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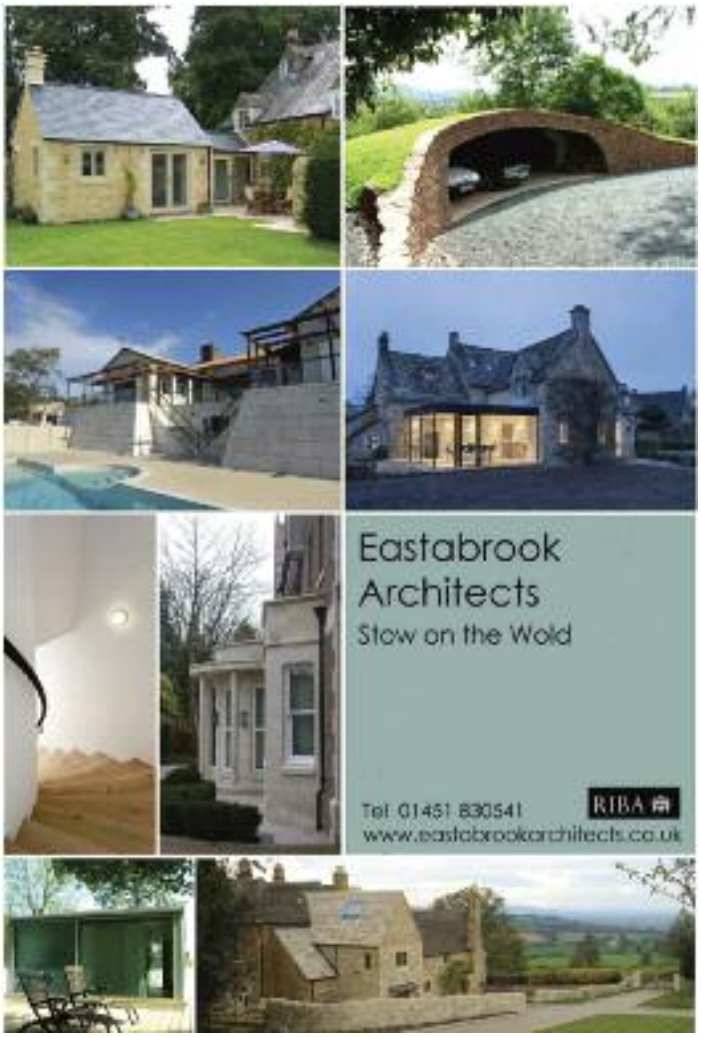

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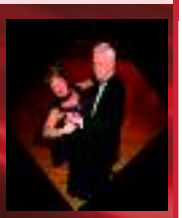

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FROM THE EDITOR...

We are finalising the September copies of the magazine in the run up to August Bank Holiday and, being England, talk is all about the weather and traffic. We don't seem to get used to how quickly the weather can change – I'm not saying that it's a surprise or that we don't plan to take winter woollies and waterproofs with us on August Bank Holiday, we do. It's just that the transition from eating al fresco and sleeping with next-to-no bedcovers to edgy debates about whether to turn the heating on for an hour in the evening is so rapid! As bare knees and toes turn blue someone will pronounce 'But it's only August!' – true – and we disappear to find socks and sweaters, shutting doors and windows as we go.

Oh, that the traffic could be dealt with so easily! However our County councillor is on the case, uncovering the decades of neglect as budgets for the Fosse in the North Cotswolds were regularly swept into Cheltenham and Gloucester. Nigel Moor's article is in the magazine this month…the first of many, I suspect!

The marked change in temperature may have been a driver for putting words together, however. The magazines are brimming with articles and features this month – lovely, and thank you to all our contributors. You can look behind the scenes in Chipping Norton Theatre and through the keyhole of one of the beautiful Almshouses there, take a nostalgic ride to Adlestrop station, and uncover some of uniqueness of Whichford Pottery. Read about the picture detectives and a fundraising skydiver, take up the invitation to try bell-ringing, catch some of the live music visiting the Cotswolds, and start planning your autumn garden. Although you may not have a chance to disappear with ST into a deckchair in the garden, you could grab a mug of coffee and settle into a comfy chair for half-an-hour?

So, well prepared for all sorts of weather, I hope you will enjoy some of the amazing selection of things to do and see in September – the key is to dress like an onion (with loads of layers) and do just that – enjoy it!

Best wishes
Jenni Turner, Editor

PS. The Photo Competition is well underway – please don't forget to get your entry in. It doesn't matter if there are gaps on your answer sheet – this competition has LOTS OF WINNERS! We'll publish the answers next month and expose the 'difficult ones'.

With approximately 40,000 readers across the North Cotswolds , we are delivering the four community magazines to letterboxes in Stow on the Wold, Moreton in Marsh, Bourton on the Water & Chipping Norton and the villages that use them as centres - Broadwell, Adlestrop, Oddington, Bledington, Icomb, Church Westcote, Nether Westcote, Wyck Rissington, Lower & Little Rissington, Great Rissington (part),Maugersbury, Nether Swell, Lower Swell & Upper Swell, Lower Slaughter, Naunton, Notgrove, Sherborne (part), Clapton on the Hill, Donnington, Condicote, Longborough, Bourton on the Hill, Temple Guiting, Guiting Power, Batsford (part), Blockley, Todenham, Aston Magna, Draycott (part) and Over Norton PLUS Centres in Bourton on the Water, Chipping Norton, Moreton in Marsh, Stow on the Wold, Chipping Campden, Paxford, Shipston on Stour, Great Wolford & Little Wolford, Little & Long Compton, Whichford, Heythrop, Chadlington, the Wychwoods, Northleach, Burford, Kingham, Churchill and Salford.

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Bob Forster, Caroline Fisher, Christabel Hardacre, Chris Hogan, Nicholas John, Jan Marley, Geoff Matthews, Nigel Moor and Alan Price.

Cover photograph:
Our cover photo was taken by Neil Piercy and shows Stow on the Wold RFC against Aylesbury, at Stow.

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Robert Monkman, sales and marketing director for CALA Homes Midlands, said: "Offering a collection of high quality homes in a sought-after location, Moreton Park has proven very popular with purchasers.

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Inside the August editions of Stow Times, Moreton Times, Bourton Times and Chipping Norton Times were a set of numbered photographs, all taken recently, one in each of the communities where we deliver the magazines every month. But - these are not average picture postcard images, and they may not be that easy to identify!

The Challenge... Time is nearly up!

To identify the communities where the photos were taken.
Send your Answer Sheet to arrive before 4th September either via P.O.Box 6 at Stow Post Office, Sheep Street, Stow on the Wold GL54 1WD, or by email to **:editor@stowtimes.co.uk/ editor@moretontimes.co.uk / editor@bourtontimes.co.uk/ or editor@chippingnortontimes.co.uk**

There will be LOTS of winners
for the most correct answers of course, and for the youngest/oldest entrant, the best family entry, the best local business entry, the best pub or club entry and more.

Timetable:
Answer Sheets must be returned to the Editor by Thursday 4th September 2014…please don't be late, as late entries won't count! The Winners will be notified early in September and sent a voucher to claim their prize. Our September edition will include a list of all the contributors who kindly offered prizes

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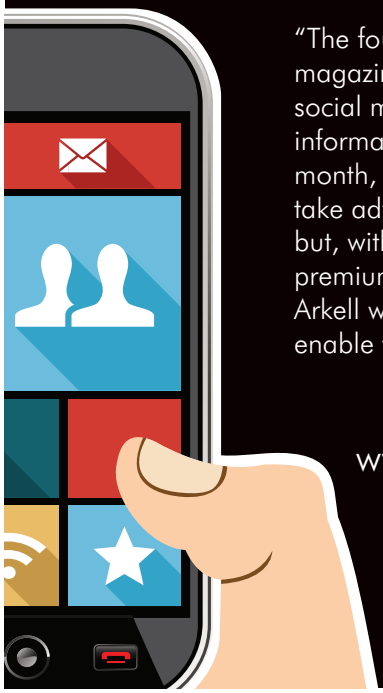

"The four Cotswold Times magazines have launched onto social media! With so much information to share each month, it's been crazy not to take advantage of social media but, with time always a premium, I needed help - Tom Arkell was the obvious choice to enable this to happen."
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Alchemy at Whichford

"Clay is an incredible material, and incredibly difficult to work with," confesses Jim Keeling as he dwells on the fortunes of his family business Whichford Pottery.

However it is his mastery of a traditional throwing technique that has formed the basis of an enduring success story for the now world-renowned enterprise, started in 1976, near Shipston-on-Stour, Warwickshire.

His skilled team of 25 crafts people create a quality range from the most delicate 2oz ramekin to a Great Warwick pot weighing in at 400lbs, 46ins high and made in four sections on specifically engineered wheels.

Outspoken master potter Jim says his empire firmly upholds the original authentic skills he learned and is scathing about today's art institutions which produce ceramic students barely versed in practical skills.

"I was extremely fortunate to learn my technique as an apprentice with fourth generation settle potters near my parents' home in Wrecclesham, Surrey," he said. "Without that traditional technique honed by many generations you couldn't do what we do here. You don't learn anything from art college, it's best to learn how people have usually done it. Why reinvent the wheel?"

Jim said he picked up the basics in six months then developed his own signature style. "Teaching the basics is sadly lacking in our art institutions – there's no practical tuition. Ours is a radical enterprise – it's going against the spirit of the times and keeping alive a way of working worth keeping alive."

Pride and principles don't guarantee a fortune. "It's a struggle," he revealed. "It's much harder now. The gardening market was much more unsophisticated and it was very easy to make your mark with good products. But it became a boom market and all the designers moved in as well as Far East production lines being used which effectively put an end to most British design. We make far less money than we did in the 90s but the workforce is much the same size. We've had to be very conscious of product innovation and new designs and we've built up a very important Japanese market which has taken up some of the slack in the British market."

Conscious of having to move with the times and constantly diversify, Whichford developed the Octagon Gallery featuring a collection of functional and collectable ceramics by other

Researched and written by Caroline Fisher © 2014

Above: Whichford garden floral 'set'
Left: Jim Keeling in the studio
Below: tools of the trade

Above: Assembling a giant pot
Right: Whichford pots – perfect for summer planting

leading ceramicists as well as jewellery, paintings and cards. Jim, whose son Adam has followed in his footsteps, took over Hook Norton Pottery which did tableware for pubs and restaurants. He also turns his hand to a lot of restoration work, as well as conceptual pieces and commissions. "We personalise a lot of pots," he said. "Generally we do things that are too difficult to copy which goes back full circle to the basic technique."

The business has just opened its new café, visitors can tour the workshops and enjoy seeing the pots in action hosting seasonal plants in the courtyard garden as well as the mouth-watering general display.

In the building's bowels is the engine room of the whole process. It starts with a mound of clay, 50% from Paxford, near Chipping Campden, the rest from Ironbridge, Shropshire, and Sudbury, Suffolk.

Clay technician Richard Blencowe said: "Each clay gives a certain quality to the final mix – everyone is looking for the perfect clay, like the Holy Grail, to make the perfect pot." Up to five tonnes a week is used.

For a basic terracotta flower pot, the impure clay is first mixed with a vast amount of water in a 'blunger' to become 'slip' and sieved. Barium carbonate is added to neutralise salts and it's finely sieved again before going into a storage tank as liquid clay. It is pumped into a filter press to extract the water and comes out as a sheet of solid clay. The material then goes into a 'pugg' mill and grog (fired clay in granular form) is added. The clay comes out in a square block, stacked and rested for four to five weeks. It is 'pugged' a final time before use to take the air out.

The pots are made on the wheel. Master potter Andy Gill said: "We're paid to play with clay in a beautiful environment and it's nice to get your hands dirty." The correct weight of clay is measured and thrown onto a round plywood bat secured onto the wheel head. Once centred, the potter puts his hands inside to make a drainage hole and pulls the clay out first to the side and then caresses it upwards to the desired shape. Decorator Hilary Worsley gave up hairdressing after 13 years following an adult workshop at Whichford. Now she's 'hooked'. "It can get very stressful because of the nature of the material you're working with," she said. "You can lose it in an instant but it's very satisfying to complete a design."

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SIGNATURE CHIPPY VIEW

Words and photos: Chris Hogan

There are three views of Chipping Norton that immediately come to mind - Bliss Mill, the Town Hall and, of course, the almshouses. But, thankfully in the view of the people who live in them, many tourists don't find the almshouses.

If you hang around the Chequers on a sunny summer's day (as your correspondent occasionally does) you'll often see tourists wander along from the town, then hover uncertainly at the top of Church Street. Some come into the Chequers, many turn round and go back, others venture along Spring Street to take a look at the Theatre before returning and a few actually walk down toward the church.

The residents are protected to an extent because the almshouses aren't actually visible from the top of the street. For those who walk the crucial thirty or forty yards downhill the reward is the vista past the church toward the Cross Hands ridge, framed on the right by the beautifully proportioned Cotswold stone almshouses.

Widows' haven

Originally eight cottages, Henry Cornish funded the build to provide homes for the widows of farm workers. With most labourers having tied positions, i.e. their home came with their employment, widows were obliged to vacate so that other labourers could move in. This forced widows to rely on the largesse of the community.

Almshouses were built all over Europe, driven by the religious and moral conviction that those with money should perform acts of benevolence to support the poor or disadvantaged. These acts also improved the chances of the benefactor ending up in heaven. Henry Cornish obviously felt that conviction, building the almshouses on a parcel of land he's bought, bequeathing them to the Town Corporation and, in his will of 1650, making provision for their upkeep.

He was a wool-stapler and mercer, trading in textiles and other commodities, and by 1640 was one of the richest men in Chippy. He owned a great deal of land, the White Hart and a number of houses in town. But as all his children pre-deceased him, being a Puritan, most of his wealth went toward charitable works.

Through the years Cornish's bequests and a number of altruistic donations by other citizens provided for the maintenance of the almshouses. Although many of these donations were steered in other directions, disappeared or even deliberately embezzled, the almshouses come through over three-and-a-half centuries in good condition.

Modern day

The almshouses and the stone arched gateway have been Grade 2* listed to protect them. The arch has strapwork cresting representing interlaced leather straps, stone finials and "Remember the poor" inscribed over it.

The eight cottages have been converted into four, although there are still nine chimneys - the extra one added for architectural symmetry - and eight doors, half of them boarded up.

In 1983 £33,000 was spent on renovations, creating extensions at the back for modern kitchens and bathrooms downstairs. The work was funded by Chipping Norton Municipal Charities, WODC, Age Concern and the William Fowler Working Men's Allotment Trust. About three years ago the wall around the communal gardens was rebuilt too, but retaining the quirky features of the original.

Those who do take walk down Church Street will enjoy the superb view and delightful almshouses, one of Chippy's great sights. They aren't that far away from their four-hundredth anniversary and look like they'll do for another four hundred years at least.

We are indebted to Chipping Norton Museum personnel for their assistance with this article.

Through an Almshouse keyhole

Words: Chris Hogan

We were fortunate enough to be invited into one of the resident's homes, to find out what it's like to live in a tourist attraction.

Our guide, who has lived there for nearly ten years, had a relatively simple job as the houses are very compact, although not as compact as when they were first built.

Bigger than you think

"Imagine what it was like when these were eight houses," she said. And it is hard to imagine, particularly since the kitchen extensions were added in the last century. The lounge and bedroom are around eleven foot square. "They would have had one room upstairs and one room down, with a shared washroom and toilets at one end of the garden." There's no sign from the inside that there's an unused door in each cottage either, the work has been done very well.

There are some quirks that we wouldn't have discovered without our inside informant. It's quite well known that there are too many chimneys, nine for the eight original properties. But we weren't aware that as you go up the hill the houses narrow and the doors get slightly lower too.

"There are no right angles in these houses," she said, "and they are all different, something you don't realise unless you live here. Things aren't in the same places in each house. The beams are original but there are strange bits where walls go in a certain direction and you're not sure why."

No longer for widows

"One of the things that surprises people," we were told, "is that the residents weren't necessarily old. People imagine widows will be old but many weren't. Because of accidents in the fields and illnesses, it was quite common for the widows to be young." The cottages are no longer exclusively for the use of widows. As each cottage becomes vacant prospective tenants are chosen from applicants by a committee of around a dozen people.

Goldfish bowl

And what about intrusions: what's it like living in a place that occasionally turns into a goldfish bowl? "We do get some people who don't realise that these are homes, being lived in day-to-day, but fortunately it's not that often. Most people are happy to take a photo and move on."

But it does happen. "We did have one person who tried to get inside once. He said something odd like 'I was told I could have a look round', but he was soon put right!"

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MacAntisionnaigh, S.*The Slade Tea Party* (detail), 1924

Art Detective relies on a collection of experts called Group Leaders, who lead discussions linked to their particular area of expertise. Groups cover subject matter such as portraits, maritime history, Scottish art, etc and each Group Leader has an established reputation in the subject area. As you may or may not know, the Art Detective Group Leaders work on a pro bono basis and so to thank them for all their hard work so far, the PCF invited them for tea and cake at the National Gallery in July.

For some this was a chance to catch up with old friends or past colleagues, and for everyone this was a fantastic opportunity to put faces to names and to discuss the progress of Art Detective. We updated Group Leaders on the PCF's different projects, moving on to discuss the Art Detective website. We discussed how the site can be further promoted and other subjects, such as how to keep the momentum of a discussion going and how to ensure discussions are not closed too early. The event went so well that we hope to do this every six months or so to ensure the Group Leaders are well supported and kept informed about the PCF's news and site developments, as sometimes emails and phone calls just aren't enough!

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Fundraising for Alzheimers Research

By Geoff Matthews.

Geoff's wife, Jean, died of Alzheimers in November 2013 – she had been ill since June. They were both aged 80 when she died. Geoff and Jean had been married for fifty three years, raising a family in Staffordshire before moving to Moreton in Marsh in 2003, where Geoff joined North Cotswold Rotary.

Alzheimers is a cruel disease, known to many wives, husbands and friends – the numbers of sufferers are growing and there is no cure at present, perhaps in 10 years' time. The Alzheimers Society scientists expect one million sufferers by 2020. Alzheimers causes agony and suffering to the patient and carers as the disease progresses, usually over years. How do you help? Prayers and money.

The skydive is to honour Jean my wife for 53 years, support Alzeimers Research, and acknowledge the excellent support from North Cotswolds Rotary Club.

The **Tandem Skydive** is at Brackley near to Banbury on Tuesday 9th September, weather permitting. I have to be there at 9am and could be there until evening.

Dont think of me as brave, the Brave are those who nurse and care for the sufferers.

