would like an appointment. These appointments are with our Health Care Assistant or one of our Practice Nurses and include blood testing. Patients with long term conditions are recalled annually for reviews with the Practice Nurses.

Podiatry

NHS podiatry appointments are available at the surgery but only with a GP referral under strict criteria for what is treatable. From January 2013, a private podiatrist now comes to the surgery 2 days a week, and for these appointments you can self refer by phoning **07792 212988**. Mrs Billy, the podiatrist, does include toenail cutting among her treatments.

Travel vaccinations

Please note, GPs will not give travel vaccinations, this requires a nurses appointment.

The Heyfords WI

Formed January 1935

We meet on the 3rd Wednesday of each month in Upper Heyford Reading Room at 7.30pm.

You don't have to be a member to come along to one of our meetings, but once you have, we hope you will want to join us



We were treated to a wonderful group meeting in March by Bucknell WI where we were able to meet up with friends from 5 other WIs in our group and enjoy an interesting talk and slide show by Peter Preece and sample some excellent tasty treats afterwards. March also saw us holding our annual meeting and electing a new committee for the coming year.

Liz Wooley joined us in April and gave a talk "A Disreputable Parish" which was a fascinating insight into the history of the Parish of St Thomas in Oxford, an excellent evening was enjoyed by all.

May will be an evening meal provided by the incoming committee, and in June Heather Shute will be our speaker on Medical Detection Dogs, let's hope that she will be able to bring one of them with her.

Our farm visit to Iron Down Farm, which had to be cancelled last year will be our July meeting.

Quick Tasty Gravy

2 Knorr Chicken Stock Cubes

2 Teaspoons of Marmite

Water

Good slug of Red Wine

Worcestershire Sauce

Put all the ingredients into a saucepan and bring to the boil. Add cornflour to thicken

Future meeting:

21st August—History of Pinewood studios

We hope to have a stall at the Upper Heyford Flower Show on 31st August selling cakes and Jams, plus a plant stall, so if anyone has any spare plants, or are dividing plants up we would be most grateful.

Great Global Food Debate

During 2013 WI members have been invited to hold a nation-wide series of debates about the global food system. If you would like to help get the debate underway action packs are available. Later in the year Oxfordshire WI may hold its own discussion seminar

Healthy Heyford Walks - 2 hours at a leisurely pace

Monday mornings at 10am, meet at Upper Heyford Village Hall

Please ring Jo for more details on 07734562028



<u>Chair Person</u>	Tim Bigelow
<u>Vice Chair</u>	Alf Gother
<u>Secretary</u>	Sharon Keen
<u>Treasurer</u>	Angela Ford
Ben Carrick	Bee Henderson
Carole Gother	Denise Clough
Edward Fraser	James Henderson
Marilyn Brown	Natasha Smith
Paul Fortnam	Sarah Fortnam
Tom Barstow	

Heyford Park Summer Fete
Sat 27th July From 12-5pm at the Community Centre and Chapel
Movie Theme Fancy Dress
Kids & Adult Sports Day-Football, Tug of war
Cream Teas, BBQ, Raffle
Scale Electric Competition, Carnival Games
Plant, Jewellery and Craft stalls
Photography, Sweet & Savoury Competitions plus loads

Heyford Park Community Shop
 The shop is now open and stocks every day essential items plus Fresh Sandwiches prepared daily,
 Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, and Vegetables, plus a Cafe
Open Mon-Fri 7am to 7pm Sat 8am-6pm Sun 9am-1pm
 Please support the Community Shop as it is run by residents for the local community.

Construction Update at Heyford Park

Bovis Homes has now purchased the West end of the estate from Dorchester and demolition will start in July (by the old hospital), first show home will be early 2014. Dorchester will begin their demolition at the same time but on the East side of the estate removing the old petrol station and parade ground, this will then become the village green. As major work is taking place can we please remind parents to keep their children away from the construction sites as they are inherently dangerous areas. For future updates, information can be found on the web site www.heyfordparkresidence.org.uk.

Upper Heyford Parish Council

Carole Gother has been elected to represent Heyford Park on the Upper Heyford Parish Council. We want to congratulate her on the appointment. Carole will no doubt do a very good job of representing the residents of Heyford Park. We will now have a voice on the Parish Council.

Opportunity for the residence of Heyford Park

Dorchester is looking to employ trades people within Heyford Park to carry out work in the building process. Work includes painting and general maintenance of the site. This is an opportunity for residents to work within the Heyford Park community. Painters and Decorators are URGENTLY required. If interested contact Heyford Park House.

Spring Clean Up

The spring clean up was a great success, a BIG THANK YOU to Angela Ford who organised it and to all those who attended and helped out. Can we ask the community at large to assist us in keep the community areas tidy for all to enjoy.

