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The class is appropriate to anyone who feels unsteady, has fallen, or for anyone with a history of low bone density. All ages and capabilities are welcome.

Classes (which currently operate on a drop in basis) take place every Thursday, 9.45-10.45 at a cost of £7 per session. Sessions are run by Cally Maxwell, an experienced and qualified Level 4 instructor. For more information please call Cally 07957 547 067.3

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In this month's edition . . .

We have enjoyed filling our pages with new and exciting events happening in our towns and villages, and regardless of the weather, you can guarantee that there is fun and enjoyment around the North Cotswolds this month!

What else? Bourton is hosting events on the beautiful banks of the River Windrush, delighting new visitors and new residents alike; Chipping Norton has the go-ahead for exciting upgrades to its leisure facilities; Moreton co-hosted a very special Armed Forces Day with Cirencester; and in Stow it looks as if there is progress at last towards the new Surgery, despite some background politics.

Cotswold Times is planning new articles and a few changes of its own this autumn, including a new Local Marketing page, and delivery plans.

Meanwhile, everyone here wishes you a wonderful July - may the weather be ideal for you, whatever your plans are.

Best wishes, Jenní

NEXT MONTH

Our Annual Photo Competition, touring the Cotswold Times area to spot the best/weirdest/most unusual (and easily overlooked) things to see in our communities. FREE entry for individuals, families and teams – choose your own prize.

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their bathrooms modernised. The combination of historic features with modern furnishings, décor and comfort offers the best of both worlds in this picturesque corner of the North Cotswolds.

The Inn is located in the conservation village of Upper Oddington which, surrounded by tranquil English countryside. makes it the ideal destination for any occasion – a romantic detaway, a special meal, a light lunch or just a drink! With a huge garden and courtyard offering outside seating, it's the perfect venue for friends and families this summer.

The Horse & Groom has a mission to offer delicious food and quality service. Daniel Little joins the team from Heston Blumenthal's 'The Fat Duck' restaurant as the Head Chef. He and his team in the Kitchen have put together an exciting Summer Menu, offering both the pub classics an Inn like this deserves and dishes with influences from around the world, while children can enjoy their own simpler menu. Daily specials are always on offer and usually include a selection of beautiful fresh fish dishes. Meals feature locally sourced ingredients whenever possible and can be eaten in the Restaurant, Main Bar or Garden.





General Manager Andrew Glen-Williamson has just launched a special Gin Menu, with a new Cocktail Menu is coming soon. The bar offers local and national beers and lagers, an extensive selection of wines by the bottle or glass and a wide range of soft drinks, including teas and coffees. There is something for everyone at The Horse & Groom.

The new owners have reintroduced the "Snug Bar" in their refurbishment intending to maintain the old fashioned village pub atmosphere and ensure there is still a meeting place for the local community within the inn.

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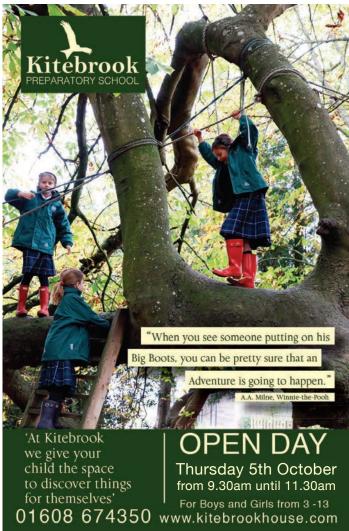
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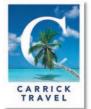
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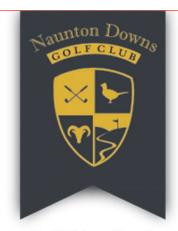








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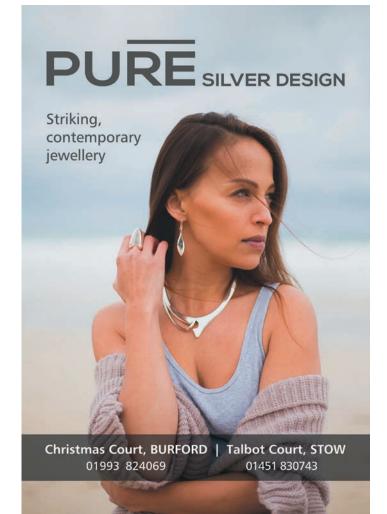




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COTSWOLD LIONS SET TO MAKE SHOW A ROARING SUCCESS!

Cotswold Sheep - the lifeblood of Stow's once prosperous wool markets - were on the brink of extinction in the 1960s. But farmers Jonathan and Mel Brunyee stepped in to buy some of the last remaining breeding flock at Aldsworth after taking the tenancy of Conygree Farm, on the National Trust Sherborne Estate. Now the conservation-conscious couple's 50 rare breed Cotswold Sheep - also known as Lions for their mane-like fleeces - are a pride and joy. Two will take centre stage at Stow Cotswold Festival, from 11am to 11pm, on July 15. Their return to Stow Square, the historic wool sales site, caps the event's celebration of Cotswold life, crafts and heritage.

Visitors can pet the animals, see and touch freshly-shorn fleeces and watch Northleach Spinners and Weavers transform them into finished products.

"Our sheep are very gentle, big, dopey and friendly once you get to know them," said Jonathan. "Cotswold Sheep fell out of favour because they're a wool breed and we don't wear wool as much now. They're also a heavy breed and slower-growing when it comes to meat production.

"But I value rare breeds and genetic diversity. So when I moved to Convaree in 2004 I couldn't not have Cotswolds. We needed to do something different and tell a story which is a crucial part of our heritage. Robert Garne at Aldsworth had the last flock in the country, with 200 for sale. We



bought some along with Joe Henson at Cotswold Farm Park and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust, amongst others."

The Brunyees turned around 'rack and ruin, thistle-infested' land. They erected 6.5 miles of new fences and re-seeded most of the 'soil-raped' arable areas to establish diverse grassland habitats, including herb-rich 'lay' pastures, rare wildflower meadows with 60-100 species crucial for insects, birds and mammals, and very large field margins. The land will take 30 years to fully mature. The first Cotswold Sheep and Gloucester Old Spot pigs were reared in 2006 and old variety Herefords arrived in 2012. Full organic status came the year before.

Now 50 ewes produce some 75 lambs from May. Sheep are



shorn in June, amassing 300 kilos of organic fleece which is now finding niche markets. But it's the meat which is really making its mark. Hogget - which is slower maturing lamb in its second summer – is helping to educate people's palates. "The lamb has done a big growth spurt and then eats all these nutrient-rich grasses, flowers and herbs which hopefully go into the meat," said Jonathan. "I believe it's the best you can get."

The Brunyees will have meat boxes on sale at the Festival and host a Guess the Weight of the Fleece competition. Stitches, using the 'Lion' wool can be added to a special commemorative community 'crewel-work' embroidery. Felters and knitters are also displaying. Budding artists can buy white pottery sheep money boxes to design themselves. They will be inspired by 150 decorated exhibits from Stow Primary pupils in a Stow and District Civic Society competition, sponsored by Newlands of Stow Care Home.

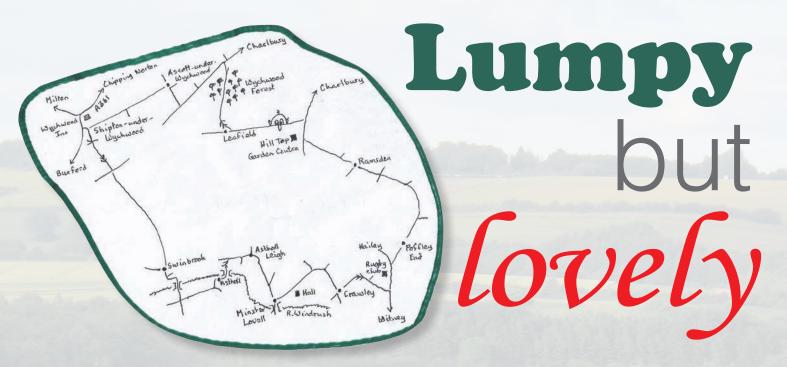
Rural crafts to see include a dry-stone walling competition, a green woodworker, birds of prey handling and bee-keeping. Cotswold Alpacas will be on show and grazing sheep can be spotted from tours up St Edward's Church tower.

Family entertainment abounds all day. This includes craft, food and charity market stalls, shops spilling onto the pavements and performances from fire-eater and escapologist John Haynes, Cotswold School band and Beacon Gospel Choir. Children can guess the giant monkey's birthday and enjoy a treasure hunt, games, roundabouts and face-painting. Artefacts marking the Civil War's 1646 Battle of Stow are also on view in St Edward's Hall.

Dancing starts at 7pm to band Monkey Jam, with local food and refreshments all available.

Festival profits will benefit local charities Kate's Home Nursing, Great Western Air Ambulance and Stow Primary School. The Sam Pilcher Trust mans the Festival car park on the cricket field.

For more information please visit www.stowcotswoldfestival.com



'Lumpy' is a word much used by cyclists to describe any hilly route, whether that be Cotswold hilly or Alpine hilly. The route described below is the former so enthusiastic cyclists won't choke on their energy bars. Indeed, what could be more satisfying on a Saturday morning, with the sun shining, a lie-in, leisurely scan through the weekend papers, mug of coffee and out on the bike for the day? At just under twenty five miles, this journey in the south eastern Cotswolds is a snapshot of all that is best in a glorious region. Ancient buildings, riverside lanes, silent villages, the Wychwood Forest and little traffic, all competing for attention.

Starting outside the Wychwood Inn, or inside if you prefer, a short stretch of main road leads to a left turn just beyond The Shaven Crown, a lane that goes over a multiple junction, climbing steadily towards the Charlbury/Burford B road, a road that stretches along the watershed between the Evenlode and Windrush valleys. Stop at the crossroads and look back - just stop and stare. Continue across and straight down a tree lined way, corkscrewing around the aptly named 'Hit or Miss Corner,' onwards into Swinbrook. This is the first of several picture postcard villages, famed for its church containing the vertical ranks of Fettiplace tombs and, in spring, its banks of daffodils. Then there's the River Windrush to cross as it winds its way down towards Witney. Well-heeled travellers can often be seen idling over their pints on the banks outside The Swan.

Once over the river, turn left past Asthall Manor, former home of the Mitford sisters, and left again along the village street. Past here the rider re-crosses the Windrush before a steep ascent, one that is steep enough to put hairs on your chest; male riders may also have to work hard here. A right turn at the top shows riders an eyeful of long and lazy reaches of the Windrush before reaching Asthall Leigh with its carefully converted church, and down a long hill into Minster Lovell.

It might be a bit early to stop for a lunch break but there are few better places along the way; there are the playing fields on the river bank plus the austere and spectral remains of Minster Lovell Hall, complete with tower and dovecote, manorial remains that date back to the fifteenth century; the Hall is best reached from the parking area beside the church. For a picnic site, this takes some beating.

A single track lane follows the valley to Crawley where riders turn left at the war memorial, up - yes, sorry, past The Crawley Inn, a favourite haunt of bikers, and onto

the Charlbury/Witney road. Here, a left turn takes us past the rugby club and a right turn leads into the centreless village of Poffley End, a classic example of ribbon development.

Still no traffic as the route meanders along to Ramsden, climbing so imperceptibly that the rider has little thought of complaint. Ramsden is another picture postcard village, porches overhung in the early summer with clematis, wisteria and roses, the only spoiler being the cream painted concrete base under the war memorial. The gradient through the village and beyond is still gradual in





Summer Fun with North Cotswolds Gymnastics & Trampolining Academy displays, competitions and camps

GYMNASTICS & CHEERLEADING DISPLAYS led by Lauren a World Cheerleader competitor, with displays at - Temple Guiting Fête (1pm) and Upper Rissington Fête (3.30pm) on 1st July. Moreton in Marsh Show (3pm) on September 2nd, and at Northleach Steam and Vintage Show on September 3rd.

CHEERLEADING is taking the nation by storm. Our classes are lead by Lauren, a World Cheerleading Competitor. We are competing at the Future Cheer Internationals in Bournemouth on 8th July.

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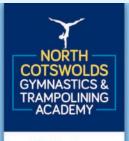
the extreme and the rider is rewarded by the looming sight of Hilltop Garden Centre, perhaps the ideal spot for tea and something unhealthy. Its facilities are much used by local cyclists out for club rides; if this discriminating crowd of hardened and born-again cake eaters approve of it, the casual rider will love it.

Our route now leads on towards Leafield. Soon after the village is reached, a right turn, signposted to Chadlington, takes the rider down a steep hill, the latter part of which is bordered on one side by a lengthy row of crab apple trees, beautiful in late spring, prolific in the autumn. The Wychwood Forest lies ahead.

The Forest, now a fraction of the size of its past, was a royal hunting forest and this section was shut off to the public for most of its years apart from one path that was open just on Palm Sundays. Nowadays, the Charlbury Circular Walk passes through it but for the cyclist, this 'lumpy' road, lumpy by undulation and lumpy by surface, is the main access. A deserted road between mature deciduous woodlands, past former hunting lodges - it takes some beating, and just when it comes to an end at its meeting with the B road, a huge view across the Evenlode valley opens up, a sight for your eyes.

We're nearly home. Turning left along the B road towards Burford, riders follow the valley side, looking across to a patchwork of arable fields as they rise to the Chipping Norton road. Before long, a right turn descends into the valley and into the village of Ascott-under-Wychwood. Immediately beyond the school, turn left and, after a sharp bend, left again along the village street and past the Tiddy Hall. From there it's barely a mile back into Shipton and the end of a lumpy but lovely ride; cycling doesn't get much better.

Bob Forster





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05 Site Inspection Briefing Wed

Thurs 06 Cabinet

Wed 12 Planning and Licensing

Questions to the Council or a committee about any matter on which CDC have any powers or duties or which affects the district must first be received in writing by the Head of Democratic Services by email no later than 5 pm on the prior working day: Nigel.adams@cotswold.gov.uk

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STOW TOWN COUNCIL

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Residents are welcome to attend meetings. Questions* from the public relating to a proposal in discussion by Cllrs may be taken prior to Council voting on that proposal. General questions are taken at the end of the meeting.

*A maximum of 3 minutes allowed.

Town Councillors are available before and after the meeting. District and County Cllrs, representatives of Stow Police and local Press regularly attend.

STOW TOWN COUNCIL

NOTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING **JUNE 2017**

Abbreviated notes from the Meeting will be available online at www.stowonthewold.net and are displayed on the Council's noticeboard on St Edwards Hall in Stow Square. Copies of Minutes, associated committee meetings and correspondence are available from the Council's Office, in George Alley off Stow Square. Minutes of Council Meetings are available in the Library and online at www.stowonthewold-tc.gov.uk.

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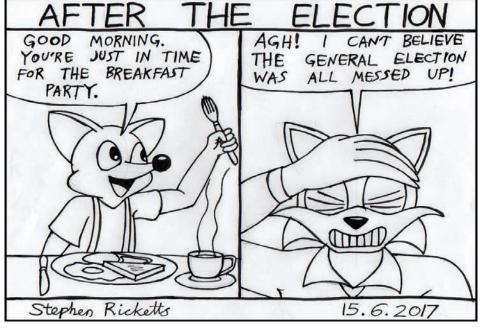
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great place to stay that offers bike lock up over night? Or you might be a business that can offer somewhere to eat, drink or stay for the thousands of spectators expected from outside the area.

If you want to ensure your business gets in front of those visitors who might want to eat, drink or stay please get in touch with us to make sure your details are listed on VisitCheltenham.com





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Stow Youth Centre, Fosseway, Stow-on-the-Wold, Gloucestershire GL54 1DW Tel: 01451 832585

Email: info@stowonthewold-tc.gov.uk
Website: www.stowonthewold-tc.gov.uk

Clerk and RFO: Heather Sipthorp



DOG FOULING IN THE TOWN

The council is receiving a lot of complaints with regard to a minority of irresponsible dog owners not picking up and disposing of their dogs faeces in the bins provided. This is an offence and the dog owner could get a fixed penalty of £75 and if convicted by a court this could rise to £1000.



BENCHMARKING REPORT

The council commissioned People & Places to carry out a Benchmarking Survey of the town. The results are very interesting and obviously highlight the need for more parking (this is something the council is currently working hard to find a solution). It also shows what a great town this is and in many instances scores higher than the national average which for a town of this size is incredible. WELL DONE Stow! If you would like to take a look at the report then go to www.stowonthewold-tc.gov.uk - click "The Council" on left hand menu, then click "Stow Town Council" and then finally, at the top of the page you will find a tab called "Documents" click this and you should find the report near the top of the list.

TOUR OF BRITAIN 2017 Saturday 9th September

Council want to make the most of this unique opporuntity and hope to organise some events & activities during the day. We can't do this alone so if you can help then please contact the clerk on 01451 832585 or email info@stowonthewold-tc.gov.uk to register your details. The more volunteers we get the more we can organise. Let's make it a fun and memorable day!

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE
Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7.00 pm
BURIAL BOARD - Thursday 13th July 2017 at 9.15 am
PLANNING, TRAFFIC & PARKING COMMITTEE
Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 7.00 pm
COUNCIL MEETING – Thursday 27th July 2017 at 7.15 pm

ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN YOUTH CENTRE

Meeting dates can change so for up to date information
see council's website or give the office a call



HAVE A FIELD DAY

On QEII playing field (cricket ground), Stow on the Wold GL54 1LD

Saturday 8th July – 2 - 4 pm

Come and join Stow Primary PTFA in a national celebration (organised by Fields in Trust) of local parks and green spaces.

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Council Minutes can be viewed on the website www.stowonthewold-tc.gov.uk, or on the noticeboard on St Edward's Hall, The Square, in The Library or at the Council office.



New 360 degree cameras are improving safety on waste vehicles

Ubico Ltd, the environmental services provider for Cotswold District Council, is fitting new 360 degree vehicle cameras to all new collection vehicles, and the ones in place so far have improved the safety of crew members and other road users.