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There has been much in the news about tax avoidance and it seems that little is being done to make the system fairer for the millions of people who pay their tax & pay it on time. In my mind, the simplest way to stop avoidance is to ensure that everyone, whether it be an individual or a company, pays tax on their income derived in this country. The problem we have though is that Parliament has made a rod for its own back by allowing the setup of trusts & avoidance schemes, particularly those that allow companies to pay tax in other low tax jurastictions. It is up to Parliament to legislate & up to government agencies to police that legislation. If however, the legislation is ineffective then both companies & individuals will seek ways of avoiding paying tax. With an election coming up perhaps it is time that we, the taxpayers, put pressure on politicians so that a fairer system is put in place. There is no doubt in my mind that this will not only boost tax revenues but will also enable a new government to reduce taxation for all.

Also in the news are the thorny issues relating to the 40% tax threshold and inheritance tax. It is incredible that so many people are paying 40% tax on modest incomes. When nurses, police, firefighters & teachers are caught in this net there is something wrong. Successive budgets have seen the erosion of take home pay for middle income earners & an increase in the tax take. It is time that this anomaly is put right. Most people don't mind paying tax but when a large proportion of their income is taken away they start to resent paying tax at all. With this in mind I should mention inheritance tax. Again & again we are reminded that we do not pay tax on tax in this country. It seems that the bright spark at HMRC who wants people to pay inheritance tax before they die has not only disregarded this but, somewhere along the line, has forgotten that inheritance tax is a tax on tax, as are many of our other taxes. Come on, give us a break, make the system simpler, ensure that everyone pays tax but, more importantly, reduce taxation so that people benefit from having more money in their pockets, the economy benefits from higher spending and government benefits from a higher tax take.

Many readers will be aware that many tax codes issued by HMRC are wrong & therefore it is wise to check these and query them as soon as possible. If you pay too little tax, because a tax code issued by HMRC is incorrect, you are no longer able to argue that it is their mistake & you may be required to pay any underpayment, interest or penalties immediately. If in doubt seek advice from your accountant or give me a ring for free, impartial advice. I will be happy to help in any way that I can.

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HOW TO MAINTAIN AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL OF FITNESS – WITHOUT DEVELOPING MUSCLE

First of all, let's look at a level of fitness for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. It's actually easier than you think – our bodies are designed to be active and to be used, so simply using your body the way it was meant to be used will do that job – walk as much as possible, even jog every now and then. Working in the garden and playing football with the kids (this will definitely work!) are also great options! If you're sat down for more than two hours at a time – it's too long! Get active – move, twist, use your muscles, take big long strides – you'll notice a big difference.

Secondly, muscles – this is simple. If you are female, I promise you simply won't get big muscles from being in the gym and doing some resistance training. What you will do is increase your metabolism, lose weight, protect against osteoporosis, create a strong and lean body and change your body shape. But you will NOT have big muscles. Unless you have high levels of testosterone running through your body (which females don't have) you won't accidently bulk up – so please don't avoid the gym or weights for that reason

Everyone should be doing some kind of resistance work, and next month I will look at the benefits in more detail.

Alex Doggett, Cotswolds Health Club

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Tue	**2nd**	**Licensing**
Thurs	**4th**	**Cabinet**
Weds	**10th**	**Planning**
Tues	**16th**	**Audit & Scrutiny**
Weds	**17th**	**Appeals (subject to business)**
Tues	**23rd**	**Council**

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STOW TOWN COUNCIL
NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 11TH SEPT
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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 max of 3 minutes allowed.

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

STOW TOWN COUNCIL
NOTES FOR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 2014

Abbreviated notes from the Meeting by Linda Burke, Assistant Clerk are published monthly in Stow Times.
Full Minutes of meetings, associated committee meetings and correspondence are available in the Stow Council Office situated in George Alley off The Square. There is a letterbox in the main door.

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Historic Towns Forum
25 years supporting the historic built environment

NEWS from the HTF August Newsletter

Infrastructure Bill included in Queen's Speech
The proposed bill would improve how we fund, plan, manage and maintain our national infrastructure, providing a £2.6 billion boost to the economy over the next 10 years by:
- improving the funding and management of our major roads
- streamlining the planning process for major projects
- protecting our infrastructure from invasive plants and animals
- supporting house building
- making it easier and cheaper to register land and property
- helping communities become stakeholders in renewable electricity projects

Tourism Council to be set up
A 'Tourism Council' will be set up by a partnership of the Dept for Culture, Media and Sport and representatives of the tourism and hospitality sector, working to improve skills, increase the quality and quantity of jobs, and boost enterprise across the industry. The 22 members will represent Government, transport, hospitality, entertainment, travel and accommodation. Members include VisitBritain, VisitEngland, Whitbread, Easyjet, and John Lewis. Its first meeting was held in July.

Ministers advise on protection of bowling greens
Ministers from the Dept for Communities and Local Government have written to all English councils highlighting measures that can be taken to protect green spaces including bowling greens, following a debate in Parliament. The measures referred to include: the powers to list land or buildings as Assets of Community Value; the NPPF statement that existing open spaces, sports and recreation buildings should not be built upon unless an assessment demonstrates that there is no alternative; and the provisions for Local Green Space designation.

Government rejects Environmental Audit committee advice on charging for carrier bags
Small businesses will be exempt from the requirement to charge for carrier bags despite a recommendation from the Environment Audit Committee for universal charging. Paper bags will also be exempt from the charge, even though paper bags from fast food are one of the most common items of litter

Shale gas licences bidding commences
The bidding process for licences to explore potential for shale gas extraction has commenced. The licences will initially give permission only for exploration but could lead to permission for extraction in appropriate areas, subject to planning permission being granted. A new planning guidance will be issued making clear that permission should be granted for extraction in AONBs, World heritage Sites, National Parks and the Broads only in exceptional circumstances.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE MOBILE POLICE STATIONS

05/09	Lower Slaughter, Upper Slaughter, Naunton, Guiting Power, Temple Guiting, Cutsdean
06/09	Clapton-on-the-Hill, Great Rissington, Little Rissington, Upper Rissington, Wyck Rissington, Westcote
08/09	Bourton-on-the-Hill, Blockley, Paxford, Ebrington, Mickleton, Willersley
10/09	Bledington, Icomb, Oddington, Evenlode, Broadwell, Longborough
22/09	Chipping Campden (1100-1400) Northleach (1500-1700)

Dates & Times may change at short notice. The MPS can be called to attend local incidents.

NOTES FROM
STOW TOWN COUNCIL
Meeting 7th August 2014

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Present: 7 Cllrs, Clerk,3 members of the public + 1 invited speaker. The Clerk, Caroline Doran recorded the Minutes at this meeting. **MINUTES** read and agreed. (In June Cllrs agreed future Minutes would include Minutes from Comm Mtgs – omitted this month)

Phil Bates from RedHand CCTV spoke about CCTV in Gloucestershire, and responded to questions. The matter was referred to Parks & The Square Committee who will work with the Police and the Traffic & Parking Committee to identify any requirement in Stow, pros & cons, costs, and public opinion.

MATTERS ARISING:

CT made a strong objection to the unusual events of the July meeting, which raised issues that should have been discussed in Planning. He reminded Cllrs that committee meetings are also open to the public. MC suggested that future agendas for Council Meeting should carry more information to avoid misunderstanding on both content and speakers.
Phil Bates from Redhand spoke on CCTV, having presented his product to other CDC Councils. It was agreed to refer the matter to Parks & The Square Committee for discussion.

AGENDA

Police: No Police present. Having met PC Skinner & Sgt Richard Payne about traffic in Fosse Way, CT had mentioned the ongoing Police absence from STC meetings. They hope to attend the September meeting and report monthly thereafter.
CD Cllrs. Cllrs agreed that Stow community is not being properly represented or informed by the continuing absence of both DCllrs. MC suggested a letter from STC to Leader of CDC expressing disappointment and concern, with copies to both DCllrs.
GCC: No report.
Stow Youth Club. (AW) STC closes for the summer. **Summer activities** with Glos Youth Worker include camping, water sports and archery. DCllr Penman has directed his CDC community grant to help fund these activities.
Finance. (SG) 1) August expenditure was approved. 2) SYC Accounts are later than expected and will be available next month. 3) Most Committee budgets are underspent – SG is working on a **Re-Budgetting Project** to provide funds to bring work around the town up to date. Figures will be available at the Sept meeting.
Parks & The Square. (MC) **1)** A **town walkabout** with CT, Brig Beckett and Tony Williams, Cottage Garden Services (contractor) to highlight work outstanding. A programme of work & expenditure will be presented in Sept. **2)** MC & CT met a lighting contractor re existing **Xmas lights** + for a Xmas tree. A proposed programme of improvements will start with a contract to maintain the existing lights, including a Xmas tree and lights around St Edwards Hall. Quotes will be requested for lights across main streets, for the Fountain and Lower Park St. **3)** A report has been requested on the state of **trees in town**, including costs for regular maintenance. **4)** MC, CT & Jack Baggott arranged a meeting with The Brethren about **Monarchs Way** footpath. **5)** MC, CT & BE cleared areas of Wraggs Row and around road signs. **5)** Mrs Street was thanked for keeping the Glebe Close road sign clean. **6) Cricket Field.** A Letter of Intent will be published (this was agreed but has not been actioned to date –Ed).**7) Stow Cricket Club.** MC has requested Kendal & Davies, solicitors, to restart work on a lease for SCC. (Clerk to circulate copies of the old lease). **7.2)** STC will discuss granting £2000 to SCC for match-funding. **8)**BE. A Youth Offender has completed his community hours - repainting the bus shelter. Cost of materials canm be reclaimed from CDC.

NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

Thurs 11th September - 7.15 pm, Stow Youth Club.

ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC WHO CAN ASK QUESTIONS & RAISE ISSUES.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS at STOW YOUTH CLUB

Any additional meetings will be notified in good time.

Parks & The Square	Thurs 4th	7pm
Finance	Tues 9th	6.30pm
PLANNING:	Tues 7th & Thurs 18th	7 pm
Burial Board	Weds 17th	9 am
Neighbourhood Plan	Thurs 25th	7pm

NB Meetings can be subject to change – a notice would normally be placed on the the Town Notice Board and website

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*Planning applications can be seen online at **cotswold.gov.uk** and **stowonthewold.net**

YOUR TOWN COUNCILLORS ARE:
(A-Z) Stow Town Council: **SC** Simon Clarke; **MC** Mike Curtis; **BE** Ben Eddolls; **RG** Roger George; **SG** Sue Green; **RJ** Robin Jones; **MM** Michael Moseley; **CS** Colin Smalley; **CT** Chris Turner; **AW** Alun White. * There is a vacancy for a Cllr to be co-opted *
Cotswold District Council: **DP** David Penman*; **MP** Merryl Phillips.
County Council: **NM** Nigel Moor (*does not attend STC meetings)

CT asked about the costs of legal representation at the recent Village Green enquiry. AW – as this was an unplanned costs it would come out of Reserves. CT felt that STC were poorly represented - the matter will be discussed in camera.
Traffic & Parking. (CT) **1)** CT clarified that STC are not planning to close the Square. **2) Salon Privee** has withdrawn from its visit due to the distances involved. Other Car Clubs may be invited to visit on that day.**3) Complaint** from a resident/business re large uncovered straw lorries travelling down Sheep St & Park St shedding straw which blows around the streets. She has complained to the police, Highways and the Govt Minister – they should be covered, but nothing has happened to stop them. CT is aware of and has referred it to the police. **4) Traffic lights** on Fosse Way are badly co-ordinated again, creating queues on the road and into town. Highways are aware – but nothing had been done to date. **5) Blue badge parking** - some drivers are parking without considering hazards created for other traffic and pedestrians. **6)** Inconsiderate **Parking in Back Walls** has been preventing Mrs J Neave from accessing to/from her house. CT offered temporary loan of traffic red cones, and suggested that she photograph the number plates of offending vehicles and take them to the police station.
Planning. **1)** CT reminded Cllrs that only planning issues carry weight on planning issues.**2)** Muzzi's Kebab van application has been withdrawn.**3)** CDC confirmed that STC (the community) own the **Freehold to The Square** and can issue **trading licenses** to street vendors. CT will examine the responsibilities of issuing trading licences.
Burial Board. (Read by AW) **1)** 3rd quote now requested for the ashes wall. **2)** No decision made on demolishing the shed in the churchyard –orange security fencing has been erected around it.
Neighbourhood Plan (Stow & The Swells). (BE) Responses to Questionnaire are coming in. The NP has been registered with CDC. A rough budget is available, also grants. A logo and draft vision statement are proposed. Town BBQ planned for 07/09.
AOB. 1) Mrs Street would like public questions / comments to be recorded – it may encourage a few more people to attend. **2)** Dog fouling on KGF – more dog bins are needed. **3)** Regret that Cllrs turn-out for working groups is very poor – MC will vary meeting times for work parties. END

It's our neighbourhood, too!

Stow on the Wold Pupils show the way on the Stow Neighbourhood Plan

After a break for the summer holidays, this is the final article highlighting the concerns of Stow Primary School pupils and their ideas for the future. We concentrate on a summary of the pupils likes, dislikes and hopes for the future.

Concerns

- *People standing in the middle of the road – especially in the Square, because it is not always obvious whether it is for cars or pedestrians (Digbeth Street and Church Street are the worst)*
- *Teenagers riding round and round the middle of the road or around the Square*
- *Teenagers hanging around in the bus shelters, we find it intimidating*
- *The graffiti and litter is becoming a problem and it is not cleared up*
- *Allotment park needs more equipment in it for older children (not teenagers); it used to be good, before it was altered. We would like see-saws, monkey bars, big swings, better slide, etc (more like the park in Moreton in Marsh)*
- *People trespassing on private property*
- *Cigarette ends not in the bins provided*
- *Chewing gum spat out on pavements*
- *Zebra crossings to make crossing the road safer*
- *Parking, more is needed and considerate parking needs to be promoted*

- *Dog poo not being picked up and disposed of properly*
- *Public toilets- there are not enough, the ones that are available are in bad condition, not cleaned and you have to pay to use them. Could a token scheme be developed?*
- *Tourist maps needs updating*
- *Cricket Field could have more on it to do i.e. a park*
- *Gypsy fair is always a concern*

We like –

- *Spirit of Stow*
- *Tourist Attractions*
- *Youth Club*
- *The park in St. Georges Field*

We would like –

- *Nature areas developed*
- *Skate Park or something like it. One for teenagers and one for younger children*
- *Souvenir shops*
- *Children to be represented more within the town*
- *Ask children's views before things change*
- *Small leisure centre or soft play area*
- *Organised family activities – sport, movies etc*

The challenge for the adult population is to make Stow a safer, cleaner, place with more play and other activities for our children and teenagers. Is that such a great deal to ask?

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Gridlock on the Fosse

Councillor Nigel Moor explains that given the failure of the planning system to secure the necessary infrastructure for the North Cotswolds, local communities must lobby through the review of the Local Transport Plan for this investment.

Pick up a brochure advertising the natural beauty and attractions of the Cotswolds at a tourist office in Britain or anywhere in the world, and you will not see pictures like these of gridlock on the Fosse.

This was Moreton in Marsh at noon on Thursday 29th May this year when temporary traffic lights, erected to permit some emergency utility repairs, caused gridlock throughout the town. For many visitors travelling from the north, this delay and obstruction is their first experience of the Cotswolds. Similarly those coming from the south will experience delay and frustration on the A429 (Fosse) travelling past Stow-on –the Wold. These are not isolated incidents. It is most people's experience of travelling on the Fosse and it poses a real threat to the economy of the North Cotswolds.

So there must be official recognition of this problem in the various plans and reports published in the past few years. Well actually no! I looked at the Local Transport Plan published by Gloucestershire County Council in 2010, the Cotswold Local Plan Consultation Paper and Infrastructure Delivery Plan Interim Version published by the district council in 2013 and the Strategic Economic Plan for Gloucestershire published by the LEP this year. Nothing!

Those with good memories will recall that, after the Secretary of State dismissed the original 300 house proposal off Todenham Road in 2011, a Moreton in Marsh Transport Study was commissioned from Atkins and published in March 2013. That did recognise that both the mini-roundabouts in the town experience congestion and delays during peak periods and that this was likely to deteriorate in the future. But no solutions were offered and the rest of the report concentrated on improving pedestrian access along the A44 into the town centre.

Well, you might think with all this development coming to Moreton, surely there will be some improvements and recognition of the problem? Here's the catch. The Chartered Institute of Highways and Transportation recommends that, to have a material impact, flows need to increase by 10% or more. The test introduced by the NPPF is that the impact of development should be significant to warrant cost effective infrastructure improvements - and that the impact need to be severe to justify a refusal. In the case of the 250 housing development at the Fire Service College the traffic increase on the bridge on the A429 was assessed to equate to a 3.5% increase at the future date of 2022. Therefore to trigger significant infrastructure, a scheme would have to comprise nearly 750 houses. But developers, as we have seen these past years, will instead, submit a series of smaller schemes and avoid the need for significant infrastructure. With each new scheme, the amount of traffic on the highway network increases - which means that, by comparison, any particular new development will have less impact. *That's the catch.*

So, as there is no chance of getting real improvement from these planning applications, what can be done?

"*However, we will clearly need a strong and consistent lobby from the local community and their representatives if an appropriate priority is to be assigned to the A429/A44/A424 corridor.*" That was the advice from Gloucestershire County Council to a resident in my division in the context of the review of the Local Transport Plan which is now taking place.

Stow Town Council led by Planning Chairman Chris Turner, ably assisted by Kit Ayers, have already submitted a powerful technical paper to the county council pointing out that the Fosse has been starved of investment for many years, if not from the time of the Romans, certainly in living memory. After the experience of this last year with so many planning applications approved, despite the infrastructure problems in the North Cotswolds, many of us believe that the salaried officers live in a parallel universe, where delay and obstruction are not judged by what is actually happening on our roads, but on the output from a mathematical computer model where local residents cannot wait to walk and cycle to their destinations leaving their two cars in the driveway. I quote from the Stow Town Council paper which wryly sums this up : "*We are left with a situation when any reasonably sized development in our area is accompanied by a mandatory Travel Plan which seeks to prove that occupants will happily walk or cycle up to 2 or 5 km, as appropriate, in all weathers, to a destination on a regular basis, regardless of any safety consideration such as narrow unlit roads carrying high motorised traffic loads, lack of pathways, or adverse terrain, as a basis for mitigation for an inappropriate badly located development.....Such travel plans should be rejected out of hand on the grounds of inappropriateness and safety. Unfortunately, the current experience is that they are not questioned and there is a haste to enshrine them under s106 arrangements.*"

Town and Parish Councils along the Fosse need to support the lead given by Stow because, without unanimous support from local communities, the North Cotswolds will continue to lack the necessary infrastructure - and there is a real risk that this will jeopardise our tourism industry, on which so many people depend for their employment.