IMPORTANT PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE PARISH OF UPPER HEYFORD

Cherwell District Community Governance Review Effect on Upper Heyford

Cherwell District Council, in response to a report by the Local Government Boundary Commission, initiated a review of District Parish arrangements. The review was to consider the following:

- a. *Whether a new parish or any new parishes should be created*
- b. *Whether existing parishes should or should not be abolished or whether the area of existing parishes should be altered*
- c. *Whether parishes should be warded and if so how these wards would represent the parish*
- d. *What the electoral arrangements for new or existing parishes, which are to have parish councils, should be (e.g. how many parish councilors are required)*
- e. *Whether any existing, or new, parishes should be grouped*
- f. *Whether related alterations to the boundaries of a principal council's electoral areas, following changes to parish boundaries, should be requested*

The Parish Council was asked at very short notice to respond to these questions in January of this year. The Council's response was that the best solution for the long term governance of the existing Parish was for it to split into two separate Parishes, one consisting of Heyford Park, Heyford Leys and the houses to the north east of Heyford Park and the other representing the village of Upper Heyford and surrounding rural areas.

This view enjoyed the support of the two District Councilors with special responsibility *inter alia* for Upper Heyford, Cllrs JJ Macnamara and M Kerford-Byrnes, and also of the Heyford Park Residents Association. On the advice of officials, however, the review committee, and subsequently the District Council, did not accept the Parish Council's recommendation. The relevant paragraph from their preliminary report is quoted below:

9. Upper Heyford

The village of Upper Heyford is located near the south west border of the District with West Oxfordshire. It has approximately 530 properties with 950 registered electors, and the Parish Council currently has 6 Councillors.

The village is made up of the former RAF Airbase at Upper Heyford, and an area known as Heyford Park which consists of a mobile home park and housing, a large proportion of which is rented.

Requests and queries have been raised in the past with regards to splitting the existing Parish into two separate parishes; this request was again made as part of the first consultation period for the Community Governance Review. The Working Group felt that a full parish split was not the best way forward at the present time, due to the viability of a new parish at Heyford Park and the financial effect on Council tax in Heyford village and that Warding the Parish would be a better alternative (with the suggestion of 5 councilors for Heyford Village ward and 3 councilors for the Heyford Park Ward), which is in line with the recommendations from the National Association of local Councils in terms of Council size. This would give the existing Parish Council the opportunity to create area committees for Heyford Park and Heyford village. Map 4, attached as a separate document, shows the proposed split for the Wards.

The present situation is, therefore, that the District Council recommends the warding of the existing Upper Heyford Parish "at the present time". The Parish Council, having met with officials from Cherwell District Council and having reconsidered its existing proposal, is still of the view that the splitting of the Parish represents the best solution. Taking into account the likely rate of development of Heyford Park, it further considers that a split would be viable from the time of the next General Election in 2015.

This issue was discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting on 9 May 13 when it appeared that no-one present felt that this was an unacceptable response. It was clear, however, that some felt that more information was required and this short article seeks to provide that information.

The Parish Council must respond finally to Cherwell District Council's proposal by 14 Jun 13. Eligible parishioners are, however, invited to make their views known in writing or by e-mail to Upper Heyford Parish Clerk, Lt Col Jack Goodman, by 31 May 13. His contact details are:

jackgoodman61@gmail.com

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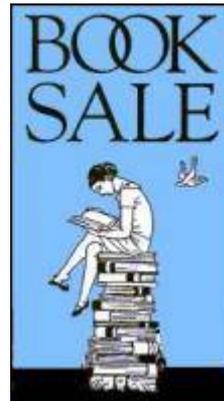
Edward looks the part in the new vestments
 Photos: Linda Mitchell

HELP



Somerton Local History Group are putting on an exhibition in September entitled THE RURAL POST OFFICE. If anyone has any documents, photos or other items e.g. clothing, stationery etc., relating to any Village Post Office we should love to see them and perhaps copy or borrow them. They will be well looked after and returned safely to you.

Rosemary 01869 345439 deddlib@hotmail.com
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Somerton Village Hall
Sunday 16th June
2.00 – 5.00

New, excellent/very good condition books.
 Fiction, non-fiction,
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Tea & Cakes

Grand Book Sale in Somerton, (see separate advert). Come & browse, have a cup of tea and home made cake.

Bring Dad – it's Fathers' Day – buy him a book.
 All books either new or in very good condition.
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SOMERTON VILLAGE PRODUCE SHOW

Saturday
7th September
2013



Somerton News

Come and join us at SWIG (Somerton Women's Independent Group) on the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month. It is a great way to see and catch up with old friends and meet new ones.

