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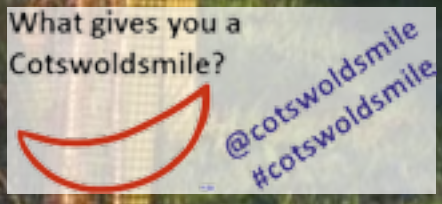

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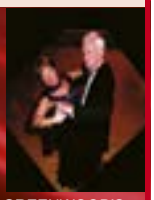

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I think we had been putting it off for a few weeks, not wishing to finally, rather wistfully, say 'goodbye' to the summer. However, there is something very comforting about pulling on a soft warm sweater and tucking toes into proper shoes! There are other signs of the changing season too – as the evenings have been drawing in really fast, more requests about our Christmas magazines are coming in every day. (How many shopping days?)

On a different level, there are changes coming through in the way our local services will be running, with more local input being required to identify local need and setting out how services should be delivered, on a local budget. There are items in the magazine about local policing – what do we want from the police and how do we want that service to be delivered; local planning, taking in both the ever-evasive 'affordable housing' and aging communities; local post offices are already being sited in local shops, and local transport is planning local services with 'hubs' to interchange with national services. Most of the above will not be delivered in 2015 but some of these issues are already up for consultation. So it's important that our local councils become experts at inviting in the public to assist with knowledge, expertise, ability and willingness to act. This should not be a time for councillors to be meeting behind closed doors, making decisions without consulting the community. Let your Councillors know if you would like to know about how things are changing, and are prepared to contribute to achieving change in our community; don't wait to be asked, go to meetings, listen and ask questions – and be prepared to contribute some answers.

Meanwhile, the next 'big' date is half-term, with pumpkins and fireworks, multi-coloured leaves collecting in corners and shop windows filling up with Christmas-sy things. (How many shopping days?)

As always, we hope you will enjoy the magazine – and we would love to hear from you, if you are in the mood!

Best wishes,

Jenni Turner

Editor

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Hawks & falcons at home in Batsford

This seven weeks old peregrine hawk was bred here

Cotswold Falconry Centre near Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire, are celebrating their most successful year of breeding since starting up 27 years ago.

Run by husband and wife Geoff and Naomi Dalton and their son Mark, Cotswold Falconry, set within the grounds of Batsford Arboretum and Garden Centre, is home to around 150 birds of prey, with over 60 different species.

Since starting up in 1988, the falconry have successfully bred over 40 different species, from small African Pygmy Falcons (which grow to only 19-20cms long), to bigger birds of prey including eagles and vultures. This year's new chicks have included an African Goshawk, Western Red-Footed and Peregrine Falcons, a Hooded Vulture and, most recently, a Spectacled Owl – the 42nd bird to be bred at the centre. Cotswold Falconry are possibly the only bird of prey collection to have successfully bred Swainson's Hawks in Europe, natives of the North American prairies travelling to Argentina in the winter months. One of the three Peregrine Falcons reared at the Centre this year has now joined the display team and can be seen in action in daily flying displays (11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.00pm and 4.30pm – when light allows).

Top: A 3 week old Spectacled Owl.
Above: a young Hooded Vulture.

Cotswold Falconry works closely with other falconries worldwide and have recently taken on a young, unrelated male Bateleur Eagle from Germany. He is to be paired with one of the eleven Bateleur Eagles successfully reared at the Centre.

Above: A Bateleur Eagle

Cotswold Falconry promotes a greater understanding of birds of prey through education and fun, inviting the public to learn how to identify the birds and watch regular flying displays.

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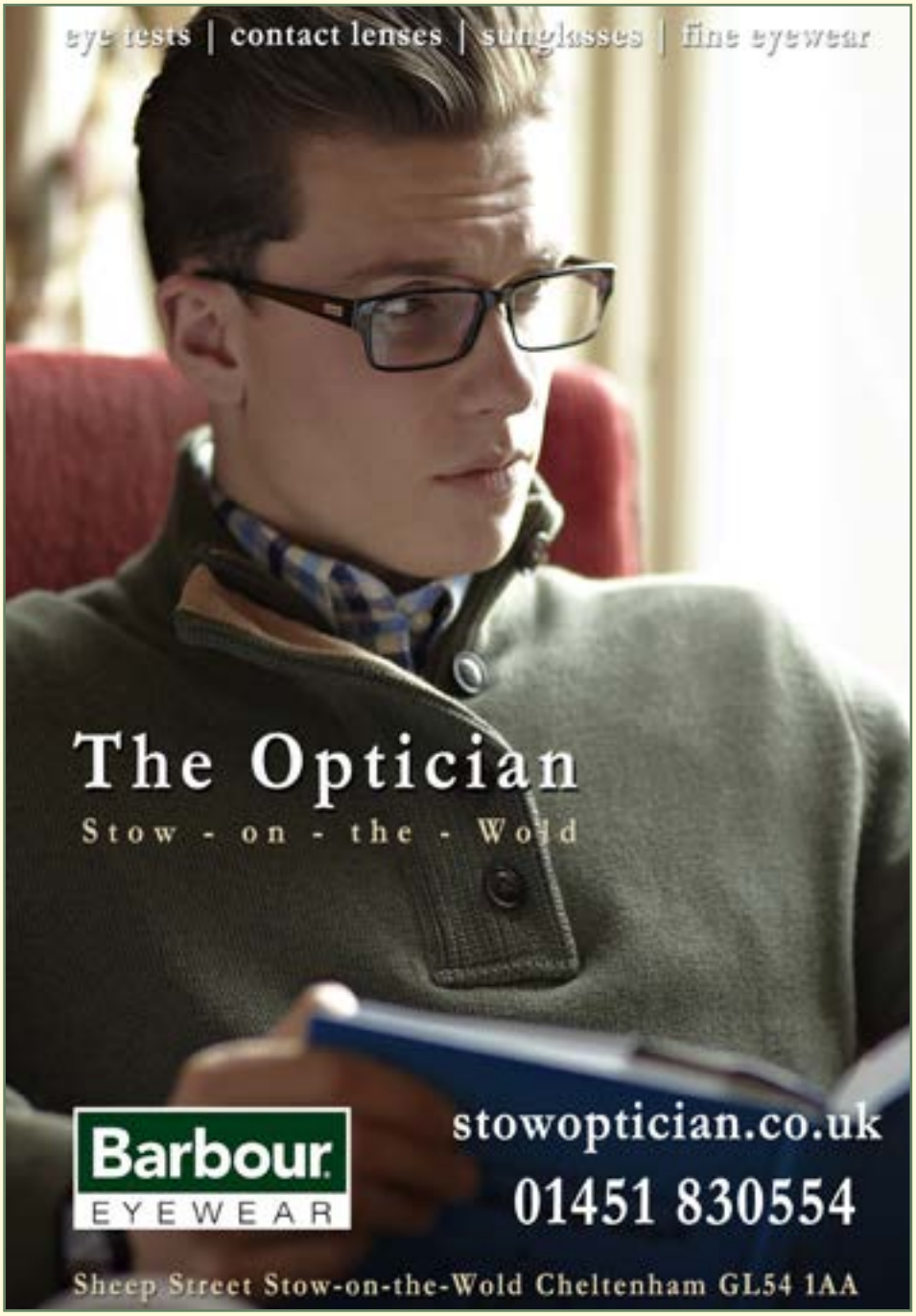

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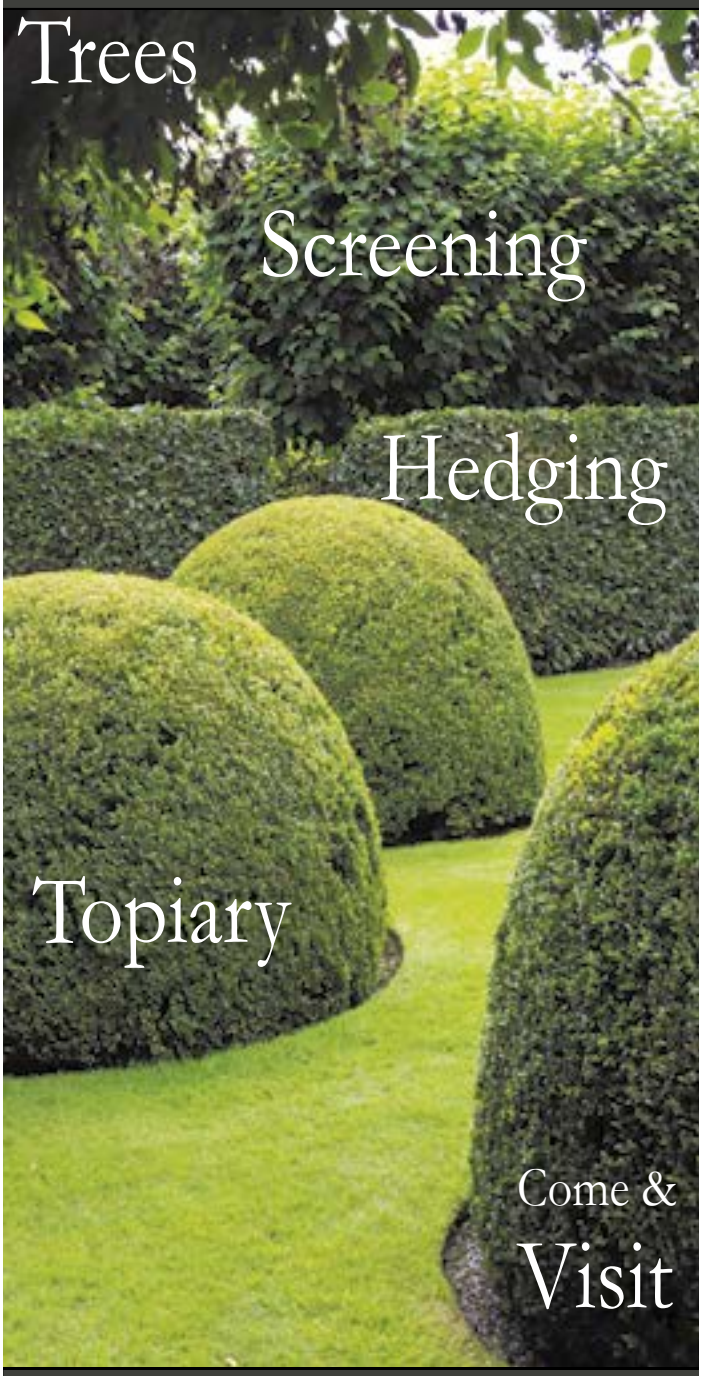

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As well as a number of bespoke projects for local customers Robin has recently won a large contract for a London firm, and taken on three more staff to work with him.

Robin commented: "It has been a very busy couple of years and we have been working on building the business to this level for a while. I am really pleased with the additional work orders and it is great that I have been able to employ local craftsmen to build the team. We are working on some very exciting and challenging projects."

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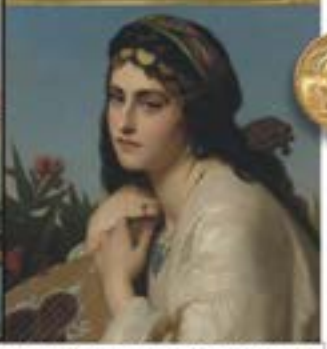

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HENRY BLOFELD

Cricket's quintessential commentator aims to crease you up!