Cllr Sue Coakley, the CDC Cabinet Member for the Environment, comments:

"Ubico first trialed these cameras in West Oxfordshire and they have been very successful in reducing the risk of potentially serious accidents. Here at Cotswold we are already reaping the benefits from the new cameras which create a safer working environment for the collection crew and other road

"Perhaps the biggest improvement is the fact that when the nearside indicator is activated, the camera display gives the driver a clear view of the left hand side of the vehicle, revealing any cyclists who would previously have been in a 'blind spot.' Additionally, if the vehicle gets too close to an object or vehicle either at the front or the rear - an alarm will sound and the brakes will be applied automatically. Another alarm sounds if the vehicle strays out of marked lanes while travelling on dual carriageways.



"And one unexpected bonus is that we are seeing a reduction in the number of third party insurance claims as we can now provide evidence that our vehicle was not involved in the collision."

Lower Swell Village Hall receives grant cheque for new heating and lighting systems

Following confirmation of a grant of £3,847.50 from Gloucestershire Environmental Trust, new heating and lighting systems have been installed in Lower Swell Village Hall. The grant cheque was presented to Lynda Rollason, Secretary of Swell Village Hall Committee, by John McLaughlin, Manager of Gloucestershire Environmental Trust on Wednesda, y 14 June. At the presentation, Lynda said, "The Hall is used regularly for fundraising events and by independent hirers, so the year round conditions will be much more economical and comfortable for all concerned". John Mclaughlin added, "It has been a

pleasure to support this very worthwhile project and I hope that many people will enjoy the improved conditions now being provided by the new systems in the Village Hall".

The Village Hall's previous heating and lighting systems were very old and expensive to run, so the newly-installed eco panel heaters and sweep fans will provide more economical and controllable ambient temperatures, with the LED light fittings also providing more economical lighting.

The full cost of the project was £5,472.00 of which the

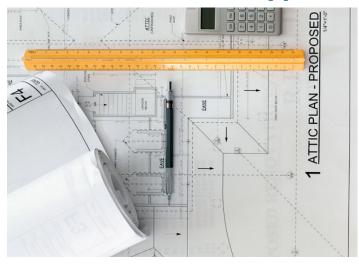
Village Hall Committee was required to raise £1,624.50. This was achieved through a lot of hard work by the Committee and its volunteers and with the support of the Swells communities.

Future events to be held at the Village Hall and Church are a Valuation Day on 16 September, a Quiz Night on 23 September, a Hot Fingers Concert on 14 October, a Brunch on 18 November and a Wine Tasting Event also in November with the Village Hall's Film Season beginning in October.

More information about Swell Village Hall Committee aand their fundraising events and other activities can be found on their Facebook page and for Gloucestershire Environmental Trust at www.ge-trust.org.uk.



Consultation underway on proposed changes to planning application checks



Planners at Cotswold District Council are consulting the public on proposals to update their planning application validation checklist to meet new national and local planning policies, as well as good practice guidelines.

The validation process checks that the correct planning application documents and fee have been sent in before the planning application is decided by the Planning officers.

The public consultation runs until 4 pm on 6 July 2017. The proposed amendments are available to view on our website

The main updates are as follows:

1. Making a scale bar on detailed plans compulsory as most

- plans are viewed online so this will help with accurate measurements
- 2. Clarifying the level of information needed on existing and proposed block and floor plans
- 3. Clarifying when an archaeological assessment is required
- 4. Clarifying that an air quality assessment will be needed for biomass proposals.
- 5. Clarifying the level of information needed for listed building and applications affecting trees
- 6. Clarifying viability information needed for Affordable Housing and cost of independent review by the District Valuer to be paid by the applicant.
- 7. Clarifying the level of drainage information needed.
- 8. Clarifying when an Open Space Assessment is required.
- 9. Clarifying the level of information needed for a Waste Management Plan.
- 10. Clarifying when a Statement of Community Involvement is required.
- 11. Clarifying the level of noise information required.

Send your comments

- Via email to the Planning team or
- write to: Development Management team, Cotswold District Council, Trinity Road, Cirencester, Gloucestershire, GL7 1PX

For further information about the consultation or the proposed Local List document please:

- email: the Planning team
- call: 01285 623 413

Significant change in Member voting rights

Members of Cotswold District Council agreed at the June Meeting that Ward Members should be able to vote on planning applications in their own Ward.

Members of the Planning Committee will be able to vote – or make or second propositions and amendments on applications – for planning permissions, listed building consents, conservation area consents and other matters within their own Wards. The same will apply to planning decisions taken by the full Council.

Prior to the decision, Councillors

were not allowed to vote on planning applications in their Wards as it was felt that this restriction would enable them to engage more freely on the matters in hand without being fettered by issues of pre-determination, pre-disposition or bias, including allegations that they might be unduly influenced.

Joint Motion

However, a joint motion proposed by Cllrs David Fowles and Joe Harris, seconded by Cllrs Robin Hughes and Patrick Coleman, argued that development control matters tend to generate a lot of local interest and views, and have the potential to impact significantly on local communities. Accordingly, they stressed that local Members should participate fully in all aspects of the planning process, representing local views and casting a vote.

Adequate Safeguards

The Leader of CDC, Cllr Mark Annett, said: "The historic practice of not allowing Members to vote on matters within their own Ward is no longer in the best interests of residents – or, indeed, the Members themselves. Councillors agreed the proposal in the knowledge that we will apply adequate safeguards to ensure that they will declare interests and respect common law and guidance regarding issues of predisposition, predetermination, and bias."

Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group at CDC, Cllr Joe Harris, added: "We were very pleased to vote for this motion as we believe it represents a major step forward regarding the determination of planning matters."



Planning Applications & Approvals



CDC Planning Commmittee meets once a month - the details are on p17 of this magazine. Full information is available online at www.cotswold.gov.uk or 01285 62300. This website also explains planning procedures, how to comment on applications and speak at a public planning meeting at CDC.

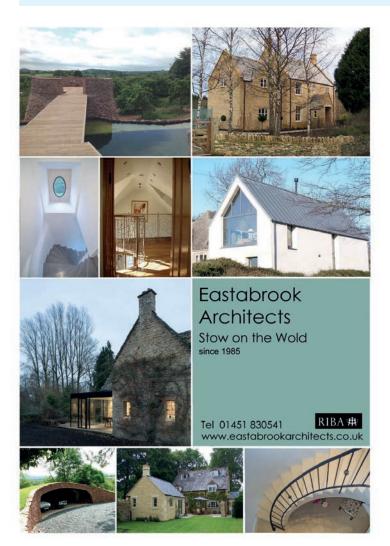
PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE 10 May 2017 SUMMARY OF DECISIONS

Parish	Application	Schedule No.	V = V	Accept Officer Recommendation /aried Officer Recommendation Overturned Officer Recommendation
Ebrington	Studio Barn Hidcote Boyce Ebrington Chipping Campden 17/00004/FUL CD.3972/N. Full Application	01	А	Permit
Chipping Campden	Hillbarn Westington Chipping Campden Gloucestershire 17/00618/FUL CD.3919/D. Full Application	03	А	Permit
Mickleton	Plot Adjacent To Arbour House Broadway Road Mickleton Chipping Campden 17/01757/REM CD.2288/Y Approval of Reserved Matters	06	А	Permit
Stow On The Wold	Borzoi Book Shop White Cottage Church Street Stow-On- The-Wold 17/00866/LBC CD.4187/F Listed Building Consent	07	0	Permit - Subject to conditions ref timber and finishes
Stow On The Wold	Borzoi Book Shop White Cottage Church Street Stow-On- The-Wold 17/00865/FUL CD.4187/E Full Application	08	0	Permit - Subject to conditions ref timber and finishes

New NPPF judgement

In a landmark judgment, the Supreme Court has ruled that the absence of a five-year supply of deliverable sites should only render out of date those policies dealing with the numbers and distribution of housing, and not those which seek to restrict housing.

From PLANNING RESOURCE 23 May 2017





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Tall Trees Doctors' Surgery - an open letter from Andrew Eastabrook

Tall Trees Doctors' Surgery, a progress report (15 June)



Stow Surgery - Entrance view

I am delighted to advise you that the Tall Trees Development Team can confirm it has now secured funding for the Tall Trees Doctors' Surgery, meaning that the project is ready to proceed.

We recognise that this highly-complex process has taken longer than we would have hoped and has been a frustrating time for all those involved. However, extensive and diligent work has been ongoing behind the scenes for many months to get us to this point.

The current project status is:

- Outline Planning Permission and approval of Reserved Matters are in place.
- Work is currently being carried out on and near the site which will allow us to discharge the pre-commencement Conditions on the Outline Permission. (For those who are interested the Outline Planning Permission is on the Cotswold District Council website and I specifically refer to Condition 17 which is the one through which the critical path of the project will flow.)
- We have Building Regulation approval .
- The Design Team is appointed and comprises the following:

- i. Architect, Eastabrook Architects
- ii. Quantity Surveyor, Calvert & Webster
- iii. Structural Engineer, O'Brien & Price, Cheltenham
- iv. Mechanical & Electrical Engineer, Environmental Services Design Practice
- v. Landscape Architect, MHP Design Ltd
- vi. SBAN (Environmental Certificate) Consultant, Stanton King Associates Ltd
- vii. BREEAM Assessor, Environmental Assessment Consortium
- viii. Health & Safety Officer, Robert Cann
- ix. Highways Engineer, PFA Consulting
- x. Contamination Consultant, Core Geotechnical
- xi. Aboriculturalist, Tim Pursey
- xii. Construction Manager, appointment to be confirmed. We will be using local firms within a Construction Management Contract framework.
- It is a requirement of the NHS that all new surgeries of more than £2 million in capital value have to have the BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) standard of "Excellent". This places a very high environmental standard on the building itself when completed and also on its procurement. We currently are working with the BREE-AM Assessor to design the necessary elements to achieve "Excellent" status.
- All the legal documents for the various agreements between the Doctors, the NHS, the Funders and the Developers are completed and can be signed as soon as the entrance road condition has been

discharged as acceptable by the Planning Department at Cotswold District Council.

Construction will therefore begin as soon as pre-commencement conditions have been approved by CDC. We anticipate that this could be as soon as August this year.

We will issue further progress reports as each phase of the work is completed.

We would like to assure the people of Stow and the surrounding villages that we intend to start building work on the new Tall Trees Doctors' Surgery as soon as possible and with total commitment.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Eastabrook BA BArch (Hons)
RIBA

Eastabrook Architects

From Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP to Ms Scarsbrook by email (21 June)

Please find attached the advert for the public meeting in Stow-on-the-Wold on 30 June 2017 regarding the Doctors surgery.

As I pledged in my acceptance speech following my re-election, I am determined to try to seek a solution to the Doctors surgery in Stow. I am anticipating that John Nutbourne will be present to explain his proposals and therefore hope that you and your advisers will be able to attend as you already have planning permission and have been in active negotiations with the Doctors, planners and Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (GCCG). This public meeting would be an ideal platform for you and your advisers to explain to the people of Stow the progress that you have made so far. Cllr Nigel Moor will also be in attendance.

I can assure you that I am an extremely experienced Chairman of these public meetings and as such I will only allow a civilised discussion to take place.

I would be most grateful if you and your advisers could attend and I look forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely Geoffrey Clifton-Brown



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NB. Following concern expressed by a Maugersbury resident regarding the probity of the claim made that this letter was approved by the Doctors, the Editor was asked to include a copy of the email below.

From: WILLIAMS, Sophie (STOW SURGERY) [mailto:sophie.williams@nhs.net]

Sent: 14 June 2017 10:19 **To:** Andrew Eastabrook

Subject: RE: 1164 - Drs Surgery, Stow

Thanks Andrew

The Partners have seen it and were happy with the content.

Sophie

Sophie Williams, Practice Manager Stow Surgery, Well Lane Stow on the Wold, Gloucestershire GL54 1EQ

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Direct line: 01451 833480

New Stow Surgery (14 June)

Thank you for your email expressing your concern about the above.

As you are probably aware, the then senior partner of the Stow GP Practice, Dr Healy, the then Leader of the Cotswold District Council (CDC), Lynden Stowe, and myself had a meeting in the Stow square at the general election before last. We all promised to do our best to deliver a new GP premises as soon as possible.

A planning application was submitted to CDC for the new GP premises together with a small number of houses on the old gypsy site. Most regrettably it was turned down. I believe the reason for this was that I had managed to get a site at the bottom of Stow Hill called in by the Secretary of State and he subsequently refused it. The majority of councillors on the planning committee believed that allowing any houses on the old gypsy site was setting a precedent for building houses in the AONB. I do not accept this view: a GPs' surgery is in a different class from private houses as it is a muchneeded community asset.

Councillors then granted permission on a new application for the site at "Tall Trees". Unfortunately, the owner of that site is unable or unwilling to develop the site. This means that the whole thing will have to revert to the original gypsy site and go through the entire planning process again.

I have worked extremely hard to persuade and cajole everyone to produce a new surgery but because of the circumstances I have described there has been an unacceptable delay. Indeed, I reaffirmed

my commitment to urgently try to resolve this issue in my acceptance speech in the early hours of 9th June having been returned as the Member of Parliament for The Cotswolds.

So I am now in the process of arranging a public meeting in Stow where everybody will have a chance to come and air their views - details of this meeting will be available in due course and advertised in local press.

Thank you for raising this with me and I hope this is helpful by way of a response.

> Yours sincerely Geoffrey

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Editors Note:

It is understood that County Cllr Nigel Moor is supporting a new application submitted to CDC by John Nutbourne for a Doctors Surgery only in the fields know as the Gypsy Field.

The Planning Application can be seen on the CDC Planning Portal Ref: 17/02108/ FUL: Land Parcel Stow Fair Site: Erection of a Primary Healthcare Centre and associated infrastructure, parking and landscaping. The Planning Officer is Ms D. Smith.

From a letter objecting to this **Application** (20th June)

Dear Ms Smith

Despite written assurances from the doctors within the past couple of weeks that they are happy to proceed with the Tall Trees surgery now that all funding is in place and other planning requirements being met, it appears to be the most cynical and disruptive effort on the part of JRN Properties to attempt to derail the advanced stages of this process with this new application.

These fourth proposals are equally as unacceptable as the previous three that were turned down at committee, on a site that has had countless refusals over many decades along with appeal dismissals, all stating the sanctity of the AONB, the green wedge that exists between Stow and Maugersbury and the vitally important visual element of that entrance to the

With emphasised reiteration of my objection comments made on both the previous applications, I object in the strongest terms to the above planning application . . .

Ultimately, this fourth attempt by JRN Properties to develop the site of the Gypsy Horse Fair shows how little respect there appears to be not only for the Planners, but for the stakeholders of the Tall Trees surgery and the people of Stow on the Wold.

> Name and address withheld Contact via Editor

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GEOFFREY CLIFTON-BROWN Member of Parliament for The Cotswolds in conjunction with Stow on the **Wold Town Council**

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11am - HC BCP with LS at Upper Slaughter

11am - Family Service at Guiting Power

Sun 9 8.30am - HC at Naunton

9.30am - HC at Farmcote

9.30am - HC with US at Lower Slaughter

11am - Eleven4All at Temple Guiting

6pm - Benefice Evensong at Guiting Power

Sun 16 9.30am - HC with Temple Guiting at Cutsdean

11am - Matins at Naunton

11am - HC with Upper Slaughter at Lower Slaughter

6pm - Songs of Praise at Guiting Power

Sun 23 8.30am - HC at Guiting Power

9.30am - HC at Cutsdean

11am - Family Worship at Lower Slaughter

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Sunday 9 11am Sung Eucharist
6pm Evening Reflection

Sunday 16 11am Cotswold Festival Service

6pm HC & Prayer for healing and wholeness

Sunday 22 Sam BCD Holy Communion

Sunday 23 8am BCP Holy Communion

11am Sung Matins

Sunday 30 11am Sung Eucharist

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Sunday 9
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9.30am Holy Communion at Condicote
11am Matins at Upper Swell
9.30am Holy Communion at Lower Swell
9.30am Holy Communion at Condicote
6pm Evening Reflection at Lower Swell
Sunday 30
9.30am Holy Communion at Upper Swell

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LOCAL REPUTATION COUNTS

In Care Homes

All about staff quality and numbers - by Paul Jackson

Tall Trees, the care home at Shipton under Wychwood has jumped up our performance league with a much improved Care Quality Commission (CQC) report. See our February 2017 table below where Tall Trees was among the poor performers at the time (eleventh out of fourteen local Care Homes) with a requirement from CQC to improve Safety, Management (well led) and Effectiveness which they now have clearly done and so move way up the table to join the five Good group. Not quite a Leicester FC in the Premier League but close.

From February Cotswolds Times

Requires 3 Improvements		
11. (-1) Beech Haven	Chipping Norton	GG Safe, Responsive and Well led
(-1) Tall Trees	Shipston under Wychwood	GG Safe, Responsive and Effective
(+2) Ramping Cat	Burford	GG Safe, Well led and Effective

^(-?) Shows position change from previous publication

So why a sudden improvement?

Well as they say it is all down to management and we took a look at the Care Home and talked to the new Registered Manager Michelle Little.

The CQC reported:

The service had benefitted from a stable management team who had ensured improvements were made following our inspection in February 2016. The registered manager promoted a personcentred culture and this was clear through all the interactions we saw during this inspection. There was a cheerful relaxed atmosphere throughout the inspection which demonstrated the positive relationships people had developed with staff. Staff were caring and attentive to people, valuing them as individuals.

Improvements had been made to ensure medicines were managed safely and people received their medicines as prescribed. There were sufficient staff to meet people's needs and staff were not rushed when supporting people.

People were supported by staff who understood their responsibilities to identify and report safeguarding concerns. The provider carried out appropriate recruitment checks to ensure staff were suitable to work with vulnerable people.

Tall Trees is part of the largest privately/family owned Care Home Group with sixty-five homes around the country.