Annual Membership of SWIG is £12, but our meetings are open to all. If you are not a member but would like to join us for a particular meeting, do come along and we will charge you £2 on the door. Most of our meetings are in our beautiful new village hall from 7.30 p.m. on and include a glass of wine, excellent refreshments, and tea and coffee. Below are details of our next two meetings.

June 11th in the Village Hall from 7.30 p.m. onwards
Plants for all - with Janet Cropley

We are lucky that this amusing and very well informed gardener has agreed to speak to us. SWIG Members have visited her magnificent gardens on several occasions.

July 16th - The SWIG Annual Picnic at Troy Farm from 7.30 onwards

Yet again, Ruth Powers has kindly agreed to host our annual picnic in the Troy Farm Gardens. All SWIG Members bring a plate of food with them to ensure the most amazing lavish spread of good things to eat. Bring a warm coat! If the weather is really foul, we hold the picnic inside in Ruth's warm kitchen

Keep watching this space! We will publish details of our next two events in the next Valley News.

News from St James's

We have a new PCC but no churchwardens!

On 21 April we held our Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The minutes will be posted on the new church notice board (see below) once they have been approved at the first full meeting of the new PCC. The new PCC, however, did meet immediately after the APCM to allocate jobs and to coopt Stan Morris again as Treasurer.

The good news is that the annual meeting was well attended and elected several new members of the PCC. This is now as follows:

Victoria Prentis (Lay Chair)

Stan Morris (Treasurer)

Basil Eastwood (Secretary)

Suzie Leon (Joint Minutes Secretary)

Jill Burton (Joint Minutes Secretary)

Roger Thomason (Emeritus Churchwarden and Deanery Synod representative)

Caroline Sutton

Doreen Brookfield

Linda Mitchell

Neil Clare (Tower Captain)

The not so good news is that we were unable to elect any churchwardens since nobody was prepared to stand. Anne Corner and David Reed both want to stand down. The Vicar explained that this situation was not unknown. He asked Anne and David to remain in office till the end of July to give time for replacements to be found. These would have to be elected by a special meeting convened immediately after a Sunday service in, he suggested, June.

NOMINATIONS PLEASE



A Brighter Church

Thanks to the Mitchells' merry men we now have a much brighter church. The nave has been redecorated but the north aisle had to be left since some of the plaster has had to be repaired. This too has now been done. Thanks too to all those who worked so hard to ensure that the church was cleaned properly after the redecoration.

A Safer Servery

The lids to the servery at the back of the church were so heavy that it was felt that they posed a safety hazard. They have now been joined together and fitted with gas pistons. This has been more complicated than expected but does now seem to be effective.

A New Notice Board

Thanks to the Browns and to funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund under the History Project we now have a fine new church notice board on the wall of Jeremy and Carol's barn next to the Parish Council notice board. It is intended for church and History Project notices. Keys will be kept by Basil Eastwood for the church and Rosemary Arnold for the History Project.

On Your Bike! (Shank's Pony or other means of locomotion)

This year the Ride and Stride will be on Saturday 14 September. Somehow we usually manage to have good weather for this event. It is a really good day out for the energetic as they seek to visit more and more churches and for the not so energetic as they take advantage of the fact that nearly all Oxfordshire's churches and chapels are open and ready to greet panting StRiders with a refreshing drink.

So, whether you are a Bradley Wiggins, a rambler or just want a nice day out, put the day in your diary now and start gathering lots of sponsorship for a very good cause – the future maintenance of Oxfordshire's churches – 50% to your own church and 50% to the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust. Last year OHCT was able to give £152,500 in repair grants to 38 churches. If you are reading this as an email you will find it even easier to raise sponsorship using the Justgiving website. Go to <http://www.ohct.org.uk/justgivingtoOHCT.html>

Catriona Renk has kindly agreed to take over lead responsibility for organising the Ride and Stride for Somerton. She will be ably assisted by Aly Fennemore.

For your diary

9 June 9.30am Sunday Club

16 June 9.30am Matins with Holy Communion

On **12, 13 and 15 September** the History Group will be mounting an exhibition in the Fermor Chapel on the village postal services. Rosemary Arnold would be happy to receive any relevant mementoes or documentation.

14 September from 10am Ride and Stride

New vestments for St James

Over £2,500 was raised for Somerton Church from an Evening with Baroness Mallalieu. A proportion has been spent with Taylors of Oxford for vestments for our Vicar as the Church has never had any of its own. St. James The Apostle's remains are reputedly buried in the Cathedral of St. Jaime de Compostela in Northern Spain. There is a pilgrimage to this Cathedral and each pilgrim carries a Scallop Shell which is the symbol of the Saint. As our Church is also St. James's the symbol has been embroidered on the back to confirm that these vestments are only for the use of the Grade 1 Listed Somerton Church.