Interview by Caroline Fisher

"MY dear old thing" – is the instantly recognisable chummy catchline of the voice of cricket. Test Match Special veteran commentator Henry Blofeld – 'Blowers' as he's fondly known – always sounds as if he's talking just to you, as a special friend. I'm ashamed to say I probably didn't qualify for this accolade as I quizzed him about his 'Rogues on Tour' show coming to Chipping Norton Theatre on October 9. It soon became apparent that I didn't know that much about cricket, but in the end it didn't matter. Blowers' show with former TMS producer Peter Baxter, is an irreverent romp through their adventures surrounding the sport, travelling the globe for half-a-century.

"It's nothing to do with cricket," said Blowers. "This show is completely different," he stressed. "Our first show was called Memories of a Test Match Special and we did it 248 times. It was about all the cock-ups in the commentary box but this time it's all the mad things that have happened in hotels, airports and in different countries. I talk about meeting a pair of transvestites in Sao Paulo, goings on in the Copacabana, taking a young Indian Bollywood star out in Bombay and her mother came too… amongst other things." Well, that was a relief. I was off the hook. However, Mr Blofeld plays his cards close to his chest and would only reveal one of his escapades 'as I don't want to give away our best stories!' This one involved a 'wonderful blonde' he'd met in Australia in 1979. Anxious to see more of her, he rang her and suggested meeting in Paris the week after next. "I came to London Heathrow but couldn't see her anywhere. Then suddenly, in the middle of a crowd, I didn't see a delicious shapely blonde but a small, mousey-haired girl and we vaguely recognised each other. She said 'Don't you recognise me?' and I realised I'd completely confused two telephone numbers. I couldn't even remember her name and had to look on her luggage label. It was hysterically funny. We went to Paris anyway."

Henry Blofeld was born in 1939 and went to Eton where he played cricket for his school against Harrow at Lord's, aged 15. He made a century at Lord's for the Public Schools against the Combined Services a year later. He went on to King's College, Cambridge, and 'blagged' his way onto the cricket side in 1959. Eschewing a career in the City, he became a freelance cricket writer for The Times and started broadcasting 10 years later. He watched county and Test cricket in England and toured the cricket-playing world.

Blowers has written 15 books, including the best-selling The Kerry Packer Invasion and his autobiography, A Thirst For Life. He started treading the boards in 2002 and found he could charm audiences with tales of his colourful life and the people he had met. He has an obvious chemistry with pal Peter but is dismissive about his own enduring appeal. "I'm a simple country boy and I sit in front of a microphone and speak. I describe what I can see and I have a reasonably good voice to do it with. I don't think I've ever dried up in my life – there are always things to talk about."

My final question had to be on his thoughts of England winning The Ashes. After a considered pause, Blowers said: "They did very well. They're a very good side in English conditions – but overseas it's harder work for our bowlers and they will struggle to make 20 wickets to win." Watch this space….

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It's a warm Sunday afternoon as I arrive, the car sits nose up on the drive. I go inside and meet its' owner, Hugh. The Wimbledon men's final is on the telly, exciting stuff, but to me, not as interesting as the vehicle outside.

We stroll out to the car which was actually purchased by Hugh in Germany in 1974 and is left hand drive and answers to the name of Bertha. Apparently Hugh was working in Germany on large construction projects – it was suggested that he should have a car and that it would be fitting for an Englishman to have a Jaguar. Knowing a little about the quality problems in the British motor industry, Hugh suggested a BMW would be much better. None of his English bosses had heard of such a thing, but he got his wish and took delivery of the 3 litre S now sitting on his drive.

It looks dated of course – large windows, distinctive BMW grill with twin headlights, steel wheels with large tyres and chrome wheel trims, gleaming blue paintwork and lots of chrome details. We go to get in, my door is still locked – there's no central locking – and sit on comfortable velour seats with substantial headrests. Hugh turns the key, the engine spins rapidly then fires into a silky six-cylinder purr. It has a manual gearbox (BMW's always erred on the sporty side unlike their automatic Mercedes opposition) and we move off smoothly, heading up the road to Bibury, passing through Burford on the way. Hugh is a tall, slim English gentleman who, I soon realise, is a man of the world. At no time is there ever any doubt in my mind that he is fully in control of the driving situation – I can imagine him in the 70's speeding along the German Autobahns at a steady 110 mph to get to his next appointment.

The car is not only a 40 year old piece of engineering it is also the story of a large slice of a man's life with all the memories that go with it. Like the time the Austrian border guards would not let him pass as there were five people in what they saw as a four-seater car – eventually sense prevailed and they were allowed to continue. (In future when they crossed borders, 'extra' passenger Pam would be hidden in the boot!)

I take over the driving on the road to Aldsworth. I'm not going to abuse the car but it pulls well in each gear, there are only four, and although I stay within the speed limits Bertha feels very eager to go faster. I touch the brakes and am startled to find out how good they are, discs all round. Yes, there is a very slight rattle from a door somewhere, but the controls are light and easy and, with the sunroof open, the journey is a delight – as are Hugh's memoirs of times with the car.

Feeling rather full of myself, I drive to my favourite place for a few photos and a coffee, Bibury Court – when I win the Lottery it is number 1 on the list. We swing into the deserted gravel car park at the front and take some snaps, then its inside for a coffee. This is a beautiful setting for an elegant car, and the ideal place for me to show off my local knowledge and have a coffee. Unfortunately my local knowledge let me down, disappointingly, my favourite place now caters for weddings, not the odd couple of men looking for a beverage. Still thirsty we get back in the car and head for home.

Following a return trip to Germany carrying a large amount of wine, Hugh felt the car needed a new set of springs and so, unlike lots of other cars of its era, she rides at the correct height and does not wallow on the road, we waft back without drama.

On our return I sit inside and look at the styling. There's something about the dashboard trim on the passenger side, with its integral square clock, fablon-looking wood trim and an elegant glovebox with black surface and chrome handle, that strikes me as very contemporary, very similar the latest BMW i3 I drove not so long ago.

Finally I look under the bonnet where I see the remarkable condition of the car after 40 years and three hundred thousand Kilometres. It's both a tribute to its owner and the quality of the initial product all those years ago.

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Fit for Work

It's the last part of the last Government's policy reforms to get Brits back to work

– are you ready?

The Government, through the DWP is soon to finish its roll out of its much awaited and talked about "Fit for Work" Free Occupational Health Assessment scheme in an attempt to assist employers by cutting sickness absence and to help employees return to work with the appropriate guidance. It's the last part of the last Government's policy reforms to get Brits back to work and started in 2010. This policy included support for childcare, disability and for the older working population. The service went live on 15 July 2015 but referrals cannot actually be made until the Autumn of this year!

It works on the basis that **by providing occupational health assessments to more people it will assist those on short to medium term sick from falling into long term sickness**. Sickness reportedly accounts for around £9 billion spent by employers in sickness pay and associated costs per annum. The Scheme is aiming to reduce this by some £80 million a year! This also costs industry and employers a huge amount in lost productivity, morale and affects many employee's wages packets (purportedly employees lose around £4 billion a year in lost earnings according to an independent review of sickness absence in Jan 2013) as not all employers pay above statutory sick pay. Inclusion in the scheme also acts as evidence of sickness for pay purposes replacing the need for a sick note and so it is hoped will take away some pressure of appointments on GP's too.

However, the full roll out of the scheme is already running behind – it was launched in December 2014, following a pilot scheme, and was due to be in place for the whole UK by Spring 2015. Whilst the Scheme has been announced as live, referrals cannot actually be made until Autumn 2015 across the UK. It offers a free Occupational Health Assessment through a largely telephone based system and bites after the employee has been off sick for 4 weeks. GP's and Employers will be able to make referrals under the Scheme but it is envisaged the referrals will mainly be through GP's. It is hoped that within 2 working days of a referral, the employee will receive an in-depth consultation with occupational health professional. The free service provides 1 assessment per annum or in a 12-month window by a qualified healthcare professional to advise upon likely return, adjustments that can be made and other helpful guidance to help get the employee back to work sooner. It also gives Employers a tax exemption of £500 per employee as a medical treatment.

It seems great in theory; its free, it's a system to help get sick employees back to work but practically will it help?

Is it another hoop for employers to jump through when dealing with sickness issues? Another process employees must follow? The timescales promised for a referral to take place seem highly optimistic! It's also likely to render any ill health dismissals unfair if the employer does not first use the new system so by default is it not creating a new irreducible minimum standard in such cases?

The system operates on the basis of the case worker acting and advising on the information that the employee gives them, so it will be a balanced and objective view of the actual illness and ability to return or will the case worker just become an advocate for the employee against the employer based on the subjective account the employee gives of the illness, their abilities etc? It is easy to see how an unscrupulous employee could use it to their own advantage. Also, many long-term sickness absences are the result of complex illnesses requiring referrals to specialist consultants, so it's hard to see how this system will assist at in all in such instances.

Will it really expedite employees returning to work quicker or will the free system quickly become over -subscribed causing further delays that affect both the employer and the employee. If a referral has been made but the employee gets fed up waiting and wants to come back to work, from a health and safety perspective, is it safe for the employer to just let them come back to work without the results of the assessment? How much will the system work with the employer or is it purely a support mechanism for the employee. Employees can give their employer permission to speak to their caseworker but will they want to and how guarded will the caseworker be?

It's a veritable minefield of unanswered questions at present. We will no doubt soon see how it actually works in practice, once it's finally in place and operational. Free occupational support access for more people must ultimately be a good thing but time will tell.

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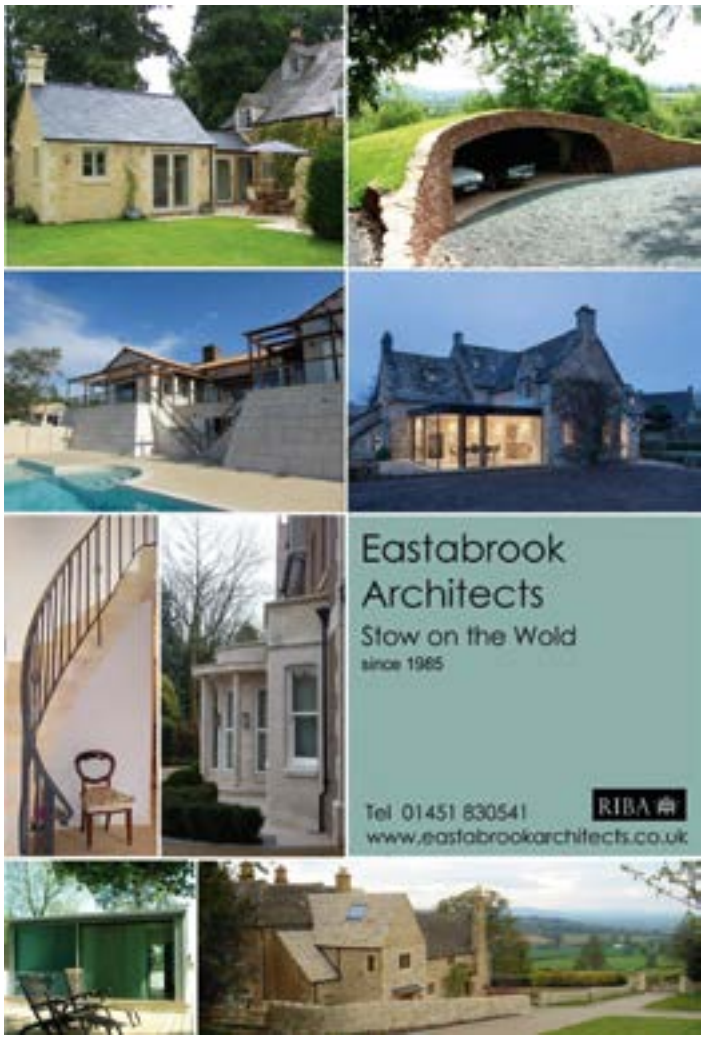

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Agendas, reports and Minutes are published online five working days before each meeting at www.cotswold.gov.uk.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend meetings of the Council and Committee. If you live in the District and are on the Electoral Register you can take part by asking up to two questions per meeting. Information about your Councillors and committee members are on the website www.cotswold.gov.uk

OCTOBER

Wed 7th Sites Inspection Briefing
Wed 14th Planning & Licensing
Thurs 19th Cabinet

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* 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 2015

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

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New waste and recycling calendars now online

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Those who live in the area can simply enter their address in the 'postcode search' section on the Cotswold District Council website to access their bin collection calendar.
Here people can also register for handy weekly email alerts about waste collection dates, including a reminder the day before about which bins to put out and helpful information about changes to collection days over the Christmas period and bank holidays.