Nigel Moor is the elected County Councillor for the Moreton and Stow Division but the views expressed here are his own and are not necessarily those of either the Gloucestershire County Council or the Conservative Party.

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Building on the gipsy field/the Cotswolds AONB - a site for a new surgery

Editor
In your reply to Jenny Dereham's suggestion (see email in August edition) that the Fire Station be relocated, you say 'I suggest we must respect their opinions on this'. Their opinions being that of the Retained Firefighters.

That being so, I cannot understand why you aren't even handed regarding the Doctors Surgery and respect the opinion of both the Doctors and NHS England that the proposed new site on the 'gypsy' field is the best option available. This is also the view of the vast majority of those who have commented on both the Public Consultation and the Planning Application.

Marilyn Fisher, Maugersbury

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There has been a plethora of correspondence and comment in the Stow Times about the planning application to build a doctors surgery and ten houses on part of the field adjacent to the Maugersbury Road. Much of the negative correspondence has contained specious objections and totally unrealistic alternatives to building on that site.

I write in an attempt to focus readers' views on what may well result if this planning application is not successful. First and most importantly, Stow and the surrounding area can give up any hope of obtaining a modern doctors surgery in the foreseeable future. This is not just my view but that of the doctors themselves who point out that they have tried for many years to identify a suitable site and that the proposed Maugersbury Road site has the support of NHS England. They further point out that any future application to NHS England has no guarantee of success since it will be judged under less favourable rules and by a body which has a far greater remit than Gloucestershire which means that Stow-on-the-Wold will come much further down its list. The second consideration that must be taken into account is what will happen to the field in question if the planning application is rejected. I understand that in this event the small, local developer cannot and will not proceed with its purchase of the land which is likely to have very significant ramifications including the possibility of the field being occupied by parties who have no regard for planning permissions or the purchase by a major, national developer who has the money and the muscle to ride roughshod over local objections to a far bigger development than that which is being currently proposed.

I hope and trust that the correspondents who have used your columns to undermine the application will accept responsibility for the likely consequences of their objections.

Finally, I would like to make it clear that I have no interest whatsoever in the current planning application other than a desire to have a modern health centre for the people in the area and to protect the land against far less desirable alternatives.

A Thomas, Maugersbury, GL54 1HR

Well what is this Town coming to?

Stow has always been a pleasant place to live, a close community - NOT ANYMORE. I have seen many changes over the years some to the good of the town and some not, but we should all pull together. The problem of life today is that money rules and, Yes we do need a new surgery and, Yes it will affect me in some way if more housing is put on the site. But this could be a great opportunity to have a park-like area in the centre of the field, ensuring no further development went ahead. A natural area with walk-way, a bench say to sit on to reflect what a pleasant town we live in, and encouraging wildlife.

I would like to see the proposed housing area marked out for residents to view. I would also like to know when it said 'low cost homes' what price are they going to be? We are short of housing for the local people in the community who need to get on the ladder - most cannot afford Stow property and we must keep the local younger generation in this town.

We are all entitled to our opinions, even the councillors. Most are elected to work for the good of the town and, Yes you do get more feedback from chatting and listening to peoples' opinions –it's what's known as local gossip!

So to all you Mums and Pensioners - when you visit the new surgery would you fancy a walk in the park? I know I would.

Jenny Scarsbrook, Tall Trees, Stow on the Wold - resident 63 years

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Dear Madam,
Your editorial comment regarding the proposals for a new Stow Surgery on the Oddington Road certainly seem to have raised a few hackles.

In general principle, I am in favour of the proposed site. There is definitely a need for such improved medical facilities. I attended the public exhibition in St Edward's Hall and raised a number of significant planning points with the developers, such as concerns about access and egress on the Oddington Road, sight lines and the need for a footpath along the roadside, not within the field. Done correctly, this facility could be a great asset to the community.

However, I take issue with some of the vitriol being directed at your publication. Firstly, you did not publish an 'anonymous' letter. The name and address of the contributor was withheld in accordance with editorial practice and was certainly the correct procedure, however much others may disagree with the contents. They have the right of reply, which has certainly been exercised.

Some of your correspondents do not seem to understand the very nature of 'editorial comment'. It is just that. It is only the editor's opinion and has absolutely no requirement for contact with the developer in this instance. I also find it disturbing that the developer 'will no longer hand-deliver your magazine to our friends and neighbours in Maugersbury.

No-one doubts the developer's local and professional credentials, and it is to be hoped that his company's plans do indeed come to a successful conclusion, to the overall benefit of the local community.

Yours,
Howard Driver, Sterling Close, Stow-on-the Wold, GL54 1AN

To The Editor, Stow Times.
As you have already made very clear, an opinion is no more than a person's conception of the topic covered. An editor has the right, perhaps even a duty, to express an opinion, and in all the national dailies the editorial piece is hardly more than an opinion, often masquerading as wishful thinking. To be fair, most editorials deviate little from the truth when the truth can be found. If editorials were limited to just facts, there would be little difference between any of them, not a situation that helps to sell newspapers. I look forward to reading the editorial column in any publication. It often gives a new perspective on a topic, providing me with food for thought.

Anyone in public office, at any level, should be able to take criticism. David Cameron, as PM, faces frequent criticism, much of it from newspapers that favour his party, but he shoulders it all without a public murmur. This is what keeps politicians on their toes, so continued scrutiny by the press is essential for good government. Personally, I would like to see more of constructive criticism and far less of the destructive variety that I get.

As for that 'confusing' council meeting, having read some of the case law on Village Greens, it was most obvious that when a person has already been given the right to do something, the law cannot later grant the same right to that person. In May 2013, a copy of the covenant covering the use of the Cricket Field had been promised to be circulated among councillors, but apparently did not. Nor was my more recent request to see a copy acted on. It transpired that few of the councillors had seen the title document with its covenant and, of those few that had, none had read that part of it concerning rights to use the field. Consequently none of us could be certain whether local residents had already been granted the same rights as pertain to a Village Green or not, but that was central to what we were asked to vote on. Regrettably, that is how local (and perhaps not so local) government sometimes works.

Roger George. roger@rggeorge.plus.com

A note from the Editor:
Some research into Government funding in general, and NHS funding in particular, showed that the two are very similar – hardly surprising. I understand that applications to NHS England for new projects work in a similar way to an approach for government funding, grants, etc., by a local charity or community group. The group seeking money must be properly constituted and present a well-evidenced case for their project, with permissions (such as planning permission) in place as appropriate, and a business plan showing clearly how the money will be spent. The proposal should have community support. If the application is changed in any way an amended proposal must be put forward with new evidence and figures to support the case. If the rules have changed in the interim, the new proposal should also address these.

It appears that NHS Glos supported the original proposal for the development of a surgery on the Ashton House site and that, as a general principle, NHS England honours the previous organisation's agreements. However another site was considered and then dismissed, and the gipsy field was put forward as a site for a doctors' surgery.

NHS England will always require a new or amended application in order to approve funding for a new surgery on a different site, with new evidence, business case etc..(as above). (NB. NHS England reimburse surgery rent and rates.) However, regardless of whether NHS England agree to funding, the GPs would have the ultimate say on whether to proceed or not. Jenni Turner

Planning application Ref: 14/02576/FUL
Proposal: Erection of a primary health care centre (Use Class D1), ancillary pharmacy and ten residential units (Use Class C3), together with associated infrastructure, parking and landscaping.
Location: Land Parcel Stow Fair Site Between Maugersbury Road And A436, Maugersbury Road, Stow-On-The-Wold, Gloucestershire

Response of the Cotswolds Conservation Board (abbreviated by less than10%)

The Cotswolds Conservation Board ('the Board') was established by Parliament in 2004. The Board has two statutory purposes:
a) to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of the AONB; and
b) To increase the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the AONB.

In fulfilling these roles, the Board has a duty to seek to foster the economic and social well-being of people living in the AONB.
1. The site lies within the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, and therefore paragraph 115 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) applies.
2. In granting consent on appeal ref: APP/F1610/A/11/2165778 for residential development at Tetbury in the Cotswolds AONB it was stated: ..... *the* ***loss of open fields must inevitably have a detrimental effect on the landscape and environment*** [Board emboldening].
3. In 2000 the Council published a Landscape Assessment of Land around Cotswold settlements, otherwise known as the "White report". The Council has repeatedly referred to this assessment in allocating development within the Cotswolds AONB. There is no reference to this key document in the applicant's LVIA.
4. With respect to Stow on the Wold paragraph 18.9 of this report sets out the "key relationships" between the town and the surrounding landscape. A positive relationship identified is "the green wedge separating the town from Maugersbury allows a relationship between the older town and the landscape".
5. Paragraph 18.13 of the Stow on the Wold section identifies "areas where development is not suitable". These include "Between Stow and Maugersbury because of the setting of the conservation area." The proposed development lies within this area.
6. The Board concurs with this view. The green wedge forms an important function in defining the relationship between the town and countryside. The boundaries of the area are well defined.
7. The introduction of built development will harm this important relationship. The Board considers that the LVIA has underplayed the significant harm which development of this area will cause to the setting of the town within the AONB.
8. The Board therefore objects in principle to built development on this site.
9. The Board notes that the proposed primary health care building would deliver significant public social benefits. If the Council is satisfied that no other suitable site is available for this facility, including the recently approved development north of Tesco's, it may come to the view that this outweighs demonstrable harm to the AONB. If this is the case then the Board would expect significant mitigation measures to be incorporated to reduce visual intrusion and harm to tranquillity.
10. The Board is not convinced that the same case can be made for the housing element of the proposal. The Council considers that it is able to demonstrate a five year housing land supply as required by the NPPF, and thus the applicant's argument that this proposal would help address any deficit does not apply. Even if the site were being promoted as an exception site under the provisions of paragraph 54 of the NPPF this does not mean that landscape harm can be discounted. For the reasons set out above the Board concurs with the Council's landscape consultants that this area is not suitable for development.

Summary
11. The Board **objects** to this proposal on the following grounds:
The Board considers the proposals fail to conserve the landscape and scenic beauty of the Cotswolds AONB as required by paragraph 115 of the NPPF. However, the primary health care element of the scheme may be in the public interest, subject to no other site being available, subject to significant mitigation measures being agreed.

The full RESPONSE document available from STC Planning Committee

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Professional training in the traditional craft of dry stone walling

A brand new academy based at the Old Prison, Northleach, is being set up by the Cotswolds Conservation Board to offer a range of accredited training courses from LANTRA Level 1 (initial) through to Level 3 (advanced) allowing new and existing wallers the opportunity to gain qualifications recognised by industry, as well as improve their skills in this centuries' old craft.

Ray Stockall, Chairman of the National Dry Stone Walling Association said: *"The new academy is great news for the Cotswolds as it will ensure that the Conservation Board can fully train up and equip the next generation of dry stone wallers and master craftsmen. The Board has an excellent track record in dry stone walling course provision and the academy will be able to take this to a much higher level."*

David Molloy, Rural Skills Officer, said: *"Dry stone walls are an important landscape feature of the Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty but many of the existing walls are in quite a poor state of disrepair. By working in partnership with the Dry Stone Walling Association and using only the best and most experienced instructors, we aim to keep this important skill alive and ensure these special features of the landscape can be conserved and enhanced for the future."*

For further details of dry stone walling courses and other rural skills courses available with the Cotswolds Conservation Board, go to **www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk**

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The Tree for England does not have to be ancient – you can nominate a favourite tree of any age, size or species - if it's located in England it is eligible. (If the tree is on someone else's land it's important to get permission from the landowner to nominate the tree.) Later in the autumn we'll create a shortlist from all the entries and the public will be able to vote which tree to put forward for England's Tree of the Year.

"With the fantastic array of significant trees we have in England we have a great chance of winning the competition."

Entries need to be in by 19th September and can only be made online at **www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/england-tree-if-the-year.** Find out more at 01476 581111

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In the Community for the Community

Welcome to our family service every Sunday morning at 10.30am. The 1st and 3rd Sunday's communion is celebrated during the service.

Our speakers for the month of SEPTEMBER are:

7th	JOYCE RICE	21st	RON KEMP
14th	REV RICHARD CRIPPEN	28th	HARVEST FESTIVAL WITH CHIPPING NORTON BAPTIST

EVERY TUESDAY 10am to 12noon - COFFEE MORNING
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Mass times for SEPTEMBER

Our Lady, Help of Christians,
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Sunday Mass: 8.30a.m.

Our Lady & St Kenelm,
Back Walls, Stow-on-the-Wold
Sunday Masses: 10.00 am & 6.30pm

For times of Confessions, or other information, please call 01451 830431 or visit our website: **www.stowrc.co.uk**

EYFORD, GUITING AND THE SLAUGHTERS

Sunday Services SEPTEMBER

Sun 7th	8.30am – HC at Lower Slaughter
	9.30am – HC at Temple Guiting
	9.30am – Village HC at Naunton
	11am – Family Service at Guiting Power
	11am – HC (BCP) at Upper Slaughter
Sun 14th	8.30am – HC (BCP) at Naunton
	9.30am – HC at Lower Slaughter
	11am – Holy Communion at Farmcote
	11am – Matins at Temple Guiting
	11am – Matins at Upper Slaughter
	3pm – Harvest Festival at Cutsdean
	6pm – United HC Service with Baptist Chapel at Guiting Power
Sun 21st	8.30am – Holy Communion at Upper Slaughter
	9.30am – HC at Cutsdean
	11am – HC at Lower Slaughter
	11am – Matins at Naunton
	6pm – Sings of Praise with TG at Guiting Power
Sun 28th	11am – Family Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter
	6pm – Benefice Michaelmas Choral Evensong at Guiting Power

ST JAMES'S CHURCH

LONGBOROUGH

Sunday Services in SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7 Sept	8.00am - Holy Communion
	9.30am - Morning Service
Sunday 14 Sept	9.30am - Holy Communion
Sunday 21 Sept	4.00pm - Messy Church in the Village Hall
Sunday 28 Sept	9.30am - Holy Communion

WESTCOTE METHODIST CHAPEL

Sunday Worship in AUGUST

7th	11am	Morning Worship led by Mr Martin Hannant
14th	11am	No Service at Westcote Circuit Celebration at Chipping Norton Methodist Church
21st	11am	Morning Worship - Holy Communion - Rev Malcolm Cook
28th	11am	Harvest Festival Family Service - Rev Soba Sinnathamby

Donations of non perishable items for NORTH COTSWOLD FOODBANK will be gratefully received.

Thursday Fellowship starts their autumn programme
18th September 3.30pm in the Chapel with a Cream Tea.

Harvest Supper
Thursday 9th October 7pm Westcote Village Hall
For more information contact
Mr Tony Gibson on 01993 830699

ST EDWARDS CHURCH

Sunday Services SEPTEMBER

Sunday 7th	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	11am	Worship for all with Baptism
Sunday 14th	8am	Holy Communion
	11am	Sung Eucharist
	6pm	Sung Evensong
Sunday 21st	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	11am	Worship for all and Harvest Festival
	6pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	8am	Holy Communion
	11am	Sung Eucharist
	6pm	Compline

There is a service of Holy Communion in church on Tuesdays at 10am
More details of our services can be found on our website
www.scats.org.uk

Benefice Services

Sunday Services SEPTEMBER

		Holy Communion - Lower Swell
Sunday 7th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Lower Swell
	9.30am	Matins - Condicote
Sunday 14th	9.30am	Holy Communion - Condicote
	11am	Matins - Upper Swell
Sunday 21st	9.30am	Holy Communion - Lower Swell
Sunday 28th	3pm	Harvest Festival - Condicote

Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Rector is on Sabbatical study leave this month. All pastoral matters should be directed to the Revd Josie Goodwin on 07718 089099. For all other matters please contact one of the Churchwardens, Barbara Lee on 830449 or Keith Cox on 833683

Stow-on-the-Wold
Methodist Church

SUNDAY SERVICES IN **AUGUST** 10.30am. All welcome

Sunday 7th	**REV SOBA SINNATHAMBY**
Sunday 14th	**CIRCUIT SERVICE CHIPPING NORTON 11AM**
Sunday 21st	**MR MARTIN HANNANT**
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THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

Cotswold School students have outdone themselves again this year with the fantastic results they have achieved at both A Level and GCSE. Congratulations to you all! It is testament to our students' and staff's hard work, dedication and talent; and also to the valuable support given by families and our wider community. Our outstanding results have also seen the school now ranked in the Daily Telegraph league tables as 21st in the country!

As Mr Morgan said: 'Success clearly breeds success as we have seen our A Level grades soar to 68% A*-B this year. To see the joy on the faces of the students, parents and teachers makes every hour of effort worth it!'

While so many deserve special mentions, particular congratulations must go to Jonathan Roberts who, at A Level, achieved four A* grades in Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and in his Extended Project Qualification in which he investigated why we explore space and the best method(s) of space travel. Jonathan also achieved an 'A' in Further Mathematics and accrued a spectacular 740 UCAS Points. He will now go on to study Physics at Warwick University.

We look forward to hearing news of our graduates as they go on to achieve great things in the years to come. Good luck!
We are hitting the new school year running with Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver assessed expeditions, school trips, the arrival of German exchange students, a cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support and the start of Numeracy Week! We are also very excited to be hosting biologist and TV Presenter Simon Watt (of Channel 4's 'Inside Nature's Giants' series). Mr Watt will be inspiring our students with a special talk later this month.

Welcome back everyone and an especially big welcome to our new students and staff!

CHIPPING NORTON SCHOOL

Simon Duffy: Head Teacher

Years 4 and 5 pupils from our partnership primary schools were offered a five- week Creative Writing Club in the Summer Term. The pupils were encouraged by Mr Long and Miss Beer through the use of drama and sensory stimuli to enrich and extend their use of Creative English and produce exciting and descriptive text. One pupil said 'it is amazing how we think that we are just having fun, but we are actually learning lots'. Over the last year we have run AGT workshops for pupils from our partnership schools in English, Science, Drama, D&T, P4C and Art. On July 10th the Mathematics Department ran our final workshop of the school year in Mathematics. The pupils took part in maths games and activities and really enjoyed working with Year 12 Maths Leaders. The Drama Department took a group of Year 10 GCSE students to perform and run a workshop at six of our primary partnership schools. The topic of the performance and workshop was Greek myths. Performance is a very important part of the GCSE requirement and so the opportunity to perform in front of an audience helps our students to improve their performance skills.