Michelle, who started as a nurse thirty years ago and became a District Nurse before managing Care Homes sees Tall Trees as a new exciting place to be. Living locally yes she was conscious of the poor local reputation with multiple changes in management over two years that didn't help with building a strong team.

She is delighted with the five "good medals" from the CQC. Whilst she is obviously happy with the CQC rating she does feel



that the CQC should promote more benchmarking. "It's all about staff quality and numbers with frontline staff at least on a 1:2 basis to the number of residents."

She is a full supporter of the CQC's "whistle blower" scheme where relatives can comment anonymously via the CQC website. "It keeps us on our toes", says Michelle.

Tall trees has seventy-six staff and currently fifty residents (about half with Dementia). Obviously important are staff salaries and the first thing she did a year ago was to raise wages, no one is now on the minimum wage.

Clearly when considering a Care Home the Manager is crucial and Michelle and her team have transformed Tall Trees and are to be congratulated.

Questions to ask when considering a Care Home?

- 1) How long as the Manager been in situ?
- 2) What are the frontline staff numbers to residents?
- 3) What is your staff turnover?
- 4) Do you accept Council funded residents? How many?
- 5) How many staff are on minimum wage?

Summer's sting in the tail

Summer's approaching and this signals the arrival of a regular visitor – the wasp.

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Evening/Sunset Shoots – July 4th & 6th

Early each July, sixteen acres of delphiniums bloom on the Wyke Manor Estate Farm in Worcestershire. Grown to produce natural confetti, these glorious swathes of colour are a spectacular sight, both for the eye and the camera.

We head to delightful Exmoor in early August to capture the heather clad moorland and wonderful coastline, before traveling to the Peak District for yet more colourful heather, dramatic rocky outcrops and limestone dales. The North Yorkshire Coast awaits us in mid September, and soon after, we'll be taking in Dorsets' stunning Jurassic coastal scenery, so there's lots going on!

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The fields are accessible to the public for only a few days each year but we have very kindly been allowed to enter outside of normal opening hours to allow us to take advantage of the soft evening light of summer when the texture of the flowers is revealed and the colours appear at their most vibrant.

There are numerous opportunities to be found here as you wander amongst the far-reaching stretches of colourful flowers encompassing winding paths and walkways. Aside of the wider sweeping compositions, there are also options for close-up detail shots as well as the chance to be creative with patterns, texture

As well as looking at the art of composition and effective use of depth of field, we'll be working with filters to control the light as we photograph into sunset. You will also have the chance to experiment with long exposures, in-camera multiple exposures and ICM techniques to produce some more abstract results.

There are just two dates available, so to find out more, please refer to the website

THE COTSWOLDS - July 3rd & 11th featuring Cotswolds lavender

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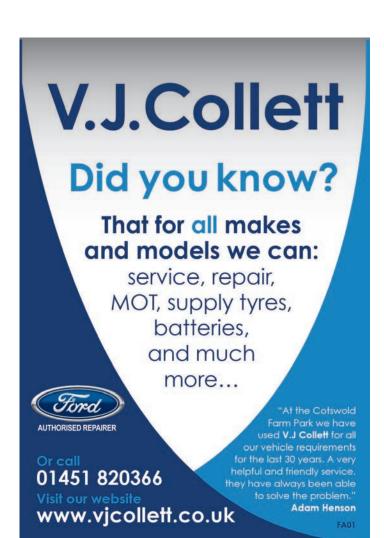
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There's no doubt that we're going through a period of uncertainty but, whatever your politics, all parties are under pressure from the digital lobby to "Make Tax Digital". I agree that the move to drive digitisation has its benefits but it also comes with many pitfalls including the likelihood that, at some point, the whole tax system will come crashing down because someone will either pull the plug by mistake or hackers will cause a major data loss. Digitisation also makes it easier, not harder, to steal money, to avoid paying tax or commit a major fraud. This happened recently in Germany where £28 billion of tax revenue was lost when bankers, lawyers & stockbrokers set up a scheme to buy & sell shares on behalf of foreign investors. It was simple & right under the noses of the tax authorities. They claimed a tax refund for which they were not eligible & computers failed to spot it happening, not once, not twice but thousands of times. It was only when an eagle-eyed clerk spotted a trend that the fraud was discovered. Are you confused by pension auto-enrolment? Well, you are not the only one as numerous employers have contacted me to ask for help. For most the confusion comes because many of their employees are low earners, some earning below the £10,000 per annum auto-enrolment trigger. The extra paperwork heaped on small business is ridiculous and already many businesses have been fined for failing to auto-enrol their employees into a company pension scheme. This is just one example of legislation that forces employers to shoulder the responsibility for decisions that should taken by workers. The nanny state mentality helps to create the situation where more & more workers are failing to take responsibility for their own welfare and are leaving it to employers to do everything for them. It amazes me that some employees have not even checked how much pension they have accrued since they were auto-enrolled, many don't even remember their log in details. The cost to small business is horrendous. As usual the politicians have dumped an ill thought out piece of legislation on employers.

Should you require help with your accounts, Vat or payroll you should either contact your accountant or give me a ring for free telephone advice.

Robb Eden is based in Moreton-in-Marsh. He can be contacted via e-mail at robbeden@aol.com or by telephone 01608 651802.





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OUR HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

- > The bestselling Deverill Chronicles by Santa Montefiore draw to a dramatic conclusion with The Last Secret of the Deverills (£14.99, 14th July). There is also a new novel from Rachel Joyce, The Music Shop (£14.99, 13th July).
- > Already in stock is the lavishly illustrated story of Wigmore Abbey: The Treasure of Mortimer by John Challis, better known as Boycie in Only Fools and Horses. With photographs of the interior and the gardens, it describes the history of the Abbey, the buildings and how John and his wife restored the house, and how they planned the gardens as well as the planting they had to do (£30).
- > Hunter Davies follows up his bestselling *The Co-op's Got Bananas!* with A Life in the Day: Memories of Swinging London, Writing, the Beatles and my Beloved Wife (£16.99, 13th July). There is also a third volume of memoirs from Phyllida Law, the mother of Emma and Sophie Thompson. Dead Now Of Course is the story of her own early acting career (£12.99, 27th July).
- On the history front, Michael Jones tells the heroic life of The Black Prince, the King that never was (£30, 13th July), whilst Don Jordan looks at The King's City: London under Charles II (£20, 6th July). Victoria Schofield recounts the modern history of The Black Watch: Fighting in the Front Line 1899-2006 (£40, 13th July).
- Turning to travel and the natural world, Alastair Sawday, well known for his travel guides, shares his own experiences in Travelling Light: Journeys Among Special People and Places (£20, 6th July). And what a beautiful title for a new book from Alex Preston and Neil Gower - As Kingfishers Catch Fire: Birds and Books, a fusion of ornithology, literary anthology and autobiography (£25, 13th July).
- For our younger readers, there are lots of great books if you're about 7 or older. The most popular is likely to be Kid Normal by the radio personalities Greg James and Chris Smith, the first in a laugh-out-loud adventure series (£6.99, 13th July). But don't forget the second in the Dragon Rider series from Cornelia Funke, The Griffin's Feather; The Accidental Billionaire from Tom McLaughlin; and a new Demon Headmaster story from Gillian Cross - Total Control. These three are £6.99 each and due on 6th July.

HOLIDAY PAPERBACK READS: OUR SUGGESTIONS

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Saturday 1 of July, 12-4pm Upper Rissington Village Hall and fields

Free entry. All welcome. Dog Show and local group displays. To book a stall please contact the Upper Rissington Social Committee. URSC@btinternet.com

Ebrington Traditional Village Fete & Family Dog Show

Saturday 8 July 2017 Ebrington Cricket Ground. 2pm - 5 pm

Free parking. Entrance £1 for adults and children over 12

Plenty for all the family to enjoy - Campden Swing Band, dancing display, classic vehicles, family dog show, children's obstacle course, traditional stalls, teas, BBQ and much, much more. Proceeds for the church and village organisations.

New town information leaflets will enhance



Cotswolds Tourism Manager Sally Graff displays the new leaflets

Cotswold visitor experience!

Visitors to the Cotswolds can pick up new free leaflets which provide very useful information about key features and attractions in several market towns across the area.

Working with local Town Councils, Cotswolds Tourism has so far created leaflets for Moreton-in-

Marsh, Stow-on-the-Wold and Tetbury, with more to follow for Cirencester, Chipping Campden and also a range of locations in West Oxfordshire.

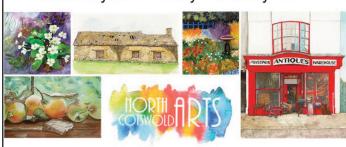
Each leaflet provides a town map and details about local attractions, history, things to see and do, walks, events and festivals, shopping and eating highlights. Nearby places and attractions are featured, encouraging visitors to stop and explore locally. The leaflets also provide local visitor information locations, so that readers can contact them for further advice about getting the most out of their visit.

The leaflets will soon be available on local town websites, the Cotswolds Tourism website and in hard copy format at local visitor information centres. Each participating Town Council has welcomed the leaflets, and has contributed to the cost of printing.

For Moreton-in-Marsh, this is the first time that visitors have had access to such a comprehensive resource, and it provides an ideal opportunity to introduce the new Moreton Eight walking trail, as well as the ever popular Blenheim Meadow walk.

The leaflet for Stow-on-the-Wold ensures visitors know about the town's connections to the English Civil war and the historic wool trade. Visitors to **Tetbury** can find out about the town's medieval archaeological gems and its present day royal connections.

Saturday 8th - Friday 14th July 2017



at St Edwards Hall, Stow-on-the-Wold

Open daily 10am - 5pm and until 7pm on Tuesday 11th July

All are welcome to join members of The North Cotswold Arts Association for the Preview Day on Saturday 8th July



COUNTRY MUSIC NIGHTS

at Notgrove Village Hall 7.30pm - 11.30pm

LIVE MUSIC - Licenced Bar, £5pp entrance

Thursday 13 July 2017 Tonight's act is Steve Carmel

Thursday 27 July 2017 Tonight's act is Pedro

Contact Ken on 07870795560 or 01451 850502 for further details.



- Travel on our award-winning heritage railway from Toddington, Winchcombe or Cheltenham Race Course stations
- 24 mile round trip through glorious Cotswold scenery 693 yard tunnel at Greet 2nd longest on a preserved railway
- Famous 15 arch Stanway viaduct
- Tea room, shop, heritage trail and small museum at Toddington, café, shop and picnic area at Winchcombe

Gloucestershire Warwickshire Railway The Railway Station, Toddington, GL54 5DT Heritage Line Ø 01242 621405 in the Cotswolds www.gwsr.com



EXHIBITIONS

Till 2 July Upton House and Gardens with Warwicjshire Open Studios an exhibition More information from Gemma Else 01295 671114

Till 9 July Cockneys in Arcadia: C R Ashbee in Chipping Campden. Court Barn, Church Street, Chipping Campden. Adults £5.

Children under 16 free. Tuesday - Sunday 10am - 5pm Summer of Love' featuring the 1967 Landrover

CARAWAGON. Cotswold Motoring Museum, Bourton on the

Water. Open every day 10am - 6pm.

DIARY

Till Sept

1 Free Street Party in Shipston square CV36 4QF from 7.30pm. Laurence Jones Band, Jüpitronz, Too Fat To Kidnap, + Fame Contest Winners

Burford Orchestra Summer Concert 7.30pm at Burford School. Tickets £7/ £8 on night. Helen 01993 830559

Upper Rissington Annual Fete 12 - 4pm at Village Hall 1 and fields. Free entry. All welcome. Dog Show and local group displays. To book a stall please contact the Upper Rissington Social Committee. URSC@btinternet.com

Milton under Wychwood Fete on the village green. Stalls, parade, fairground rides, fancy dress, live music on stage, arena entertainment, refreshments, children's activities and competitions. 1960s theme. 2 - 5pm.

Cotswold Show and Food Festival, Cirencester Park 1 & 2 family entertainment, activity arenas, 300 trade stands and food stalls, and exhibitors showcasing the best of the countryside, its history, traditions and produce.

2 Bourton on the Hill Open Gardens 1 - 5pm - parking in Bourton House, Admission £6

2 Moreton Scouts Annual Street Fayre 10am - 3pm in Town Centre car park. Tombola, White elephant, Bottle Stall, Toys and book, Cakes, Refreshments.

7 Cadence Summer Festival at Cotswold School 5 -9.30pm. Tickets £4 adults, £2 Children from Cotswold School website.

7 Summer Fayre at Stow Primary School 5 - 8pm BBQ, bar, stalls, bouncy castle, games.

Cornbury Music Festival The Great Tew Park, Oxon 7-9 8 RNLI Annual Duck Racing on Village Green Bourton on the Water 10 - 4.30pm

Campden Festival Chorus - Dido and Aeneas in St 8 James Church, Chipping Campden at 7.30pm

French Concert in the Victoria Hall, BourtonCeline Dommart brings French Chanson, Spanish tango and American Jazz. Tickets £15-www.montparnassemusic.com

Summer Cocktail, a refreshing blend of choral flavours at 7.30 pm at St Mary the Virgin Church, Shipton-under-Wychwood, OX7 6BP.

Condicote Jazz Night - Hot Fingers, RAF Spitfires Choir, Emily Browne, Cotswold School Jazz Orchestra. Tickets £7.50 Tel 01451 831248

Ebrington Village Fete at Cricket Ground, Campden Swing Band, stalls, teas, BBQ, Dog show, dancing display, classic vehicles plus much more.

8-14 North Cotswold Arts Association summer exhibition, at St Edward's Hall, Stow on the Wold, 10 to 5pm, all welcome, free entry. Affordable art work and pottery.

Moreton Playgroup 50th Birthday Party 11 - 3pm Moreton Cricket Club. Bouncy Castle, Climbing Wall, Raffle, Face Painting and lots more!

'The Fourth Dog' 7.45pm at Ch Norton Theatre Tickets 10 01608 642350. A comedy set around a family wedding. Supporting Breast Cancer care - Bra Bank

15 Bourton 1 mile Challenge beginning at Fishing Lodge, Rissington Road Main Race £8; Fun Run £3

15/16 Stow Flea Market and Collectors Fair St Edwards Hall, Stow. Free entry. Contact Rose on 01451 870675

15 National Festival of Archaeology at Chipping Norton Theatre. More information 01608 642350

16 Naunton Classic/Vintage Transport show and Village Fete 12 - 16.00£5 vehicle Entry. Childrens games, Tombola, BBQ, Bar, Cream teas, Raffle. £1 entry and parking for non competitors.

21 - 30Guiting Power Music Festival - for more details see www.guitingfestival.org

21-23 COGGES annual Beer & Cider Festival 6.30pm - 11pm, 30 local beers & ciders, live music, Morris dancing and delicious food. Children's activities Tickets £8 online (cogges.org.uk) £10 on the door includes programme, souvenir tankar, & free first half pint.

MARKET DAYS

BOURTON ON THE WATER

Farmers' Market 4th Sunday: 9.30 - 1300

CHARLBURY

Farmers' Market June, September, December 9 - 1pm

Playing Close, Charlbury. OX7 3RJ

CHIPPING NORTON

Farmers' Market 3rd Saturday monthly from 8.30am Country Market every Saturday 8.45 - 11am, Lower Town Hall with Farmers' Market on 3rd Saturday

Weekly Market every Wednesday

GREAT ROLLRIGHT

Village Market

MORETON-IN-MARSH

Weekly Market **Country Market**

NORTHLEACH STOW ON THE WOLD

Farmers' Market

first Saturday monthly except December

every Tuesday 9 - 3.30pm every Thursday 9.30 - 12noon in WI Hall

every Wednesday 8.30-3.30pm

2nd and last Thursday 9 - 1pm until Sept

- 22 De Novo Live Music Bourton Baptist Church at 7.30pm. Donations of £3
- OPEN AIR THEATRE Merry Wives of Windsor 19:00 -23 21:30 at Cogges Manor Farm. Tickets: £14 adults/children under 16 £9.50. ops@cogges.org.uk Bring picnics,
- THE DIME NOTES vintage Jazz Band at Ch Norton Theatre. Blues - drenched & clarinet-driven. 7.45pm. Tickets £15.50.Box Office 01608 642350
- 28 Ernest Wilson Memorial Garden Trust visit to Hanbury Hall. Mrs D Pickles - wilsongardentrust@yahoo.co.uk
- 28 30Beer, Cider and Gin Festival at Slaughters Cricket Ground. Free Entry
- Compton Abdale Village Fete 1.30 4.15pm at Lower 29 Farm Compton AbdaleEntrance: £2.50
- 29 Upton House Summer Jazz Evening Gardens open at 6pm and concert from 7 - 9.30pm. Tickets £15 adults & £7.50 children if bought in advance. More information from Gemma Else 01295 671114

AUGUST

- Cold Aston Fayre 1.30 4.30pm Traditional Village Fete with Wotton Silver Band.
- 12 The Brailles Show with Scarecrow Trail - theme Musicals. More information from Sue Molyneux Warner 01608 685550 braillesvillageshow.com

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

2 September Moreton Show – buy your tickets now and save money www.moretonshow.co.uk

Tickets, Booking information etc. from -

BOURTON ON THE WATER VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

Victoria Street, Bourton on the Water. Open Mon-Fri 9.30-5pm, Sat 9.30-5.30, Closed Sunday 01451 820211

E: info@visitbourton.com

BURFORD INFORMATION CENTRE, High St, Burford, OX18 4LS. Open Mon-Sat 9.30-5pm, Sun 10-4pm. 01993 823558 E:

Burford.vic@westoxon.gov.uk

CHIPPING NORTON VISITOR INFORMATION POINT

Guildhall, Goddards Lane, Chipping Norton OX7 5NJ. Office hours Mon-Fri. MORETON AREA CENTRE High Street, Moreton. Mon 8.45am-4.00pm, Tues-Thurs 8.45am-5.15pm, Fri 8.45am-4.45pm, Sat 10am-1pm (BST),

10.00am-12.30pm (BWT), Sun CLOSED. 01608 650881 E:

Moreton@cotswold.gov.uk

STOW VISITOR INFORMATION St. Edwards Hall, The Square, Stow. Library (open library hours) + Information Point in the lobby (open every day).