UPPER HEYFORD NEWS

St Mary's Upper Heyford: church news

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place on 28 April. Formal elections to the PCC took place and the PCC now comprises:

Rev. Eddie Green (Chairman)
Madge Beere (Church Warden)
Sally Anne Mildenhall (Church Warden)
Mike Ingle (Vice chairman)
Alison Cotter (Treasurer)
Andrew Gotch (Secretary)
Ian Lough Scott
Bob Beere
Nick Alcraft

We were particularly pleased to have Mike Ingle confirmed in his role as Vice Chairman and Ian Lough Scott rejoining the PCC. Both have shown enormous commitment to St Mary's and their tireless energy will be a real asset to us all. Ian has already produced some excellent drawings for handrails that will be installed at the church door to help the elderly and infirm gain safe access to the church, and once again we record our gratitude to Jim Smith for his generous help with that project.

Many thanks too to Mary Goodman and Tina Munday who organised a sponsored bike ride to benefit St Mary's on 13 April. Despite alarmingly inclement weather several riders turned out and nearly £200 was raised, which is a great contribution. Initiatives like that help us in more ways than one, because the charity groups to which we apply for funding for our essential repair work always ask us what support we get from the village: and the commitment and endeavour of Mary, Tina and all the riders allows us to give yet another great example.

We hope that everyone will give similar support for the annual 'Ride and Stride' event later in the year, organised within the Cherwell Valley by the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust (OHCT). The OHCT relies entirely on donations and has been very generous in the past and, we hope, in the future. It deserves our support for all it has done for St Mary's so far.

Many of you will have noticed the new roof alarm which now protects the lead roof of our church from thieves, which is sadly an increasingly common problem nowadays. We are grateful to Viridor Credits for funding that essential precautionary work and to Mike Robinson of Sonit Electrical for installing it. We have a further application in with Viridor Credits presently which, if successful, will allow us to repair the chancel roof structure and all the damage that the rain has done.

Finally, in response to impassioned pleas from the pet-owning members of the village, there will be a special service at which you can have your pet blessed by Rev Eddie Green on 4 August 2013 – a date for your and your pet's diary!

Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

Job ch.35, v.11.

STOP PRESS! We have received a very generous grant from the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust of £8,000 to help with repairing St Mary's! Remember to get on your bikes and feet to support this year's OHCT Ride & Stride - they deserve the support of us all!

Floodlighting St. Mary's Church, Upper Heyford.

4th March

In celebration of the 40th birthday of Craig Lord.
'With lots of love from Canary and Tom'

9th March

In celebration of the 9th birthday of Macay Rivers.
'With Love from Mum Dad and sister, Isla.'

In celebration of Michael Hardcastle's birthday.
'With lots of love from Margaret xx.'

14th March

In memory of the late Mrs Sarah Brain who passed away 41 years ago today. 'Lots of love from her daughter, Ann.'

16th March

In memory of Matthew James who died in 1973.
'From Mum, Dad, Paul, Debbie and little Grace, with love.'

24th March

In celebration of the birthday of the late Clifford Jones.
'Lots of love, Gwen, Anita and Roy.'

25th March

In memory of the late Derek Bunce, who died on this day in 2011. 'Love from all the family.'

1st April

In celebration of the birthday of the late Mrs Sarah Brain by her daughter, Ann Woski

2nd April

In loving memory of the late Thelma Draper.
With much appreciation from the Organisers of the Flower Show.

3rd April

In celebration of the 46th wedding anniversary of Pat and Tom Matthews. 'To Pat with love from Tom.'

9th April

In celebration of Roger Burt's birthday.
'With love from Heather.'

14th April

In celebration of the birthday of Margaret Hardcastle's birthday. 'With love from Mike.'

19th April

In memory of the late Ben Brain who passed away four years ago today. 'Love, Karen and Sean.'

20th April

In celebration of the birthday of Thomas Lord.
'With love from Mum and Dad'

21st April

In memory of the late Jan Woski who passed away four years ago today. 'All my love, your wife Ann.'

30th April

In celebration of the birthday of the late John Smith.
'With love from Sally Anne, Jean, Ian, Emily, Graham and David.'

Fridays: 7th June & 5th July

Upper Heyford Village Hall

All money prizes & good raffle

Proceeds in aid of the church
Restoration Fund



Tribute: Albert Paviour

Albert was born at the family home in Aston View, Somerton on 20th May 1933. He was the second of four children, and the only son of Albert and Gertrude Paviour. He attended school in Somerton before moving on to Fritwell School, cycling each end of the day in all weathers, to attend. No school bus service in those days. During his early years he was a keen bell ringer at St James' church, and was proud that his son Michael was later married there and his 2 grandsons, Jack and Charlie be baptised there also. It was also during these early years that Albert discovered screen fame which some may not know of... No, not on the big screen, but as a young boy along with other village children tending rabbits, which during those war years were kept to help supply the food chain. The film is of Somerton's efforts during that time and can be seen on the Somerton website on the internet.