Paper copies of the waste calendars are available for those that do not have web access. These can be picked up from:

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Help for Syrian refugees

Our District Council will be responding positively to the announcement made by central government to assist with a national programme of resettling vulnerable refugees. It is likely that the refugees will come from camps bordering Syria rather than from among those already in Europe.

The Government has confirmed that Councils will receive funding from the international aid budget to help house and support refugee families. Specific requirements for each Council have not been agreed yet.

Whilst councils await further information from the government, residents wishing to provide help can look online - Gloucestershire Action for Refugees And Asylum Seekers (GARAS) website at www.garas.org.uk for useful information on how they can provide support. GARAS is a charity which provides support to refugees in the county.

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Notes from Caroline Doran, Clerk to Stow Town Council

Notes from the Council Meetings. The notes below are based on last Council meeting which was held in August but you won't get to read them until October. Up to date information the draft minutes of the meetings are available within a week of a meeting. Hard copies are available from the office or on the website. Minutes and agendas of full council meetings are displayed on the noticeboard outside the library.

Very abridged notes from the Council Meeting (27 August) and highlights from the committee meetings.

Police The police have asked people to email them to report inconsiderate parking.
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County Council – Cllr. Nigel Moor

- Announced dates of roadworks on Stow Hill and Stow Bridge.
- Bus Services: The 801 now links the Fire College and Cheltenham Station but will run at 90 minute intervals. The revised 802 service due to start on 26th Sept. will link Bourton, Rissington, Stow & Kingham Station.
- **A-boards**: NM informed of the problems and accidents caused by the inconsiderate positioning of signs. GCC are responsible for 'policing/fining' people obstructing the roads & pavements. NM promised to speak to the GCC. (Please could shops/pubs be considerate).

District Council – Cllr. Barry Dare

- Barry has been arriving 10 minutes early for Council meetings. If you have planning/housing/waste or council tax & benefits issues you would like to discuss, Barry is the man to talk to.
- CDC was thanked for providing the 'Summer off the Streets' activities for children.

Approved Spending:

- **Bonfire Night** A Bonfire / Firework night event will be held on the 6th November on the QE2 (Cricket) Field. A BBQ (and hopefully mulled wine) will be available. Free entry.
- **Office Equipment:** A new photocopier and two desktop computers.
- **Monarch's Way:** To construct a footpath along the western side of the Fosse to link the long distance footpath to a safer crossing point near the top of the hill.
- **Well Lane:** Ditches to be cleared out and a French drain inserted on the right hand side of the first well. The soil excavated from the ditches will be put on the verges.
- **Benches:** Benches on the grass area outside the Porch House will be cleaned.
- **VIC Flag:** As CDC planners weren't keen on another sign on St Edward's Hall.
- **Yew Trees in Cemetery.** Maintenance

Highway Problems: Pavement obstructions e.g. A-boards, over hanging hedges, broken lights, potholes, blocked gullies. Ring 08000 514514.

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A Stow Housing Association
The Neighbourhood Plan Group has identified a need for affordable housing for local people.
Stow is now registered with the National Community Land Trust Network. This allows the community (a group of volunteers) to buy land and property for the community. Any property is held in trust and can never be sold for private profit. The next stage is to undertake a Housing Needs Survey, apply for funding, develop a housing allocation policy and decide on a legal constitution.

Spring Gardens: The resurfacing of the road leading to the allotments and cemetery has been delayed while Bromford, who own the road, agree future maintenance with GCC Highways.

Emergency Plan: Can you spare an hour or so if the worst happens?
We are still looking for people who are able to respond to an emergency (e.g. flood, snow, explosion, crash) by providing •venues •practical skills •resources • welfare support. If you can help before the emergency services take over please get in touch.

Things to do - please get in touch if you can help

- **Christmas Fayre:** We are considering a late night event to coordinate with the Tree Festival. Would you like a stall? Please get in touch.
- **Tourist Information Website:** We have a new website which looks great but needs lots of information to go on it. **http://www.stowinfo.co.uk/**
- **Gardens (big or small) Open Day**: It is proposed to hold a charity fundraising day next May/June. We have had no responses to this idea yet. Would you like to take part?
- **Events Co-ordination Database:** If you have knowledge or resources you can share that would help other groups to run an event please let us know.
- **Neighbourhood Plan:** The group are always looking for new recruits.
- **Charity Market stalls.** One stall per month is available free of charge to local charities.
- **Ad hoc Maintenance people**. If you can help (voluntary or paid) I would love to hear from you.

Meeting Dates - October 2015 (all welcome)

Thursday	1	Planning	7.00 pm
Thursday	8	Parks & Square	7.15 pm
~~Thursday~~	~~15~~	~~Finance~~ POSTPONED	~~7.00 pm~~
Tuesday	20	Planning	7.00 pm
Thursday	22	Traffic & Parking	7.15 pm
Tuesday	27	Finance NEW DATE	7.00 pm
Tuesday	27	General Purpose	7.00 pm
Thursday	29	Burial Board	9.15 am
Thursday	**29**	**Council**	**7.15 pm**

Devolution?

Gloucestershire has submitted its bid to government to take greater control of its public services.

'We are Gloucestershire'- a bid for devolved power.

Devolution would allow Gloucestershire to have responsibility for public services based on what people need and want. Partners across the county would have more say over social care and health spending, local transport networks, business rates, education and infrastructure.

Developed by countywide partners - Gloucestershire County Council, the six district councils, GFirst Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP), the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and NHS Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), it highlights the local challenges we face and puts forward solutions.

It also makes it clear that because Gloucestershire's boundary is shared by all the partners involved, we are perfectly situated and already making good progress in joint working.

The statement of intent pulls out 5 areas that the partners would like to focus on and take more responsibility for:

· **Economy, skills and employment** - devolved accountability and budgets to enable countywide economic planning to be driven by GFirst LEP

· **Planning, transport and infrastructure** - simplified decision making for strategic planning, accelerated delivery of housing and investments into better transport links

· **Health and social care** - fully delegated authority for all health care budgets, fully integrated health and social care and a single vision for health and wellbeing for the county

· Community safety - community-based budgets to focus support where needed, joined up interventions on domestic violence, sexual abuse and child sexual exploitation, more investment in prevention and diversion from crime

· **Collective decision making and accountability** - pooling together public sector funding to get the best from spending power and a single point of accountability.

Devolution would not replace existing organisations, but would have representation from them. It would mean that a new legal body would need to be set up which is democratic, accountable and effective. It would not replace existing councils. It would however build on the close working relationships we already have, removing red-tape, making it easier to work together helping remove duplication, and making it easier to share resources and expertise.

What we're looking at is a fundamental change in our approach to supporting people. We need to go back to the days where communities were stronger and people looked out for each other in their own neighbourhoods so we can protect the most vulnerable.

We know there are already excellent community networks and groups running and we want to work with them, share their local knowledge and invest where we think something can be developed further to help individuals and families.

District Council gets tough on unauthorised development

Two unauthorised properties in the Cotswolds could be demolished following recent investigatory work by Cotswold District Council's enforcement officers.

The first property, **Holly Hill in Puesdown near Compton Abdale**, is a residence and an annex which was erected without planning permission. The owner took the case to appeal but a Planning Inspector acting for the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government upheld CDC's Enforcement Notice, meaning that the buildings must now be demolished by May 2016.

In the second case, at the August meeting of CDC's Planning Committee Members of the Committee voted to refuse retrospective planning permission for retention of the unauthorised building on land at **Orchard Rise, Charingworth, Chipping Campden** and to authorise enforcement action which requires demolition of the new house built on the land. The house approved by the Local Planning Authority had two floors and three bedrooms, however the house built has four floors and six bedrooms.

Commenting on the two cases, Cllr Sue Jepson, the CDC Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing, said: "There are strict regulations regarding development in the District and developers always run the risk of demolition notices being served if they do not have regard to them. This sounds rather drastic, but we need to preserve the integrity of the planning system, which enables professionals to consider the merits of applications across a wide range of criteria, and also gives the public the right to make their views known. In these two cases, the property owners have paid the price for choosing to ignore the rules, and the fact that the Planning Inspectorate upheld the Council's decision when we were taken to appeal shows that our hardline stance is supported at the highest level."

Planning Enforcement Fund – Department for Communities and local Government

This new time-limited Fund is available to local planning authorities in England, including National Parks. The scheme provides a grant of up to £10,000 or 50% of its legal costs (whichever is the lesser) to local planning authorities to secure a Court injunction to prevent actual or apprehended breaches of planning control. The scheme will run for the financial years 2014/15 and 2015/16 commencing in January 2015 and ending in March 2016.

www.planningenforcementfund.co.uk/

Our idealistic view of the English countryside is fast becoming extinct

Our living, working countryside is at risk of disappearing as a shortage of affordable homes prices local young people and families out of the countryside.

Shortly before its summer break, the Government received a report from the National Housing Federation warning that parts of rural England risk becoming 'pensioner pockets', as soaring numbers of older residents move into rural areas – and younger people are being priced out and move away.

Younger generations who aspire to 'grow up and grow old' in rural areas are finding shortages of employment and amenities, and frequently can't get a foot on the local property ladder.

Disproportionately ageing populations – just one of the symptoms of the chronic housing crisis in rural England

With the cost of buying a home in 90% of rural areas costing eight times the average salary, and wages languishing below the national average, many workers and young families are being priced out of the villages and towns where they grew up. This mounting crisis is putting pressure on small businesses that can't find local workers, schools in places where families have had to move away and health and support services needed to care for ageing communities.

In some areas more than 40%, or four in every 10 households, will be over 65 in just six years' time - considerably higher than the predicated national average of 29%. Out of these 27 ageing districts of England, just two are urban.

We need thriving, working communities

The rural district of West Somerset, for example, will officially be England's oldest place by 2021 with nearly half of its households (47%) of pensioner age. The Cotswolds (Forest of Dean) come 25th on the list with 40.2% of its residents over 65 by 2021.

David Orr, CEO of the Federation said: "The statistics show that workers and families aspiring to live, work and grow up in the countryside can't find homes they can afford. If we don't build more homes, these places will become 'pensioner pockets' rather than the thriving, working communities they can, and need, to be." The federation is calling for more new homes in rural districts, planned at a local level to ensure developments would genuinely meet local need, ensuring rural communities can thrive for generations to come.

Drawn from a report for the Government from the National Housing Federation

Rural policing campaign launched

A NATIONAL campaign was launched last month to highlight the importance of rural policing.

The National Rural Crime Network research shows that trust in policing is much lower in rural areas than in urban areas, with only one third of people living or working in rural areas believing that police are responding to the issues that concern them. Rural crime is also significantly under-reported, said Ms Mulligan, Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire.

The government is being urged to reconsider proposed changes to how police forces are funded, and is encouraging people to respond to a government consultation.