CHARACTERS BELLE Beauty & the Beast & PEPPA PIG BOUNCY CASTLE I CLIMBING WALL I RAFFLE FACE PAINTING I CAKES I ICE CREAM VAN **DRINKS | ORGANISED FOOTBALL & RUGBY** PIZZA & PULLED PORK VAN | STALLS | FUN ... & Lots lots more

We have market stalls available on the day, available for traders at £10.





Friday 28th July 2017

Ernest Wilson Memorial Garden Trust -Visit to Hanbury Hall, Worcestershire.

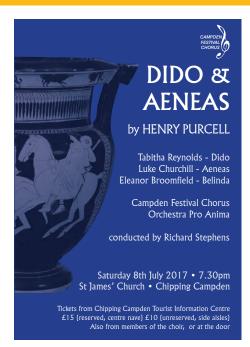
Members and Non-Members welcome.

Contact Mrs D. Pickles for details:

Cold Aston Fayre

Saturday 5 August 1.30pm -4.30pm

Traditional village fete with a fun dog show, homemade cakes and teas, produce stall, nearlynew clothes, tombola, bric a brac, ten-pin bowling and music from Wotton Silver Band.



BROAD CAMPDEN QUAKERS

Meeting House and garden open

Tea, coffee and homemade cakes from 2-5 pm each Sunday from 28 May to 30 July.

The seventeenth century Meeting House lies on the path from Chipping Campden. The path runs from behind the Noel Arms, along George Lane, the recreation ground and then inside the hedge by Catbrook and up across the sloping field towards Maidenwell. It is a pleasant 15 minute walk in dry weather.

> All are welcome (dogs included). No charge but donations are welcome towards the Uganda Childbirth Injury Fund.

RNLI

Annual duck racing on the Village Green, Bourton on the Water on Saturday 8 July from 10 until 4.30 to raise money for the RNLI



Lifeboats

Cash Prizes, Bric a Brac and Tombola stalls Tea and Cake in Victoria Hall, All welcome

We will also be collecting outside the Co-op in Bourton on the Water on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 July if you would like to make a donation.

We will no longer be collecting House to House.

THE THE^ATRE CHIPPING NORTON

2 Spring Street, Chipping Norton. OX7 5NL

July 2017

- Dial Medicine for Murder
- Kate Bush Tribute 7
- 9 The French Magicians
- 10 The Fourth Doa
- 11 Milton Jones
- 15 Rollright Stones Anniversary Event
- 18 Nesting
- 21 Town Hall Ceilidh
- 28.29 Arlene Phillips

Administration@chippingnortontheatre.com

BOX OFFICE 01608 642350 Mon-Fri 10am to 6pm Sat 10am-2pm

Films

The Secret Scripture **14,16** The Hippopotamus 15 The Cave of Forgotten Dreams

19 Mclaren

30 My Cousin Rachel

www.chippingnortontheatre.com

The Old Vicarage, Bledington

will be open for

Katharine House Hospice on 2 July and for

An Evening of Wine and Roses on Friday 5 July from 5 until 8 pm



Coffee Morning

Thursday 20 July, 10.30am to 12pm The Lake House, Bourton-on-the-Water (opposite the tennis courts)

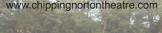
Entry of £3 includes coffee/tea and home-made cake Various stalls and a raffle in a beautiful lake side setting All proceeds to Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust Limited parking available

Saturday 15 July

A day of archaeological events to mark

National Festival of Archaeology and the 20th Anniversary of the **Rollright Trust**

Beginning at 11am, the day will consist of archaeology and associated displays, exhibitions and activities in and around the Chipping Norton Theatre together with short films in the auditorium. In the afternoon there are talks which include Chastleton House, Cotswold Megaliths and an update on the Saxon Lady burial find at the Rollrights in 2015. In the evening we will be showing 'Cave of Forgotten Dreams' by director Werner Herzog



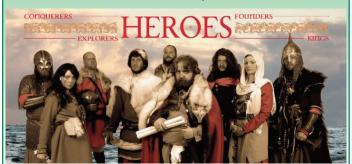


The

Rollright Trust

July news from

The Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock



Entry to the museum is free

Viking Heroes Exhibition

1 July – 1 October

In this compelling exhibition discover some of the real-life hero 'celebrities' of the Viking world, including Eric Bloodaxe - last Viking King of York, King Cnut the Great, Harald Bluetooth - Christian and King, and Harald Hardrada - the thunderbolt of the North.

Viking Heroes playroom

24 June – 17 September

Explore our Viking encampment area. The tales of Noggin the Nog, games and crafting activities will encourage visitors young and old to discover more about the everyday lives of the Vikings.

Park Street, Woodstock OX20 1SN

Tel: 01993 814106 Email: oxon.museum@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Naunton classic and vintage transport show and fete

Sunday 16 July 12.00 - 16.00 hrs Naunton Recreation Ground GL54 3AS



To register your vehicle contact: mike.smith24@outlook.com www.nauntonclassicandvintagetransportshowandfete.co.uk £5.00 entry per vehicle in advance, £1.00 entry and parking for nonentrants. Under-16s free.

All proceeds towards Naunton Village Hall rebuild fund

THE THEATRE CH¹PPING NºRTON

Friday 21 July, 7.30pm

TOWN HALL CEILIDH

Another fun-filled evening of wild dancing and good company as experienced musicians and singers entertain you through the night. The band have their own professional caller who will be with you every step of the way - walking you through the moves before each dance and continuing to call our helpful hints throughout the rest of the dances.

Tickets £15

This fundraising event will be a real highlight this summer so get your dancing shoes on and join us on the Town Hall dance floor!

Box Office 01608 642350

Velcome to the Cotswolds irea of Outstanding Natural Beauty

National Meadows Day – a hidden gem – Saturday 1 July – Moderate The very special environment of Clump Farm, on Broadway Hill SSSI, is owned by the National Trust and not normally open to the public. We have special permission from the Trust to take you through its magnificent floral meadows for National Meadows Day. 3 hours: 4 miles. Start: 10.00 am Fish Hill Car Park, Broadway. OS Map ref SP 120 369.

Nothing to Equal This - Saturday 1 July

A pleasant stroll through the grounds of Blenheim Park on public rights of way. 3.5 hours 6.5 miles. Start: 10:00am Duke of Marlborogh Hotel on A44 OX20 1HT

A Windrush Wander - Monday 3 July - Moderate

This circular walk takes in the beautiful Cotswold villages of Great Rissington and Windrush, mostly on footpaths around the Windrush valley. 4 hours: 7.5 miles. Start: 10:00 am Northfield Barn NT car park (1km north of Sherborne on Clapton Road). OS Map ref SP 175 154.

A Remote and Beautiful Valley - Tuesday 4 July - Moderate A circular walk passing through some of the North Cotswolds' most remote and beautiful countryside around the hamlet of Hinchwick. 2.5 hours: 5 miles. Start: 10.00 am Hinchwick Hamlet, please park tidily on the grass. OS Map ref SP 145 301.

Chipping Norton Town walk - Wednesday 5 July

An evening walk exploring this popular town. Taken at a leisurely pace to allow time to find out about the interesting buildings and their inhabitants. 2.5 miles 2 hours. Evening meal opportunities after the walk. Start: 6:00pm. Meet in New Street Car Park

From Hill to Hill - Saturday 8 July - Moderate

Starting at Nottingham Hill and taking in Prescott, Oxenton, Dixton and Stanley Hills. Includes open countryside with good views, deciduous woods as well as interesting social history. Bring a packed lunch. 6 hours: 11 miles. **Start:** 10.00 am Small car park on Nottingham Hill, near Longwood Farm. (Do not confuse with car park on Cleeve Hill.). OS Map ref SO 983 279.

Flower Foray on and around Cleeve Hill - Friday 14 July - Moderate With Conservation Officer Ellie Phillips, we hope to showcase the wonderful range of wildflowers that grow on both the Common and the nearby butterfly reserves. Bring a packed lunch and sturdy footwear. 5 hours: 5 miles. Start: 10:00 am Cleeve Common Quarry car park,

Local Walks with the **Voluntary Wardens** July 2017



off the B4632 at the summit signposted Golf Club, down narrow track over cattle grid, left and right into car park. OS Map ref SO 989 272.

Sherborne Estate, Sherborne village and beyond – Saturday 15 July A walk through woods where we will see sculptures and the chance to spot deer before passing through the village of Sherborne on our return. Bring a packed lunch or food at Sherborne community shop. 5 miles 3 hours. Start: 10:00am. Ewe Pen Barn National Trust Car park near Sherborne, just off the A40.

I Remember Adelstrop – Thursday 20 July – Moderate

The walk links with the Frome Festival to mark the 100th anniversary of the death of poet Edward Thomas. Starting in Adlestrop along picturesque paths around the area before returning to the village. Tea available afterwards. Bring packed lunch. 3.5 hours: 6 miles. **Start:** 11.00 am Adlestrop Village Hall, donation requested. OS Map ref SP 241 272.

Hills and Houses of the Warwickshire Cotswolds - Wednesday 26 July - Strenuous

A varied walk passing two substantial country houses, Foxcote, and Hidcote. Views as far as Coventry from the highest point in Warwickshire. The walk starts with a long uphill section but otherwise reasonably level. Bring sandwiches or lunch at the Ebrington Arms. 7 hours: 12 miles. Start: 9.30 am Ilmington playing fields car park. OS Map ref SP 209 440.

Mysteries, Moggies and Humbugs - Wednesday 26 July A field and woodland walk with interesting stories. 10:00am. Start: The Plough Inn Finstock OX7 3BY

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. EASY - Length may vary but terrain is mainly flat (level); MODERATE - includes some hills and rough ground. STRENUOUS - may be rough underfoot and ascents and descents may be steep. We welcome guide and hearing dogs - sorry, others not allowed.

Walks are free although we do invite donations to help fund our conservation and improvement work.

The Wardens run a full programme of guided walks throughout the Cotswolds.

For more information see www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk or Tel: 01451 862000, also for any changes to arrangements such as due to extreme weather.

Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School PTFA present their 2017

GRAND SUMME PRIZE DRAW

Fantastic star prizes:

- A Farmhouse Painted Wicker Storage Seat from The Cotswold Company, Sheep Street, Stow-on-the-Wold
- A One Night Stay (includes breakfast and a 2 course meal for 2) at The Old Stocks Inn,
- A Cleanse, Cut and Finish with Principal Director Lauren fr Tabitha James Kraan Organic Hairdressina, Brewen Haird

- Draw on 15th July!

Tickets can be bought from Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School, St Edwards Drive, Stow-on-the-Wold along with these establishments:

- Groovy2Shoes, Sheep Street, Stow Lambournes Butchers, Digbeth Street, Stow The Bell, Lower Park Street, Stow The Cotswold Company, Sheep Street, Stow

- The New England Coffee Shop, Digbeth Street, Stow
 The Old Stocks Inn, Market Square, Stow
 The Queen Head, Morket Square, Stow
 Warner's Budgens, Moreton-in-Marsh on June 30th

Tickets will be drawn at 5pm on the 15th July at the Cotswold Festival, Market Square, Stow-on-the-Wold.

All prizes have been generously donated and all money raised will go to the school Playground Appeal.

Registered under the Gambling Act 2005 with Golswold District Gound! 15/00325/GASSP

Craft and Produce Show

Moreton-in-Marsh Women's Institutes

Saturday 9 September, 11.30-4pm in the Redesdale Hall

Many crafts including flowers, cookery, photography Tea, coffee and cakes available. Entry is free









Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

The Rotary Club of the North Cotswolds

GREYSTONES FARM CHARITY RUN or WALK

Explore the beautiful Greystones Farm and the surrounding Cotswold countryside





Sunday 9th July

Run starting at 10.00am with Walk starting at 11.00am

Cross Country Run or Walk for all the Family

£7.50 + booking fee (Children up to 16 go free).

Plus the option to raise money for your nominated charity For further details, registration and advanced ticket sales:

visit www.NorthCotswoldsRotary.org.uk

Greystones Farm, Greystones Lane, Bourton-on-the-Water, Cheltenham, GL54 2EN

















MORETON SHOW

Saturday 2 September

Buy your tickets now and save money!

The countdown has begun for Moreton Show with the launch of ticket sales – including e-tickets – on 1 July and buying early will save you money.

Tickets are available to buy at a variety of stores and visitors' centres in and around the local area with all the details on the show website. It used to be the case that entry to the show was by paper ticket only. Not anymore. This year, for the first time, you can also



buy e-tickets, available through the website.

It has been a busy few weeks, especially for Moreton Show chairman, Steve Parkes. One of the country's leading experts on the rare 'Cotswold Lion' - the Cotswold sheep famed for its 'golden fleece' - Steve is no stranger to showing his flock in public and on television. He and his sheep have appeared on BBC Radio 4's Farming Today and their latest gigs have included the opening of a rediscovered ancient sheep wash, renovated by Rupert and Amanda Ponsonby at Sarsden Glebe, near Churchill.



This was followed by an appearance, along with wife Lynne - the Moreton Show Treasurer and Livestock Secretary at Gloucester Cathedral, as part of a special service ahead of last month's Three Counties Show.

Judging is already underway for Farms and Crops and it's time to start thinking and preparing your

entries for Moreton Show. Fancy making something? Baking a cake? Arranging flowers? Giving some extra love and affection towards the potential prize winners on your allotment? If you do, then there's a section that wants your entries and the deadline is 18 August. All the schedules for the Home & Garden Marquee are available online at https://www.moretonshow.co.uk/exhibitors/schedules-andentry-forms

NB. Livestock Entries. Please note the earlier deadline of 31 July for cattle, sheep and goats.

Compton Abdale Village Fete Saturday 29th July 2017 1.30pm until 4.15pm



Traditional village fete in beautiful gardens - this year to be opened by the High Sheriff of Gloucestershire!

Fun Dog Show starts at 2.30pm # Gloucester Excelsion Band

Lower Farm, Compton Abdale, GL54 4DS

Entrance £2.50 for adults # Children & Parking free

Live Music event! DeNovo

Saturday 22 July

Bourton Baptist Church, Station Road, Bourton on the Water GL54 2AA 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm)

DeNovo have put new and exciting musicians and singers into the mix, and extended their repetoire. Glow bracelets are part of the fun. Tea/coffee/squash, and cake served in the interval. £3 donation, but don't let that deter you, come anyway!

Further info from either Rev Ian Fowler (01451 824225) or Sally Lenihan (07970 991307)

Wychwood Forest Fair

Sunday 3 September 2017 11am - 5pm

Entry £7.00, Under 16s free, Parking £1.00



Ducklington Showground on A415, **OX29 7YL**





Bourton One Mile Challenge

Saturday 15 July at 6.30 pm

All races start at the Fishing Lodge along Rissington Road

Entries at the Victoria Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water

Main Race £8 to enter with medals for all finishers and cash prizes to the category winners.

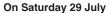
Fun Run £3 to enter with medals for all finishers and a trophy for 1st Male and 1st Female Finisher both presented in the Victoria Hall after the races.

Pre-race entries taken on Run Britain website or by contacting Ali Lane, Race Organiser by email: alison.lane@macace.net

All profits to Gloucestershire Arthritis Trust Very kindly sponsored by Cotswold & Vale Electrical Contractors and Shackleton & Wintle, Heating and Plumbing

Tap your toes with **1920**s iaw

Andy Kirkland and the Swinging Bass Band for a jazz party on the lawn





1920s jazz in the open air on the lawn of Upton House

Bring a picnic, treat yourself to a drink from the bar and relax on the grass on a lovely summer evening.

The gardens will be open from 6pm. The event runs from 7-9.30pm.

Tickets are £15 for adults or £7.50 for children if booked in advance, on the door adult tickets are £17.50. Booking is advisable. There is also a special offer on groups: buy 10 tickets for the price of 9.



Upton House and Gardens, Banbury OX15 6HT Tel: +44 (0) 1295 670266

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/upton-house-and-gardens

Moreton-in-Marsh & District **Local History Society**

Over the 2017 summer recess the Society will be undertaking the following visit:

2 August - Kensington Palace, London

Details from 01608 651372



Tell us about your events and we will tell **EVERYONE!**

07789 175 002 editor@cotswoldtimes.co.uk

Community adverts are in all 4 Cotswold Times Most community adverts are free!









Saturday 19th August 2017 From 6 pm

Annual Garden Party for the Friends of Ernest Wilson Memorial Garden.

Leysbourne, Chipping Campden, Glos.

New Members welcome.

Contact Mrs D. Pickles for details: wilsongardentrust@yahoo.co.uk

Cockneys in Arcadia: C.R. Ashbee in Chipping Campden

7 April - 9 July 2017

Court Barn, Church Street, Chipping Campden, Glos GL55 6JE Adults £5; Children under 16 are free Tuesday - Sunday 10.00 - 5pm Closed Mondays (except Bank Holidays)

Burford Orchestra's summer concert

1 July at Burford School at 7.30pm

A fun programme packed with well-known classics. The first half opens with Rossini's William Tell Overture and continues with Pineapple Poll, a ballet adapted from the music of Gilbert and Sullivan's Savoy Operas. The second half kicks off with the ghoulish riot of Saint-Saens's Danse Macabre Overture and concludes with Jazz Suite No. 2 by Shostakovich.

Tickets cost £7 in advance and £8 on the door with £1 entry for under 16s. For info and tickets contact Helen on 01993 830559 or info@burfordorchestra.org.uk

IT'S SHOW TIME!

The Brailes Show - Saturday 12 August 2017

The theme of the Show – Musicals! – will be carried through the Village Scarecrow Competition which takes place before the event, and into the Fancy Dress Parade on the day.

The Flower and Produce Schedule is now available on the show website. It gives details of all the classes and an entry form to download.