At the age of 18 Albert was enlisted for his national service. He spoke of his train journey to join the regiment and the apprehension of what may lie ahead. During his service in the Somerset Light Infantry, although spending a brief time in Germany, much of his time was spent serving in Malaya and he was soon promoted to Lance Corporal, a promotion which made his father very proud.

Whilst in Upper Heyford, Albert soon established himself among other local lads as a keen footballer. He used to play with the 'Heyford Minors' on a pitch along the common at the bottom of the village. He loved cricket too, and played for the village team, famously heading a ball out for a 'four'. Why, oh why, didn't he hit it with the bat like anybody else would have done no-one will ever know? Len Hudson his pal will tell you more about that story.

He spoke briefly of his time 'Mumming' (a Christmas time house visiting tradition) as many of Heyford's folk did, including his future father in law Fred Gregory. In doing so raising money for local good causes of the time.

By 1960 Albert had met and then married Sue Gregory and moved into the Gregory family home on Somerton Road. Sue was housekeeper for her father, sister and some of her 8 brothers. It was quite a houseful.

During his marriage to Sue, Albert became a wonderful stepfather to Judy and then father of Carole, Melvin, Angela and Michael. Sadly they lost their daughter Angela in 1969.

During his working life Albert had many and various jobs. He spoke of cycling to Stoke Lyne and back every day as a youngster. A journey of well over 5 miles each way to work at 'The Forge', later, he worked as a painter and decorator and also in the building trade.

Sue and Albert enjoyed a good social life and were both members of the local darts teams, Albert being the captain of the men's team. With Derek Bunce he established the 'Cherwell Valley Darts League' playing on each Wednesday night, a league of which Michael is now the Fixture Secretary

Unfortunately, in Sue's later years her health became poor, and so Albert's working life was cut short to care for her up until she sadly passed away in March 2000. Following this, he then looked after himself and Melvin and continued to bake bread and cakes as he'd done previously for Sue.

He loved being 'Grandpa' to Beverley, Angela and Joey in America as well as 'Pappy' to Dan, Dale, Jack and Charlie. Later, he became a great grandfather of 5. Jody, Samantha, Karmen, Jeremiah and Jacob, all of whom are in U.S.A.

Last year there was further sadness for Albert when Trudy suddenly passed away in America.

Albert passed away in the Horton on 17 March 2013

Tribute: Thelma Draper



Thelma was born in Middle Barton on May 8th 1938, so all her early memories would have been in the shadow of the war. She was daughter of Charles and Winifred Rogers and younger sister to Brenda. She went to the village school and then in 1949, when war was gone but rationing hadn't, to Dr Radcliffe School, Steeple Aston on the bus.

Thelma first worked in Kiddington as a nanny, later she moved to Coalville, Leicestershire where she worked for Meredith & Dew in Ashby de la Zouch.

Thelma and Ken were married on 30th March 1974 and they set up home together in Upper Heyford, with Andy & Steven and later their own daughter, Jane.

Thelma helped at the village school for many years, as dinner lady and as a playground assistant, her caring nature suited the work. When the school closed she worked again with children, helping escort special needs children in Mary & Kim's mini bus service to Banbury and Bicester schools.

Thelma was a quiet unassuming person who was always there to help when asked. She was a stalwart at the Flower Show for many years, helping Maureen with the meals and refreshments. Also helping Ken and Andy with their produce at the show. Sadly the show will not be the same without her.

The church was full at her funeral, an acknowledgement of the respect and regard within the community she served so well.

Ken and the family are most grateful for the acts of friendship and support they received at this sad time.

Warreners

At the May meeting we tried our hand at curling, and it turned out to be great fun and very competitive with everyone taking part. Some members used a rod to push, others the usual method by hand, with two teams fighting it out, all ending most satisfactorily with a draw!

At the June meeting on the 12th the lady from Oxfordshire Falls Prevention Service will give the talk originally set for the February meeting.

On June 19th club members will be visiting Kidlington Social Club for a meal and bingo.

At the July meeting on the 10th Colin Oakes will give the second part of his talk on London and its history. This will follow on from his last visit, when he kept everyone enthralled by the fascinating history of this great city.

Visitors would be made most welcome, especially to the Colin Oakes talk, just £3 including tea.

COARSE GARDENING.