The Year 5 pupils really enjoyed taking part in the workshops, especially when older students were leading them. Over the summer term the English Department taught a Year 6 English lesson at each of our primary partnership schools - the subject was 'The Little Prince' by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. This is part of our continued commitment to our primary partnership schools to support Year 6 pupils in their move from primary school to Year 7. Our Language Department opened its doors to 130 Year 4 primary pupils. The pupils took part in workshops where they had the opportunity to taste different cheeses and take part in different learning activities involving French, German and Spanish languages.

At the beginning of the summer holidays a group of students travelled to South Africa to compete against school teams from across the country. Both teams performed well, winning most of their matches and benefitted greatly from the experience.

As well as playing sport the students enjoyed many wonderful experiences including visits to The Cape of Good Hope, a crocodile farm, going on a hippo cruise and safari. They also visited a home for orphans and abandoned babies. It was a 'once in a life time' experience which they will never forget.

Sherborne C of E Primary School

From Gill Stratford, School Administrator

What a busy term it has turned out to be – we have ~ gone on residential to Viney Hill ~ had Bikeability training ~ organised the 10k race ~joined in the Y6 Leavers' Service at Gloucester athedral ~ been educated by the Life Bus ~ met our new Reception pupils ~ danced and sung in the High 5 Disney concert ~ entertained our Comenius partners ~ had Sport's Day in the sunshine ~ visited the Cotswold School~ played in the rounders and cricket tournaments and athletics finals ~ won the Wildlife Quiz ~ been transported to Kansas in our production of the Wizard of Oz ~ listened to our musicians in an end of term concert ~ and finally, said goodbye to our Year 6s.

Swell School

From Judy Morgan School Administrator

With the term nearly at an end the children put their all into the production of the Pied Piper held at Oddington Village hall. The audience loved the enthusiastic singing and dancing with Sophia Bayliss performing the part of the Pied Piper, Ellie Keegan as the Mayor and Dillon Smith as the crippled boy.

The black rats were particularly nasty! The Year 2 children have harvested their potatoes grown in carrier bags and have taken them home to cook and enjoy.

The end of year Leavers Service was an emotional time for both the children leaving and their parents. The children read to the congregation their memories of primary school and were presented with a dictionary kindly donated by the Rotary Club and a bible kindly donated by St Mary's Church. We would like to pass on to the children our very best wishes for their future and know they will thoroughly enjoy their time at The Cotswold School.

The Michael Oughton Trophy was presented this term to Sophia Bayliss.

We are looking forward to welcoming all our new reception children in September.

Temple Guiting

Church of England School

David Ogden, Headteacher

Ah, Jim Lad!

Buckles were swashed. main braces were spliced and pieces of eight polished in our musical version of the classic tale, 'Treasure Island'

Prehistoric Fun

Classes 2 and 3 brought their work on prehistoric man to life with a trip to Stonehenge and Avebury.

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CHIPPING CAMPDEN SCHOOL

by Mr John Sanderson, Principal

The end of term has so much going on it is hard to believe when it all comes suddenly to an end. I am writing this article on the last day of term before we all go our separate ways for the summer.
Just two weeks previous I was looking out on a very full school hall at our Junior Awards Evening as students from Year 7, 8 and 9 were being congratulated on their efforts and achievements over the year. Our principal guest was Sean Conway, endurance adventurer and explorer. Having first amazed us all with his recent exploits swimming, running and soon to be cycling the length of Britain, he impressed upon those gathered that we are all capable of much more than we think if we simply put our minds to it. Students were then presented with trophies or achievement pens and a lapel badge to highlight their star performance.

No sooner had the awards ceremony finished than the staging was being put in place for our next star performers, the cast and crew of 'Bugsy', and what stars they were! With a matinee performance on the Wednesday morning to students from local primary schools, followed by two sell-out performances it was remarkable to see such collective talent on display. I take my trilby off to Mrs Burton and her team of committed staff whose energy seemed to know no bounds as they managed such a large cast and produced such a wonderfully memorable show.

On the penultimate date of term I had the pleasure of leading the entire school across some of our local landscape for our bi-annual charity walk. The sun shone and the students chatted away as they made their way to the top of Fish Hill to form rather a large picnic of about 850 people. You can't imagine how long it took to get everyone through the 'Kissing Gate' and into the picnic area. We then meandered back down the mile drive to Dover's Hill and through the fields to the school. It was quite a special moment to have them all back on the field again sat in the same rows that we had started in some 4 hours earlier but with that wonderful feeling of accomplishment mixed with a good measure of tiredness.

As it was, after all, a walk to raise money for the two charities we have chosen to support, Save the Children and the Teenage Cancer Trust, I should also like to thank families and friends for supporting the students in this venture. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. We ended the term by coming together for a whole school assembly and I had the privilege to formally welcome and introduce Reverend Craig Bishop to our school family. Finally, it remains for me to thank all the parents and carers for all their continued support of the school throughout the last academic year and we look forward to all that will be achieved in the next academic year.

Mr John Sanderson, Principal

condicote
playgroup & toddlers
at Condicote Village Hall

At the end of July we said goodbye to 20 children leaving to go to 10 different settings, we have had a wonderful year and will miss them all.
We raised £150 at our treasure hunt around Condicote and had a wonderful end of term pool party. We start the new year on Monday 8th September and welcome visitors who are considering joining us. A good way to get to know the group is to come along to our Toddler session on a Friday morning, this is open to all ages and is run by the Playleader offering examples of the activities we also do at Playgroup as well as quiet areas for babies and the opportunity for coffee and a chat, and often cake!. Our Playgroup session is 9.15am – 1pm Monday to Thursday (@ £12.50 per session) with extended sessions on a Monday and Thursday until 2.45pm for an extra £6.50. We take children throughout the year when they are approaching 2 years 6 months old and welcome visitors at any time so please contact us to arrange a visit or just pop in. Contact Jo Abrahams, our Early Years Professional / qualified teacher on **07796 987173,** website www.condicoteplaygroup.weebly.com

St Davids C of E Primary School

Headteacher - Mrs F. Heming

The Annual Musical Evening took place towards the end of term and we were treated to solos and ensembles of traditional and modern numbers on recorder, violin, flute, clarinet, guitar and brass instruments. It was a chance for each child to enjoy with their parents the huge progress and achievement that they have made this the year. It was also an evening which drew back some of our former pupils to join in with our ever popular school orchestra, led so expertly by Mr Paul Webber.

Year 6 have been showcasing their growing talents in singing and drama with their end of term spectacular. Tuneful and expressive duets and solos combined with rhythmic and exuberant group songs punctuated an hour of well-paced, humorous sketches. The children's dramatic delivery and well observed impersonations kept us all highly amused. We wish our Year 6 pupils all the very best as they move on to secondary school.
Year 3/4 children have been venturing into the big wide world, in person and via the internet. Year 4 pupils visited Camden School to learn how to build bird boxes with real tools which was very exciting. Back in class they had a live Skype link up with author David Wiesner in America, which was amazing. It was fascinating to find out what inspired David to write and how long it took him to produce his stunning illustrations.

Years 1 and 2 ended the term with a carnival! They managed to find and follow a Blue Peter guide to the Samba. The children found out about Brazil and the amazing animals that live in the Amazon rainforest and how these incredibly colourful creatures inspire such gorgeous costumes and headdresses at the Rio Carnival. Sports Day was a triumph with all children taking part in a wide range of activities. The afternoon session, which comprised the traditional races, was very well attended by parents and other family members. The children competed in their House Teams and Hargreaves were the winners, enjoying a lap of victory with the Sports Day cup festooned with blue ribbons.

At the end of term we said goodbye to Mrs Bugden, who has taught at St. David's School for 21 years; an inspirational teacher who helped the school to develop and grow into a fantastic place to educate children. She will be sadly missed and we wish her well for her retirement.
We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school after the summer break.

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Holy Trinity RC School

After a restful summer break, the children and staff have returned to school refreshed and looking forward to the challenges of the new term. We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families and to the Foundation Stage children and families.

The school has spent over £20,000 on improving the outdoor learning facilities for the Early Years. We hope that all Key Stage 1 and Early Years children will enjoy their learning in our newly designed and redecorated playground. Many thanks for the donation from our hard-working PTA, who organised another family summer fete. This academic year there are further fundraising activities planned – the first event will be a family barbecue and disco at the end of September.

In July the Year 5 and Year 6 children performed an energetic and thoroughly enjoyable "Oliver" show. Congratulations to all the children for their outstanding production.

We participated in golf, cricket tournaments, tennis (even holding our own mini-Wimbledon championships) and a Dodge-Ball tournament in aid of The British Heart Foundation. The Year 6 children enjoyed a day sailing at Farmoor Reservoir and this will become part of our curriculum.
Sports Day was a family affair, when two hundred and fifty children and adults enjoyed picnicking before the competitive races. Supporters encouraged our runners as they headed to the finishing post! It was a successful event with Warwick house lifting the cup as overall winners.

Thank you to Adam Keeling from Whichford Pottery who made a huge terracotta pot which all the children and staff signed. It was fired over the summer holidays and donated to the school ready for the new academic year. We will continue to work closely with Whichford Pottery and develop the children's' art skills.
Entrepreneur Project 2014 Year 6 children rose to the challenge of the Entrepreneur Project. With a small investment from the Chipping Norton Rotary Club, the children worked hard running their own businesses. We are delighted to announce that from an initial investment of £100, the class generated a profit of £838.32. We were able to donate £419.16 to both of our chosen charities: The Rotary Club of Chipping Norton and I.M.P.S. Well done to all Year 6 for their hard work.

During this term we will be showing prospective new families around the school. Please make an appointment with the school office 01608 643487.

CARDS FOR GOOD CAUSES Help is needed in Stow

Cards for Good Causes sells cards for around 300 charities via a national network of pop-up shops. Volunteers are vital to help them run smoothly and ensure that the charities gain as much benefit as possible from sales. Volunteer Coordinator, Dianne Jarrett says: "Christmas cards are an important source of funding for charities and volunteers are key to maximising the amount of money each receives from their sales in our pop-up shops." In the past five years, charities have received more than £20 million from Cards for Good Causes - representing at least 70p in every pound out of which charities had to pay for the production and distribution of their Christmas cards and any VAT.

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Helen House are calling for donations in a final push to raise the remaining £500,000 of the £1.5m needed to refurbish Helen House to bring it up to modern standards for families from Gloucestershire and Wiltshire.

Helen & Douglas House has received £436,000 from NHS England to do some of the work needed to future-proof the hospice and the charity has raised £500,000 through donations made since the appeal was launched at the end of 2013. They now need a further £500,000 to complete this essential work.

Helen House opened as the world's first children's hospice over thirty years ago and now the facilities need to be brought up to date. The improvements will include piped oxygen in all the rooms with wider corridors and spaces so that larger, modern wheelchairs and beds can be moved around. The spa, music, art and plays areas, the kitchen and dining areas also need updating. The refurbishment will also provide a new dedicated teaching space for children so they are able to continue their lessons during their stay. So please help by making a donation if you can.

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We aim for this meeting to last no more than an hour at The Swan In Moreton-in-Marsh. We seek to build these awards into a regular feature in the magazine as a way of reflecting back to the Cotswold Times' readership the many different ways that business and community in the Cotswolds come together to create a great place to live and work. Please let either Jenni or me know if you are able to come by email to

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The Show Must Go On

In its 40th Anniversary Year, Caroline Fisher goes backstage at Chipping Norton Theatre

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The show must go on and Chipping Norton Theatre is urging people to help ensure its future in its 40th anniversary year. This unique, professionally-run enterprise – one of the town's most-loved assets - costs some £1 million a year to keep afloat. This covers everything from maintaining the crumbling building and updating technology, to producing consistently popular shows that bring laughter and tears to audiences of all ages.

"We don't receive any Arts Council funding – we lost it a few years ago" says fundraising officer Helen Datson. "We suffered from cuts to The Arts, but also from the perception that this area of the country is wealthy. So we aim to be as self-sustained as possible. We raise 75% of the money that we need through ticket sales, sponsorship and merchandise which is brilliant. We have a fantastic *Friends Of The Theatre* set-up and a wonderful team of around a hundred volunteers who work 4,000 hours a year backstage and front-of-house, saving just over £30,000 annually. There is also the Citadel Supporters Club. We receive support from charitable trusts, West Oxfordshire District Council and Chipping Norton Town Council and regular sponsorship from tiny, local businesses to large, national ones and the remainder comes through fundraising."

To help raise the theatre's profile and bring in that vital income, special events are ongoing. A Grand Raffle will be drawn on September 8th as part of the special 40 Year Fund and there will be an auction in October, backed by a raft of local businesses and individuals. The 40 lots include a week in a Portugal holiday villa and a film set trip with Sir Ben Kingsley. "Because people really appreciate this resource on their doorsteps, they are willing to help out," says Press and PR representative, Tei Williams. "When we wanted to raise money for the digital projector, it amazed me how quickly we achieved it."
Chipping Norton Theatre's recipe for success lies in its ability to reflect the needs of the community. Artistic director John Terry says, "In order to survive, we must be remarkable, unique and essential and must thrive as a creative hub and production company to do this."

Long-term supporter Pat Lake has seen the theatre constantly evolving. As mayor, he became involved 25 years ago when he helped launch the Buy a Brick fundraising campaign and saw the former Salvation Army Citadel building celebrate its centenary in 1998. He's enthusiastic about the future. "It's such an exciting place, it's multi-faceted. It's more than a theatre, it's a local institution. A lot of smaller theatres are closing down but this is still successful."

Chipping Norton Theatre not only shows live entertainment and films but runs a youth theatre and musical theatre as well and the Take Part programme offers opportunities for children and adults, such as adult acting and creative writing classes and workshops. 'Relaxed' performances have also been introduced for elderly people and children with learning difficulties.

Pat Lake has seen the continued growth of the theatre. "Another great move was getting the big stand-up comics which bring a whole new set of people in. The 'Home Grown' project launched the theatre's own productions in 2012 and *Around The World In 80 Days* is going on tour to 53 venues. And, of course, our annual pantomime has become world-renowned!"

Mr Lake was one of the first to volunteer as an usher and became relief duty manager. "The whole theatre gives me a buzz, even when it's empty. But when lots of people come in for a show, it's really lovely. It's not like going into a town or village hall - this is a proper professional theatre with a real sense of romance, joy, laughter, excitement and anticipation."

Theatre Facts

**The theatre houses an art-house cinema, gallery and concert hall. It runs community and education programmes, workshops, classes and creative projects.*

**It attracts nearly 50,000 visitors a year.*

** Royal Shakespeare Company actors Tamara and John Malcolm bought the building in 1968 with an anonymous benefactor's loan. Following planning permission, fundraising began in 1973 for the new theatre, with the first Christmas show in the town hall. Residents were each asked to contribute £1 towards the building's conversion.*

**Former Dr Who actor Tom Baker officially opened the venue in 1975. The building expanded and saw a major refurbishment in 1996, including the bar's iconic murals by renowned muralist Graham Rust.*

**As the theatre extended its repertoire and space, Caroline Sharman took over as artistic director in 2002, followed by John Terry in 2008.*

**Chippy Theatre received the 2009/10 TMA Stage Award for Achievement in Regional Theatre.*

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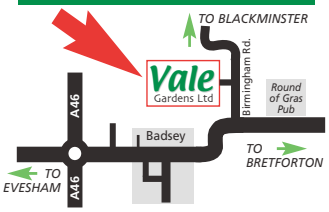

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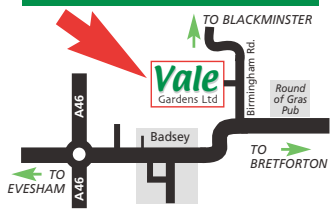

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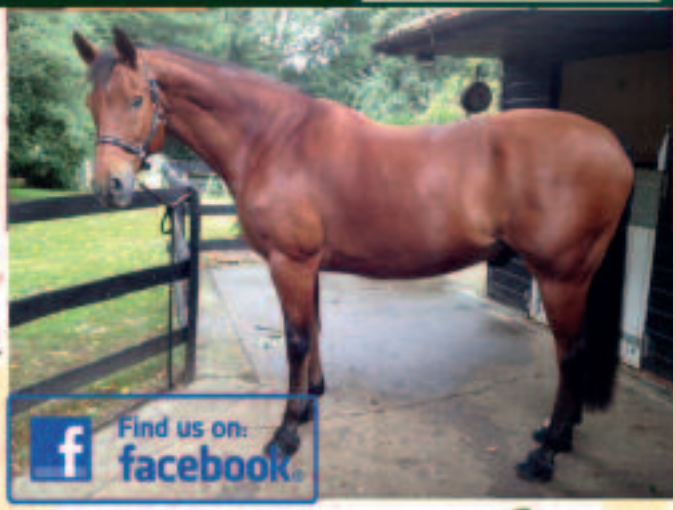

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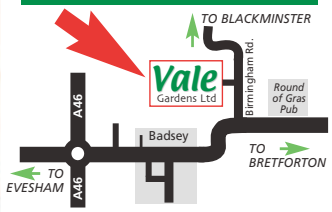

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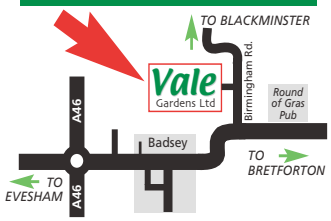

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WHAT'S ON WHEN & WHERE

HIDCOTE SCULPTURE EXHIBITION 2014

6 - 28 September (10am - 6pm)
Free event (normal admission charges apply)
Experience beautiful and exciting outdoor art
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Hidcote Bartrim, near Chipping Campden, GL55 6LR
01386 438333 hidcote@nationaltrust.org.uk

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SUBSCRIPTION RENEWAL & SOCIAL ACTIVITY MORNING

At The Royal British Legion Hall, Bourton-on- the-Water
On Tuesday 16 September from 10am – 2pm

There will be group display tables showing many of the exciting things achieved in the past year and a chance to sign up for some of the interesting groups.
Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be served and you can chat to old and new friends.

North Cotswold CAMRA & Moreton C.C.