Further information from: Sue Molyneux Warner 01608 685550, 07831 645523 suemolyneuxwarner@btinternet.com brailesvillageshow.com



Bourton on the Hill

OPEN GARDENS

Sunday 2nd July 2017



Various Gardens open including Bourton House

1.00 - 5.00 p.m. Parking in Bourton House

Teas and Cakes in The Old School Served 1.30 p.m.- 5.00 p.m.

Admission £6.00

Please pay in the Bourton House Car-park or The Old School

Proceeds to The Old School and St Lawrence Church



REGI	ILAR EVENTS	WEDS	Awareness Through Movement classes 7pm at Church
	Folk Night Ebrington Arms 9pm. www.theebringtonarms.co.uk		Westcote Village Hall, OX7 6SF £10/£40 for 6 classes. Karin 01993 832520 karin@movetoimprove.info
MON	Dance Fusion Adult dance class. Mixed styles. No experience necessary. Exercise in a fun way. No pre-booking necessary. Chipping	WEDS	Dance 50+ Termly, 9.45am-10.45am. Keep fit and mobile. Upstairs in The Theatre's Gallery. £60 for ten week term. 01608
MON	Campden Town Hall 9.30-10.30. £4.50 Scottish Country Dancing St Edwards Church Rooms, Stow. 5.30-7pm Children and 7-9pm Adults 01451 831876	WEDS	642350 www.chippingnortontheatre.com Weds Walk Easy/moderate walks. Start at 10am. 01451 862000
MON	Childrens Dance Class Chipping Campden Town Hall.6-8 yrs 4-5pm, 9-11 yrs 5-6pm. Single class £7pp, Monthly membership £22pp. 07527	WEDS	HJ Jungling Forest School Pre-school sessions 9.30 – 11.30am 07880908760 http://www.hijungling.co.uk
MON	757057 Yoga Chipping Campden Town Hall. 2pm Starts again 21st Sept	SIG WEDS	N Cots Support Group for Parents & Carers of people with additional needs. Childrens Centre (behind Stow Primary Sch) 7.30-9pm. ncsgroup@hotmail.co.uk 01451 831642
MON	01386438537 'Old Sweats NAAFI break' at Royal British Legion, Bourton on the	WED & FRI	Adult Garden Workshop.1.30 - 4pm. P3, The Windrush, High
MON	Water (10am -12) for anyone to come along for a cup of tea and a chat, Burford Orchestra Rehearsals 7.30-9.30pm at Witney Community	LAST WEDS	Street, Moreton.Tel: 01608 653377 for more info. Book Club 10 –11am - Daylesford Organic Farm, Kingham in association with BORZOI BOOKS who will choose the books and
	Primary School OX28 1HL. burfordorchestra@gmail.com. 07984 492 976. New members welcome; no audition.	THURS	contribute to the discussions. 01451 831268 (Borzoi Books) HJ Jungling Forest School Home school sessions 1 - 3 pm. Pre-
MON	Powerfreestyle Kickboxing at Guiting power Village hall. Juniors 7-7.50pm. Adults 7.50-8.30pm. freestyle Kickboxing or adult Boxersize.	mono	school sessions 9.30 – 11.30am. 07880908760 http://www.hjjungling.co.uk
MON	Call Adam 07774285459 Bridge Club @ Northleach 7.30pm. Partners not necessary. Non members welcome, 01285 750288 Tim Morris	1st THURS	Free Martial Arts Lessons Separate adult & children's classes Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School. 07977 560086
MON	Dance Fusion Adult dance class, mixed styles. No experience necessary.All Welcome. Ch.Campden Town Hall, 9.30-10.30 £4.50	1st THURS	www.martialartsvoucher.co.uk, Free Self Defence / Jeet Kune Do Lessons for Men and Women (Adults only) Stewen, the Wold Primary School 07077
MON	(conc £2.50) Robert Cox Pilates 4U relocation for Monday 7pm classes to		Women (Adults only) Stowon- the-Wold Primary School 07977 560086 www.selfdefencevoucher.co.uk
	Haybarn, Daylesford near Kingham, GL56 0YG	THURS	Yoga Class in Condicote Village Hall from 6.30 – 7.30pm. Details from Anne 01386 700364
MON	Jun/July Samba drumming group Bourton-on-the-Water. (Not bank holidays) 7.30- 9pm British Legion Hall. £5/£4 per drop in session or block discount. www.olasamba.co.uk	THURS	Fitness League Exercise and movement to music. 9-45am to 11-15am in the British Legion Hall, Bourton on the Water. Kathy Kirk
2nd MON	MORETON PROBUS CLUB at The Swan Hotel, High Street, Moreton 10:30 to 12:30. Contact Mike Wareham on 01608 654299.	THURS	01993 882350 Bourton Panto Group Group Nights at Victoria Hall 7 – 9pm.
3rd MON	West Oxfordshire WI St. Mary's Parish Rooms, 7.30pm. 3 sessions at		Harmony singing, charades i& workshops in dance, drama and backstage craft.
	£4 and then hope you'll become a member! Contact Hilary Dix 01608 646228	THURS	Quiz Night at The Volunteer Inn, Ch.Campden 8.30pm 01386 840688
4th MON	MORETON PROBUS CLUB at The Swan Hotel, High Street, Moreton 10:30 to 12:30. Contact Mike Wareham on 01608 654299.	THURS	Chippy Art Club Fortnightly in Glyme Hall, next to Leisure Centre. £5 per morning. 10.30-12.30 Friendly group. All abilities. 01608
TUES	HJ Jungling Forest School Home school sessions 10 – 12 07880908760 http://www.hijjungling.co.uk/	TUUDO	730268
TUES	Fosseway Cafe Orchestra at Stretton on Fosse Village Hal IGL56 9SD 10 - 12. No auditions - players are Grade III - VI. Cost £3.00 per	THURS	Adult Arts & Crafts Workshop. 09.30 - 12noon. Moreton Congregational Church Hall. Tel: 01608 653377 for more info
TUE0	session. 07967 423550.	THURS	Line Dancing 1.45pm beginners, 2.30 others. King George Hall, Mickleton 01386 438 537
TUES TUES	Baby Bounce and Rhyme 10.30-11am, Moreton Library. Free Blockley Ladies Choir 7.30 - 9.15pm Little Village Hall. Sec: Sue	THURS	Notgrove Country Music Every other Thursday, 8pm to 11:30 pm. £5 entrance. Contact Ken on 07870795560 for further details.
TUES	Wareham 01608 654299: 07917198327. smwwareham@gmail.com Fit For Life at Baden-Powell Hall, Bourton. Tai Chi: 9.30-10.30am	THURS	Blockley Blokes Choir (BBC) 7.30-9 pm Little Village Hall. David
	£4.50/session. Balance & strength: 11-12noon £4.50/session. Contact Denise Nethercott 07909874186 or email d.nethercott@btinternet.com	THURS	Artingstall, Sec: 01386 701556 blockleyblokes@gmail.com Toddler group Village Hall in Upper Rissington. 10-12. £2 per Family. Newborn to 5 years old. Contact 01451 822379 or
TUES	Art Class by Jill Jarvis at Oddington Village Hall 9:30 - 12:00. 01451 831862 / 07908 512734 jillyjarvis@hotmail.co.uk	THURS	Littlehurricanes@hotmail.com North Cotswolds Aikido Club at Naunton Village Hall, GL54 3AS.
TUES	Great Rollright Baby and Toddler Group 10-11.30am in the village hall. Ann White 01608 737437	mons	All ages from 14yrs welcome 8-10pm.
TUES	Rotary Club of the North Cotswolds "Serving the Community" meet		www.northcotswoldsaikido.co.uk, info@northcotswoldsaikido.co.uk or call Graham on 07554 252021.
	at Naunton Downs Golf Club, Naunton, GL54 3AE. 7.15pm for 7.45pm. Tel: 01451 830887. www.NorthCotswoldRotary.org.uk	FRI	Belly Dancing New beginners class. 11-12.30 The Church Room, Chipping Campden.Informal & relaxed classes for ladies of all
1st TUES	Stow on the Wold and Countryside Embroiderer's Guild Afternoon meetings with speaker then tea & cake. Broadwell Village Hall. 01451	FRI	ages, shapes & sizes. 01608 663480 Blockley Brass Band 7.30-9.30pm St George's Hall. Rachel Galt
TUES	821291 Stow Art Club at Fisher House: beautiful views. Local amateur artists		01386 841677
	meet 9.30 – 12.30pm. £3 charge for tuition. Imelda 01451 833572 Chipping Norton U3A meet at 2:30 at the Methodist Hall, West Street.	FRI	Dance Fusion Adult dance class, mixed styles. No experience necessary. All Welcome. Ch.Campden Town Hall, 9.30-10.30
	Chipping Norton. Contact jo.mcvicker@btinternet.com	FRI	£4.50 (conc £2.50) Active & Able classes for older people. Baptist Church Rooms,
1St WED	Free Martial Arts Lessons Separate adult & children's classes. Chipping Norton Leisure Centre. 07977 560086	FRI	Stow 01285 623450 Art Class by Jill Jarvis at Oddington Village Hall 9:30 - 12:00.
1st WED	www.martialartsvoucher.co.uk North Cotswolds Friendship Centre, Broadwell Village Hall, Nr.	FRI	01451 831862 /07908 512734 jillyjarvis@hotmail.co.uk Painting Class with Fleur Grabow at Longborough Village Hall.
	Moreton in Marsh - 10.30 - 12 noon Coffee and Chat in Broadwell Village Hall (GL56 0TL) 10.30am -		9.30-12.30. 01451 830767 <u>fleurgrabow42@gmail.com</u>
WEDS	12.00 Homemade Cakes to buy. Plenty of Parking	FRI FRI	Line Dancing Willersey Village Hall, nr Broadway 01386 438537 Active & Able Classes Posture & Stability – Tai Chi Chi Kong at
	Charlbury Art Society 7:30 pm. Many other activities arranged throughout the year. Kati Deidencenz 01608 810911.	FRI	Bourton, Moreton and Stow. 01285 623450 Moore Lunch Club The Naight, Bourton on the Water. Secretary:
	Age UK Drop-in sessions from 10.30am – midday in the Oxfordshire Museum Café, Park Street, Woodstock. OX20 1SN. 01993 811456	FRI	Sheila Thorpe 01451 822846 sheila@bobblefarm.co.uk Henry Cornish Care Centre, Rockhill Farm Court, Chipping
2nd WED	Knit and Natter Community Centre, Bourton 10 – 12noon. Irene Summers 01451 798718; Peter Boxall 01451 820099		Norton. 01608642364 invites everyone to our weekly Friday Coffee Mornings from 10.30am to 11.30am. Cakes are homemade with
WEDS	Recorder Consort meet @GL56 9SR. Playing in 4 parts. Cost 50p. Contact Chirstine 07967423550		entertainment from singing to a few poems. Come and be part of
WEDS	Fitness classes and Kettlercise 5.15 - 6.30pm/6.30 - 7.45pm. Stow on the Wold Primary School. email millyjopt@gmail	FRI	our community. Al Anon Family Group 'Is there a drinking problem in your family
WEDS	Art Class by Jill Jarvis at Oddington Village Hall. 1:30 - 4:00 01451		or with a friend? We meet for support in the Creche room at St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton, 10am. All welcome. Contact
WEDS	831862/ 07908 512734 jillyjarvis@hotmail.co.uk Chipping Campden Bridge Club 7.15 for 7.30pm Duplicate Bridge.	SAT	07805 566773 if you'd like further information. Drama sessions for 5-7 year olds. 10-11am or 11.15-12.15. £55
	Upper Town Hall. Non members welcome. Partners not necessary, 01608 664456	Last SAT	per term. Ch Norton Theatre, OX7 5NL. 01608 642350 Great Rollright Village Market 9.30-12.30 in the village hall.
WEDS	Environmental projects 10-1pm. Chipping Norton Green Gym is a friendly group with jobs for all! Contact jennyharrington@btinternet.com	1st SUN	www.greatrollrightvillagemarket.weebly.com in the month: Chippy Rambling Club: Leisurely 2 hour afternoon
	www.chippygreengym.org	131 3UN	walk in countryside. Heather 01608 643691
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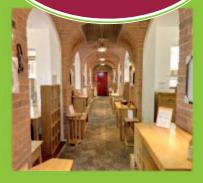
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Bourton and District



Next meeting: Wednesday 26 July; British Legion Hall, BOTW. Come and join us for a coffee and chat between 10 and 10.30. The speaker is David Brown on 'The Grand Scuttle' - sinking of German Fleet in Scapa Flow 1919. Visitors are very welcome and this is a good opportunity to come along and see what the U3A can offer you. See our website www.u3asites/bourton for all that is going on. Contact the committee by email: publicity@banddu.org.uk

Chipping Norton



Our next monthly meeting will be held on Weds 5 July at 2.30pm in the Methodist Hall, Chipping Norton. RSBP Otmoor: Past, Present and Future (Barry Oxley, RSPB).

Our Special Interest Groups (SIGs) continue to thrive. We are also in the process of setting up two new groups for African Studies and Italian Appreciation.

VISITORS WELCOME - £2 entrance fee. Further information Diamond Versi 01608 646578. www.u3asites.org.uk/chippingnorton

CHIPPY RAMBLING CLUB

Join us for a leisurely two-hour walk in the countryside! On the first Sunday of the month we meet in the New Street carpark Chipping Norton at 2pm (Apr - Oct). 1.30pm (Nov - March). Then get into 2 or 3 cars and go to the start of a different walk each month. We are a friendly group and go to lovely parts of our local countryside. Do join us. Enquiries: Heather 01608 643691/ rheatherleonard@yahoo.co.uk

MORETON PROBUS CLUB

The meetings in JULY 2017 will be: Monday 10th Historian and author Allan Ledger on Jane Austen and the Cotswolds. The Austen family was closely connected to the Cotswolds and there are links to Adlestrop, Daylesford, Stoneleigh Abbey and Blenheim Place. Monday 24th Scientist Dr Katy Bellamy on The Joy of False Memory. A false memory is the psychological phenomenon wherein a person recalls something that did not happen.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING PROBUS CONTACT **MIKE WAREHAM ON 01608 654299**

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD WI

Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm.

July 5th - "Indian Textiles" -A talk by Gill Boyd

We welcome new members and visitors.

Meet us at the Church Rooms, off Church Street, Stow-on-the-Wold or contact: Hazel Balding 01451 830726, hazelbalding@yahoo.co.uk

MORETON INTEREST & LEISURE CLUB

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th July in the W.I Hall at 2.30pm. The speaker will be Lynda Warren telling us about "The Wartime Kitchen". The outing on the 19th July is to Monkey World. We welcome new members and guests and for further information please contact Hilary on 01608 650461.

Upper Windrush Local History Society

Next meeting on Monday 10 July at 7.30pm Speaker: Rose Hewlett on Tracing the History of your House at The Farmer's Arms, Guting Power. Members £1 Visitors £2. All welcome. www.upperwindrushlhs.org.uk Eng: Tel.07786483114

Lower Slaughter WI

Our next meeting in July is to the Aston Pottery and on 23 August will be a Quiz in Lower Slaughter Village Hall with a Ploughman's Supper - we are hoping for 8 tables of 8. Tickets are £12.50 and please bring your own bottle. Tickets from Sue Gilbert 01451 821561 or Judie Fennell 01451 810702.

CHIPPING NORTON PROBUS CLUB **40th ANNIVERSARY YEAR**



Monthly Meetings at The Crown & Cushion Hotel In Chipping Norton. The next Club meeting is on 18th July

Small Wonder - the Story of the VW Beetle".

Please visit our website - www.chippingnortonprobus.com or contact Geoffrey Norris on gnorris191@btinternet.com

ART CLUB



at Fisher House (with beautiful views), Stow A small group of amateur artists. Meeting every Tuesday from 9.30am - 12.30pm £3 per week to fund tuition. Imelda 01451 833572

MORETON IN MARSH (EVENING) W I

Our next meeting is on Monday 10 July at 7.30 p.m. in St David's Centre, Moreton when Trish Tenn will talk about aspects of health and wellbeing. New members are very welcome. Contact Jo on 01608 650821 for further information.

MORETON IN MARSH W I

The next meeting of the will be held in the W.I Hall on Thursday 6 July at 2pm. The speaker will be Pam Slater telling us about some 'Garden Myths'! We welcome new members and guests. More information please contact Trish on 01608 651367.

RURAL CINEMA

The Playhouse, St George's Hall **BLOCKLEY** Thursday 27 July

Season Tickets available - £25 7.15pm. Doors/Bar open at 7.00pm/7.45pm film. Advance tickets £3.50/on door £4. Advance tickets 01386 700647

The Old School **BOURTON ON THE HILL** Saturday 22 July **ETHEL AND ERNEST**

7.15pm. Hot dogs and wine with a donation £3.50 on the door. Tickets/ Queries 01386 7013857/701396

Victoria Hall **BOURTON ON THE WATER** Monday 17 July **ETHEL AND ERNEST**

Film 2.30pm & 7.30pm Tickets £3 refreshments. Family Tickets £10 (2 adults 2 children) Queries 01451 822365

Memorial Hall

CHARLBURY'S OWN CIMEMA Sunday 9 July A UNITED KINGDOM

Film: 7.30pm - Doors & bar from 6.45pm. Tickets £5/U15s £3, at the door. Family ticket £12 (2 adults, 1 or 2 children) Queries: 01608 810713

Village Hall

CHURCHILL AND SARSDEN Saturday 8 July

Film 7.30pm. Tickets £4.50 at the door. Advance tickets/queries 01608 659903 screenbythegreen@btopenworld.com

Screen on the Green, Village Hall **ILMINGTON**

Friday SEE LOCAL NOTICES

Film 7.30pm Tickets £3.50 (students £2.50) Advance tickets Ilmington Community Shop. Queries 01608 682806 Refreshments

Village Hall

LITTLE WOLFORD Thursday SEE LOCAL NOTICES

Film 7.30pm Tickets £4.00 inc. refreshments. Advance tickets/queries 01608 684223

St. Andrew's Church **NAUNTON Tuesday 4 July QUEEN OF KATWE**

Doors open 7.15 Film 7.45. Tickets £3.00 at the door. 01451 850897 or bob@markets-international.com

FLIX IN THE STIX in the Village Hall **ODDINGTON** Tuesday 18 July **ETHEL AND ERNEST**

7 for 7 30pm £3 00 Wine and soft drinks. Advance tickets/queries/bookings Margaret 01451 831917

Lower Swell Village Hall LOWER SWELL WILL RECOMMENCE IN THE AUTUMN

Tickets £4, Child £2.50 on the door Doors/bar/food from 6.45 (Buffet supper – soup and cheeses £5) Film starts at 7.30pm Oueries 07949 139434 iandavidbrown@hotmail.co.uk

St David's Centre **MORETON IN MARSH** Friday 21 July **ETHEL AND ERNEST**

Doors open: 2pm Film 2.30pm Tickets £3.00 at the door. Refreshments Info: 01608 654382



Lion: Five year old Saroo gets lost on a train which takes him thousands of miles across India, away from home and family. Saroo must learn to survive alone in Kolkata, before ultimately being adopted by an Australian couple.