I like the story about the city Parks Superintendent whose bosses asked him to label the flowers and shrubs 'properly'. He was reluctant to do so, because it's a time consuming business and, he thought, the public was not really interested in Latinised botanical names. But he had to bow to pressure, and soon various specimens were sporting labels with names such as *Taraxacum officinale*, *Calystegia sepium*, *Galium aparine*, *Ranunculus repens* and *Urtica dioica*. The City Fathers were satisfied and all went well, everyone perfectly happy, until a passing botanist blew the whistle on his little joke by writing an amused letter to the local paper, pointing out that the above labels referred to dandelion, great bindweed, goosegrass, creeping buttercup and stinging nettle respectively. Spoilsport. As it happens, I have excellent, burgeoning, well grown specimens of all the above and am very tempted to enter them for the village Flower Show, except that I might get into trouble with Scary Mary, so perhaps not.

There is a well known definition of a weed as 'a plant in the wrong place', but for my money it doesn't wash. The lonely little petunia in an onion patch is by no stretch of the imagination a weed; she is more like a bewildered Girl Guide unaccountably finding herself in the middle of a gang of rowdy bikers. It is hard to pin down what is meant by a weed, though there is a certain intrinsic, recognisable *weediness* about them all which shouts out at the hapless gardener. Richard Mabey writes of them as '...opportunists and chancers, the spivs of the vegetable world'. Fair comment, it seems to me. You clear a piece of ground in happy anticipation of that rare and expensive plant you have saved up for and ordered from a specialist nursery and as soon as you have turned your back they are in there, opportunistic groundsel springing up out of nowhere, dandelions arriving by airmail, couch and thistle creeping in underground from the nearest rough patch, and seeds in the freshly turned earth popping open in the slightest warmth. There will be a small forest of the spivviest interlopers before you can say *Paeonia mlokosewitschii*. Though by the time you have worked out how to say that one they'll have flowered, seeded and be into the next generation.

One of the characteristics of those weeds which we all agree are weeds is that they won't stay in one place, like decent, stalwart, God-fearing plants. I mean, consider rhubarb. There is a yeoman of a plant for you. You know where you are with a good, stout clump of rhubarb. It is content to get on with life year after year, reliable and unspectacular, doing its duty like a good citizen and troubling nobody. But its near cousin, common dock, is a Visigoth of a thing, no respecter of property and the very devil to hoick out once it has invaded. Together with its common companion, the stinging nettle, there is no doubting its weedy status. They are not exactly easy to love. On the other hand, one man's weed can be another man's wild flower. At The Willows, the garden is large enough to afford to be a bit tatty around the edges (at least, that's my excuse). We tolerate cow parsley and welcome dog daisies and red campion in the rougher areas and great purple swathes of selfheal in the lawn. Alongside the canal just now there is a splendid stand of campion, which seeds itself into the patches where I have removed nettles and brambles. I am delighted with it, though it is truly a wild flower and not a garden plant. If you happen to want

any... Of course, categories merge. Primroses and cowslips are also wild flowers, but most people think them garden worthy. They behave themselves neatly, like rhubarb, and would never consider invading anyone.

However, some of my garden plants do show certain weedlike tendencies. Forget-me-nots turn up everywhere, as does biennial honesty - there are big purple stands of it. Neither of these is any trouble, as they can be easily pulled out if they get overenthusiastic. We also have a pretty little ferny-leaved plant called *Corydalis lutea* which has followed us from house to house over several removes. It likes to grow in the cracks between paving slabs and in holes in walls. It's a delight, with small bright yellow flowers which look like miniature snapdragons and are sweetly scented when the sun shines. One has self seeded into our low stone wall with railings on top in Allens Lane, and you can also see it growing in the front walls of Two Trees farmhouse in the High Street. It is not a UK native, but behaves just like a wild flower and has to be pulled out from some places where it is too abundant. Red valerian is another wall-grower, where it can do considerable damage by prising the stones apart with its thick roots. It is, or was, a garden plant, but has found its way into the wild. Great swathes of it adorn the chalk cliffs in Dorset, in company with blue bugloss - a wonderful sight. It also grows, less spectacularly, in the pavement at the top of the High Street and in the front garden stone walls at the top of Mill Lane.

We have one garden plant which is pretty dodgy - the orange hawkweed, sometimes called fox-and-cubs, *Pilosella aurantiaca*. This produces a mass of glowing ginger-orange flowers in the summer and likes hard-growing conditions, poor soil and exposure, so it is doing well on our steep bank down to the canal. I find, though, that it is considered 'an invasive species and a noxious weed' in six US states and Australia. Hmm.

It seems as though my gardening this summer is going to consist of little else than weeding, to try to put right the chaos resulting from last year's impossible conditions. If you are in the same boat and it all gets too much, perhaps we should consider spraying the whole village with Agent Orange - Jack can fly a Huey - followed by a neat top-dressing of reinforced concrete. Car parking is always useful. Who needs greenery.

Regards to your slugs.

Roger Burt.



You know where you are with a good, stout clump of rhubarb.