Ms Mulligan said: "There is real concern that trust in rural policing is already very low, especially when compared to urban residents. If the government doesn't sufficiently recognise the needs of rural people, and therefore rural policing, that trust will only diminish.

The National Rural Crime Network is about to launch a **rural policing matters** petition and it is encouraging as many rural residents as possible to respond to a government consultation on the issue.

About the 'rural policing matters' campaign

This campaign is urging the government to maintain fair funding for rural areas, which are currently at risk of losing funding to more urban areas. In rural areas crime is significantly under-reported.

Trust in policing is much lower than it is in urban areas, and only one third of people living or working in rural areas believe the police are responding to issues of concern to them.

NRCN
National Rural Crime Network
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Get involved and make a difference

For more information on how to have your say see website:
www.nationalruralcrimenetwork.net
Alternatively call: **01822 813693** or
Email: **info@nationalruralcrimenetwork.net**

From an article written by Ruralcity Media

Planning Applications & Approvals

Information about large / major new developments or those which are likely to raise public interest (not 'general domestic' and small residential applications). The top table includes the Applications *within our area* that went to the recent CDC Planning Committee Meeting for decision.

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

COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE - SEPTEMBER 2015
APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DECISION

Parish	Application	
Bourton On The Water	Non-material amendment to 15/00818/REM for plot substitution to plot 22 **Land Adjacent To Roman Way Bourton-On-The-Water**	15/04036/NONMAT Decided
Bledington	Erection of a replacement dwelling and detached garage **Micklands Hill Farm Stow Road Bledington Chipping Norton OX7 6XH**	15/03195/FUL Decided
Upper Swell	Proposed alterations to outbuilding - compliance with conditions 3 (joinery) and 4 (roof) **Sunnyside Upper Swell Cheltenham GL54 1EW**	15/03159/COMPLY Decided
Stow on the Wold	Compliance with condition 35 (levels) - Development of 44 extra care apartments and green open space (outline application with access to be determined) and the construction of a 48 bed dementia care home with associated access, car parking and landscaping (full application with all details to be determined) **Land North Of Tesco Stow-On-The-Wold**	15/03090/COMPLY Decided
Icomb	Proposed ground floor infill extension **Icomb Lodge Icomb Cheltenham GL54 1JB**	Ref. No: 15/03068/FUL Decided
Chipping Campden	New garden room structure in front garden and addition of two roof lights in main cottage, plus retention of patio style doors (retrospective) **Apple Tree Cottage Seymour Gate Chipping Campden GL55 6BP**	Ref. No: 15/01684/FUL Decided

New Applications received between 24/08/15 and 28/08/15

Parish	Application No.	Location	Proposal	Officer & Deadline
Bourton-on-the-Water	15/03318/OUT/LLFA	Land Parcel North Of Bourton Industrial Park Bourton-On-The-Water	Extension of Bourton Industrial Park to provide a new supermarket	David Graham 17/09/2015

New Applications received between 31/08/15 and 04/09/15

Parish	Application No.	Location	Proposal	Officer & Deadline
Chipping Campden	15/0056/CWMAJW	Waertsmtinegntton Quarry Westington	Retrospective application for a commercial facility t	Alison Curtis 2/09/2015
Moreton-in-Marsh	15/03099/FUL	Land Adjacent To Fosseway Garden Centre Stow Road	Erection of 64 bed care home together, parking and landscaping	Alison Curtis 23/09/2015
Temple Guiting	15/02720/FUL	Prescott Shooting School Pinnock Wood Farm Winchcombe	change of use to a shooting school, retention of two sheds, two timber chalets, eight shooting stands with signage	Mark Sweet 24/09/2015

New Applications received between 07/09/15 and 11/09/15

Parish	Application No.	Location	Proposal	Officer & Deadline
Broadwell	15/03075/FUL	The Old Quarry Fosseway Broadwell	Erection of General Purpose building for use as agricultural lairage	Owen Parry 02/10/2015
Broadwell	15/02289/FUL	The Old Quarry Fosseway Broadwell	Retrospective erection of an agricultural Muck Store	Owen Parry 02/10/2015

IT'S A CHARITY, KEEP IT FLYING

HELP SAVE LOCAL LIVES

We receive no day-to-day government funding and rely on your donations, no matter how big or small. It's because of people like you that we are able to save lives.

VOLUNTEER

Come & work with us! We are always looking for volunteers to help out the GWAAC team. Whether you can help in our offices, have a collection box, take part in a sponsored activity or host a fundraising event, we need you. **Do something amazing and help us save lives.**

LOTTERY

Air Ambulance Lottery. Help save local lives and be in with a chance of winning up to £1000 by playing our lottery! **With a donation of just £1 a week (or more if you can spare it!) you are entered into The Air Ambulance Lottery Society's draw.** Make giving fun, and help save the lives of people in your area. **What could be easier than that!**

www.greatwesternairambulance.com

An Afternoon for Carers

The Friends of Stow Surgery will be hosting an afternoon for carers on **29th October** at Broadwell Village Hall

The afternoon will provide an opportunity for carers to meet others in similar circumstances over a cup of tea and cake, chat with various voluntary organisations who are able to provide expert advice, guidance and support.

By booking an appointment time with the Surgery Reception you can also receive a health check during the afternoon with one of the Practice Nurses. Flu vaccinations will also be available for carers.

We realise that taking time away from home to attend this event may be difficult so please feel free to either bring along the person you care for or let us know and we will contact Cotswold Friends to find out if a befriender can be available to sit with the person at home whilst you are out.

If you require transport to attend please contact the surgery to arrange this:
www.stowsurgery.co.uk or **01451 830625**

Civic Voice team up with Parliament

Civic Voice, the national body for the civic movement in England, in consortium with Historic England, is pleased to announce that it is teaming up with the Parliamentary Outreach Service to deliver workshops in Manchester, Birmingham and the Houses of Parliament.

The workshops will enable our members to look at ways to engage more effectively with their MPs and learn more about the in depth workings behind parliamentary processes. *The best thing about this is that the workshops are all free!*

These workshops will all happen during Parliament Week (16th-21st November)

If you are interested in attending or would like to know more information please email **info@civicvoice.org.uk**

Northleach & Fosse Lions Club

CLUB NEWS - OCTOBER

The "**Bridge of Coins**" event in Bourton was a great success! Visitors were asked to make a contribution to pass over the bridge; it was a good fund-raiser and proved popular with the public.

Club members supported the Northleach Steam Fair event on 12th & 13th September by managing the entrance gate.

Despite the weather, all enjoyed the members' BBQ and a skittles outing is planned for October/November.

Donations were approved to Northleach Playgroup and the Northleach Toddlers. The Club will also donate to Acorns Children's Trust in Worcester; they care for the child and support the family.

The "100 Club" draw winner this month was Jacques Astic from Northleach – well done!

The Club holds its business meetings on the second Tuesday of each month at 8 pm. *The next meeting will be held at the Ox House in Northleach on the **13th October***. All interested people are welcome to attend.

For further information on the Lions Club please see:
northleachandfosselions.org.uk or call **0845 8339825**

Martin Surl

Martin Surl is the Independent Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire Constabulary. He is the first person to hold the post and was elected on 15 November 2012.

The Police & Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire attended an Open Forum on local Policing held at Moreton Area Centre.

By Caroline Fisher for Cotswold Times (09.2015)

FAITH in the police force has faded and communication broken down. This was the main message to come out of a public forum posing probing questions to the man who holds Gloucestershire Constabulary to account. At the meeting in Moreton-in-Marsh North Cotswolds residents told Police and Crime Commissioner Martin Surl they felt vulnerable and cut-off by police.

Chairing the meeting, County councillor Nigel Moor (Stow & Moreton), said: "There's a perception in rural areas that we are being ignored, and there's a lot of under-reporting of crime which comes out of cynicism. Young people and farmers are suffering most." Moreton West district councillor Ali Coggins said it was hard to forge strong and lasting links with the police. "In Moreton the main problem is a lack of continuity in the two officers we're entitled to; there's been a lot of sickness and other reasons. I understand this is a 450sq mile area to patrol, but one officer for Moreton is unacceptable." Moreton East district councillor Robert Dutton said: "The Town Council's liaison with police has virtually died. We heard the Chief Constable was coming but we've never seen her." Moreton Town Council chairman Tom Lewis told Mr Surl: "Moreton is the fastest growing community in the Cotswolds. We have another 400 houses being built here and it's vital that officers get around and talk to people."

The audience was mostly Moreton residents, but the questions were representative of concerns across the area, and asked specifically about the vital liaison networks Rural Watch, which combats countryside crime, and Neighbourhood Watch.

Mr Surl, often disarmingly frank, admitted many of the force's shortcomings, mainly down to lack of revenue, but said his aim was to strengthen community ties. "Police are hopeless with continuity, particularly the seniors," he said. "Officers should be dedicated to this community, here talking to you, shopkeepers and councils." He stressed that a visible presence wasn't enough - "A patrolling officer isn't much use – they need to be intelligence-led, and that means knowing things, like where the accident blackspots are, who the troublesome youngsters are. You don't feel safer if an ambulance is floating around, just in case you break a leg."

With a lifetime of experience in the Police, the Commissioner was a founder member of the National Rural Crime Network. "We felt the countryside wasn't getting a great deal. Crime is massively under-reported because people lose confidence in the police, and not all rural areas are rich. For instance, there's a perception that Moreton is loaded. But we wanted to look at rural isolation and quality of life, and we need to start working with the farmers, but don't know quite what we're doing at the moment." He said he wanted to work with communities to 'rebuild' the liaison between Rural Watch, Neighbourhood Watch and the town councils.

Cotswold Times editor Jenni Turner said that mobile police stations were also 'essential' for a two-way exchange of information, but they've been withdrawn from the area. Mr Surl said a second, new MPS had been purchased and would be seen more regularly.

Councillor Dutton also cited Moreton as one of the county's 'peripheral' policing areas vulnerable to crime gangs coming in from the Midlands. Agreeing that this is an 'issue', Mr Surl replied that he maintained good relationships with neighbouring county crime commissioners and shared cross-border intelligence. And for any incidents right on the county's borders he is wanted a more shared response with neighbouring forces' patrol cars.

A question on everyone's lips was asked by former Moreton town councillor Colin Burford, after Mr Surl said his 'commitment to maintain buildings was absolute'. The response from the audience was instant: "But we've lost two!" Mr Burford asked: "So Stow won't be closed down? Which is what we have heard on the grapevine." Mr Surl said: "Moreton station has gone and Bourton, they were closed before I took office, and I haven't any plans to close Stow, although it is too big. The Cirencester station is too big, but there are no plans to close it. This (the North Cotswolds) is too far away from anywhere else not to have a police station. If there are any plans we would have a public consultation."

Mr Burford also slammed the inadequate '101' response - he was recently put through to Leicester when he wanted to report something. Mr Surl said he had initially concentrated resources on improving '999' responses when he took up office in 2012. 99% of these are answered in 3-6 seconds, and up to 83% '101' times are now answered in the 43 second target time. Other communication methods, such as emails and texts, are also being explored.

The final most pressing, but positive question almost 'floored' Mr Surl, he confessed. Chairman of the Neighbourhood Watch, John Forbes said: "**How can we improve the relationship between the community and the police?"** Mr Surl said: "I want a community that takes responsibility for its own problems, and able to make suggestions itself on how to make it safer - what is it that you want to see? Own the problems and make sure the police own them with you."

Mr Surl pledged to answer this question more fully in the Cotswold Times. He will also try to include other questions to Chief Constable Suzette Davenport in a webcast planned for February, and reply to individuals' questions on the night by email.