Ethel and Ernest: A couple's love blossoms and endures through social change in the 20th century. One love, 40 years, and always a cup of tea.

A United Kingdom: In the 1940s, Prince Seretse Khama of Botswana shocks the world when he marries a white woman from London.

Queen of Katwe: A Ugandan girl sees her world rapidly change after being introduced to the game of chess.

Fosseway Café Orchestea



The Orchestra meets every Tuesday from 10.00 -12.00 in Stretton on Fosse Village Hall @ GL56 9QX. No auditions. We can write special parts for players of 4 notes, but generally players are Grade III - VI. Total cost is £3.00 per session. Via Fossa Recorder Consort meet on Mondays @GL56 9SR. We play in 4 parts. Cost is 50p!

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ACTIVITY GROUPS

Building Stronger Communities (arts & crafts/coffee morning) -Redesdale Hall, High Street, Moreton, Thursday, 9.30 - 12 noon. Cooking on a Budget - Redesdale Hall, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, Every other Thursday, 9.30am - 12 noon. Community Gardening Project - P3 Office, Upper Floor, The Windrush, High Street, Moreton-in-Marsh, Wednesday, 2pm - 4pm.

CHARLBURY ART SOCIETY

We meet at the Memorial Hall - everyone is welcome but there is a small charge for non-members including refreshments. Please phone Kati Eidenbenz for further information about the society on 01608 810911.

STOW & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Saturday, 15th July: Stow Cotswold Festival - with the help of pupils from Stow Primary School we shall be exhibiting a flock of over 150 exotic sheep upstairs in St. Edward's Hall! Please come along and support us on the day!

Booking now for our trip to Chavenage House, nr Tetbury, on Wednesday, 9th August. Guided tour of Elizabethan Manor House by the family with lunch in the Ballroom - £37.50. (contact Rachel 01451 833783). Next talk is on Friday, 6th October 2017. Interested in joining us?

Then please call Rachel or Nigel on 01451 833783. Full details of our programme, trips and membership are on our website: www.stowcivicsociety.co.uk

Fun and Fitness for Seniors

This hour-long class is held in the Redesdale Hall each Monday morning at 9.30am. Work at your own pace to help maintain activity levels without pressure to take part in the 2020 Olympics. Come and join us. You would be most welcome.

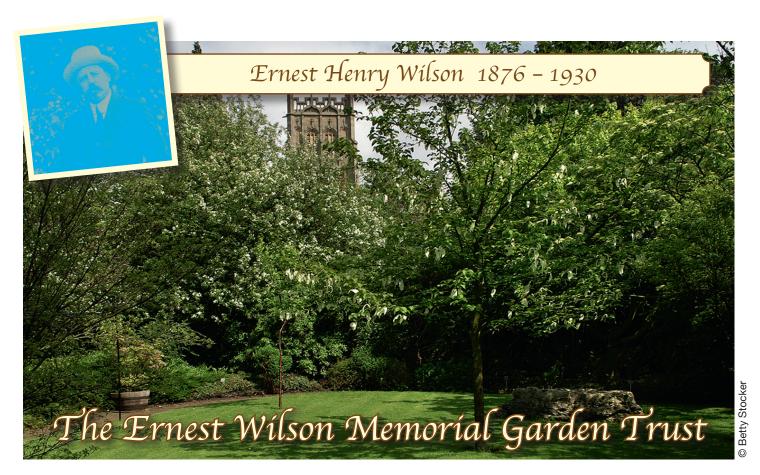
Chadlington WI

Meets at the Memorial Hall, Chadlington, OX7 3NA 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm Tuesday 14 March. Contact: Sue Cox 01608 676987

Shipton -U -Wychwood WI

Meets at New Beaconsfield Hall, OX7 6BQ On the second Thursday of the month at 7.30pm Contact: Margaret Gibbs 01993 832440 or margaret.gibbs2@btopenworld.com





The renowned plant hunter, Ernest Wilson (Chinese Wilson) as he became known, was born in Chipping Campden on the 15th February 1876.

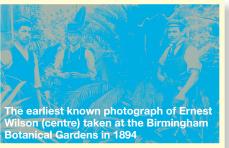
In 1984 the Trust opened the Wilson Garden in recognition of Wilson's remarkable achievements in China and Japan. The small garden in the centre of Campden, formerly a part of the Vicarage, was designed by Sir Peter Sheppard, the landscape architect, and opened by Roy Lancaster, himself a well known plant hunter, author and television presenter.

The garden is stocked with trees and shrubs - all Wilson introductions to Britain, including the famous Davidia involucrata (the handkerchief tree). This tranquil garden attracts visitors world wide.

In both China and Japan, Wilson is a revered figure, and quite recently has been recognised by the Hongya county of the Sechuan province in China, which Wilson visited on his third visit to China. A museum will shortly open in his name at Mount Wawu, and a statue will be erected to honour his memory.

Much has been written about Wilson and his extraordinary and at times dangerous expeditions to remote areas of the world. He left school aged 16, joining the Birmingham Botanical Gardens as a 'nursery lad', where over the next three and a half years he made great progress, leaving in 1897 to work at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew. Such was his progress.

Wilson subsequently went on to study at the Royal College of Science in London. In 1899, at the suggestion of the Director of Kew, he joined the famous nursery firm, James Veitch & Co., working for 6 months prior to embarking on his first plant hunting expedition on behalf of the firm to China, aged just 23!



prodigious success led to further expeditions on behalf of the Arnold Arboretum, Harvard University USA 1903-1905: 1907-1909 and 1910-1911. On his final trip to China he came close to losing his life when in a remote area, a landslide left him with a badly broken leg. Carried back on a litter by his porters to a hospital, a long period of recovery and recuperation followed, with at one stage a real fear of amputation. Eventually on his return to America the leg was reset. Inevitably this hampered his future travels to remote regions. In the years that followed he visited Japan in 1914 and Korea, Japan and Formosa in 1917-1919. On his return he was appointed Assistant Director of the Arnold Arboretum, making a world wide tour on behalf of the Institution.

In the Yakushima Province of southern Japan there is the base of the 3,000 year old Yaku Cedar tree cut down in 1586 with a circumference at the base of 32 metres. It was named 'The Wilson Stump' in recognition of Ernest Wilson's discovery of the the base,

which at first was thought to be a cave!

Recognising the ecological importance of the forest, Wilson argued strongly for its preservation. After many years Yakushima was finally declared a National Monument in 1923. However, it was not until 1964 it was designated a National Treasure, which effectively brought to an end the logging industry.

In 1927 Wilson succeeded the Director, Professor Charles Sargent as Keeper, but, tragically in 1930 he and his wife were killed in a motor car accident outside Boston. A sad end for a man who had survived many dangerous expeditions.

Wilson's travels can be likened in many ways to Captain Cook - his explorations covered thousands of miles, long periods away, and at times through areas inhabited by head hunters.

Wilson's achievements are awesome. Over the years it is estimated that he collected and introduced 1,200 species of trees and shrubs, along with 100,000 herborium specimens. An author of a number of books, including 'A Naturalist in Western China' 1903 and 'Plant Hunting' 1927, he was also an accomplished photographer, providing a marvellous record of his travels and adventures. The Arnold Arboretum hold 745 photographs!

Without question, the gardens of Britain would not be the delight we all enjoy without the dedication and courage of this one man, Ernest Henry Wilson.

Ray Leigh

Friends of the Garden

The Trustees publish a newsletter twice a year with details of events, which normally include an Annual Talk by a distinguished speaker, a garden party, a visit to a notable garden and a gardeners` question time with a panel of experienced experts, which is always an entertaining evening.

Application for a membership form to join The Friends should be addressed to: Mrs D. Pickles, 10 Norton View, Mickleton, GL55 6TP. e.mail: wilsongardentrust@yahoo.co.uk Annual subscription £10 per individual or £15 joint membership.











The Rotary Club of the North Cotswolds

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS OPEN EVENING - Tuesday 6th June

North Cotswolds Rotary Club and the Ladies Section of Naunton Downs Golf Club joined together for the evening to hear an excellent talk by Katie Roberts, Research Communications Officer at the MS Society, on the latest developments in MS research. Over 100,000 people have MS in the UK, and the MS Society funds between £4,000,000 and £5,000,000 per year in MS research.



Katie explained what treatments were currently available for those with either relapsing or progressive MS, and what avenues of research were being pursued into finding ways to combat and eventually stop MS.

One of club president Colin Gatenby's chosen charities for this year is the MS Society (with donations going to fund research), and the Lady Captain of Naunton Downs Golf Club, Gill Ashton, has also chosen MS as her charity for 2017, with emphasis on the needs of local MS sufferers.

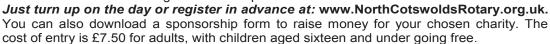
Our thanks to all concerned for a most enjoyable and informative evening.

Pictured left to right: Andy Jarrett (Severn Vale Rotary Club, who works for the MS Society in Gloucestershire), Katie Roberts, Colin Gatenby, Gill Ashton.

FIRST EVER GREYSTONES WALK OR RUN FOR CHARITY - Sunday 9th July

North Cotswold Rotary Club and Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust are challenging local people to walk or run their way through the glorious countryside surroundings of Greystones Farm in Bourton-on-the-Water for charity.

The 10K run will start promptly at 10.00am at Greystones Farm, and the 5K walk will commence at 11.00am. Registration will open at 9.00am.





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Northleach & Fosse Lions Club June News



Community service by Northleach & Fosse Lions Club members has been recognised through two awards made in June. Long serving Lion Barbara Eastland received her Melvin Jones Fellowship award from District Governor Godfrey Morris at the Club's annual Charter Dinner on 1 June. The award is made in the name of Lions Club International's founder for exceptional service to Lions and the community. It is particularly notable in that this is the Lions Centenary year.

Barbara joined the Northleach & Fosse Lions Club in 1999, when she became their first lady lion. However, her connection with Lions Clubs goes back much further to 1972, when her late husband Ray became a Charter Member of Tetbury Lions Club, where he served until 1984.

The couple moved away from the immediate area for some years but remained loyal to Lions Clubs, so much so that Ray was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship posthumously in 1994.

Barbara is well known for her work in running the Lions '100 Club', and for organising and baking cakes for the regular 'Lions Famous Coffee, Tea & Cakes' events at the Victoria Hall in her home town of Bourton-on-the-Water. She has also often run Sunday morning car boot sales, helped with pre-Christmas collections and supported the club's stall at the Northleach Charter Fair.

Club members were delighted to be recognised for their part in organising and conducting the 'Great British Spring Clean' in Northleach, alongside Northleach with Eastington Town Council. This initiative has now been awarded 1st Prize by Cotswold District Council in a competition involving 20 community groups in the district. The combined Town Council and Lions Club organising group were joined by more than eighty local residents for the litter pick event in April.

In a statement following their unanimous decision the judging panel said they were 'especially impressed by the sheer scale and organisation of the Northleach effort'.

The £500 prize money will be used to fund equipment and publicity for further litter picks and bins.

The club will again be running the car boot sale in Bourton on Sunday, 9 July, as well as helping to marshall the SMA Trust's mud run at Blockley on the same day. The annual 'Bridge of Coins' over the river at Bourton will be built on Saturday, 22 July and this year's third 'Famous Lions Coffee, Tea & Cakes' will be at Victoria Hall on the following Saturday, 29 July.

All local residents of the North Cotswolds area are welcome to join Lions Club members for their next meeting, on Tuesday, 11 July, in the barn at the Ox House Wine Bar in Northleach.



Northleach & Fosse Lions Club member Barbara Eastland receives her personal Melvin Jones Fellowship award for exceptional service from District Governor Godfrey Morris. Also pictured at the annual Charter Dinner is Club President Dave Murphy.



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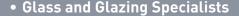
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Sounds Alive



Born in 1976 at Kuopio, close to the Russian border, Erja Lyytinen is Finland's leading exponent of the blues. Her new album "Stolen Hearts" was mainly recorded in Helsinki, but the vocals were recorded in London by multi-platinum selling producer Chris Kimsey,

known for his work on classic Rolling Stones albums "Sticky Fingers" and "Some Girls". Erja talks about growing up with the blues, motherhood and the creative impulse...

It's a question you'll have been asked hundreds of times, but what got you into playing? Growing up, there was always a lot of music playing in our house. I'm the middle sibling of three and my mother and father are both musicians. My mother is a bassplayer and, going back to the 1960s, she would also do all the bookings for her band - which is what I do nowadays! It's funny, 50 years later and we are doing the same thing! And my father is a guitar-player and they are both brilliant singers.

You were born into that world then, weren't you? Yes, I remember sessions at home, where I sang and my father played guitar. I remember really enjoying the music, in some way it was physical, spiritual. I heard a lot of different music growing up - we would listen to Deep Purple, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Uriah Heep, the Eagles, all these old great rock bands, Led Zeppelin of course and the Rolling Stones. I went to the conservatoire when I was seven to play violin, but when I became a teenager, I wanted to play quitar. I picked up my father's electric guitar when I was about fourteen or fifteen - I had quit playing the violin and classical music wasn't my thing any more. From then on, that was my goal, I had no other intention in my life than to play guitar. Now that I am a mother myself, I'm thinking about my kids' futures, what kind of life will they have? Maybe a musician's life isn't the easiest, but if you have that inner fire, it isn't easy to

I think it's difficult to live a creative life these days but if it's in you, it should be expressed - and it's not always going to be financially secure and it's not always going to be easy - But then again, so many people are struggling with difficult things in their lives, difficult economic situations, not just musicians and art-makers. As long as you enjoy what you do, say, 70% of your life, that's great, that's a good percentage!

When I've seen you live, you always have a beam on your face, like 'I just love this!' On the last tour you came

off stage into the crowd and you ended up at the bar, sitting on a barstool, still playing. You ordered a shot of something from behind the bar, downed it in one and played a slide solo with the glass! We were doing that trick a lot last year, but I don't do that right now as we have a new set and new songs. Besides, I'm a tiny woman, not a small as Madonna, but having a whisky every night, you really get accustomed to it! You need to be careful. I'm a mum and I don't drink that much ever, maybe just a glass of red after the show. We just did 31 shows in 37 days, which is quite tough. And I want to feel great the next day. I feel I'm at a

great place in my life right now and the business is going really well and, as a musician and a guitar-player, I really feel I can relax on stage and enjoy myself. Before, maybe I was too hard on myself, being a bit of a perfectionist. Maybe it's motherhood or something, but I don't want to worry about stuff all the time!

Unlike your last release, the new album is all original songs. Was that a way of getting back to writing your own material? And how did legendary producer, Chris Kimsey, get involved? I was doing the backing tracks in Helsinki but I wanted to do something different with this album, I really believed in the songs and I was wondering if I should maybe go abroad to finish the guitars and the vocals. I asked Alan Darby, who's been writing songs with me for years, if there was someone he'd recommend, who would suit my style and I'd get along with and he straight away said Chris Kimsey. And Chris loved the songs and said



he'd get involved. We looked at the time schedule as I was starting a UK tour and I had a crowd-funding campaign coming in for the album - everything was happening at the same time! I made a huge effort for this album, with the lyrics and the vocal pronunciation and really rehearsing all my guitar parts, which I think was a deal-breaker for him, knowing I could really deliver in

So you did a lot of pre-production work on the album before going in the studio with Chris? Yes I did, but actually I cut all the guitar parts in Helsinki in the end, as everything went really smoothly there and we did all the guitars in about five days. So, in the end, I only did the vocals in London with Chris.

> It must make you raise your game, when you're working with someone like that, someone with that track record in the industry? Yeah, of course! You don't want to just go there and just sing, you want to nail every track! And what I really loved about the way he works was that he allowed me to tell the story in the booth - of course, there are times when you just do one verse or a couple of lines - but he kept saying "enjoy the moment, Erja" and I'd say "I am, I am enjoying the moment! I'm thrilled to be here! I'm singing in the same booth as Tina Turner used to!"

> > To listen to the extended audio interview with Erja Lyytinen, go to www.wordsong.

Erja Lyytinen's new album "Stolen Hearts" is out now.

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Holy Trinity RC School

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who took the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Mass was held by His Grace Archbishop Longley and Father Tony Joyce. Afterwards His Grace blessed our new Prayer Garden and Adventure Playground, followed by refreshments in the school hall. Also, congratulations to our Year 3 children who took their First Holy Communion at the end of June. They all looked wonderful. Thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fete. We raised over £3,300, despite the 'difficult' weather! A huge thank you to Marsha, the PTA and volunteers who worked so hard. Our Year 6 children have created business plans for the Young Entrepreneur Project. They pitched their ideas to the 'Dragons' (Mrs Woolley and Mrs Smart) and received loans to start their businesses. They have started to sell a variety of nut-free food items including cookies, milkshakes, sweets and healthy smoothies. There is also a pop-up photo booth and a car wash and valeting service. All money raised will be given to the two charities chosen by the Year 6 children: Cancer Research and Dogs for Good. We will keep you posted on the amounts raised. The sun shone for our Year 5s who took part in the Partnership

Rugby tournament. The children played well and had a fantastic time. They also participated in the Cricket Partnership events - well done to the all girls team.