ELDER

(Sambucus Nigra)

The name Elder comes from the Angle-Saxon word aeld meaning fire. The elder branches were often used to kindle fires by blowing through the hollow centres to give the



flames more oxygen. The Latin name sambucus is a the musical instrument. This was a stringed instrument made from the hard wood of the tree. Pan pipes were made by the Greeks and Romans from the branches The tree is thought to be the mother of the elves who live under her roots. It is the dwelling place of good house spirits. Offerings can be left for the tree when asking for blessings. The Druids gathered the last berries and made them into a strong wine that was drunk for clairvoyance. Sticks of elder are carried at weddings for good luck, and can be placed near the house to ward off ill fortune. Magicians use the wood for making magic wands. Warts can be cured by rubbing them with a green elder stick and then burying the stick. Rheumatism is helped by carrying a knotted twig in a pocket.

The Elder is the medicine chest of country people. The leaves are made into an ointment for bruises, sprains wounds and rubbed into inflamed joints.. Elderflower water is used as an eye and skin lotion especially for sunburn. Teas of elderflowers are used for bronchial and pulmonary infections, fevers, measles, flu, colic, diarrhoea and influenza. The infusion is relaxing and help to reduce fever and congestion. When drunk before the hayfever season it reduces the effects of allergies. Steeping flowers in olive oil for 20 days makes a remedy for burns and scalds. The berries are full of vitamins especially vitamin C. When the berries are made into a cordial it helps to recover from flu and colds.

Below is a recipe for elderflower cordial

Ingredients:

- 2 ¼ lbs /1k sugar
- 3 pints/1.5 liters boiling water
- 4 medium lemons, washed
- 20 large Elderflower heads, shake to remove any insects
- 2 oz/55g citric acid

Preparation:

- Place the sugar into a large saucepan. Pour the boiling water over and stir until all the sugar has dissolved and leave to cool.
 - Grate the rind of the lemons with a fine grater, add to the sugar water
 - Slice the lemons into thick slices and add to the water. Add the citric acid and stir, then finally add the flower heads to the water and stir again.
 - Cover with a clean cloth and leave to steep for 48 hours.
 - Strain through clean fine muslin cloth into a clean bowl.
 - Pour into a sauce pan and bring to the boil
- Using a funnel, fill sterilized bottles (see note below). Seal and store in a cool, dark place (not the refrigerator).

The cordial is delicious diluted with still or fizzy water or used as a flavouring in ice creams or in fruit fools.

Once a bottle is opened store in the refrigerator.



ALLOTMENT NEWS

In between the showers there has been a lot of digging and some early planting of potatoes and seeds. Some of us dig by hand, others have raised beds and some rotivate. Personally I prefer the digging by hand and talking to worms So far the pigeons have been distracted by the farm fields but it is only a matter of time. The beans are last to go out the end of the month. As Dave says, 'We lose some and we harvest some but we keep going.' We will all be sorry to lose Bernard who is giving up his allotment to ill health. He has always had a kindly word for us all. As for the flower show some people are planting their parsnips in tubes to be sure to win. Others use just like the wild approach.