"**My vision for less crime and more peace and good order will help lead to the creation of strong, safe and just communities**".

Martin Surl has published a Police and Crime Plan.
It sets out the PCC's priorities. It includes objectives, resources and grants for community safety work as well as ways in which police performance will be reviewed. A summary of the plan can be seen online at
www.gloucerstershire-pcc.gov.uk
request a copy by email **pcc@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk**
by phone **01451 754348**
or write to The Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner, No.1 Waterwells, Waterwells Drive, Quedgeley Gl2 2AN.

Follow Martin Surl on twitter **@GlosPCC** or **@glos-opcc**

BAPTIST CHURCH

SHEEP STREET STOW ON THE WOLD

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 OCTOBER are:

4	**REV JAMES BOOTH**	**18**	**JOHN BARTON**
11	**REV JAMES BOOTH**	**25**	**REV JAMES BOOTH**

BABY AND TODDLER GROUP every Monday during term time 9.30am - 11.00am. £1 per family to cover snacks.

EVERY TUESDAY 9.45am Prayer Meeting

10am - Noon - COFFEE MORNING AND FOOD BANK.

All welcome!! Please check our Website:

www.stowbaptistchurch.org.uk

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
MASS TIMES FOR OCTOBER

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS,
Bourton-on-the-Water
Sunday Mass: 8.30 a.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***

ST JAMES'S CHURCH

LONGBOROUGH

Sunday Services in OCTOBER

Sunday 4th	**8.00am - Holy Communion**
	9.30am - Harvest Service
Sunday 11th	**9.30am - Holy Communion**
Sunday 18th	**4.00pm - Messy Church in Village Hall**
Sunday 25th	**9.30am - Holy Communion**

STOW METHODIST FELLOWSHIP

We meet on Tuesdays from 2pm Contact Michael on 01451 830579 for information & details.

INTERESTING FACTS FROM:
St James Church, Longborough
EARLY TURRET CLOCK

This clock has been restored and mounted in the wooden frame by the Cumbria Clock Company. The work was completed in February 2005. The clock maker was Thomas Steight of Pershore, who is known to have been working between 1699 and 1752. The iron frame is even earlier. Turret clock s had no dial, only a striking mechanism. The escapement here is a verge and pendulum. The clock will run for six hours when the weights are wound to the top of the frame for a demonstration.

NCCR
north cotswold community radio

The morning service at St David's, Moreton in Marsh is recorded each week and broadcast online every Sunday at 4.30pm. www.nccr.co.uk

EYFORD, GUITING AND THE SLAUGHTERS

Sunday Services OCTOBER

Sun 4	**8.30am - HC at Lower Slaughter**
	9.30am - HC at Temple Guiting
	9.30am - HC BCP at Naunton
	11am - HC at Upper Slaughter
	11am - Family Service at Guiting Power
Sun 11	**8.30am - HC (said) at Naunton**
	9.30am - HC at Farmcote
	9.30am - Harvest Festival at Lower Slaughter
	11am - Eleven4All at Temple Guiting
	11am - Matins at Upper Slaughter
	6pm - HC at Guiting Power
Sun 18	**8.30am - HC (said) at Upper Slaughter**
	9.30am - HC at Cutsdean
	9.30am - Morning Praise at Guiting Power
	11am - HC at Lower Slaughter
	11am - Matins at Naunton
	6pm - Evensong at Temple Guiting
Sun 25	**8.30am - HC at Guiting Power**
	9.30am - HC (said) at Cutsdean
	11am - Family Holy Communion at Lower Slaughter
	6pm - Choral Evensong with US &LS at Naunton

ST EDWARDS CHURCH

Stow-on-the-Wold

OCTOBER

Sunday 4th	**8am**	**BCP Holy Communion**
	11am	Harvest Festival and Holy Communion
	6pm	**Harvest Big Sing**
Sunday 11th	11am	Benefice Sung Eucharist
	6pm	**Evening Reflection**
Sunday 18th	8am	BCP Holy Communion
	11am	**Morning Service and Holy Communion**
Sunday 25th	11am	Sung Matins
	6pm	**Holy Communion with prayers for healing**

Special Services at Stow

All–age Harvest Festival Services in October

Sunday 4th 11.00am Stow

Sunday 11th 3.00pm Condicote

All Souls Evensong – November 1st at 4.00pm

The annual Service to mark the Feast of All Souls is where the Church commemorates all those who have gone before us in the faith. We believe that the all of the faithful, both living and departed, remain bound together in the love of Jesus. We will remember that his love spans this world and the next. The service will be followed by a cup of tea or coffee in Church. During this Service, we shall read the names of those who we are asked to remember in this way. If you would like us to include someone on this occasion please get in touch with the Rector.

There is a service of Holy Communion in Stow every Tuesday at 10.00am. More details of our services can be found on our website www.scats.org.uk

Benefice Services

Sunday 4th	9.30am	**Holy Communion at Lower Swell**
Sunday 11th	**3pm**	All-age Harvest Festival at Condicote
Sunday 18th	**6pm**	**Evening Reflection at Lower Swell**
Sunday 25th	9.30am	Holy Communion at Condicote
	11am	**Morning Service at Lower Swell**

Everyone is welcome to join us.

CHURCHES
a place to worship

Social Prescribing – non-medical or preventive solutions for GP referred patients

Local charity Cotswold Friends have been appointed by the Clinical Commissioning Group to manage a 12 month pilot for social prescribing co-ordinators to be based in every GP surgery in Gloucestershire. In the North Cotswolds, Cotswold Friends will initially be managing social prescribing for GP's in Chipping Campden, Stow on the Wold, Bourton on the water, Northleach, Moreton in Marsh.

The governments remit on health being placed on population health and seeking local change and improvement from within localities, social prescribing will offer non-medical or preventative solutions for GP referred patients.

Each co-ordinator will work with the patient to look at non-medical solutions to problems that can reduce physical and mental ill health and improve wellbeing and social inclusion in the community - each surgery will have the co-ordinator based within their surgery for one morning or afternoon each week. Patients will be referred by medical staff within the practice for an appointment with the co-ordinator.

Appointments will be up to 45 minutes compared to medical appointments of 10 minutes. This will allow the patient time to talk through their problems without feeling rushed. At the initial appointment, patients will be asked to complete a short questionnaire.

The co-ordinators will look for non-medical solutions to problems such as:-

- heating and insulation for someone who has been visiting the GP due to damp causing breathing problems,
- patients diagnosed with depression due to isolation will be encouraged to participate in more social activities and helped to find groups to attend, befriending or exercise activities.
- Patients who are not eating a balanced diet can be given details of lunch clubs, cookery classes and shown how to find healthy recipes online

Carers can be given an introduction to a carers group, memory club or café and referred to carer respite group and helped:
- to arrange transport,
- someone to look after the patient if they are attending a group or activity on their own,
- assessments regarding their home or finances.

Over a 12 week period from the initial appointment, the co-ordinator will be able to support the patient with their decisions, follow up any referrals and signpost to any relevant organisations for continued support.

At the end of the 12 week period, the patient will be asked to complete a second questionnaire to see if the preventative measures have made any difference to the patient's health and wellbeing. All the research from the pilot will then be collated and used to secure further funding to maintain the service.

Cotswold Friends are excited to be involved in this initiative and we hope to see our first patients in October 2015.
Information from Kirsty Holder / Jane van Velson on 01608 652019.

A diabetic dog-

Eve is 6 and has type I diabetes. She is an active child and a picky eater which combines to make a nightmare. Her glucose levels shoot up or down all the time from highs (damaging to just about everything) to disastrous lows when she is in danger of suffering coma or worse. The dog, when trained up, can help to detect lows (the dangerous ones) - so her mother may get a chance of sleep at night and even complete her degree in midwifery.

The family, and hopefully the dog and Eve, are having an **OPEN DAY and AUCTION OF PROMISES and SALE OF WORK from 3 to 6pm on SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER**. Several people have made generous offers including Cotswold Health and Fitness, John Dickinson (Blockley Art exhibiting artist), Judy Dean (photographs) and Peter Dean (watercolourist)

THE AUCTION OF PROMISES –

The list is growing with offers from:-
Cotswold Health & Fitness
John Dickinson (exhibiting artist)
Judy Dean (photographer)
Peter Dean (watercolourist)
Stow Times – a front cover.....(T&C apply)

Medical Detection Dogs

From the website **www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk**

"Our dogs are trained to assist individuals who manage complex health conditions. They are taught to identify the odour changes that are associated with life-threatening medical events. The avoidance of dangerously low blood sugar levels (hypoglycaemia) is an acute daily problem for people with diabetes. When accompanied by loss of warnings it has a dramatic effect on the lives of both the person with diabetes and their family.

With their amazing sense of smell, our dogs are trained to detect minute changes in blood sugar levels. When these levels fall or raise outside the normal range they will warn their owner, get help and fetch any vital medical supplies."

CHRISTMAS ADVERTISING

Our NOVEMBER copydate is 15th October.

Our DECEMBER copydate is 15th November.

NB. We always confirm receipt.

The Stow hero that Britain nearly forgot!

From Derek J. Taylor

A quiz question. Who is the most influential figure in history associated with Stow-on-the-Wold? After a bit of head-scratching, you might answer, "King Charles I," who reputedly stayed at the King's Arms. Or you might go out on a limb and guess, "John Wesley, founder of the Methodist movement," who preached here.

Well, here's a better candidate you may not even have heard of: William Smith. "Smith," hardly a name to stick in the memory. But William Smith – called "Strata" Smith – is known as the "Father of English Geology." He lived in Stow from 1787 to 1791 in the Manor House on the corner of the Square across the road from the police station. And this year is a special one – the 200th anniversary of the publication of his geological map of Britain in 1815. Before Smith's work, no-one had charted the structure of the rock formations beneath our island.

In late July the Stow and District Civic Society celebrated Smith's life. Members assembled in the Square – near the plaque unveiled five years ago by the Society at Smith's old home – before making the trip to Churchill in Oxfordshire where he was born. Churchill's Heritage Centre has a graphic display illustrating the great geologist's life and achievements.

Smith came from humble origins, the son of a blacksmith. He trained as a surveyor, and is said to have covered 10,000 miles a year on foot, horse and carriage. He recognised the recurrence of layers of sediment and rock and the unique fossils associated with them, and after 15 years of this research he published his map.

But it took many more years before his contribution to science was recognised. Others copied his map without giving him credit for it, and even the Geological Society didn't award him their Gold Medal until 16 years after the map's publication. By this time Smith himself had been bankrupted and had spent three years in a debtors' prison.

Today the Geological Society holds an annual William Smith lecture to celebrate his work. And in case you're in doubt about how influential this Stow resident was, it's arguable that the

The Society Plaque is on the Manor House wall of the Fosse Gallery

Industrial Revolution – fired up on coal and iron – couldn't have happened without Smith's map to show where those vital minerals could be mined.

Another reason to celebrate Stow-on-the-Wold!