As a reward for all thier hard work this academic year, Year 6 children spent a day

at the Cotswolds Water Park. They participated in a day of sailing, stand up paddle boarding and kayaking.



Election fever spread through Dormer House like wildfire, when Year 6 decided to organise their own event, and encouraged younger pupils to take an interest in the parliamentary process. Four imaginary parties were established, and their leaders each presented a manifesto to the school. Written and delivered with conviction and passion - they canvassed and persuaded even the very youngest to register for voting. A polling station was set up and votes were cast, with a 100% turnout recorded. No hung Parliament here! The Rainbow Party was elected to office with a good majority!

The season of Village Fetes, Open Days and Tea Parties has arrived and following on from their recent success at the Cheltenham Festival, the Dormer House choir was invited by the organisers of the









Kitebrook Prep School has been enjoying the lovely weather with a variety of outdoor activities. On the last day before half term staff and children enjoyed a variety of water-based activities including a playful water-fight followed by the sale of some delicious ice cream. On Friday 9th June, the school hosted a Sports Day where the whole school was involved in various sporting events followed by a lovely lunch including parents and siblings. The school also held a Talent Show where the school was treated to an entertaining afternoon by staff and children. A fantastic start to the summer term. Visitors are always welcome at Kitebrook, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment on 01608 674350.





CHIPPING CAMPDEN SCHOOL

Infinite Learning

A group of our Year 9 students had an out-of-this -world Astro-Physics Masterclass last week, presented by Hayley Smith, Lead Educator from the National Space Academy, a group that exists to enhance the teaching of astronomy, geophysics and a Universe full of science!



Hayley Smith with her homemade comet. The 3-hour practical workshop covered studying and making refracting telescopes, modelling the expansion of the Universe with a balloon, 'The Ballooniverse', and using this data to consider the age of the Universe. The students also explored the challenges of living in space with marshmallow astronauts in syringes, observed cosmic rays in a cloud chamber and watched in wonder as Hayley made a comet out of dry ice, Worcester sauce, sand, water and carbon powder! Hayley was incredibly impressed with how well the students coped with the challenge of the workshop -some aspects of which were A-level Physics level. Their interest and enthusiasm was remarkable as they continued to bombard her with questions through break and lunchtime!

Willersey C of E Primary School

Willersey School reach for the stars! There is great excitement at Willersey C of E Primary School as preparations are being made to send their mascot bear, Wills, into space. The event has been planned to coincide with the children's Space topic and the children will be able to see live video and photographs from Wills's epic journey as he floats more than 20 miles above the earth. The children have begun the



countdown in science lessons as they discuss the physics of the launch and in English, they have been speculating about Wills's forthcoming adventures. Leonie, year 5, is looking forward to seeing the pictures of different places and discovering how far Wills manages to travels. Tia, year five, is particularly keen to see what the earth looks like from space and can't wait to see Wills when he returns to school after his adventures. Wills was specially handmade for Willersey Primary School by Ted Blogs in Broadway. Made from 100% pure Portland wool from nearby Armscote Manor, where this ancient local breed of sheep are bred, a truly local bear. The launch took place on Thursday 25th May at 11am at Willersey.



Blockley C of E School

From Hilary Thornburgh, Community Governor

40 children from years 4 to 6 recently returned from a highly successful residential visit to London. They visited the Tower of London, the London Eye, the Museums of London, Science and Natural History and studied pictures in Tate Modern and had a Cruise up the Thames.

Meanwhile in school those who did not attend the trip had an interesting week engaged in all kinds of activities connected with the subject 'Under the Sea'. They spent a day with the poet, Kate Williams, later giving a performance of their work. Class 2 have also been working on a topic

connected with the seaside and its creatures, leading up to an outing soon to Cirencester Water Park

An education outreach team from Longborough Opera came to school and led both classes 1 and 3 for half a day each in the hall with drama and music. They found it great fun and I was very



impressed by their volume of tuneful singing.

The Life Caravan has been providing interactive lessons for all the children on various issues such as the brain and nervous system, drugs, friendship and healthy living according to the age of the children. It is now the turn of Class 4 for swimming and they have 10 sessions at Shipston on Stour pool.

The first sharing assembly this term was provided by Class 1 on ' Space' showing their factual and creative writing, maths, music and pictures of planets and rockets.



ST JAMES' AND EBRINGTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Headteacher: Joanna Jonson

This term we have been developing a spiritual garden at St. James'. The new garden creates a beautiful space for the children to nurture their spirituality. Within the garden are a variety of areas, surfaces and plants that encourage the children's natural sense of wonder. The PTFA, church and town community have supported us in realising this project. The recent SIAMS inspection judged the school to be outstanding. Each year we take our Year 6 pupils to the leavers' service at Gloucester Cathedral. This year we were invited to sing at the service. The children performed 'Hold On' to the congregation. In the past month we have hosted an inter-school KS1 football tournament and a KS1 fun run. Both were a great success and the children really enjoyed taking part. We hosted a netball and football round robin for the older children. Our children danced around the maypole in front of hundreds of people at Scuttlebrook Wake and the sun shone during the afternoon.

We have been busy learning about local history and have taken part in a project based around Campden House. The children had the opportunity to taste different foods from the Stuart era and found out all about the jobs people did during those times. The pupils have been entertained by two theatre companies recently; they had a visit from 'Quantum Theatre' and their 'Summer Puddings' production, and a performance from Artyfacts Theatre Company all about the Saxons and Vikings Sports day will take place on Monday, 3rd July. KS2 will compete in the morning and KS1 in the afternoon. The PTFA will be selling tea, coffee, cakes and ice lollies during the day. We hope everybody has a relaxing summer holiday and we look forward to welcoming all the new children in September.



CHIPPING NORTON SCHOOL

Simon Duffy: Head Teacher

Volunteers from 17 local businesses loaned out their wisdom and experience at a lively, interactive careers event for 175 Year 10 students organised by the OxLEP. The session was timed to give the students experience of talking to adults and build their confidence about interacting with business people ahead of their work experience placements in July. Students had the opportunity to hear individuals talking about what they do and to find out about their career choices, qualifications and experience.

The eight finalists of this year's Chipping Norton School Bake Off conducted a public tasting session of their cakes at the Co-Op Store in Chipping Norton. Jenny Hudson, proprietor of the 'Sweet As Cake Emporium', who is going to produce the winners' cake as a limited edition to be sold in Chipping Norton Co-Op, gave useful comments to each pair to help their baking skills develop. Congratulations are due to Ryan Steer and Lewis Kelt who were judged to be the winners.



This year's annual Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society bursary has been awarded to Anna Jacobs. Anna has completed her A level in Art & Design and has been recognised for her hard work and talent. Anna was invited to display her work to members of CDFAS and was presented with her Award. Chipping Norton School are very proud of Anna and her achievements. Year 7 students recently raised £200 through 'The Tenner Challenge' and have donated £50 to Macmillan Cancer, £75 to SeeSaw and £75 to Phone Cards for Refugees. The money raised will pay for phone cards for refugees who are alone to enable them to keep in contact with their families and SeeSaw will use

the money to buy five Memory Boxes for bereaved children.



St David's C of E Primary School

Headteacher: Mr Colin Ellyatt

Enquiring minds, caring hearts, creative hands

We have seen lots of sporting success at St. David's this term! The long delayed Cotswold League Girls' Floorball Final was played on Tuesday 23rd May at Chipping Campden School. We faced



Bourton-on-the-Water as our final opponents and claimed victory after a 40 minute match with a final score of 7-3. Congratulations to the whole team, we are extremely proud of your determination, courage and enthusiasm. Also on a sporting theme, ten Year 3 and 4 children visited Chipping Campden School to take part in 5 athletic themed events, known as Quadkids; out of 12 teams we finished a very respectful 6th. All pupils demonstrated great teamwork and sportsmanship; everyone left the event in high spirits! In addition to this, 23 children from Year 1 and 2 cheered with excitement as the rain finally came to an end and the news that the KS1 Fun Run would go ahead arrived! The children ran against three other schools and everyone returned to school with smiles on their faces after an exciting afternoon.

Our reception children were visited by the local Ambulance Service where they talked to the children about what to do in an emergency and the important job they do. They had great fun trying on the special



equipment and were then keen to extend their understanding by asking a range of questions. A very big 'thank you' to Dave and Karen for sparing the time to visit us.

The Raised Beds in the school grounds are beginning to take shape as each class is responsible for their own one - it is great to see so many things being planted.

Finally, the Year 6 Leavers service took place at Gloucester Cathedral on 7th June. Despite it being an emotional time for all those who attended, all pupils enjoyed their time there, reflecting on their final year and their time at St. David's.

St Mary's C of E (Aided) Primary School, Chipping Norton

Headteacher: Mrs Yvonne Stallwood-Barnes BEd (Hons) NPQH

Year 5 attended the annual Tag Rugby tournament at Chipping Norton Rugby Club in May. Our first match was against Charlbury which we lost 9-7, but we gradually began to get a feel for the game and we drew our next match against Kingham, 4 all. Sadly, we lost our third match 11-9 to Hook Norton, but as we had had a break we managed to win our final match 11-7! Overall, we came 4th. By Joanna Pike and Oliver Kennedy A team of Year 6 children went to Oxford University Rugby Club to take part in a tournament. Everybody played well and the teachers were very proud. It was an extremely hot day and it was hard work. We all had to drink lots of water. We made it into the semi-final which we won playing fast, flowing rugby and coping with the heat. We scored some great tries and got to the final. It was 7-7 at the end of the match, which we unfortunately lost but we can be proud of our performance. Thank you to Mr Burman for his coaching. Well done everyone! By Alexander Williamson Apple and Hazel class are looking forward to their trip to "All Things Wild" on 20th June. With that in mind, they decided to create a dinosaur area in the classroom, and spent a few days thinking of ideas and making props to go in it. "I like the nets, to keep the dinosaurs out" Chanelle Smith said. Isla Snell added "I was exploring the dinosaurs, looking through the net".

St. Mary's took part in the "Walk to School" scheme during May and encouraged all pupils and parents to think about the benefits of walking to school on a daily basis. The rain came



down but spirits were not dampened as the children and parents enjoyed the chance to chat and greet the morning. Our thanks go to Mrs Drinkwater and the External Relations Committee for organising the event and furnishing us all with official badges.



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Varzar String Quartet Workshop

We were very pleased to welcome the Varzar String Quartet from the Birmingham Conservatoire to the school on Thursday 8th June. The quartet ran a workshop and gave a short concert to the whole school in the church.

Many thanks to Michael and Gina Bochmann who organised this event and Architectural Heritage and the Aspinwall Educational Trust who sponsored it.

Science Festival

Our Key Stage 2 pupils had an inspiring visit to Cheltenham Science Festival, starting with a fantastic presentation on Mars, followed by an exploration of the 'Makershack' and the Discover Zone. Pupils found the 3D printers particularly intriguing and were all keen to trial the virtual reality goggles and the mechanical horse.

We celebrate our teams qualifying for the next rounds in rounders, cricket and athletics events - a busy summer term ahead!

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SIBFORD SCHOOL

By Ali Bromhall

A glittering ball and auction, organised by parents at Sibford School, has raised more than £8,800 for local charity BYHP ... Banbury Young Homelessness Project. More than 200 people, including BYHP CEO Tim Tarby-Donald and Administrator and Volunteer Co-ordinator Ginette Wheeldon, attended the 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' themed ball, which was held in a marquee in the school grounds. Auctioneer for the night was Sibford Head, Toby Spence, and items that came under the hammer included a week in a ski chalet; a chance to watch a Wasps Home game in the Director's Box at the Ricoh Arena and a five-night stay in the Tambopata National Reserve in

Peru. Speaking after the event Tim Tarby-Donald said: "We all thoroughly enjoyed such a brilliant evening. Everyone was so generous - we are very lucky to have the support of Sibford School. This donation will make a real difference to the young people



we support." Pictured: Tim Tarby-Donald and Ginette Wheeldon with Sibford Head Toby Spence and his wife Jill.

Sibford School's Fun in the Country holiday club will be taking place from 24 July ~ 18 August (week days only). The club is open to all children and activities will include swimming, team games, arts and crafts, sport, outdoor play, and much, much more. Cost is £28 per day. To book a place call Elspeth Dyer on 01295 781203.



Kingham Primary School

Headteacher: Ms Bretta Townend-Jowitt

Another eventful month and hot on the success of our choir, five of our pupils were excited and thrilled to see their art exhibited at the Ashmolean as part of Young Art Oxford. Their work was selected from over 3000 pieces from across Oxfordshire and so we are enormously proud of their success. KS2 were visited by Peter Bunzl, the author of 'Cogheart', to learn more about the authorial process. Peter shared his love of history, automata, steampunk and the ideas that inspired his writing - old photographs, toys and even 'penny dreadfuls'

Our wonderful grounds offer a diverse learning opportunity - Years 2 and 4 enjoyed a Wildlife Workshop and, through a variety of activities, our budding naturalists learned more about being wildlife detectives and conservationists. Children in Reception watched in awe and



wonder as their clutch of eggs hatched into some very adorable and fluffy chicks. A marvellous experience for all.



Finally, a visit by Tweedy the Clown from Gifford's Circus was certainly very entertaining - with tricks, plate spinning, juggling and difficulties with clothing! Children and staff laughed uproariously. This was a real treat as our half term came to a



Swell School

From Judy Morgan School Administrator

The Year 6 children took a trip to the Farmers Market held in Stow Square. They were very interested to hear from the stallholders about their produce and products. The production of sausages and chutney was of particular interest. The variety of local

vegetables available was quite enlightening for them. The children returned to school with various items and their classmates enjoyed hearing about the trip and enjoyed sampling the items they had purchased.

The whole school joined Longborough School for a Reading for Pleasure Day, held in glorious sunshine. The day was led by the Year 5 and 6 children who read to groups and organised associated activities which included model and mask making. The Infant Class had an exciting morning on the farm, kindly arranged by Head Stock Man, Bob Fletcher. The children were thrilled to see and learn about all the farm animals, the Old Spot and Saddleback pigs were a firm favourite.

The Year 6 children have been very busy making Elderflower Cordial and Strawberry Jam which they plan to sell as part of an enterprise project. We would like to wish our Year 6 children who will be moving on to secondary school in September, our very best wishes for the future.

Our 'SCHOOL REPORTS' are much appreciated by readers, and are included free of charge. NB: the best presentations are ideally less than 300 words; photos are welcome - 'one photo is worth 1,000 words'.



THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

By Principal Mr Morgan

Head of Music, Ms Buckley recommended Abigail Mackay, Year 9, for the Gloucester Youth Choir (GYC). Following a recent performance at the Regional Music for Youth Festival in March in Cheltenham, the GYC has made it through to the National Music for Youth Festival at the Birmingham Symphony Hall in early July. Year 8 and 9 pupils recently enjoyed Modern Foreign Languages trips to Paris, Barcelona and the Rheinland. We wish those pupils off to France, Iceland and Morocco at the end of July a happy trip. Well done to Jake Pugsley, Year 10, for his Gold Award in the recent Biology Olympiad from the Royal Society of Biology. The Cotswold School would like to welcome and thank Dr Cullan Riley for becoming our new Parent Governor to join the Committee. We welcomed parents, carers and visitors to The Cotswold School, at the end of June, to a Showcase event, with displays from the world of GCSE and A Level Art and A Level Design & Technology works and A Level Drama - the talent is phenomenal. The Tour of Britain Cycling, Stage 7, is coming to Bourton-on-the-Water on Saturday 9th September and the School is delighted to support this world class sporting event with a number of initiatives. In the autumn of 2018, The Cotswold School will be 30 years old we want to reach out to as many former pupils as possible to make autumn 2018 a lovely celebration. Please sign up at www.cotswolds.gloucs.gov.uk/alumni We look forward to welcoming Chinese students, from our partner school in Suzhou towards the end of the summer term. Finally, the GCSE and A Level examinations are complete and we await in excitement for the results, due out in late August. It



Bledington School

Ms J Kewley, Headteacher

Bledington Primary School was fortunate to have three workshops from professional musicians who were taking part in the Bledington Music festival 6th 7th, 8th June. At St Leonard's church the pupils listened to Juliette Bausor (flute),



Caitrin Finch (harp) and Ruth Gibson (violin). In school the children were impressed by the performances of The Katona twins (guitar) and also the Albion string Quartet (violin1 & 2, viola & cello). Our pupils asked many questions about the music and instruments. They learnt about melodies, harmonies, texture and dynamics. It was wonderful to see them inspired and enthusiastic during these concerts. Our website has photos of these events. Later this term KS1 will be visiting All Things Wild to link in with their topic, Carnival of the Animals. To enhance their learning, KS2 will be taking a trip to Warwick Castle.

The remainder of the summer term is packed full - Cricket sessions from the English Cricket Board for each year group, continued hockey coaching after school and Inter-schools athletics and netball tournaments.

We have also planned an Inter-house Rounders afternoon during which all pupils will compete in their house team. Pupils will also win points for their House during Sports Afternoon on 17th July. Parents are invited to a Review of the Year which will kick off our Open Afternoon at 2.50pm on Monday 26th June.

KS2 are currently in the middle of rehearsals for an amazing production entitled The Rocky Monster Show. Great music and some spectacular performances are promised on 11th & 12th July!



6th September 2017.