7th BEER & CIDER FESTIVAL

12th & 13th September 2014

45 Beers, Ciders & Perrys
Hot Food, Pig Roast, Soft Drinks
Live Music, Kinky Farnhem and Zool
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See website for details

at Moreton in Marsh Cricket Ground, Batsford Road

Friday 12 noon to 11pm Entry £3
Saturday 12 noon to 11pm £3
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www.northcotswoldcamra.org.uk

Subject to change & availability

Cobalt

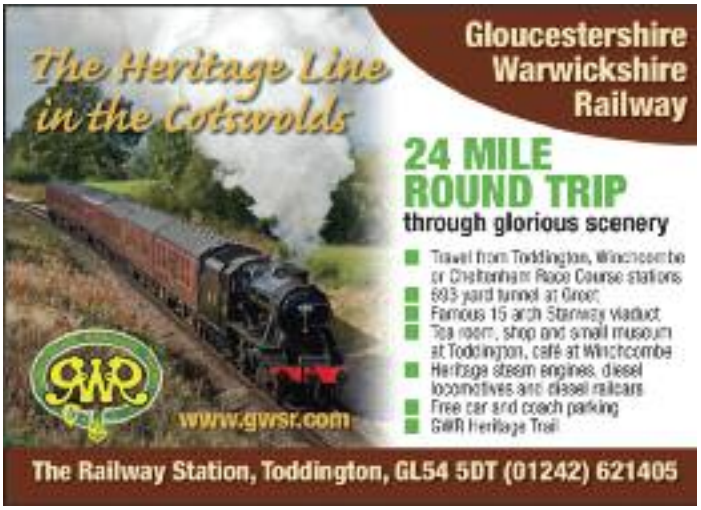
OPEN GARDEN EVENT on Sunday 7th September 2-5pm
at the fabulous Mill Dene Garden, Blockley GL56 9HU
supporting Cobalt's 50th Anniversary Appeal
Plants, homemade teas. £6 adult, U16s free. Guide dogs only

Classical guitarist Keith Hyett

at Blockley Little Village Hall
Friday 12th September at 7.30 pm
Tickets available from the village shop

Keith Hyett's classical guitar creates musical landscapes with evocative pieces inspired by the countryside and the estuary of the Severn where Keith lives, especially 'Dance of the Rivers' which tells the tale of the river.

See our 911 Porsche up close and meet the 911 Rennsport team. Based in the Cotswolds, we professionally restore and recreate these iconic cars for day-to-day use to owner specifications. **21st September (11am - 4pm) at The Horse & Groom, Upper Oddington**



September 2014

Full information is available at the Visitor Information Centres (listed separately)

EXHIBITIONS

to 10 **Celia Lendis Gallery** New landscape paintings by local artist Ryutaro Ikeda and sculpture by significant RBS artist Louise Plant. 9.30-5.30pm daily. High Street, Moreton in Marsh, GL56 0AF. 01608 650 852 gallery@celialendis.com

to 28 **Robert Welch: Inspiration and Innovation** Beautifully designed pieces for everyday life. 10-5pm at Court Barn, Church Street, Chipping Campden GL55 6JE. 01386 841951. www.courtbarn.org.uk

13 **The Design Legacy of Robert Welch** The Ashbee Lecture to be given by Rupert Welch on the Design Legacy of Robert Welch Court Room The Old Police Station, High Street, Chipping Campden, GL55 6HB 18:00 - 20:00 www.courtbarn.org.uk 01386 841951

13&14 **Made in the Cotswolds and Mini BITE!** 30 Cotswold Creatives will be exhibiting and demonstrating their work in the Montrose Suite and gardens at The Cotswold House Hotel and Spa and at other venues across Chipping Campden. Cotswold House Hotel and Spa Chipping Campden,Gloucestershire, GL55 6AN 10:00 - 17:00 http://madeinthecotswolds.org 07870 417144

DIARY

30 August **Blues at Broom Hill** – Mardi Gras Festival nr Winderton, South Warks. OX15 6LW. Great music, fresh food – all from 2pm. Camping available. 077775 644073 www.bluesatbroomhill.co.uk

2-6 **Bourton Panto Group Summer Show** 'Your Tomorrow, Our Today' a musical variety show with plenty of audience sing-a-long numbers, skits, baton twirling and more. 7.30 pm. Victoria Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2BU. Tickets £7-9. Contact 07876 587 711 or www.bourtonpantogroup.com.

4 **Moth Night** Batsford Arboretum & Garden Centre. 20:30 - 22:00 but possibly well past midnight: feel free to leave when you wish. Tickets £5 adults,£3 children. Book on 01386 701441. GL56 9QB www.batsarb.co.uk/contact

5 **Kimber's Men** singing songs & sea shanties. 7.45pm at Chipping Norton Theatre, Spring Street, Chipping Norton, OX7 5NL Tickets £14/conc £12. boxoffice@chippingnortontheatre.com. 01608 642350

5-14 **Bulb & Pot Bonanza** at Whichford Pottery CV36 5PG, 10am to 5pm

6 **Moreton Show** 'A Real Country Show' with something for everyone. Adults £13.50 (£17.00 on the day) Child £4.50 (£6.50 on the day) Family (2 adults 3 children) £35.00 (£42.00 on the day)

6-7 **Northleach Steam Vintage Show Plus Ale Festival** A traditional country steam show in the heart of the cotswolds. Steam engines, Stationary Engines, Vintage Tractors, Classic Trucks and Cars, Vintage Motor and Pedal Cycles, Military Vehicles, various stalls, ale tent with live music both days, fairground amusements, ferret racing, climbing wall, airsoft paintball target range. 10:00 - 17:00 Adults £5, Senior Citizens £3, Children under 16 free, parking free. Dogs on a lead. Northleach off the Eastington Road, Glos, GL54 3PJ www.northleachsteamshow.co.uk

9 CNT are working with BBC Radio 2 'Best Musician' Folk award nominee (2013 & 2014) **Sam Sweeney** on his **'Made In The Great War'** tour. Chipping Norton Theatre, show 7.45pm Tickets £15/£13 conc.01608 642350 www.chippingnortontheatre.com

10 **Stan Kiminski** demonstration using 3 colours of gouache, North Cotswold Arts Association, meet at Broadwell Village Hall, 2 pm to 4 pm. contact Sandi 01451 822550

10 **Blockley & District Horticultural Society:** '100 Plants that Almost Changed the World', talk by Chris Beardshaw at St George's Hall in Blockley at 7.30pm. Tickets £12 from 01386 700303 or e-mail phende5245@aol.com

Fête at Bourton House, Bourton-on-the-Hill
on the 13 September from 1 p.m
Parking in the field opposite Bourton House
The gardens will also be open, with tea and cakes in the Tithe Barn

on the first Thursday of every month – April to Oct. **Open Day at St Edwards Hall,** Stow on the Wold: guided tours of the **English Civil War Collection** of oil portrait paintings. 10 - 2.30 pm. 01451 830449.

September YOGA CLASSES held in beautiful studio in Little Compton
Call Alice on 07932 611042 or email alice@lovealocavore.com

Tuesday classes on 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (7.00-8.15pm.)
Wednesday classes on 3, 10, 17, 24 (11.30-12.30pm and 7.00-8.30pm.)
Thursday classes on 4, 11, 18, 25 (6.30-7.30pm.)

Market Days

BOURTON ON THE WATER	
Farmers Market	4th Sunday, 9.30–13.00
CHIPPING CAMPDEN	
W I Country Market	every Thursday, 9–11am
Country Market	every Friday, 9–11am
Weekly Market	every Wednesday
Farmer's Market	3rd Saturday morning
CHIPPING NORTON	
Farmer's Market	3rd Saturday, monthly from 8.30am
Country Market	every Saturday 8.45–11.00 Lower Town Hall (with Farmer's Market on 3rd Saturday)
Weekly market	every Wednesday
KINGHAM	
Farmer's Market	22 June, 21 September, 14 December
MORETON-IN-MARSH	
Weekly Market	every Tuesday, 9–3.30pm
Country Market	every Thursday, 9.30–12noon
NORTHLEACH	every Wednesday, 8.30–3.30pm
STOW ON THE WOLD	
Farmer's Market	2nd Thursday, 9.00–13.00pm

10 **The Big Batsford Bat Walk** 20:00 - 22:00 Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre,GL56 9QB www.batsarb.co.uk/contact 01386 701441.

11 **Recital & Dinner.** 'Maverick Strings' performing Schubert's String Quintet in C Major at Dumbleton Hall Hotel. WR117TS. 7pm. Reserved tickets only. 01386 881240x306/conference@pofr.co.uk

11- 14 **Flea Market** Bourton-on-the-Water. 10:00 - 17:00. A few spaces still available to rent. The Victoria Hall, Riverside, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos, GL54 2BU 01242 699720

12 **Classical guitarist Keith Hyett** at Blockley Little Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets from the village shop nearer the date of the concert.

13 **Afternoon Tea** Lower Slaughter Village Hall. Cotswold Branch of Corona Worldwide to raise funds for the Chengeta Primary School in Zimbabwe. 2 - 5.00pm, £5.00 per person. Pat Yadley 01993 831385.

13&14 **Heythrop Zoological Park** open 10-5pm both days. A private zoo, training animals for films & TV. Free parking; refreshments available. Tickets (cash or cheque only) Adult £13, family 2+2 £38. Heythrop, Chipping Norton OX7 5TU. 07552 967005

13&14 **Stow Flea Market** St Edwards Hall, The Square, Stow on the Wold GL54 1AF. Free entry, 10am– 4pm. Disabled friendly. Snacks, light lunches and teas upstairs. Rose 01451 870675 or 07704145099 stowflea@gmail.com

20 **Evening Concert** at St John the Baptist, Gt Rissington. 6-8.30pm. Michael Bochmann (violin) David Watkins(harp) Tickets £12.50 pp (£10 pp in advance, £5 students) Includes interval refreshment. From (01451) 820497 or 820129

20 **Pebble Mosaic Workshop** Create a lovely pebble mosaic for your garden. This one day beginners course at Sue Rew's home studio. £115 per person includes tuition, materials for your 50cm x 50cm mosaic, a homemade lunch and cakes. Maximum of 6 people. Deposit of £20 to book a place. The studio, Shepherds Close, Great Wolford, Shipston on Stour. 9:30 - 17:30 www.suerewmosaics.co.uk 1608674380

21 **Craft Fair** Cherwell Valley Crafts, The Victoria Hall, Riverside, Bourton-on- the-Water, Glos, GL54 2BU 10:00 - 17:00

23 **Bourton Panto Group** First read through of the script for 'The Sleeping Beauty' (February 2015). Victoria Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water, 7:30pm. New members would be very welcome.

26 **Afternoon Tea at 2.30 pm at Jameson Court,** Moreton in Marsh. Fundraising for Macmillan. Raffle. Everyone welcome.

28 **Craft Fair** held to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Relief, The Victoria Hall, Riverside, Bourton-on-the-Water, Glos, GL54 2BU 10:00 - 17:00

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

10 Oct **Cotswolds UKIP Public Meeting** 'UKIP - The new alternative' at St Edwards Hall, Stow on the Wold with Chris Harlow, UKIP's candidate for The Cotswolds. Meeting starts at 7.30. All are welcome.

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 822583 E: Bourtonvic@btconnect.com**

BURFORD INFORMATION CENTRE, High St, Burford, OX18 4LS. Open (Nov-Feb) Mon-Sat 9.30-4pm. **01993 823558 E: Burford.vic@westoxon.gov.uk**

CHIPPING NORTON VISITOR INFORMATION POINT Guildhall, Goddards Lane, Chipping Norton OX7 5NJ. Office hours Mon-Fri

STOW-I, VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE Cotswolds Cricket Museum, Brewery Yard off Sheep Street, GL541AA. **01451 830341 www.stowinfo.co.uk**

MORETON AREA CENTRE High Street, Moreton. Mon 8.45am-4.00pm, Tues-Thurs 8.45am-5.15pm, Fri 8.45am-4.45pm, Sat 10.00am-1.00pm (BST), 10.00am-12.30pm (GMT), Sun CLOSED. **01608 650881 E: Moreton@cotswold.gov.uk**

Moreton Art Group

Is looking for new members

If you would like to meet and paint with us on Wednesday mornings, please contact Linda Rimen on 01608 650527

NATIONAL BREEDING CENTRE OPEN DAY

GUIDE DOGS

Banbury Road, Bishops Tachbrook, Warwickshire CV33 9QJ
Saturday 11 October 2014, 11am – 4pm

- blindfold activities
- sensory tunnel experience
- puppy viewing from galleries
- meet breeding stock and breed stock holders
- dog demonstration
- children's activities
- Guide Dogs gift shop and pet products
- tombola and raffle
- hog roast & refreshments

** Please note no pet dogs are allowed on this site*

BLOCKLEY HERITAGE SOCIETY

13 'Heritage Rambles' around Blockley

The guide will be available from Blockley Shop & Café and may also be ordered from the Heritage Society via its website www.blockley-heritagesoc.co.uk/publications

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Oddington Village Hall
Tuesday, 9 September 7.30pm

STUNT DOG SHOW

Featuring dogs trained for film and television.
Meet canine stars – how did they start, what made them great?
Stories about their fellow two legged co-stars.

Entrance £2.50
Organised by Oddington W.I.

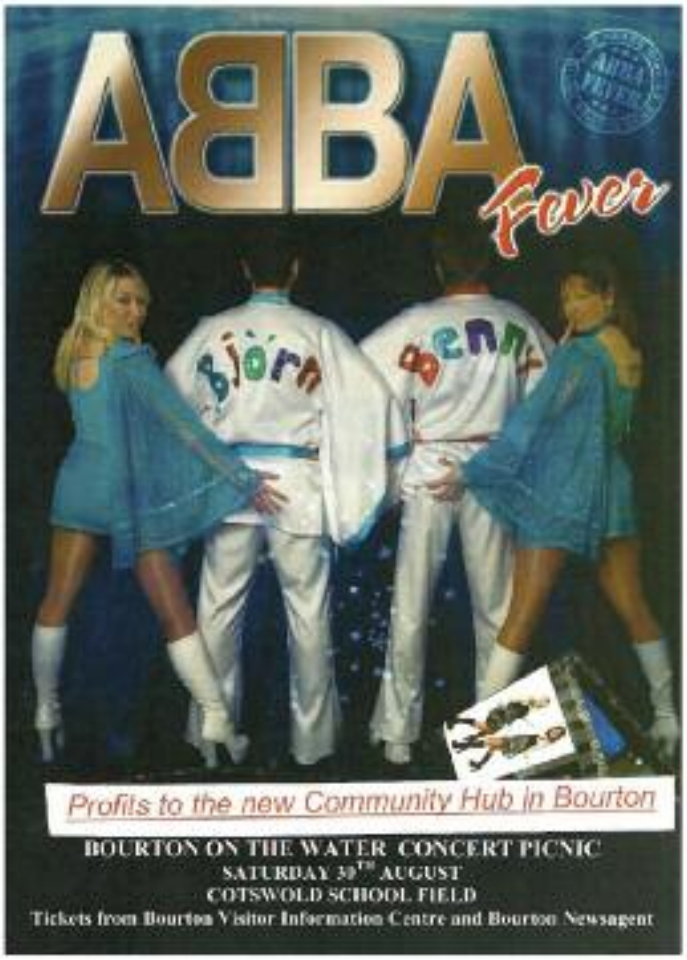
Todenham Autumn Fayre

Saturday 20 September
from 11 – 2p.m. in the Village Hall

Tea, coffee & cakes, plus soup with a roll.

Stalls include: Bric-Brac, Tombola, Books, Bottle Game, Raffle and others.

Everyone welcome – bring a friend and enjoy lunch together.



The Armscote Manor Lecture Series at Whichford Pottery

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Tuesday 14 October: **The New English Garden** – Tim Richardson, Trends & themes in naturalistic planting
Wednesday 15 October: **The Garden: A Natural History Paradise** – Paul Williams, Gardening cannot be separated from the natural world.
Thursday 16 October: **A Potter's Crusade** – Jim Keeling, The art of flowerpot making and the skills of gardening.

6pm for wine and a warm welcome in The Octagon at the Pottery, Whichford CV36 5PG. Talks start at 7pm.
Lectures £15 each. 01608 684416 / www.whichfordpottery.com

The legendary

FAIRPORT CONVENTION

St Edward's Church, Stow on the Wold

Wednesday, 29 October, 8pm

Tickets at £22 from Stow Information Centre at the Cotswold Cricket Museum, Brewery Yard, Sheep Street, Stow on the Wold GL54 1AA
Tel: 01451 830341 Email: stowonthewold@hotmail.com

Part of Music at Stow – 29 October to 1 November
www.musicatstow.com

Macmillan Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning on Friday 26 September
from 10.00 am until 12 noon
at Churchill & Sarsden Village Hall (B4450).

Refreshments, bric-a-brac, cake stall, raffle and much more!

All proceeds to Macmillan cancer support

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Special Sunday Lunch Party

on Sunday 12 October 2014

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Lunch commences 1.00 pm Doors open 12.30 pm

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at Chipping Norton School

Mass in Blue

by Will Todd
conductor Peter Hunt

Everyone welcome!
Cost for the day £20
(includes score hire and refreshments)
Full-time students free
Registration from 9.30am
Concert 7pm – Admission free

For further information about taking part in the Singday and to download a booking form please visit www.cncs.org.uk
or telephone 07836 518868

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Batsford is open every day 10am–5pm. Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre, Batsford, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire GL56 9AB.

01386 701441
arboretum@batsfordfoundation.co.uk
www.batsarb.co.uk

Moth Night at Batsford.

Thursday 4th September. 8.30pm onwards

Join moth expert Bob Cox and the BBC Endeavour moth group to discover more about our native moths, with demonstrations of trapping techniques followed by inspections and recordings of the moths we've found. The event will go on until well past midnight but please feel free to leave whenever you wish. Tickets £5 for adults/ £3 for children. Please book by calling 01386 701441.

The Big Batsford Bat Walk.

Wednesday 10th September. 8 – 10pm.

Discover everything you ever wanted to know about these shy little creatures with our Glos Wildlife Trust expert. Tickets £10 for adults/£5 for children (50% will go to support Glos Wildlife Trust's work). Booking is essential as places are limited – please call Batsford Arboretum direct on 01386 701441.1.

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St Edward's Church
Stow-on-the-wold
Thursday 2nd October
7.30pm

Free Entry
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September 2014

5	Kimbers Men	**12**	The Rollin' Clones
6	The Secret Police	**19-28**	Around the World in 80 Days
9	Sam Sweeney's Fiddle		
10	Not About Heroes	**FILMS** at 7.30pm	
11	Morgan and West	**4&7**	Arthur and Mike

KATE'S HOME NURSING

Family Fun and 10k for Kate's
Sunday 21 September from 10.00 am

Starting and finishing at Bourton-on-the-Water Cricket Club
A fun day for the family organised by Kate's Home Nursing and The Cotswold Health & Fitness Club

Walk or run a 10k circular route via the Slaughters with a party afterwards at the cricket ground to include music, food, refreshments, a bar, tombola and games for everyone.