The Churchill Heritage Centre in Churchill is open Saturday and Sunday (March-September – free admission).

www.churchillheritage.org.uk

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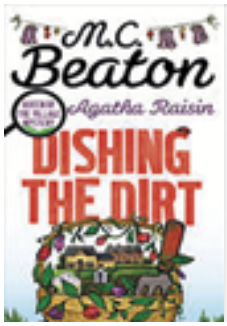
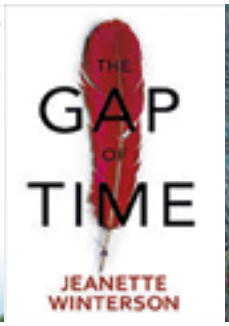
EVENT

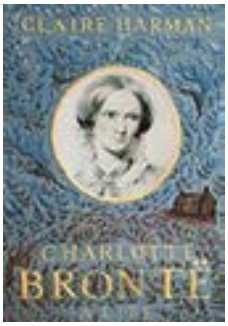
Our annual autumn signing with **M C Beaton,** author of the popular **Agatha Raisin** Cotswold crime novels, will this year be a joint event with **The Three Ways House Hotel** in **Mickleton** on **Monday 12th October.** There will be lunch at 12.30pm, followed by the author talking about her career and the Agatha Raisin mysteries and then signing her brand new story, **Agatha Raisin: Dishing the Dirt.** Tickets, which include a two-course lunch, the talk and a copy of the book, are £28 each and can be booked by email reception@puddingclub.com or by calling 01386 438429. We look forward to seeing you there.

BOOKS ARE MY BAG 2015

Calling all **Charlie and Lola** fans! We will have a very limited number of special bags featuring the fictional children from Thursday 8th October.



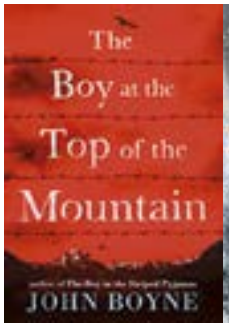


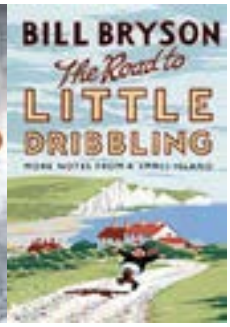


FICTION AND NON-FICTION

October is another bumper month for new books as Christmas draws ever closer. Some of the stand-out titles are:

- **The Gap of Time** by **Jeanette Winterson**
  Shakespeare's ***The Winter's Tale*** for the modern age.
- **The Mountain Shadow** by **Gregory David Roberts**
  The long-awaited sequel to ***Shantaram***.
- **Dictator** by **Robert Harris**
  The final volume in the ***Cicero*** series.
- **Now is the Time** by **Melvyn Bragg**
  A thrilling recreation of the Peasants' Revolt.
- **Charlotte Bronte: A Life** by **Claire Harman**
  This may well be the definitive biography.
- **The Battle of the Atlantic** by **Jonathan Dimbleby**
  The campaign that determined the outcome of WWII.
- **1606: William Shakespeare and the Year of Lear**
  by **James Shapiro**
  The author wrote the very popular ***1599.***
- **The Road to Little Dribbling** by **Bill Bryson**
  A new journey around the UK.
- **The Boy at the Top of the Mountain** by **John Boyne**
  An orphan in Hitler's mountain home. 11+.
- **An Eagle in the Snow** by **Michael Morpurgo**
  Another WWII story, a moral thriller. 9+.
- **Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone Illustrated Edition** by **J K Rowling** and **Jim Kay**





MUSIC AT STOW FESTIVAL

Thursday 29th–Saturday 31st October

THURSDAY 29th, 7.30pm – CLASSICAL

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Professional firework display 7pm

BBQ, bar and refreshments

FREE ENTRY

LOCAL WALKS WITH THE COTSWOLDS VOLUNTARY WARDENS

October 2015

A Salter's Break – Saturday 10th October - Moderate
Taking in Notgrove's adjacent parishes and a walk through Salperton (where the salters would have a break). Bring a packed lunch. No salt required! 6.5 hours: 12 miles.*Start:* 9:30 am Notgrove Village Hall c/p (donation). OS

Isbourne Way 5 – Tuesday 13th October - Moderate
The last of five circular walks ncorporating the whole of the new Isbourne Way, from the source of the Isbourne on Cleeve Common to its confluence with the Avon near Evesham. Bring packed lunch. 4 hours: 8 miles.
Start: 10 am Sedgeberrow. Meet outside the Queen's Head. Please park considerately in the village. OS Map ref SP 025 387.

By the Way …. – Saturday 17th October - Moderate
A variety of tracks, lanes and byways south of Cold Aston. Bring a packed lunch and drinks. 6.5 hours: 11 miles. *Start:* 9:30 am Cold Aston near Pub. Park considerately. OS Map ref SP 129 197.

The Hills of Broadway – Thursday 22nd October - Strenuous
A wide variety of countryside with some lesser-used paths and lovely views. Bring a packed lunch. 5 hours: 9 miles.*Start:* 10 am Fish Hill picnic site/car park, Broadway. OS Map ref SP 120 369.

Boundaries Ancient & Modern – Sat 24th October - Moderate
From Bourton on the Hill across open countryside towards Hinchwick to Blockley returning via Batsford. Lunch is available in the Community cafe in Blockley. 6.5 hours: 11 miles. *Start:* 10am -roadside adjacent to Tower View Farm. OS Map ref SP 170 324.

A Walk through the Ages – Thursday 29th October - Moderate
Taking in the Neolithic burial mound of Belas Knap, medieval villages and Sudeley Castle. 5.5 hours: 9.5 miles. *Start:* 10 am Winchcombe, Back Lane C/P (£1). OS Map ref SP 024 285.

Contrasting Escapes from the A424 – Friday 30th October – The easy end of Moderate. For young or old with some stiles, exploring both sides of the A424. Bring a packed lunch. 5.5 hours: 10.5 miles. *Start:* 10 am Fifield. Park considerately in the village at/near the church. OS Map ref SP 239 187

PLEASE use appropriate footwear as some walks may be steep and muddy in places. 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** / 01451 862000, also for any changes to arrangements such as due to extreme weather.

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Introduction to Horse Logging. 7th November. £99
Christmas Willow Crafts. Saturday 21st Nov. £69
Hedgelaying – Beginners (Midlands). 28/ 29th Nov. £109
Wool Weaving - 28th November & 4thDecember. £59

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EVENTS at THE OLD PRISON

OCTOBER 2015

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Thursday 15th October 2 - 3pm *

The Highwaymen of Gloucestershire

Local historian John Putley will be giving a historical talk on the County's highwaymen.

Saturday 5th December 10am – 4pm *

Christmas Food and Craft Market

A festive day showcasing local Cotswold Craft and Food Producers. Indoor stalls, decorations, music, mulled wine. To book a stall (£15!), ring the Old Prison 01451 861563

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Tuesday 8th December 7.30pm
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Theatre production –

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OCTOBER 2015

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

EXHIBITIONS

10 - 1 Nov Matthew Alexander - An exciting exhibition of New Work John Davies Gallery, The Old Dairy Plant, Moreton-in-Marsh, GL56 9NQ. 01608 652255. info@johndaviesgallery.com

DIARY

1 **Country Music Night.** Notgrove Village Hall. 7:30 - 11:30 pm. Live music from Johnny & Linette. Bar. £5 pp. 07870795560.

1 **Coffee Mornings at The Ebrington Arms**, supporting Shipston Home Nursing. Mon-Fri 9-11.30am throughout the Autumn & Winter. Teas, coffees, shortbread & open fires. Chipping Campden. GL55 6NH. 01386 593223

2 **Kepow Theatre's On the Edge** - Redesdale Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets Mike Rees 01608 650825/Mike O'Neill 01608650762

2 - 4 **Harvest Weekend. 2nd - Ceilidh**. 7.30pm at Condicote Village Hall. Tickets £10 to include a Ploughmans. **3rd - Pop up Market** 2pm - 4pm St Edwards Churchyard.

3 & 4 **'Steam Up'** at the Toddington Narrow Gauge Railway.

4 **Chippy Rambling Club:** 2 hour walk in the countryside. New members welcome. Meet 2pm at New Street Carpark, Chipping Norton. Phone Heather on 01608 643691.

10 **Vintage & 2nd Hand Clothes Sale,** 10.30 – 12.30 at Sheldon Bosley Hub, Pittway Ave, Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4DQ. Contact Rebecca on 01608 674929

9 **Rogues on the Road**. Blofeld and Baxter share tales from over 80 years of cricket commentary. Chipping Norton Theatre. 01608 642350. www.chippingnortontheatre.com

10 & 11 **Autumn Diesel Weekend.** A family day out and a chance to see our fleet of heritage diesels. Please note that entry to the site will be by ticket only. There is no free entry.

10 **Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre Open Day**. 11am - 4pm. Free Entry. Banbury Road,Bishop's Tachbrook, Warwickshire, CV33 9QJ

14 **CDFAS**. Rag Dolls to Robots: A World History of Toys. 11am at Bradwell Village Hall, Burford.

15 **Country Music Night.** Notgrove Village Hall. 7:30 - 11:30 pm. Live music from George McIntosh. Bar. £5 pp. 07870795560.

16 "**Stand and Deliver**" TALK about Highwaymen in Gloucestershire. Little Rissington Village Hall at 7.30pm. Visitors £3.00. Contact Sue Brown 01451 820233 for details.

16 **Bourton Panto Group's Quiz Night**, 7:30 p.m., Victoria Hall in Bourton-on-the-Water, £10/team of 4, bring your own drinks but snacks will be provided, tickets on the door.

17 **Wyatts Tree and Plant Auction**, 11.30 am at Wyatts Plant Centre and Farm Shop, Hill Barn Farm, Chipping Norton, Great Rollright OX7 5SH. Contact Rebecca on 01608 674929

17 **Downsizing Attic Sale** - including China Glass Furniture Fabrics Books Records Clothes Linens Etc. Oddington Village Hall 10.30am - 3.30pm

17-1 Nov **Autumn Photography Workshops** with award-winning photographer Alan Ranger, working with each person individually. Advance booking only. Details and to book - **www.alanranger.com/Batsford**

17 **Barn Dance** at Chipping Norton Town Hall 7.30 - 11.30pm. £20 to include supper. Church Office 01608 646202,

17 / 18 **Stow Flea Market** at St Edwards Hall. 10am - 4.30 pm. Free Entry. Contact Rose 01451 870675 or **stowflea@gmail.com**

19 **BDFAS.** The de Camondo Collection lecture. 2.45pm in St George's Hall, Blockley. Please contact Elaine Parker (01386 840326) for booking guests (which is essential).

22 **Gypsy Horse Fair**. A gathering of Gypsies and travellers in fields on the Maugersbury road, Stow on the Wold.

22 - 24 **Shipston AmDram** celebrate their 60th Birthday with a great evening's comedy 7.30pm Ticket £5 Thurs; £8 Fri & Sat from John Lyne Hardware/ on the door. The Townsend Hall, Sheep St, Shipston on Stour. CV36 4AE.

24 **Cantamus.** Concert with readings in St Edmund's Church, shipston on Stour at 7.30pm Tickets £8 from Roger Clarke's electrical shop. Queries: 01789 2569587.

24 **Gift and Craft fair** at Chipping Norton Town Hall 10am - 4pm. Refreshments. In aid of Chadlington Flower Club.

25 **English String Orchestra** : **A Golden October Afternoon** – a compilation of composers including Mozart, Vivaldi, Bach and Casals. 3pm at Bingham Hall, Cirencester GL7 1JT. £14 from **www.orpheus-events.com** / 01905 570979 and Cirencester Information Centre 01285 654180

26 **Quiz Night** – fundraising for Bourton Panto Gp. £10 for a team of 4. Bring your own drinks - nibbles provided. 7-10ok in Victoria Hall, Bourton.

29 **Community Shred In**. Bledington Village Hall. 2pm - 4pm. £5 per black bag.

29 **Country Music Night.** Notgrove Village Hall. 7:30 - 11:30 pm. Live music from Mike McCoy. Bar. £5 pp. 07870795560.