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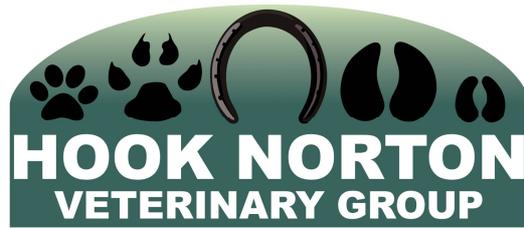
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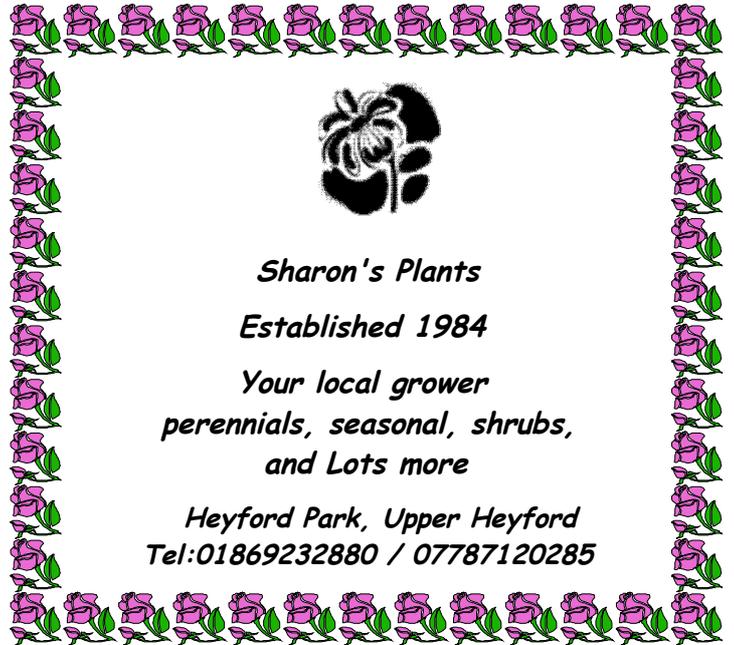
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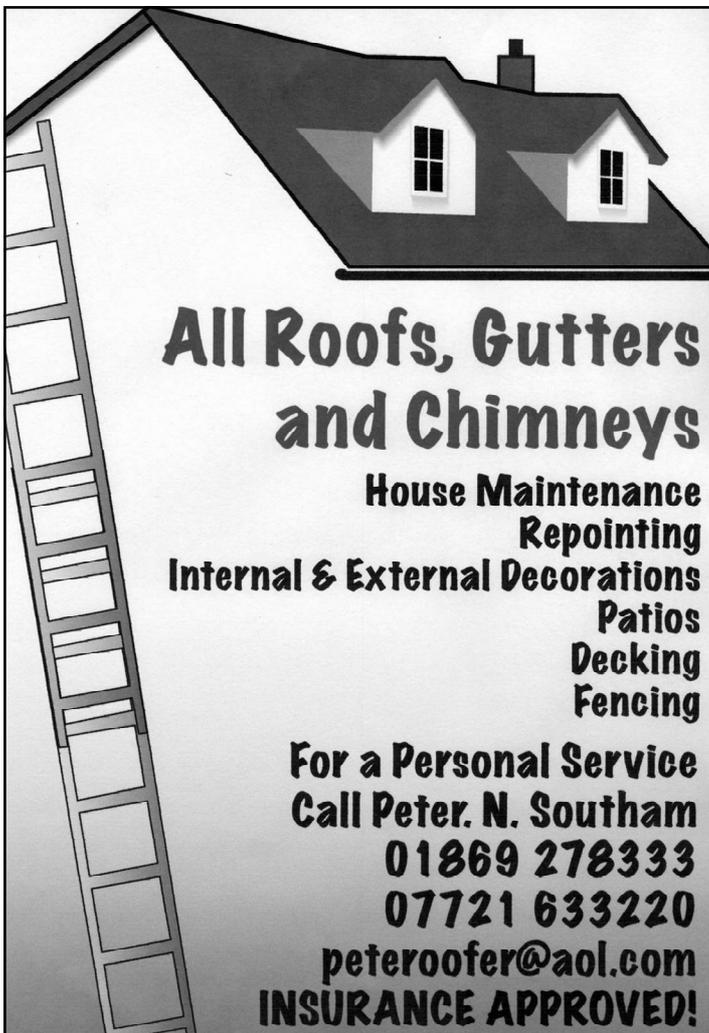
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Friday 7th June	Bingo, Upper Heyford Village Hall	7.30pm
Saturday 15th June	Community Market, Souldern	9am-12 noon
Sunday 16th June	Book Sale, Somerton Village Hall	2-5pm
Sunday 16th June	Fritwell Gardens Open	2—5pm
Wednesday 19th June	Heyfords WI—Medical detection dog	Upper Heyford Reading Room 7.30pm
Wednesday 19th June	Warreners, Kidlington lunch visit	
Sunday 23rd June	Cream Teas, Upper Heyford Reading Room	2—4pm
Sunday 30th	10K Charity Walk, Heyford Airfield	
Friday 5th July	Bingo, Upper Heyford Village Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 7th July	Cream Teas, Upper Heyford Reading Room	2—4pm
Wednesday 10th July	Warreners, Upper Heyford Village Hall	2pm
13th / 14th / 15th July	Beer Festival, Horse & Groom, Caulcott	
Saturday 13th July	Summer Soiree, Fritwell	7pm
Tuesday 16th July	SWIG annual picnic, Troy Farm	7.30pm onwards
Wednesday 17th July	Heyfords WI—Visit to Iron Down Farm	6.30pm at the farm
Sunday 21st July	Cream Teas, Upper Heyford Reading Room	2-4pm
Saturday 27th July	Heyford Park Summer Fete	12—5pm
Friday 2nd August	Bingo, Upper Heyford Village Hall	7.30pm
Sunday 4th August	Blessing of the Animals, St Mary's Upper Heyford	9.30am
Sunday 4th August	Cream Teas, Upper Heyford Reading Room	2-4pm
Sunday 18th August	Cream Teas, Upper Heyford Reading Room	2-4pm
Saturday 31st August	Upper Heyford Flower Show	2pm
Saturday 7th Sept	Somerton Produce Show	2pm
Saturday 14th Sept	Oxfordshire Historic Churches Ride & Stride	Help to raise funds for your church