Entry fee £10 for adults, children under 16 free

Main contact Karen Phillips on 07841 356698 or
info@kateshomenursing.org

MUSIC at STOW

Wed 29th October – Sat 1st November

Fairport Convention	Go Goblins
Travels with My Violin	Tina May
The Klanglust Ensemble	Phil DeGreg

TICKETS - Stow Information Centre - Cotswold Cricket Museum, Brewery Yard, Sheep Street, Stow GL54 1AA
01451 830341 stowonthewold@hotmail.com
www.musicatstow.com

Great Rollright Yard Sale

Sunday 14 September, 10-2

Pick up route map at
Great Rollright Village Hall

Bacon rolls and refreshments,
and more table top stalls

All proceeds to Great Rollright Toddlers Group

Blockley Decorative and Fine Arts Society

a lecture

Sex, Scandal and Censorship in the visual arts

by Richard Box

at 2.45pm on 15 September 2014

in St George's Hall, Blockley

Please contact Elaine Parker (01386 840326) for booking guests (which is essential) and more details.

The Burford Singers Choral Workshop with Brian Kay

Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man

Saturday 20 September

The Main Hall, Burford School, Cheltenham Road, Burford, OX1 4PL
Registration and coffee from 9.30am
Workshop 10.30am–12.30pm, 1.30–2.45pm and 3.15–4.15pm
Performance 4.45pm

Tickets – participants: £20 + £2 score hire (please state voice part)
Audience £5
from Jan Campbell, 17 Shilton Road Burford OX1 4PA with SAE
01993 822412 email: campbell397@btinternet.com

We welcome both those who would like to join in to sing, and those who might like to be in the audience to hear the performance at the end of the day.

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with Jon Kendall and friends

Saturday 20th September

at

Bourton Baptist Church, Station Rd
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7.30pm start

(doors open at 7pm)

Tickets (donation on the door) from –
Bourton Tourist Information Office
Bourton Baptist Church office (824225)
Sally Lenihan (07970 991307)

Cotswold Conservative Association

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Featuring the Quiz Masters from Blockley

On SATURDAY 11th October

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THE ROTARY CLUB OF THE NORTH COTSWOLDS

"YOUTH AND MUSIC"

A CELEBRATION OF MUSIC PERFORMED BY TALENTED YOUNG MUSICIANS

Jamie Orme (cello)
Grace Clare (clarinet)
Laurence Padfield (tenor)
Brenna Tin (piano)
Patrick Hegarty (classical guitar)

St EDWARD'S CHURCH
STOW-ON-THE-WOLD

SATURDAY 4th October, 7.30PM

A CONCERT IN AID OF
ROTARY FOUNDATION
(ROTARY'S OWN CHARITY)
Registered charity no: 1053720

Sponsored by Kendall & Turner (solicitors), Pulhams (Coaches) Ltd, Taron Stow

Tickets £10.00 (students £5.00) available from
Christmas Corner, Bourton-on-the-Water
(tel 01451 822622)
Boreas Bookshop, Church St, Stow-on-the-Wold
(tel 01451 830268)
or Rotary Club Members

Escape to the Cotswolds

SEPTEMBER 2014

A Folk Concert with Johnny Coppin & Paul Burgess

'Eloquent, evocative and romantic' Birmingham Post

At The Old Prison, Northleach, GL54 3JH
Saturday, 13 September from 7:30pm Tickets £12

Licensed bar & hot pork baps available to purchase

Pre-bookable at www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk/johnnycoppin or call 01451 861563

Events in September

Illustrated talk on the History of Northleach over the past 100 years
Thursday, 11 September, 1:30 – 2:45pm in the Courtroom*

Spinners & Weavers Monthly Meeting
Friday, 12 September, 10:30am – 1pm in the Café*

History Tour of the Old Prison & Courtroom
Wednesday, 17 September, 1:30 – 2:45pm*

Northleach Circle of Crafters
Tuesday, 23 September, 10am – 12:30pm in the Café*

Illustrated talk on the "History of Farming in Gloucestershire"
Wednesday, 24 September, 1:30 – 2:45pm in the Courtroom*

Adult Spinning & Weaving Talk & Demonstrations
Saturday, 27 September, 2 – 4:30pm in the Courtroom. £6.50, including refreshments. Pre-bookable on-line: www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk/shop, or call 01451 862003.

* Cost £5 per person, including refreshments.

Rural Skills courses www.cotswoldsruralskills.org.uk

Dry Stone Walling – Improvers
8 & 9 September – Tetbury

Dry Stone Walling – Beginners
13 & 14 September 20 – Sherborne

LANTRA Level 1 (Initial) Dry-stone Walling Course
15 - 20 September – Northleach

Charcoal Making
18 September – Coberley

Dry Stone Walling – Beginners
27 & 28 September – Tetbury

Lime Mortar – Improvers
27 & 28 September – Ebworth Centre

Volunteers needed to help with the daily running of the 'Escape to the Cotswolds' Visitor Centre at the Old Prison, including meeting and greeting visitors.
Please contact Denise Dane by email:
denise.cane@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk, or call 01451 862037.

Local walks with the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens

By the Sherborne Brook & Windrush Water Meadows – Wednesday 3 September – Moderate
Through the National Trust village of Sherborne to the River Windrush & its water meadows then on to The Fox at Little Barrington for lunch (or bring a packed lunch). Return via Windrush and Sherborne villages. 6 hours: 9.5 miles. Start: 10:00 am Ewepen Barn National Trust Car Park. OS Map ref SP 158 143.

Wardens' Way & Windrush Way Circular Walk 4 – Thursday 18 September – Moderate
A series making the most of Ways linking Winchcombe and Bourton-on-the-Water. Following the Wardens' Way from Bourton through Lower and Upper Slaughter to Naunton, returning on the Windrush Way via medieval Lower Harford. Bring a packed lunch. 5.5 hours: 10 miles. Start: 10:00 am Bourton on the Water War Memorial. OS Map ref SP 167 207.

Yet More Manor Houses in the North Cotswolds – Saturday 20 September – Moderate
From Adlestrop through the Oddingtons to Maugersbury, then on to Bledington for lunch before returning through Daylesford. Pub lunch available in Bledington. 7 hours: 11 miles. Start: 10:00 am Adlestrop Village Hall Car park (Honesty box). OS Map ref SP 241 272.

Fabulous Ford Figure of Eight – Tuesday 30 September – Moderate
Two circuits centred on the Plough. Our choice of route on the day will make the most of some heavenly scenery and inevitably include the Upper Windrush Valley. Walkers may chose am, pm or both. Approximate afternoon start 1.30pm, from same car park. Pub lunch optional. 3 to 6 hours: 4 to 9 miles. Start: 10:00 am Ford, The Plough Inn (car park opposite). OS Map ref SP 088 294.

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.

DOWNLOADABLE WALKS INCLUDE:
Miles without Styles; Car-free Walks; Walkers are Welcome and Walks on Wheels www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk/ walking

Private Group Bookings

at the Old Prison, throughout the year

Prison Tours, Themed Talks & Demonstrations, Guided Walks

The Courtroom can be booked for private meetings, group activities and short courses.

Please email our Interpretation & Events Officer, Denise Dane at denise.dane@cotswoldsaonb.org.uk with your specific requirements.

Escape to the Cotswolds Centre
The Old Prison, Northleach GL54 3JH
01451 862000
Follow our latest news and talk to us!
twitter
www.escapetothecotswolds.org.uk/events

Rural Cinema - September 2014

The Playhouse, St George's Hall
BLOCKLEY
Thursday 25 September

LOVE PUNCH

2013 Season Tickets available - £25
Doors/Bar open at 7.00pm - 7.45pm Film
Advance tickets £3.50/ on the door £4
Advance tickets/queries 01386 700647/593386

The Old School
BOURTON ON THE HILL
Saturday 27 September

THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL

7.15pm. Hot dogs on sale from 6.30.
Wine with a donation
Tickets £3.50 on the door.
Tickets/queries 01386 701385/01385 701396

Victoria Hall
BOURTON ON THE WATER
Monday 15 September

ONE CHANCE

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

Village Hall
CHURCHILL AND SARSDEN
Saturday 13 September

SAVING MR BANKS

Film 7.30pm, Tickets £4.50
Advance tickets/queries 01608 659903
churchillmovies@btinternet.com

Screen on the Green, Village Hall
ILMINGTON
Friday 26 September

LONG WALK TO FREEDOM

Film 7.30pm Tickets £3.50 (students £2.50)
Advance tickets from Red Lion or Outreach
P.O. or on door if available
Refreshments. Queries 01608 682606

Village Hall
LITTLE WOLFORD
Thursday 18 September

THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL

Film 7.30pm Tickets £4.00 inc. refreshments
Advance tickets/queries
01608 684228 or 01608 674200

The Swan Inn, High Street
MORETON-IN-MARSH

It is with regret that the Moreton rural cinema has closed due to a lack of support

St. Andrew's Church
NAUNTON
Tuesday 2 September

THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL

Doors open 7.15 for refreshments, Film 7.45.
Tickets £5.00 at the door
01451 850897 or bob@markets-international.com

Village Hall
ODDINGTON
Tuesday 16 September

THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL

7 for 7.30pm. £3.00
Advance tickets/queries Ted 01451 830738

Films

The Grand Budapest Hotel (PG15) 100mins
The story involves the theft and recovery of a priceless Renaissance painting and the battle for an enormous family fortune – all against the back-drop of a suddenly and dramatically changing Continent.

Love Punch (PG) 95 mins
Ex-husband and wife, Richard and Kate, whose retirement nest egg is wiped out when Richard's investment firm is defrauded and the pension fund is siphoned away, track down the shady businessman behind the fraud to restore their future.

One Chance (PG13) 103mins
The true story of Paul Potts, a shy, bullied shop assistant by day and an amateur opera singer by night who became a phenomenon after being chosen for – and ultimately winning – "Britain's Got Talent".

REGULAR EVENTS

First MON **Folk Night** Eldrigton Arms 9pm. www.theeldrigtonarms.co.uk
MON **Dance Fusion** Adult dance class, mixed styles. No experience necessary. Exercise in a fun way. No pre-booking necessary. Chipping Campden Town Hall 9.30-10.30. £4.50
MON **Scottish Country Dancing** St. Edwards Church Rooms, Stow 5.30-7pm Children and 7-9pm Adults 01451 831876
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 757057
MON **Yoga** Chipping Campden Town Hall. 2pm Starts again 21st Sept 01386 438537
MON **'Old Sweats NAAFI break'** at Royal British Legion, Bourton on the Water (10am - 12) for anyone to come along for a cup of tea and a chat.
MON **Burford Orchestra** Rehearsals 7.30-9.30pm at Witney Community Primary School OX28 1HL. burfordorchestra@gmail.com. 07984 492 916. New members welcome; no audition
MON **Powerfreestyle Kickboxing** at Guiting power Village hall. Juniors 7-7.50pm Adults 7.50-8.30pm. freestyle Kickboxing or adult Boxercise. Call Adam 07734285459
MON **Bridge Club @ Northleach** 7.30pm. Partners not necessary. Non members welcome, 01285 750288 Tim Morris
MON **Dance Fusion** Adult dance class, mixed styles. No experience necessary. All Welcome. Ch Campden Town Hall, 9.30-10.30 £4.50 (conc £2.50)
MON **Robert Cox Pilates 4U** relocation for Monday 7pm classes to Haybarn, Daylesford near Kingham, GL56 0YG
MON **Jun/July Samba drumming group** Bourton on the Water (Not bank holidays) 7.30 9pm British Legion Hall. Free first session. £5/£4 per drop in session thereafter or block discount. All welcome. No experience necessary. www.diasamba.co.uk
Last MON **Whist Drives** at Burmington Village Hall. 7.30pm. In aid of the village hall
TUES **Fit For Life** at Bodon Powell Hall, Bourton. Tai Chi 9.30-10.30am £4.50/session. Balance & strength 11-12noon £4.50/ session. Contact Denise Nethercott 07508974186 or email dnethercott@btinternet.com
TUES **Art Class** by Jill Jarvis at Oddington Village Hall 9.30 - 12:00. 01451 831862 /07908 512734 jilljarvis@hotmail.co.uk
TUES **Seated Tai Chi** 11.15am – 12 noon, Henry Cornish Care Centre, Rockhill Farm, Close off London Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5AU. £2 per session. Contact Sylvia Evans 01608 642364.
TUES **Pottery Class** Lower Swell Village Hall, 9.30-12.00 noon. £95 plus materials/ firing cost per 10 weeks. Beginners welcome. anne@totalnet.co.uk 01451 870724
TUES **Great Rollright Baby and Toddler Group** 10-11.30am in the village Hall. Ann White 01608 737437
First Tues **Stow on the Wold and Countryside Embroiderer's Guild** Afternoon meetings with speaker then tea & cake. Broadwell Village Hall. 01451 821291
First WED **Free Martial Arts Lessons** Separate adult & children's classes. Chipping Norton Leisure Centre. 07977 560086 www.martialartsvouchers.co.uk
WEDS **Fitness classes and Kettlercise** 5.15 - 6.30pm/6.30 - 7.45pm. Stow on the Wold Primary School. email: millyjopti@gmail
WEDS **Art Class** by Jill Jarvis at Oddington Village Hall. 2:30 - 5:00 01451 831862/ 07908 512734 jilljarvis@hotmail.co.uk
WEDS **Environmental projects** 10-1pm. Chipping Norton Green Gym is a friendly group with jobs for all abilities! 01608 643069, jennyhorrington@btinternet.com www.chippygreengym.org
WEDS **Weds Walk** Easy/moderate walks. Start at 10am. 01451 862000
WEDS **Awareness Through Movement classes** 7pm at Church Westcote Village Hall, OX7 6SF £10/£40 for 6 classes (not 3/7, 10/7) Karin 01993 832520 karin@movemimprove.info
WEDS **Dance 50+** Termly, 9.45am-10.45am. Keep fit and mobile. Led by qualified EXTEND tutor. Upstairs in The Theatre's Gallery. £60 for ten week term. 01608 642350 www.chippingnortontheatre.com
WEDS **Chipping Campden Bridge Club** 7.15 for 7.30pm Duplicate Bridge. Upper Town Hall. Non members welcome. Partners not necessary. 01608 664455
3rd 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
WED & FRI **Adult Garden Workshop** 1.30 - 4pm. P3, The Windrush, High Street, Moreton. Tel: 01608 653377 for more info.
First THURS **Free Martial Arts Lessons** Separate adult & children's classes Stow on the Wold Primary School. 07977 560086 www.martialartsvouchers.co.uk
First THURS **Free Self Defence / Jeet Kune Do Lessons** for Men and Women (Adults only) Stow on the Wold Primary School 07977 560086 www.selfdefencevouchers.co.uk
First THURS **Open Day at St Edwards Hall** in the Square at Stow. Guided tours around the Civil War Collection of oil paintings. 10-2.30pm. £2.50, children free.
THURS **Fitness League** Exercise and movement to music. 9-9.45am to 11-11.45am in the British Legion Hall, Bourton on the Water. Kathy Kirk 01993 882350
THURS **Belly Dancing** Informal & relaxed classes for ladies of all ages, shapes & sizes. Longborough V Hall, 7.30-9pm. Beginners 7-8.30pm. 01608 663480
THURS Ceramics Class (adults). Bladdey High Street, 4.30-7pm. 01386 700903. j.mahony01@btinternet.com
THURS **Quiz Night** at The Volunteer Inn, Ch.Campden 8.30pm 01386 840688
THURS **Chippy Art Club** Fortnightly in Glynn Hall, next to Leisure Centre. £5 per morning. 10.30-12.30 Friendly group. All abilities. 01608 730768
Thurs **Adult Arts & Crafts Workshop.** 09.30 - 12noon. Moreton Congregational Church Hall. Tel: 01608 653377 for more info
THURS **Notgrove Country Music.** Every other Thursday. 8pm to 11.30 pm. £5 entrance. Contact Ray on Linda on 07970894584 or 01242670681 for info.
FRI **Kettle's On coffee morning.** 10.30am to 12 noon. Henry Cornish Care Centre, Rockhill Farm, Close off London Road, Chipping Norton, OX7 5AU. Contact Sylvia Evans on 01608 642364
FRI **Belly Dancing** New beginners class. 11-12.30 The Church Room, Chipping Campden. Informal & relaxed classes for ladies of all ages, shapes & sizes. 01608 663480
FRI **Blockley Brass Band** 7.30-9.30pm St George's Hall. Rachel Galt 01386 841627
FRI **Dance Fusion** Adult dance class, mixed styles. No experience necessary. All Welcome. Ch Campden Town Hall, 9.30-10.30 £4.50 (conc £2.50)
FRI **Active & Able** classes for older people. Baptist Church Rooms, Stow 01285 623450
FRI **Art Class** by Jill Jarvis at Oddington Village Hall 9.30 - 12:00. 01451 831862 /07908 512734 jilljarvis@hotmail.co.uk
FRI **Line Dancing** Willersey Village Hall, near Broadway 01386 438537
FRI **Active & Able Classes** Posture & Stability – Tai Chi Chi Kong at Bourton, Moreton and Stow. 01285 623450
FRI **Moore Lunch Club** The Naight, Bourton on the Water. Secretary: Sheila Thorpe 01451 822846 sheila@bobbiefarm.co.uk
SAT **Drama sessions** for 5-7 year olds. 10-11am or 11.15-12.15. Sessions build confidence and creativity. £55 per term. Ch Norton Theatre, OX7 5NL 01608 642350
Last SAT (exc December) **Great Rollright Village Market** 9.30-12.30 in the village hall. www.greatrollrightvillagemarket.weebly.com

The New Rotary Club of Kingham & The Wychwoods

Global Warming … is it all hot air?

Paul Carlin, Physics Master at Kingham Hill School, will present his views and lead what is bound to be an interesting discussion on probably the most important challenge facing mankind. Is it all hot air? Is the world coming to terms with global warming?

The public are welcome (no entry charge) at 7pm Monday September 8th at the Wychwood Inn, Shipton Under Wychwood. Stay for dinner £13 for 2 courses. Please call Secretary Paul Jackson 01993 83 1967

Move to Wychwood

Following the closing of the conference room at The Mill House, Kingham, the club is now meeting the 2nd and 4th Monday evenings each month from 7pm at the Wychwood Inn, Shipton Under Wychwood. New members are very welcome, please see www.kinghamrotary.org.uk We are a very informal club of equal ladies and gents and we seek likeminded new members who wish to put something back but at the same time enjoy the company of others. Call Mike Clark 01451 830 684.