31 **Our Halloween 'Steam and Scream' Specials**. Dress up for the occasion - join the trains at Cheltenham Racecourse or Toddington Stations. Normal ticket prices apply.

Market Days

BOURTON ON THE WATER

Farmers' Market	4th Sunday, 9.30–1300

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Farmers' Market	13 June, 12 September, 12 December Playing Close, Charlbury OX7 3RJ (9-1pm)

CHIPPING CAMPDEN

Country Market	every Friday, 9–11am (except January)

CHIPPING NORTON

Farmers' Market	3rd Saturday, monthly from 8.30am
Country Market	every Saturday 8.45–11am Lower Town Hall (with Farmer's Market on 3rd Saturday) Weekly Market every Wednesday

GREAT ROLLRIGHT

Village Market	last Saturday monthly (except December)

KINGHAM

Farmer's Market	21 June, 20 Sept, 13 December

MORETON-IN-MARSH

Weekly Market	every Tuesday, 9–3.30pm
Country Market	every Thursday, 9.30–12noon in W I Hall
Farmer's and Craft Market	1st Sunday (except 12 July) 09.30-2pm approx

NORTHLEACH every Wednesday, 8.30–3.30pm

STOW ON THE WOLD

Farmer's Market	2nd Thursday, 9am–1pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS NOVEMBER

1 **Tea Dance** at Lansdown, Bourton on the Water. 2.30pm = 5pm. Peter Gill Swing Band. Tickets £10.

4 **Jeremy Houghton's Cotswold Studio**, Broadway. Open Evening. Talk & nibbles by Cotswold 'food hero' Charlie Bedlam. 07981 655 515. info@jeremyhoughton.co.uk

7 **CDFAS Photographic Exhibition** at Beaconsfield Hall. Shipton-Under Wychwood 10am - 4pm

22 **Burford Singers Handel – Israel in Egypt** 7.30pm at Church of St John the Baptist, Burford OX18 4RY **.** Full details booking form available on website www.burfordsingers.org.uk

26 - 28 **Wychwood Players**. Confusions by Alan Ayckbourn at 7.30pm. New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton under Wychwood. Tickets £8.50.

28 **Reindeer Race Night Party**. Crown and Cushion, Chipping Norton. from 7pm. Tickets £3 contact 01608 646003.

28 & 29 **Santa Specials** from Cheltenham Racecourse Station to the North Pole (near Winchcombe). Visit Santa and his Elves in his grotto. Advance booking is essential – special prices apply. See www. gwsr.com for more information. Santa Specials will also run on selected dates in December.

Tickets, Booking information etc. from –

BOURTON ON THE WATER VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE
Victoria Street, Bourton on the Water. Open Mon-Fri 9.30-5pm, Sat 9.30-5.30, Closed Sunday **01451 820211**
E: info@visitbourton.com

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

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

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

MORETON AREA CENTRE High Street, Moreton. Mon 8.45am-4.00pm, Tues-Thurs 8.45am-5.15pm, Fri 8.45am-4.45pm, Sat 10am-1pm (BST), 10.00am-12.30pm (BWT), Sun CLOSED. **01608 650881 E: Moreton@cotswold.gov.uk**

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COUNTRY MUSIC NIGHT

at Notgrove Village Hall

7.30pm – 11.30pm

LIVE MUSIC – Licenced Bar, £5pp entrance

Thursday 1 October: Johnny and Lynette

Thursday 15 October: George McIntosh

Thursday 29 October: Mike McCoy

Contact Ken on 07870795560 for further details.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Blockley Ladies Choir & Blockley Blokes

present 'A Winter Wonderland' a concert of seasonal music, featuring Blockley Brass Band at St George's Hall Blockley

on Saturday 12th December at 7.30 p.m.

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REGULAR EVENTS

1st MON **Folk Night** Ebrigton Arms 9pm. www.theebringtonarms.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 01386438537

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 492 976. 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 Boxersize. Call Adam 07774285459

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. £5/£4 per drop in session or block discount. www.olasamba.co.uk

3rd Mon **West Oxfordshire WI** St. Mary's Parish Rooms, 7.30pm. 3 sessions at £4 a nd then hope you'll become a member! Contact Hilary Dix 01608 646228

Last MON **Whist Drives** at Burmington Village Hall. 7.30pm. In aid of the village hall

TUES **Fosseway Cafe Orchestra** at Stretton on Fosse Village Hal lGL56 9SD 10 - 12. No auditions - players are Grade III - VI. Cost £3.00 per session. 07967 423550.

TUES. **Baby Bounce and Rhyme** 10.30-11am, Moreton Library, Stow Road. Free

TUES **Blockley Ladies Choir** 7.30 - 9.15pm Little Village Hall. Sec: Sue Wareham 01608 654299: 07917198327. smwwareham@gmail.com

TUES **Fit For Life** at Baden-Powell Hall, Bourton. Tai Chi: 9.30-10.30am £4.50/session. Balance & strength: 11-12noon £4.50/ session. Contact Denise Nethercott 07909874186 or email d.nethercott@btinternet.com

TUES **Art Class** by Jill Jarvis at Oddington Village Hall 9:30 - 12:00. 01451 831862 / 07908 512734 jillyjarvis@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. 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. annec@ebshr.co.uk 01451 870734

TUES **Great Rollright Baby and Toddler Group** 10-11.30am in the village hall. Ann White 01608 737437

1st TUES **Stow on the Wold and Countryside Embroiderer's Guild** Afternoon meetings with speaker then tea & cake. Broadwell Village Hall. 01451 821291

1st WED **Free Martial Arts Lessons** Separate adult & children's classes. Chipping Norton Leisure Centre. 07977 560086 www.martialartsvoucher.co.uk

1st WED **North Cotswolds Friendship Centre,** Broadwell Village Hall, Nr. Moreton in Marsh - 10.30 - 12 noon

2nd WED **Charlbury Art Society** 7:30 pm. Many other activities arranged throughout t he year.Marion Coates 01608 810116.

WEDS **Recorder Consort** meet @GL56 9SR. Playing in 4 parts. Cost 50p. Contact Chirstine 07967423550

WEDS **Fitness classes and Kettlercise** 5.15 - 6.30pm/6.30 - 7.45pm. Stow on the Wold Primary School. email millyjopt@gmail

WEDS **Art Class** by Jill Jarvis at Oddington Village Hall. 1:30 - 4:00 01451 831862/ 07908 512734 jillyjarvis@hotmail.co.uk

WEDS **Chipping Campden Bridge Club** 7.15 for 7.30pm Duplicate Bridge. Upper Town Hall. Non members welcome. Partners not necessary, 01608 664456

WEDS **Environmental projects** 10-1pm. Chipping Norton Green Gym is a friendly group with jobs for all! 01608 643269, jennyharrington@btinternet.com www.chippygreengym.org

WEDS **Awareness Through Movement classes** 7pm at Church Westcote Village Hall, OX7 6SF £10/£40 for 6 classes. Karin 01993 832520 karin@movetoimprove.info

WEDS **Dance 50+** Termly, 9.45am-10.45am. Keep fit and mobile. Upstairs in The Theatre's Gallery. £60 for ten week term. 01608 642350 www.chippingnortontheatre.com

WEDS **Weds Walk** Easy/moderate walks. Start at 10am. 01451 862000

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.

1st THURS **Free Martial Arts Lessons** Separate adult & children's classes Stow-on-the-Wold Primary School. 07977 560086 www.martialartsvoucher.co.uk,

1st THURS **Free Self Defence / Jeet Kune Do Lessons** for Men and Women (Adults only) Stowon- the-Wold Primary School 07977 560086 www.selfdefencevoucher.co.uk

THURS **Fitness League** Exercise and movement to music. 9-45am to 11-15am in the British Legion Hall, Bourton on the Water. Kathy Kirk 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). Blockley 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 Glyme Hall, next to Leisure Centre. £5 per morning. 10.30-12.30 Friendly group. All abilities. 01608 730268

THURS **Adult Arts & Crafts Workshop.** 09.30 - 12noon. Moreton Congregational Church Hall. Tel: 01608 653377 for more info

THURS **Line Dancing**1.45pm beginners, 2.30 others. King George Hall, Mickleton 01386 438 537

THURS **Notgrove Country Music** Every other Thursday, 8pm to 11:30 pm. £5 entrance. Contact Ken on 07870795560 for further details.

THURS **Blockley Blokes Choir** (BBC) 7.30-9 pm Little Village Hall. David Artingstall, Sec: 01386 701556 blockleyblokes@gmail.com

THURS **Toddler group**Village Hall in Upper Rissington. 10-12. £2 per Family. Newborn to 5 years old. Contact 01451 822379 or Littlehurricanes@hotmail.com

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 841677

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 jillyjarvis@hotmail.co.uk

FRI **Painting Class** with Fleur Grabow at Longborough Village Hall. 9.30-12.30. 01451 830767 fleurgrabow42@gmail.com

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@bobblefarm.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

Rural Cinema – OCTOBER 2015

The Playhouse, St George's Hall
BLOCKLEY
Thursday 22 October
FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD
2015 Season Tickets available – £25
Doors/Bar open at 7.00pm / 7.45pm film.
Advance tickets £3.50/ on door £4.
Advance tickets 01386 700647/593386

The Old School
BOURTON ON THE HILL
Saturday 24 October
WOMAN IN GOLD
7.15pm. Hot dogs on sale from 6.30. Wine with a donation £3.50 on the door. Tickets/Queries 01386 7013857/701396

Victoria Hall
BOURTON ON THE WATER
Monday 19 October
WOMAN IN GOLD
Film 2.30pm & 7.30pm Tickets £3 refreshments.
Family Tickets £10 (2 adults, 2 children) Queries 01451 822365

Memorial Hall
CHARLBURY'S OWN CIMEMA
Sunday 11 October
THE IMITATION GAME
Film: 7.30pm – Doors & bar from 6.45pm. Tickets £5 / U15s £3, at the door. Family ticket £12 (2 adults, 1 or 2 children) Queries: 01608 810713

Village Hall
CHURCHILL AND SARSDEN
Saturday 10 October
FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD
Film 7.30pm. Tickets £4.50 at the door.
Advance tickets/queries 01608 659903
screenbythegreen@btopenworld.com

Screen on the Green, Village Hall
ILMINGTON
Friday 30 October
FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD
Film 7.30pm Tickets £3.50 (students £2.50) Advance tickets Red Lion.
Queries 01606 682806 Refreshments

Village Hall
LITTLE WOLFORD
Thursday 15 October
WOMAN IN GOLD
Film 7.30pm Tickets £4.00 inc. refreshments
Advance tickets/queries
01608 684223 or 01608 674200

St. Andrew's Church
NAUNTON
Tuesday
CHECK LOCAL NOTICES
Doors open 7.15, Film 7.45.
Tickets £3.00 at the door.
01451 850897 or bob@markets-international.com

Village Hall
ODDINGTON
Tuesday 20 October
WOMAN IN GOLD
7 for 7.30pm. £3.00 Wine and soft drinks. Advance tickets/queries Ted 01451 830738

Lower Swell Village Hall
LOWER SWELL
Friday 2 October
WOMAN IN GOLD
Doors open at 7pm for refreshments. Film starts at 7.30pm. Tickets £3.50 Food, alcohol and hot and cold drinks for sale.