KINGHAM HILL SCHOOL

Kingham Hill School approved by Good Schools Guide Last term Kingham Hill School were very pleased to welcome Marianne from the Good Schools Guide for a tour of the school and to meet pupils and staff.

therefore just remains for us to wish you all a happy summer

holiday and we look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday

During the day long visit Marianne met with Headmaster Nick Seward to discuss his time at Kingham Hill and his future plans, observed a variety of lessons and extra-curricular activities including art, French and farm club and had lunch with our pupils in the



dining hall. Following the visit we were very pleased to receive a lovely review highlighting the pastoral, academic and extracurricular provisions Kingham Hill prides itself on and we have now been listed as a Good Schools Guide school. The small classes, calm and directed approach to lessons and the close-knit community led to GSG commenting that Kingham Hill is ... "a supportive community of pupils and teachers...in an area of outstanding natural beauty.'

Kingham Hill School catering team honoured at awards ceremony In June the catering team at Kingham Hill were named in the top three for Outstanding Teamwork at the Holroyd Howe People Awards 2017. The national awards run by catering company Holroyd Howe recognise those working in the education nutrition sector and the Kingham Hill team were among 99 nominees for their award category. We are very proud of the excellent work our catering team carry out each day providing delicious meals for our staff and pupils.



LONGBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

From Tracey Hampshire

During the holidays children were tasked with helping with household chores and by doing so earning some money to help with the PFA funds. The children must have worked very hard to raise the £85 and we're pleased to announce that Evie Cave in Year 5 earned the most amount of money and in turn, earned herself a gift voucher - well done Evie!

Pupils in year 6 recently attended a Bikeabiltiy training day. Training started on the playground with correct safety checks and basic rules when riding a bike, they then ventured out on the local roads. A great day of learning and fun was had by all KS2 visited Cheltenham this week to take part in the Science Festival. Children took part in a show, When is a gas not a gas?' they were asked, Why are some materials solid whilst others are liquid or even gas? and took part in some fantastic demonstrations including dry ice floating bubbles and plastic bottles. They also got to visit the Discovery Zone where they had great hands on fun.



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Year 6 Leavers recently headed off to Mill Rythe, for a few days of fun and activities. They embraced the wall climbing andall the team building activities presented to them. They are a positive and fun class to be with, and the school will miss them when they go on to their secondary school adventures inthe summer.

Our annual WVS swimming gala, hosted by Kingham Hill School, was a great morning of competitive swimming and fun. Pupils from Form 1 through to our more experienced, and some club swimmers, in Form 6, competed for the school house. Both the junior and senior relays, the highlight of the event, was closely fought, with Chilterns winning



both groups. Congratulations to all the children who took part.

playgroup & toddlers

Condicate Village Hall, nr Stow on the Wold

We had a wet but wonderful afternoon at Little Compton Manor NGS open gardens and raised £600 for the Playgroup funds, the stunning gardens are open again on the 20th August. We will be running some stay and play sessions over the summer holidays so

please watch out for posters with the dates and times. Our Playgroup session is 9.15am - 1pm Monday to Thursday with extended sessions available on a Monday and Thursday until 2.45pm. Contact Jo Abrahams, our Early Years Professional on 07796 987173 or email condicoteplaygroup@btinternet.com to

arrange a visit. We also run a drop in Toddler Group for children from birth to school age on a Friday from 10 -12.



STOW PRIMARY SCHOOL

Rebecca Scutt, Headteacher

The Year 6 pupils had a fantastic end to their SATs week, with the inter schools athletics competition held at Temple Guiting school, followed by an evening ten pin bowling with their class teacher and teaching assistants! We would like to say a big thank you to the staff, parents and pupils.

Class 5 have been studying 'Rights of Passage' in RE, and have taken the opportunity to visit the churches in Stow to take part in 'Weddings, Baptisms and even a Funeral, with a hearse, coffin and



a promise of a ride in a limousine! Thank you to Co-Op funeral services for the time they spent discussing funerals! The year two residential in Malvern will be taking place in June and everyone is looking forward to the wide range of outdoor activities that will be on offer. The pupils have been given the chance to decorate a sheep money box ready for the Cotswold Festival in Stow next month and we have already had a wide range of painted,

woolly, decorated sheep returned to the school. Our school building is 21 years old in June and we held a 21st birthday party on Friday 23 June - with a fun whole school, Gecko maths day, based on the number 21, a bouncy castle throughout the day with lots of delicious food and to finish the day a 21st birthday disco for infant and juniors! Everyone had a fantastic day. With the summer fair being held on 7th July from 5pm til 8pm we

are hoping for good weather and you are all invited to come along

and join us for an evening of fun, entertainment and music!



St Catharine's **Catholic Primary School**

We continue to put the finishing touches on our 'Secondary-ready' Year 6 pupils, as they prepare for the next stage in their journey. Our Chaplaincy team have been preparing to lead their class in a 'Leavers' Mass' at Clifton Cathedral and are involved in planning a retreat at the combined churches in the locality. They have enjoyed an exciting programme of sporting and cultural activities including rock climbing, craft and rugby workshops, historical visits and a trip to watch 'Oliver', an inspiration for their Leavers' Play. Greene Class, our youngest children, have been enjoying their 'Water topic'. They have demonstrated their ability to work cooperatively, creating a giant underwater sea display. Having made and tested their individual boats, an unexpected visitor to school, Captain Rodder needed help to create a large-scale pirate ship to continue his venturesome journeys.

Ashbee Class have enjoyed a super start to their topic work on 'Heroes and Cities'. As Geographers, they have been studying maps and locating capital cities. They have produced collages based on 'The Big Fish', a sculpture in Donegall Quay, Belfast. The children were excited to receive a letter from Batman and a visit from the Superhero himself!

Groups from Dover Class have participated in an Archery and Mountain Biking day at Stow rugby club, great fun was had by all. The whole class' collaborative skills were put to the test at a 'bellboating' regatta; children had to work as a team to complete the course in the fastest time! The children have also performed a beautiful dance at our Pentecost assembly.

Wilson Class have explored World War 2 through their art and topic work, studying the works of Henry Moore and recreating some of his famous war-time pieces. They designed and made 'Anderson shelters' and impressed the rest of the school with their historical knowledge, in our weekly sharing assemblies.



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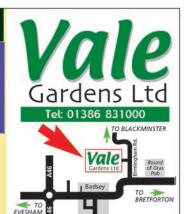


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Summer of Women's Sport

From a Pitchero blog by Steph Howe

Over the summer months a range of international women's sporting events are taking place, including the cricket and rugby World Cups in the UK and Ireland, as well as European football and hockey championships.

The Women's Rugby World Cup 2017 kicks off in Ireland on 9 August, with twelve teams battling for the prestigious title. The Women's Rugby World Cup is now regarded as a key event in the sporting calendar, with a robust qualification process, live broadcasting, good attendances and a global following. Rugby is now played by two million girls and women around the world.

The ICC Women's Cricket World

Cup. The oldest and most prestigious international women's cricket tournament is taking place on home soil from 24 June–23 July. With a comfortable win for England in a warm-up match with Sri





Lanka, their World Cup opener against India is set to be an incredible match.

The UEFA Women's Euro 2017.

With sixteen teams competing in the Netherlands, UEFA are working with its fifty-five member associations to ensure football remains the number one sport for women across Europe. This compliments the FA's GamePlanForGrowth which aims to double the participation in girls' football by 2020.

The EuroHockey Championships 2017 are being hosted by Amsterdam. Just a year after the Olympics, where Team GB claimed Gold, expect some competitive rematches in a battle for the title.

Our Athlete Ambassador, Kate Richardson-Walsh is involved with promoting participation in grassroots hockey and this competition will be a brilliant platform,

with both the men's and women's teams present in Amsterdam in a few weeks time.

Kate Richardson-Walsh was asked whether she had imagined going to the Olympics and winning Gold for Team GB? She replied: "I remember watching the 1992 Olympics when Team GB won a bronze medal, I remember Sally Gunnell being incredible, but I didn't ever think it was for me because I thought I could never be as good as Sally.

"When I went to the Sydney Olympics, I was blown away by the whole thing. I thought it was amazing."

And her advice for young aspiring hockey players?

"Just be the player that you are. The good thing about hockey is that it's for everyone. You could be a really good man marker, or you might be an amazing goal scorer or passer. It doesn't matter because there's a place for you on the hockey pitch."







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Twenty-eight members of the hockey section travelled down to Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre on 11 June to watch a re-match of the Rio Olympic women's hockey final between the Number one in the world, Netherlands and Number three team, England. After our heroes, Team GB, took the medal after penalties in Rio the Netherlands were keen to redress the balance. A fantastic edge-of-seat match, ensued, that was end to end and finished 2-2 and went yet again to penalties. Drawing on penalties with some fantastic saves from GB legend in goal, Maddie Hinch, it went to sudden death and after England's 100 career goal scoring legend Alex Danson put away the first, Rio hero Hollie Webb stepped up and put away, or so we thought, a great goal to clinch the match. The drama didn't stop with the goal being disallowed on review and Netherlands putting away their next chance to take the match. A truly fantastic showcase for world class hockey, inspiring to all our hockey members. A great day out!

Mixed hockey fixtures continue for the Blockley team and the Club recorded their first emphatic 6-2 win away against Malvern Dipsticks but a below strength team bolstered by players from other Clubs suffered a loss away at the hands of a Worcester and we look forward to a re-match v Pershore Monday, 19 June. A ladies summer league begins soon hosted by Bretforton Hockey Club, first match for Blockley being 25 July. If you are interested in playing some social mixed or ladies hockey then do get in touch. The Club will also be holding an annual 7-a-side mixed tournament at Chipping Campden School on the 6th August and a ladies 7 a-side tournament date TBC. If you're interested in playing or entering a team, please get in touch. Check out the Club's Website for more information on all events happening over the summer.

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May 20 The first XI returned to form as they beat the rain and the opposition, Frampton on Severn, in an excellent team performance. Losing the toss and having to bat first on a showery day, Slaughters started slowly but a composed knock of 54 from Jonathan Malan provided an anchor for those around him to attack. Daniel O'Driscoll, Andrew Herbert and Matt Rose all made aggressive contributions in the middle order, and the innings was finished off by a sparkling cameo of 32 not out, including two large sixes, by Connor O'Driscoll. Slaughters finished on 231-8; a total for which they were happy with on a slow outfield. In reply both Nic Hayward and Matt Rose bowled miserly opening spells to ramp up the pressure on the opposition, with the run rate required quickly rising. Frampton never quite recovered as Slaughters came out comfortable winners by 41 runs. with Matt Brittan the best of the bowling figures with 3-49



Jonathan Malan on his way to 54.

The second XI were not so lucky as they couldn't escape the rain, and had their game with Langford seconds abandoned.

May 27 Slaughters were left shell-shocked as a blistering assault by the Ullenwood Bharat top 3 brought up the 100 in the 11th over. Once batsman 1 and 3 were out, the game returned to some normality as Ullenwood finished out the 45 overs at 254-9. Jonathan Malan was the pick of the bowlers with 3-29. In reply Slaughters formed a decent foundation but once Andrew Phillips and Malan were out, the rest subsided to some tight bowling as Slaughters were bowled out for 150.

A metronomic spell of bowling by captain Francis Hall allowed the second XI to come out on top against Cirencester 3rds. Hall took 6-25 as Cirencester were bowled out for 123, Andrew Herbert scored 57 not out as Slaughters comfortably chased the runs down.



Matt Rose contemplative following his dismissal.

June 3 Slaughters welcomed Lydney seconds and returned to winning form in what turned out to be a comfortable win. Slaughters, batting first, got off to a fast start with Andrew Phillips and Luke Tatlow punishing some wayward bowling as they put on 109 for the first wicket inside 18 overs. However, Tatlow's dismissal brought about a collapse as the Slaughters middle order combusted against spin. Phillips was 7th out for 93, and it was left to Nic Hayward to put some polish on the innings as he bludgeoned 20 off 11 balls from number 11 in the batting order. Slaughters finished 198 all out. It proved too many runs for the opposition as some tight bowling drained the life from the Lydney batsmen. Hayward followed up his batting cameo with 9 tight overs, and Jonathan Malan took out the main opposition threat with a ripping offbreak. All 7 bowlers used picked up at least a wicket as Slaughters ran out winners by 42 runs.

The second XI made it a double win on the day with a comprehensive 85 run victory over Cricklade seconds. Star performers with the bat were Liam Invine with a hard hitting 75 and Paul Heming a composed 73. Will Wrenn was the pick of the bowlers taking 3-4 in 5 overs, with youngsters Joe Kelly and Harry Winder taking a wicket a piece.

June 10 Slaughters travelled to Rockhampton seconds to play this week and batted first. After a couple of initial blows, Luke Tatlow and Angus Hayward came to together to forge a match winning partnership of 136. Tatlow played anchor for his 62, whilst Hayward played the more fluent knock with an assortment of flowing cover drives. Hayward reached his hundred in the final over of the innings as he finished on a brilliant 102 not out off 109 balls, with Slaughters finishing on the strong score of 225 for 6. In reply Rockhampton formed a solid foundation, but due to some quality bowling by Matt Rose and Jonathan Malan they were always well behind the required run rate. Rockhampton fought hard but ultimately couldn't make up the deficit in the final overs, Sam Jacques bowled some canny overs at the death to finish with 3-46. Slaughters won by 15 runs in a fine performance, leaving them in third place in their division and enjoying life.

The second XI lost out to Fairford seconds by 49 runs. Fairford were limited to 173-7 batting first with Andrew Herbert (2-22) the pick of the bowlers but the batting misfired on the day with a dramatic collapse as Slaughters lost all 10 wickets for 76, having been 48-0. Slaughters remain firmly in mid table but optimistic that they can push for promotion.



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Aikido is a relatively modern Japanese martial art developed by Morihei Ueshiba (1883-1969). The three elements of the name roughly translated are: AI meaning harmony, KI meaning universal spirit and DO meaning way, so it is the way of harmonised spirit. The interpretation of The Gentle Martial Art comes from the founder's ethos of using aikido to defend themselves

while protecting their attacker from (serious) injury and it is a purely defensive art, attacks are only taught as a means for one's partner to practice their technique. Despite having the tag 'gentle', aikido is a serious martial art - a senior practitioner is

certainly very well able to defend himself! It's also good exercise.

The art does not rely on the physical prowess of the practitioner but rather on using the attacker's energy to gain control of them or throw them away. It emphasises movement to carry out techniques rather than strength so is ideal for men and women, young and young at heart.

So age is no barrier - at the North Cotswold Aikido Club, ages range from under twenty to over sixty - and it requires no experience of martial arts, and no super athleticism, to begin learning.

Styles of Aikido

There are various styles of aikido, derived in the most part from when Ueshiba's students trained with him, but all styles will share the same techniques as taught by O Sensei (the term used to refer to Morihei Ueshiba meaning Great Teacher).

At the North Cotswolds Aikido Club a 'practical' style is

taught. Whilst the fundamentals are rooted in traditional aikido they do at times like to apply real-life scenarios to their practice such as being required to defend oneself in the confines of a small Cotswold pub!

Steven Seagal

Anyone interested in the films starring Steven Seagal such as Nico and Under Seige, will be familiar with what an aikido technique looks like as he employs a number of them in his fight scenes. It was indeed such films that drew North Cotswolds Aikido Club's founder, Graham Cossey, to aikido.

> Graham is a second dan black belt, who has been practicing aikido since 2002, initially at the Bicester Aikido Club under the instruction of Vincent Sumpter (sixth dan). He was awarded his black belt in 2009 during a visit to an affiliated club in Italy, then second dan in 2011. Graham founded the North Cotswold

Aikido Club in 2012 and aims to teach aikido in a friendly, co-

operative environment whilst retaining some of the traditional Japanese etiquette. Indeed, co-operation in helping one's fellow aikido practitioners to develop their own expertise - rather than competing against them - is an important part of the aikido ethos.

The club trains at Naunton Village Hall on Thursday nights, 8-10 pm. Further information can be found on the club website: www.northcotswoldsaikido.co.uk



Northleach Fun Run

Sunday, 21 May

There was a large contingent of Bourton Roadrunner Juniors at the Northleach Fun Run on Sunday, 21 May. The course is mainly off road starting and finishing at Northleach Primary School and includes quite a demanding hilly section, finishing with a longish, downhill section, on the road.

Jake Astor was the first BRR junior runner back, taking second place overall in an excellent 13:04. George Quli and Michael Astor finished in joint third place in an equally impressive time of 13:36 especially as both boys are only eleven and eight respectively. George improved on his previous time by nearly thirty seconds, and Michael certainly has a bright future in the sport if he continues to train.

Emily Field was first lady and sixth overall in 13:42 with a strong run, and Lauren Farley second lady in 14:04 for tenth overall and beating last year's time by nearly one minute. Christopher Hunt continues to impress, despite coming back from injury with an excellent eighth place in 13:45 an improvement on 16:20 last year (although I think he lost his shoe last year).

Twenty-five juniors took part in total and the runners above were well supported with Sean Farley thirteenth (14:17, 15:55 last year), Dougal Hamilton-Smith sixteenth (14:38), Callum Woolley eighteenth (15:15, 17:04 last year), Henry Everitt ninteenth (15:16), Arthur Quli twentieth (15:19, 19:40 las year), Edward Jones twenty-first (15:21), Ella Davies twenty-third (15:29), Harvey Sawyer twenty-fourth (15:37), Atticus Sinton twenty-sixth (15:41), Ella Gray twentyeighth (15:43, 17:07 last year), Maite Capper thirtieth (16:04, 18:19 last year), Matilda Gorton thirty-fourth (16:21), Arlen Hartley thirty-sixth (16:47), Jacob Sinton thirty-seventh (17:10), Florence Cowell thirty-eighth (17:22), Lucas Hartley fortieth (17:32), Daisy Keen forty-eighth (18:46), Darcey Thompson eighty-first (21:55) and finally Isabel Dennett who was injured but still finished in eighty-fourth (22:14).

Certainly an impressive set of results with most beating their time last year conditions were slightly better this year than last. This was the second year the Fun Run was included in the club Race Champ Competition and will certainly be included again. There were 122 runners taking part.



Emily Field, first lady and sixth overall





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