Service above Self!

This is the worldwide motto of the 1.4 million Rotarians in 34,000 clubs and we like to apply it locally. Please tell us or ask us where we can help the less fortunate. For example is there an old lady who needs a renovated garden or even her house decorated?

The Rotary Club of the North Cotswolds

Forthcoming events

Saturday 4 October at The Cotswold School 3.00 to 5.30pm.
Have a Feast and be an entrant in the second **Great Cotswold Charity Bake Off** – come, judge and sample the delicious entries. A Real Fun Event, open to all ages.
Bring your entries between 2.00 and 3.00pm and pay at the door – no advance registration.

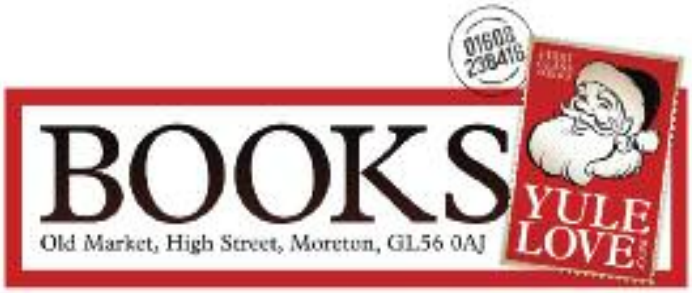
- Entry – Adults: for £10 you can enter up to two plates of your own and judge and sample other entries. Extra plates entered, £5 each. Children – for £5 up to two plates, extra plates £3 each. Bring along family and friends who may also judge and eat for just £5.
- Each plate entered must have eight portions of one recipe.
- A different recipe for each plate. Winners' Certificates and Prizes, plus tea and coffee – Questions to Phil Randall, 01608 663390

Youth and Music Concert at St Edward's Church, Stow

On the evening of Saturday 4 October at 7.30pm, come and enjoy a celebration of wonderful music performed by talented young musicians: Jamie Orme (cello), Grace Clare (clarinet), Laurence Padfield (tenor), Brenna Tin (piano) Patrick Hegarty (classical guitar).

This is a concert in aid of Rotary Foundation (Rotary's own charity which helps to fund many humanitarian projects around the world). Tickets £10, (students £5), available from Christmas Corner, Bourton-on-the-Water (01451 822622).

Details of our club can be found on www.NorthCotswoldsRotary.org.uk or on our Facebook page



Local Clubs, Societies, Associations and Charities

Clubs

Bourton Panto Group
www.bourtonpantogroup.com
Bridge Club at Broadwell Village Hall
Weds evenings at 5.45pm. Mary Wood, 01451 822813
Cotswold Investment Club
Meets 2nd Tues of each month. Judith Borsay, 01608 660787
Cotswold Wardens (conservation, guided walks)
01451 862000 www.cotswoldsaonb.org.uk
Dinner Hosts
Single 35–55 yr olds, social life through dinner parties.
www.DinnerHosts.net
Knit One, Sip One Knitting Group
Alternate Weds at 8pm Coach & Horses, Longborough
Contact Carlin on 07769646996 or fernill33@yahoo.co.uk
Life Saving Club (Fire College)
Co-ordinator Lynette Mantle 01386 852430
Northleach & Fosse Lions Club
2nd Tuesday/month (business meeting) at The Wheatsheaf Inn, Northleach, 8pm. northleachandfosselions.org.uk 0845 8339825
N Cotswold Arts Association
Sandi Garrett 01451 822550
N Cotswold Bee-Keepers Assoc
Julie Edwards 01608 658096 julie@ncbka.org.uk
N Cotswold Bridge Club
Meets Bourton on the Hill on Tues, Weds, Thurs
Alan Lamb 01608 650202 www.bridgewebs.com/northcotswolds
N Cotswold CAMRA
01451810905 chair@northcotswoldcamra.org.uk
N Cotswold Disabled Club
Joan M Oughton 01451 830680
N Cotswold Digital Camera Club
James Minter 01451 824175 www.ncdcc.co.uk
N Cotswold Friendship Centre (Within Age UK)
1st Weds monthly. Colin 01993 842820/01608 893968
colmar@oxon1939.fsnet.co.uk/anne@annelloydwinedoc.co.uk
North Cotswold Model Aero Club
Flying site at Far Heath Farm, Moreton in Marsh
Ken Rathbone, 01386 858649 sites.google.com/site/northcotswoldmac/home
N Cotswold National Trust Pat Poulton 01608 651372
N Cotswold Probus Club
2nd & 4th Thurs mornings. Fisher House, Maugersbury Park, Stow-on-the Wold. 10.15am. Martin Hornby 01608 654356.
N Cotswold Rotary Club
Dudley Mills 01451 820704 Bourton on the Water, Brian Horness 01451 830052 Stow, Barry Preston 01608 650526
N Cotswold U3A Contact Jenny Stanfield 01451 824336
Oddington WI
Meet on the 2nd Tue each month Oddington Village Hall
Sue John 01451 830989
Rotary Kingham/Daylesford
Meets fortnightly Weds evening, Sat morning.
www.kinghamrotary.org.uk
Royal British Legion
Branch Ron Bockhart rbockhart@btinternet.com, 01451 832360
Club at Well Lane, Stow. 01451 830242
Salford Players Drama & Music Group
Doreen Herrington 01608 642853
Scottish Country Dance Group Brenda Parsons 01451 831876
Single File Chipping Norton social group for unattached 50-70s. Fortnightly pub nights for new members. 077865 98518
enquiries@singlefilecn.org.uk
Stow Disability Association
George Hill 01608 684830 www.stowda.org.uk
Stow & District Civic Society
Meets 1st Friday evenings alternate months, St Edwards Hall, Stow.
Nigel Surman 01451 833783
Stow on the Wold and Countryside Embroiderer's Guild
01451 821291
Stow on the Wold Social Club
Well Lane. 01451 830242, incorporating Stow RBL Branch and Women's Section
Stow Probus
1st and 3rd Thursday mornings Tim Sedgley 01608 682398

Sports & Outdoor

Adlestrop Cricket Club Mr S/N Keen 01451 831450
Angling Club
Chairman Neil Hailey 07981 920708, mac-1963@hotmail.co.uk
Bourton Vale Cricket Club
Philip Winter 01451 821920 philip@inkshed.vispa.com
Bourton Badminton Club
Monday evenings 8.30–10pm. 07840 113477 bourtonbc@gmail.com
Bourton Hockey Club
Chairman Stuart Colmer 01451 821921/07800028732
Home fixtures at the Cotswold School, The Avenue, Bourton-on-the-Water, GL54 2BD
Bourton Roadrunners Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Bourton Leisure Centre, 7.00 and 7.30pm. Info on adult sessions Lynn Hudson 01242 820820. Juniors meet at Cotswold School, Tuesdays 7pm. Richard Burton 01451 824379/ Chris Harvey 01451 830015
Cotswold Walkers
Sarah Clifton-Gould 01285 623450 Every Thurs 2pm Moreton Area Centre. Wed 2pm Bourton Parish Church. Alan Robinson 01451 821067
Great Rissington Archers
Sat 10.30am at Gt Rissington Social Club (+ Weds 6.30pm in summer). Michael Ebelthite 01451 824161, Neil McIntosh 01451 870221

London Chinatown Taekwondo
Weds 6.30pm kids and families, 7.30pm teens and adults
Redesdale Hall, Moreton 0751 7437300
Moreton Badminton Club
Mike and Joyce Rees 01608 650835
Moreton Bowls Club
Stow: Mike Wainwright 01451 830 441 mikeswainwright@hotmail.com
North Cotswolds Aikido Club
Thursday nights 8-10pm Village Hall, Naunton, GL54 3AS. 07554 252021 www.northcotswoldsaikido.co.uk
North Cotswold Cycling Club
Club Secretary, Fiona Barratt, 01608 690217
N Cotswolds Youth Cricket Club
Shaun Williams 01608 662139 www.nycc.co.uk
Stow Badminton Club
Forbes Campbell 01451 832188, Dennis Fisher 01451 830068
Stow Cricket Club
Captain Ash Andrews 07891 636418
ashandrews@yahoo.co.uk, http://stowcw.play-cricket.com/home
Stow Rugby Club
Tim Bevan/Liz Fraser/Andrew Cartlidge www.stowrfc.co.uk
Tae Kwon Do Assoc of GB
Lee Chapman 07977 982068. Tues 5.30 Adults, Thurs 6.30 Juniors, 7.30 Seniors, 8.30 Adult Self Defence
info@combinedselfdefence.co.uk / www.combinedselfdefence.co.uk

Music

Bledington Music Festival
www.bledingtonmusicfestival.co.uk
Blockley Brass Band
Friday 7.30–9.30 pm St George's Hall. Sec Rachel Gall 01386 841677
Blockley Ladies Choir
Tues 7.30–9pm Little Village Hall. Ruth Wright 01451 831104
ruth.l.wright@btinternet.com
Burford Singers
www.burford-singers.org.uk
(Box Office The Madhatter Bookshop, High St Burford)
Campden Music Society
Carol Jackson – concert mgr cra.jackson@virgin.net
Cotswold West Gallery Group
Annette Smith 01451 830160
Cotswold Youth Choir
Every Saturday for children ages 3-6, and 7 upwards. Burford Methodist Church. Contact Amanda Hanley 07976 353996
Kingham Choral Society
Derek Woods 01608 658738
Naunton Music Society
Barbara Stainer 01451 850837 info@NauntonMusic.org.uk
Stow Youth Singers
(Ages 9+) Linda Green – 01451 830327
Fridays Term time, 6–7pm at St Edwards Church, Stow

Young People & Children

Bledington Toddler Group
Nicki 01608 658137 Mon 10–11.30am
Children's Art Club (ages 4–12)
After school, Saturdays and holidays. Gill Parkes 01386 700991
Condicote Playgroup & Toddlers
Leader Jo Abrahams 07796 987173
Guiting Power Brownies (age 7–10)
Tuesday Evenings 6.15–7.30pm. Leader Cheryl Millar 01451 851203
Guiting Power Pre-School Playgroup
01451 851742, Becky Roseblade, leader
playleaderguitingpowerplaygroup@outlook.com
Monkey Music (pre-school music classes)
Tues afternoons. 07768 457403 or Sian.lena@monkeymusic.co.uk
Moreton Scouts
Beavers Mondays 17.30–18.45 Age 6–8½
Cubs, Mondays 18.45–20.15 Age 8–10
Explorer Scouts, Wednesday (fortnightly) 20.00–22.00 Age 14–18
Scouts, Thursdays 19.30–21.30 Age 10½–14
Dave Manley, Moreton Scout Group Secretary 01608 650814
Springboard Children's Centre
St Edwards Drive, Stow on the Wold. 01451 831642
www.springboardcc.co.uk
Stow Youth Centre
Fossway, Stow. Youth Worker, Linda Burke, Stow Town Council, 01451 832565. Office hours T, W, Th, 10am–1pm

Business Associations & Groups

Cotswold Business Clubs
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Essential Skills in Moreton in Marsh, run by YES
Mondays & Tuesdays at the library. Sally 07968531774
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01608 812338 northcots@fairshares.org.uk
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Sue Tomlinson – local contact East Glos Mental Health
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deanusupportgrp@medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk
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MORETON IN MARSH (EVENING) W I

The next meeting will be on Thursday 11th September in the WI Hall at 7.30pm when the Speaker will be Lis Dobb Sandi with her talk "A Journey from Zimbabwe to the UK". New members and visitors welcome. Contact Jo on 01608 650821

BOURTON & DISTRICT

Monthly Open Meetings are held every 4th Wednesday of every month at the Royal British Legion Hall in Bourton on the Water from 10 – 12noon. Coffee/tea and biscuits are served at 10am. U3A is for anyone not in full time employment and visitors are always welcome. Open Meetings are £2 Please view our website: u3a.org.uk/bourton for more information.

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The first meeting of a proposed investors club is scheduled for 7pm for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 24th September at the Wychwood Inn. Meetings for discussion and dinner on the last Wednesday of each month to share investor experience of stocks and shares. Spaces still available. Membership will be restricted to a maximum of 20. Call Paul Jackson 01993 831967 for further information.

MORETON IN MARSH W I

At the next meeting on Thursday 4th September, David Cramp will talk about Birds of Gloucestershire. Please join us. Looking forward to seeing you in September, and please call Trish on 01608 651367 or Shirley 01608 650373 for any queries you may have.

NAUNTON W I

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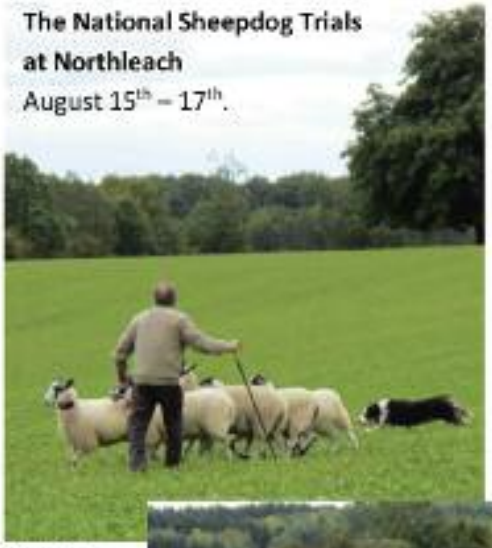

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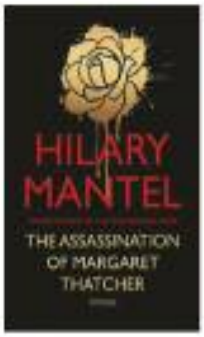
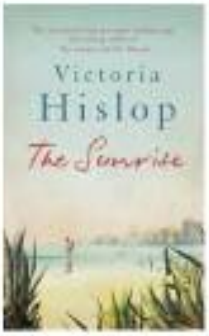
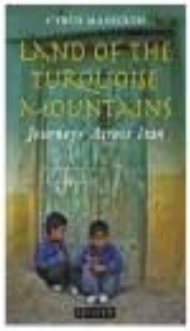




Let's start with fiction and a collection of ten, apparently subversive, short stories from award-winning **Hilary** *Wolf Hall* **Mantel** with the controversial title, **The Assassination of Margaret Thatcher**. But there are plenty of other fine authors with new books, including **David Nicholls, Ken Follett, Ian McEwan, David Mitchell, Wilbur Smith, Ali Smith, Kate Mosse** and **Esther Freud**, to name but a few. **Victoria Hislop**, famous for **The Island** and **The Return**, sets her latest **The Sunrise** in Famagusta after the Turkish invasion of Cyprus. **Conn Iggulden** has the second in his *War of the Roses* trilogy, **Trinity**, whilst **Alexander McCall Smith** has the 15th adventure for Mma Ramotswe in **The Handsome Man's De Luxe Café**. **Andrew Marr** dips his toes into the novelist's world with a political satire, **Head of State**. **Linwood Barclay, Ann Cleeves** and **Felix Francis** have new thrillers. And these are just for starters!



The ubiquitous **Clare Balding** leads our non-fiction choices with a paean to the glories of Britain and walking in **Walking Home: My Family and Other Rambles**. Turning back the clock, **Ranulph Fiennes** recounts the role his ancestors played in **Agincourt: My Family, the Battle and the Fight for France**. If you can't get enough of the Tudors, fear not, there are plenty of new books on the monarchs and their servants to keep you happy. **Peter Ackroyd** continues his *History of England* with **Civil War**, covering the period from the death of Queen Elizabeth to the flight into exile of King James II, while **Charles** (Lord) **Spencer** concentrates on **Killers of the King: The Men who Dared to Execute Charles I**. There are new cookery books from **Mary Berry, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall, Yotam Ottolenghi** and **Lorraine Pascale**. **Michael Palin** is **Travelling to Work**, diaries that cover the years when he was making travel documentaries for the BBC, while **Cyrus Massoudi** explores his Iranian roots and describes the real contemporary Iran in **Land of the Turquoise Mountains**.

For younger readers, we like the sound of **Archie Greene and the Magician's Secret** by **D D Everest**, a magical fantasy for 9+. There's the final book in the *Skulduggery Pleasant* series, **The Dying of the Light** by **Derek Landy**. If you're a bit younger, how about **Jet the Rescue Dog...and other Extraordinary Stories of Animals in Wartime** by **David Long**? For teenagers, there's the first in a new series from **Michael Grant**, author of *Gone*, called **Messenger of Fear**, which is both chilling and thrilling!

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Yes, we remembered Adlestrop

'The Adlestrop Centenary Special' train was kindly laid on by First Great Western in conjunction with the Cotswold Line Promotion Group to commemorate the Centenary of the journey made by Edward Thomas on 24 June 1914, which inspired him to write his now famous 'Adlestrop' poem.

Yes, I remember Adlestrop –
The name, because one afternoon
Of heat the express-train drew up there
Unwontedly. It was late June.

The steam hissed. Someone cleared his throat.
No one left and no one came
On the bare platform. What I saw
Was Adlestrop – only the name.

And willows, willow-herb and grass,
And meadowsweet, and haycocks dry,
No whit less still and lonely fair
Than the high cloudlets in the sky.

And for that minute a blackbird sang
Close by, and round him, mistier,
Farther and farther, all the birds
Of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire.

Old picture of steam train at Adlestrop Station

The 3 car diesel unit left Oxford Station at 11.28am on 24 June 2014 and headed for Moreton-in-Marsh Station via the site of the old Adlestrop Station. After a brief stop at Moreton the train returned non-stop to Oxford, arriving back there at about 1pm.

Alan Price looking out of the train at the 'Adlestrop' sign and choir

John Ellis at Moreton-in-Marsh talking to Ralph and Alan Price

Alan Price describes his day:

For brother Ralph and myself, our journey started at Moreton-in-Marsh Station, where we caught the early service train to Oxford Station, so that Ralph could do a bit of train spotting (he must get out more!) whilst I acted as photographer.

Karen Temple, James and Margaret Wolliams, Gordon Harris and his wife Susie (among others) came up on a later service train and everyone met at Oxford Station. 152 excited passengers, who came from far and wide, left the station and Ralph, myself, Karen, James and Margaret sat together for the pleasant journey back to Moreton-in-Marsh, via the site of the old Adlestrop Station.

Many happy memories of Adlestrop were shared along the way; James told us that he lived for much of his childhood in Adlestrop with his grandparents and he thought it highly likely that his Great Uncle Will Woolliams had built the 'haycocks' mentioned in the Adlestrop poem, as he farmed the fields around Adlestrop Station in 1914. Ralph and I recalled how, in our youth, we helped our father Cyril Price with the station duties – he was the last Porter at Adlestrop Station before it closed in 1966 – being a casualty of the Beeching cuts. We told how our mother Dorothy had lived in Adlestrop all her life and that she had kept the Sub Post Office there for 47 years.

The journey back towards Adlestrop was wonderful and the sun never stopped shining, which made this an even more special day. We travelled through some beautiful countryside and much of the time was spent trying to name the hamlets and villages that we passed en route.

As we approached the site of the old Adlestrop Station, John Ellis, Chairman of the Cotswold Line Promotion Group, provided the interesting commentary. The train slowed down and we were surprised to see the group of people waving from the bridge. Even Network Rail was represented by Alan Lane and his work mates, who waved from the side of the line nearby.

Passengers applauded after hearing young Victoria Edwards from Adlestrop village reading her own short poem about Edward Thomas over the train's public address system. Sadly, there was nothing left to see of the original station as we slowly passed through the old station area (see Ralph's 'Letter to the Editor')

Lord Faulkner of Worcester began reading the famous Adlestrop poem and we saw willow-herb and meadowsweet in the hedgerow, as Edward Thomas had seen from his train 100 years before us. The song of many different species of wild birds can still be heard in the area, especially blackbirds singing their wonderful fluty tunes.

The new 'Adlestrop' station sign then came into view – this had been specially commissioned for the occasion by Ralph and Gordon and everyone admired the work of local carpenter Nigel Howard. We would like to thank Howard Woolliams for allowing the sign to be erected in his field. (This had been carried across the field and installed the day before by myself, Ralph, his son Gareth and Gordon and the task proved rather difficult at times due to the rough terrain!)

The train then stopped, within an hour of the actual time that Edward Thomas had stopped at the station 100 years before us. Passengers were then able to view the sign and take advantage of a photo opportunity – even the horses in the field seemed to pose for the camera! A choir was present in the

Above: Network Rail workers waving by Adlestrop railway bridge
Right: 'Return to Adlestrop' event at the Village Hall
Below right: The choir seen from the train

field, along with other onlookers and they sang the Adlestrop poem, which had been adapted to music especially for the occasion.

After approximately 15 minutes the train set off for Moreton-In-Marsh Station, where we were greeted by John Ellis. He said that everyone had worked together to make the event such a success and that many people had told him what a wonderful experience it had been. Archie Dryburgh, who works at Moreton Station, was also there to greet us and he said how wonderful it was to see so many people attending this special occasion.

Some passengers then went on to Adlestrop village via a specially laid on coach or by car, whilst others travelled back to Oxford on The Centenary Special. On our arrival back at Adlestrop, I was surprised at the number of people there. Ralph's poor wife Angie, who runs the village Post Office and Shop, had been rushed off her feet, not only selling local honey and cards (mainly of Adlestrop Station) but also serving cakes and pots of tea and coffee!

The village was much photographed that day, in particular the bus shelter which houses the original GWR Adlestrop station sign and chocolate and cream coloured bench, bearing a plaque with the Adlestrop poem engraved on it. People could even be seen having their photo taken at the bus shelter whilst reading the poem!

A steady stream of visitors made its way through the village to view Adlestrop House, which was previously The Rectory. It was here that novelist Jane Austen had stayed with her relation Thomas Leigh, who was Rector at the time. Many people also visited the nearby church where Jane would have worshipped whilst staying at The Rectory.

The Friends of the Dymock Poets hosted their 'Return to Adlestrop' celebrations at the Village Hall and around the village, with a whole programme of events being held throughout the day, including presentations and readings. Their own 'Adlestrop' station sign and bench were temporarily installed in the grounds of the Village Hall where people could sit and some had their photograph taken there.

Everyone seemed to be enjoying the celebrations, both on the train and throughout Adlestrop village. I thoroughly enjoyed myself and hope that we all did Edward Thomas proud!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the organisation of 'The Adlestrop Centenary Special', in particular John Ellis and Brian Clayton of the Cotswold Line Promotion Group and First Great Western for providing the train and fitting us into their busy schedule.

Mr. Ellis has since said that a small profit was made from the sale of the train tickets, which is being split three ways, between Adlestrop village, First Great Western and the Cotswold Line Promotion Group. First Great Western and the Cotswold Line Promotion Group's funds are being donated to the Oliver Lovell Memorial Fund – Mr. Lovell was the Founder Chairman of the Cotswold Line Promotion Group when it was formed in 1978 when the line was under threat of closure and he sadly died of a heart attack on 2 June of last year, on the platform at Moreton Station.

A video taken on The Adlestrop Centenary Special by John Mann, son of the late Ralph Mann who was a past vicar of Adlestrop, is available to view on YouTube.

Alan Price

(I would like to thank Karen Temple for her assistance in writing this article)

Edward Thomas had been travelling by train to Ledbury when his train stopped at Adlestrop Station and he went on from there to stay near Dymock with his friend, the American poet Robert Frost. Although Edward was already an accomplished writer, it was Robert who encouraged him to write poetry, thereby unlocking his true talent. Edward and Robert, along with four others became known as The Dymock Poets, a literary group of the early 20th Century, who gathered around the village of Dymock in Gloucestershire, near to the Herefordshire border. Here they were walking, talking, reading and writing, whilst taking inspiration from the countryside.

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Entomologist Steven Falk said, "There is some unnecessary and ill-informed ragwort pulling in the countryside. It can result in serious damage to key wildlife sites reducing the capacity of the landscape to support healthy populations of pollinators such as bees, hoverflies and butterflies. I'd urge people to read the facts before pulling ragwort, because pollinators are having a rough time and need our help."

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MORETON-IN-MARSH BOWLS CLUB

MORETON LADIES TRIUMPH IN COUNTY FINALS

Report and photographs from Mike Wainwright

Following almost six weeks of intense competition **Friday 18th July** became a memorable date in the history of Moreton-in-Marsh Bowls Club when **3 County titles** were won by lady members in the Finals held at Barnwood Bowls Club (with the exception of the singles final).

In the morning's **4-wood singles final** played at Pineholt B.C **Rita Gerry** beat Joyce Ferson, from Barnwood B.C.

At the same time, a few miles away, **Jenny Stanfield and Tilly Pearson** were on their way to victory over Gloucester Spa in the final of the **Ladies' Pairs** competition.

Above: Rita Gerry

Right: (L-R)
Tilly Pearson and Jenny Stanfield

In the afternoon the **Fours** team comprising **Rita Gerry, Jane Clarke, Jenny Stanfield and Tilly Pearson** beat the defending champions, Kingswood and Hanham, to claim the County title.

Jane Clarke, Tilly Pearson Rita Gerry Jenny Stanfield Peggy Lutter.
(Peggy Lutter played in the early rounds of the competition)

The ladies, now **County Champions**, competed in the **National Finals** at **Leamington Spa**. As expected the Fours found the opposition to be extremely competitive opposition, losing to Reading 25:20. In the 4 wood singles Rita struggled to match the accuracy of her opponent from Norfolk, losing 21 shots to 13. Better news of the Ladies` Pairs, however, as **Jenny and Tilly** played well to overcome a strong challenge from Surrey, securing a place in the next round of the competition.

In achieving such success the name of Moreton-in-Marsh has been well and truly put on the map of Gloucestershire County Ladies Bowls Clubs, and will hopefully encourage other club members to strive to follow in their footsteps.

Bourton & Sherbourne Hockey Club

by Alice Powell

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Team Cam Take The Trophy

On Friday 8th August, two teams, made up of our Ladies 1sts and Men's 2nds, took to the Bourton astro for a pre-season friendly. Team Coombes took the lead after 10 minutes through Tracy Dixon, with Team Cam grabbing the equaliser two minutes later. Team Cam doubled their lead not long after, with a great goal by Cameron Lane. Just before the end of the half, a ball stopped on the line by a Team Cam foot, led to a penalty flick to Team Coombes, which was converted by Alice Powell. With the scores at 2 all at half time, the second half was set up nicely. Just after the restart, Team Cam took the lead once again before Team Coombes slotted home a neat ball to equalise. With only 5 minutes left Team Cam grabbed the winner making it 4-3.

Niki Coombes handing the 'Trophy' to an inflated Cameron Lane

The BASHC Street Kids are Back !

Yes, after a long summer break, Bourton and Sherborne Hockey Club Juniors resume their training. Stating on Wednesday September 10th, the U11s (starting from 6yrs old) play between 6pm -7pm. They then give way to the U15s who train from 7 to 8pm. Both sessions are at the Cotswold School Astro Turf Pitch. Lots of work has been done behind the scenes over the summer and this season is promising to be bigger and better than ever before. With a few new faces on the coaching staff, Sunday morning U11s tournaments, Saturday Badger games for the Boys U15s and Sunday Vixens games for the U15s Girls there is plenty of hockey for everyone. Interest has been high after a summer of hockey successes. The promotion of our Men's 1st Team, the Gloucester sides doing well, Cheltenham Ladies promoted to the National League and International success have all led to more people of all ages asking how they can get involved. So if you are interested in playing a fast, skilful and most importantly fun, enjoyable and social sport give Hockey a go! We cater for everyone from 6 years old to the over 60s and if you feel you're playing days are over but have a love for the game, you can still get involved. We are always looking for volunteers whether it's to coach, umpire or help the club run smoothly. Contact Stuart on 07900 028732 or email stuart.colmer@btinternet.com

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Report 01.07.14 for Stow Times. Ashley Andrews, captain of the SCC team writes of the team's successful season so far in Division 1 of the Cotswold District Cricket Association, where Stow are top.

STOW ON THE WOLD CRICKET CLUB from Bill Cheston

- With excellent weather throughout July, until the fateful match abandoned against NATS, we have made progress on all fronts.
- It is too late in the season to raise more than emergency funds but we are planning to widen our fan base early next year to cover the costs of essential work on the neglected square and a tidying up of the pavilion.

NB. There is only one more game at Stow this season against Oakridge on 6th SEPTEMBER. We look forward to seeing more locals enjoying some excellent cricket on such a beautiful field.

Saturday 12th July vs Williamstrip – WON

Stow welcomed Williamstrip this week and were asked to bat. Williamstrip's opening bowler took no time at all to get into his stride taking 2 quick wickets to leave Stow struggling early on. But a solid partnership between **Ashley Andrews and David Nieman** steadied Stow's innings. Dave was first to fall for a solid 23. **Max Fisher** came to the crease and helped lift Stow's run rate. Ash and Max picked up the scoring with both batsman hitting fifties. Ash fell for 63 shortly followed by Max on 54 and a late cameo from **Ben Close,** 13, pushed Stow's score up to a very competitive 196 off 40 overs.

With a quick reply needed Williamstrip's opening batsman got off to a good start. Both players scored quickly and helped their team to 60 without loss. A change of bowlers helped Stow with Jimmy Larner and Dan Smith starting to take wickets, slowing Williamstrip down. With both bowlers in a good rhythm they were too good for Williamstrip - Jimmy ended up taking 3 for 47 and Dan 5 for 11 in an excellent spell, bowling Williamstrip out for 154 and keep Stow top of the league unbeaten.

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Saturday 26th July vs Chedworth – Lost

Top of the table Stow faced second place Chedworth at Stow in a crucial encounter between the two teams. Chedworth won the toss and chose to bowl. They got an early breakthrough in the second over but **Ashley Andrews and Max Fisher** batted steadily to get Stow into a good position on 86-1 to post a good score. But things swung in Chedworth's favour quickly when Ash was dismissed for 35, very quickly followed by Max for 45. Chedworth's bowlers then took hold of the game and ripped through Stow's middle and lower order and ended up skittling Stow out for a very poor 101.

With not much of a total to defund Stow had to take wickets quickly but Chedworth's openers were steady in their chase. Stow managed 2 wickets before Chedworth knocked off the runs to take victory and leapfrog Stow to the top of the table.

Saturday 9th August vs NATS – Abandoned

NATS were the visitors this week - they won the toss and elected to bat. Stow knew that early wickets would be crucial and although NATS started off cautiously **Jimmy Larner** did the damage dismissing both openers in a great spell of bowling. The change of bowling worked once again and it was **Dan Smith** who destroyed NATS middle order taking 5 wickets for 20 runs. **David Nieman** kept things tight at the other end to help Stow bowl NATS out for a below average score of 109.

Stow's openers got their reply off to a great start and took advantage of some loose bowling. Then with rain looming and 20 overs needing to be bowled to get a result, Stow pushed on (to get above the run rate and ensure a win if the game got to 20 overs). Stow were comfortably above the run rate when the rain started but, with only 2 balls to bowl to get a result, NATS players refused to continue. This was a very controversial and unsporting end to the game resulting in an abandonment.

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From Sean Clarke

New Season Sees A New Captain & A New Coach

New Captain DaveLane (holding ball) with Vice Captain, Craig Chapman

Dave Lane was elected as the new club Captain at the AGM in the off season. Laney plays scrum half and his ability to be here, there and everywhere will put him in good stead in his new role. He is joined by back row Craig Chapman as his Vice Captain and the two are relishing the challenge of carrying on the good work of their predecessors, Tim Peachey and James Homes. First Team Coach Andy Cartlidge, who guided the team through their unbeaten promotion season, is also taking a step back. Nick Runciman is taking over as Head Coach and brings a wealth of skills to the club with 10 years Premiership experience playing for Gloucester, Worcester & London Welsh. Nick is *'extremely optimistic about the on field progression and with the leadership of Dave Lane & Craig Chapman in the 1st team and Ed Wood & Elliot Bins in the 2nd team the club should be well up to the challenges of Southern Counties North'*. The first home match of the season is on the 13th September against Beaconsfield and, as usual all are welcome to come along.

Spotlight On

Casey Packer

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Team **U6s**

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Say 'Hello' at Moreton Show

Make sure you give your Car Parkers a big smile and wish us luck for the coming season, if you are going to the Moreton Show on the 6th September. They will all be coaches and volunteers from Stow Rugby Club and although its a long day, a smile and a friendly word makes it pass quicker. Please also lookout for the U8s who will be putting on a display of tag rugby in the attractions ring. For many of them, this will be the biggest crowd they have ever played in front of so please give them a big cheer to encourage them to play well.

U7s All Set To Start

If your child is 6 and wants to learn how to play rugby, the new U7s will be pleased to welcome them. The Head Coach, David Hanson, is supported by Nick Clarke, Dinos Andreou, Barry Mustoe and Dale Packer. The U7s play tag rugby and apart from learning ball handling, attack and defence skills, the order of the day is fun, fun and more fun ! Matches are also played but they are only 4 aside to ensure every player gets plenty of time on the ball. You can come and meet the coaches at the Family Fun Day or come along the following Sunday (14th) when training starts proper. If you have any questions, the contact info is on the website, above, under teams.

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SENIORS CUP and VETERANS SALVER

TUESDAY JULY 22nd.

Played in the middle of a long period of fine weather this Strokeplay competition off white tees attracted a strong field. The Seniors Cup (for players under 70) was won by **M.McDermott** with 71 net, second after countback was **S.Cadogan** also with 71 net and third was **M.Liberty** with 72 net. The Vets Salver (for players aged 70 and older) was won by I.Parry again with 71 net, second was **V.Coles** and again 71 net after countback and third was **G.Taylor** with 72.net.

Report from Alan Pinder.

Stow Badminton Club

NEW SEASON STARTS 2nd SEPTEMBER

Our small friendly club meets at 7.30 on Tuesday evenings in St Edward's Hall and will welcome new members, of any level.

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Bourton Roadrunners Juniors

Bourton Juniors shine in perfect conditions

On the 19th July 2013 the Annual 1 Mile Race took part in Bourton. This also incorporated the Gloucestershire Championships.

Bourton Juniors were out in force despite a number missing due to the start of the summer holidays.

Held in perfect conditions the main race got underway at 6pm, followed by the fun run a few minutes after. This has now become a very popular race with approx. 175 athletes taking part. The Juniors love running in this race as they all run with the adults – this very rarely happens (and they beat most of them as well).

There were some outstanding performances.

Niamh Powell took a chunk off her time last year, finishing in 5mins 33seconds and taking the County Under 13 title once again. She also finished 3rd Lady in the whole race, just behind some international runners. She was closely followed by her sister **Bethan Powell** in 6mins 10 secs, a very determined performance with yet another PB. In her first race for the club **Koumi Ikeda** showed what tremendous potential she has by finishing in 6mins 11secs.Next in was **Rosie Davidson** in 6mins 26secs, a great result (plenty more to come here). **Helena West** gave her all as ever in 6mins 35secs, closely followed by **Isobel Barnett** in 6mins 38 secs. Some great runs by **Annabella Williams** in 7mins 15secs, **Darcy Thompson** in 7mins 31 secs, **Anna Tallis** in 7mins 39secs, **Ella Lane-Gregory** in 7mins 42secs, **Isobel Hartley** in 7mins 51 secs, **Lilly Anna Walmsley** in 7mins 51 secs and **Alice Brown** in 8mins 15secs.

In the Boys race it was good to see **Tom Pinkham** racing for the club on his return from school. He ran very strongly to finish in 5mins 29 secs and well up the main field. He was pushed very hard by the very gifted **Dylan Williams** in 5mins 31 at only 10 years of age! What a run by **Jake Astor,** pushing Dylan all the way in 5mins 59secs! **Max Pinkham** is returning to form in 6mins 18secs, he was closely followed by **Louis Mutsaars** in 6mins 26secs - he has trained hard all summer and it is showing. **Findlay Morris** had a fine run in 6mins 32secs as did **Charlie Davidson** in 6mins 43secs, **Chris Hunt** in 6mins 51secs and **Finlay Davies** in the same time, both good solid runs. Tough man of the day was **Toby Sellek** who fell at the start and collected a number of nasty grazes and cuts, but he picked himself up and ran on, dripping in blood all the way, and finishing well up in 6mins 59secs. Just behind was the ever improving **Jacob Herbert** in 7mins 2secs, followed by some fine runs by **Will Tallis** in 7mins 8secs, **Arthur Hanson** in 8mins 41secs, and **Albert Walmsley** in 10mins 7secs, another one to watch in the future.

This was also a Gloucestershire County race.

Tom Pinkham won the Silver medal in the Under 15 boy's race.
In the Under 11 Boys race **Dylan Williams** won the Gold medal and **Jake Astor** took the Bronze medal.
Rosie Davidson won the Gold medal in the Under 15 Girl's race.
Niamh Powell won the Gold medal in the Under 13 Girl's race and **Isobel Hartley** the Bronze medal.
In the Under 11 Girls race we had the clean sweep with **Bethan Powell** winning the Gold, **Helena West** the Silver and **Isobel Barnett** the Bronze.

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