Far from the Madding Crowd: Thomas Hardy's classic love story set in Dorset. The story of Bathsheba Everdene whose uncle has bequeathed his farm to her. She attracts three different suitors: Gabriel Oak a sheep farmer, Sergeant Troy an unpleasant soldier, and William Boldwood a lonely bachelor who is a good man and means well

The Imitation Game: A biopic about the life of Alan Turing and the race against time for Turing and his team of code breakers at Bletchley Park to crack the Enigma code during the Second World War.

Woman in Gold: Sixty years after fleeing Vienna, Maria Altmann, an elderly Jewish woman, attempts to reclaim family possessions that were seized by the Nazis.

BARN DANCE SAT 17TH OCT

Chipping Norton Town Hall
with live music and caller from Merrylegs
7.30 – 11.30pm
Tickets £20 (to include supper) available from Jaffe and Neale and Church Office 01608 646202,
jograves46@aol.com
(bar available)
proceeds to Friends of St Mary's Church,

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

Rag-dolls to Robots: a World History of Toys

Lecturer: Chloe Sayer

11.00 a.m. Wednesday 14th October 2015

Coffee/Tea available from 10.15 to 10.45

Non-members are welcome, no need to book

Bradwell Village Hall, Burford, OX18 4XF

Stow Flea Market and Collectors Fair

St Edwards Hall, Stow on the Wold.

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October 2015 - 10 am - 4.30 pm

Free Entry - Contact Rose on 07704145099 or stowflea@gmail.com

The Cotswold Decorative and Fine Arts Society

We are very excited to announce a new photographic competition for Years 12 and 13 at Burford School and Chipping Norton School. Entries will be shown in an exhibition open to the public at the Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton-under-Wychwood

on Saturday November 7th from 10.00am to 4.00pm.

We hope you will visit this exhibition.

Chipping Norton Lions
Come to our crazy
Reindeer Race Night Party
Real racing not films

at

The Crown and Cushion Hotel
Chipping Norton
On Saturday 28th November 2015
7.00pm with first race at 7.30p.m prompt
Tickets available at £3 from any Lion or contact our President R. Caswell 01608 646003

CHIPPY RAMBLING CLUB

Join us for a leisurely two-hour walk in the countryside! On the first Sunday of the month we meet in the New Street carpark at 2pm (1.30pm after the clocks change). Then get into 2 or 3 cars and go to the start of a different walk each month. We are a friendly group and go to lovely parts of our local countryside. Do join us. Enquiries to Heather on 01608 643691.

COMMUNITY SHRED-IN IS BACK AT BLEDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

on Thursday 29 October from 2pm - 4pm

Bring all your confidential documentation to the Hall and it will be shredded for you – don't burn out your little home shredder! Plastic items – discs, hard drives etc can be brought in a separate bag and will be taken away to be destroyed in order not to contaminate the paper waste. £5 per black bag

Teas served in the Hall while you wait!

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2015

Tea Dance

A COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING EVENT BY MEMORY CLUBS UK CIC

2.30PM - 5.00PM

AT

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION
LANSDOWN, BOURTON ON THE WATER

FEATURING THE

PETER GILL SWING BAND

TICKETS £10

TO INCLUDE A CREAM TEA

TICKETS CAN BE BOUGHT FROM

KELLY ON 07707 787 580

EMAIL : ENQUIRIES@MEMORYCLUBS.CO.UK

WYCHWOOD PLAYERS

Celebrate a 60TH Theatrical Anniversary

CONFUSIONS *By Alan Ayckbourn*

CONFESSIONS

Classic Ayckbourn portraying human eccentricities at their very best.

Comedy, cartoonist farce, pathos and crises plus characters or even caricatures that we know and may even recognise!

5 (short) plays for the price of one!

Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and Saturday 28th November 2015

at 7.30pm. Tickets £8.50

at the New Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton-under-Wychwood

Full details and tickets at www.wychwoodplayers.com

THE THEATRE CHIPPING NORTON

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

OCTOBER 2015

		Films	
1	Mark Thomas: Trespass	2	Gemma Bovary
4	Every Brilliant Thing	3	Absolutely Anything
5	Le Nozze di Figaro	6	The Wolfpack
8/10	The Importance of Being Earnest	11	45 Years
9	Blofield and Baxter	18	Rikki and the Flash
14	Jenny Eclair	19	Les Miserables
15/16	Hamlet	31	A Walk in the Woods
16/17	What to do when you find a Donosaur		

Administration@chippingnortontheatre.com www.chippingnortontheatre.com

Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre Open Day

Saturday 10th October 11am-4pm (last entry 3pm)

Blindfold activities
Sensory tunnel experience
Puppy viewing from galleries
Meet breeding stock and holders
Dog demonstration
Children's activities
Guide Dogs gift shop & pet products
Tombolas and raffle
Hog roast, soup, home-made cakes

Please note no pet dogs are allowed on this site

Free Parking

Free Entry

For more information contact:
Liz.Hinckley@guidedogs.org.uk or call on **0845 3727 432**

Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre, Banbury Road, Bishop's Tachbrook, Warwickshire, CV33 9QJ

www.guidedogs.org.uk

Registered charity in England and Wales (209617) and in Scotland (SC038979) 7212 02/14

Cantamus

THE PARISH NEWS

A year in the life of a parish church
Including 'a visit from the Bishop' and 'gossips' corner'.

A Concert with readings for
St. Edmund's Church in Shipston-on-Stour
Saturday evening 24th October at 7.30pm.

Tickets £8 from Roger Clarke's Electrical Shop in Shipston or on the door. Any queries to Yvonne Ridley – telephone 01789 269587.

BLOCKLEY DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

a lecture

The de Camondo Collection

by Deborah Lambert

at 2.45pm on 19 October 2015
in St George's Hall, Blockley

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

Illuminated Evenings at Fairytale Farm every evening in October. Discounted evening admission of only £2 for adults and £1.75 for children (from 5pm onwards) (only the Enchanted Walk, Mouse Town and the Cafe remain open after dusk.) Fairytale Farm, Southcombe, Chipping Norton, OX7 5QH. (A44 Chipping Norton to Oxford road) 01608 238014. info@fairytalefarm.co.uk. www.fairytalefarm.co.uk.

SWING from PARIS

French jazz, gypsy jazz and vintage swing

Friday 20th November – 8pm
Townsend Hall,
Shipston-on-Stour, CV36 4AE

Tickets £11 in advance / £12 on door.
Includes Ploughman's Supper
courtesy of ***Taste of the Country***

* Table Seating. Tickets available online at www.townsendhall.com (PayPal), or Roger Clarke Electrical Shop High Street Shipston or contact Peter on 01608 664456 / 07711 562317 / johnson89@btinternet.com

Find out more at swingfromparis.co.uk

A Townsend Hall Event

SCRATCH CHOIR

for ages 16+ years

Saturday 10th October, 10.30am - 5pm

In this uplifting day, led by Cat Kelly, director of the Chipping Norton Singers, you will be expertly guided through simple warm up exercises and rounds, gradually building to energetic rhythms and glorious harmonies. The day will finish with a performance on stage infront of friends and family. Songs are unaccompanied and will range from simple traditonal folk songs to world music and pop classics. Suitable for any level of experience or ability.

Tickets: £24. (please pre-book your place)

For more info and to book call
BOX OFFICE 01608 642350
WWW.CHIPPINGNORTONTHEATRE.COM

THE THEATRE CHIPPING NORTON

OCTOBER HALF-TERM ACTIVITIES

COTSWOLDS DISCOVERY CENTRE at THE OLD PRISON

Our café serves delicious food and our new wood burning stove will keep you snuggly warm.

Tuesday 27th October 2-4 pm.
Meet our barber-surgeon. Are you brave enough to try our 'unlucky dip'? See the tools of his trade and invent a potion. All ages. £3 per child.

Thursday 29th October 1-4 pm
Rock and fossil workshop at the Gloucestershire Geology Trust. Fun activities, crafts and fossil identification. Aimed at primary aged children. £3 per child.

Cotswolds Discovery Centre @ The Old Prison, Fosse Way, Northleach, GL54 3JH. Tel: 01451 862000

VisitEngland

Gloucestershire in the running for 'England's Home of Sport'

Gloucestershire has been shortlisted in VisitEngland's search to find the country's Home of Sport.
The search to establish England's ultimate sporting capital began in June when VisitEngland asked the public to nominate their top sporting experiences and venues across the country.

More than 2,000 submissions flooded in from across the country, and spanned everything from favourite running routes and personal fitness challenges to stadia holding tens of thousands of fans and even choice pubs for watching the action.

The shortlist of England's top sporting destinations, announced today, is:

- The people's choice (most nominations) - Nottingham
- Sporting playground - Yorkshire
- Biggest claim to fame – Rugby
- Best sporting attractions - Manchester
- Quirkiest sports – Gloucestershire
- venues and events – London

James Berresford, VisitEngland's Chief Executive said: "Shortlisting six destinations from a pool of 2,000 nominations was a tough job. Between them, these destinations showcase England's diversity as a sporting country. Gloucestershire earned its place in our Home of Sport shortlist with the sheer range of quirky sports and pastimes held here, from football in the River Windrush at Bourton-on-the-Water to the Cotswolds Olympicks at Dover's Hill and Tetbury's Wacky Races. Voting goes live today, and we are excited to see which of our worthy shortlist the public crowns the country's ultimate Home of Sport."

Read more about the six shortlisted destinations at **www.englandhomeofsport.com**, where you can vote for your favourite. Voting will close on **19th October**, and England's Home of Sport will be announced on **23rd October 2015**.

Upper Windrush Local History Society

Monday 12th October - 7.30pm Temple Guiting Village Hall

Drover Roads, Wales to the Cotswold's
With guest speaker Bruce Smith

Visitors Welcome - Members £ 1 Visitors £ 2
www.upperwindrushlhs.org.uk or **01451 850232**

Hannah Ward
Visitor Experience Manager

Adam Henson's Cotswold Farm Park
passion in British farming

Romance is in the air at the Cotswold Farm Park - it's tupping time!

Next year we reopen the Farm Park gates on 13th February and our first lambs and kids of the season will be expected to make an appearance just in time for our earliest visitors. This is no coincidence; our Livestock Manager Mike carefully plans around the five month gestation period to ensure that we have a steady supply of new-borns throughout our extended eight-week lambing season. Naturally the process begins with tupping, which means introducing the rams to the ewes.

18th September, 'The Big Date', has been pencilled in diaries for a while and there has been a lot of pre-date preparation to guarantee sparks fly at the first rendezvous. It is vital that both the rams and ewes undergo some rigorous health checks and these start about 12 weeks before tupping begins. The rams are each condition-scored to ensure they are the optimum weight for the job - too heavy and they will be lethargic, not heavy enough and they won't have the stamina (each ram is expected to cover at least 50 ewes). We can then adjust their food intake accordingly and monitor the changes closely. We look at the ewes' udder health as, in order to rear two healthy lambs, both teats will need to function well. They also need a little 'me time' to recover from the previous breeding season and get their bodies back in peak condition for optimum ovulation rates. We inspect their legs, feet and teeth and then set them free to enjoy

the best grazing pastures on the farm.

The ewes and rams are kept completely separate for the majority of the year, it is only from late-September to mid-November that they are allowed to run together. It isn't really the farmer's choice at all; with virtually all UK sheep breeds, the ewes are only receptive to the ram in autumn as the daylight hours shorten. The reduced light triggers hormones in the ewes which brings them into season. When the cycle does begin, they are receptive to the ram for 24-36 hours at a time, every 17 days. The ram's body is equally clever and he will use receptors under his top lip to detect which ewes will encourage his advances. Each ram is fitted with a raddle, a harness with a coloured wax block attached to the chest, which marks the rump of each ewe during mating. Every week the coloured block is changed to one slightly darker – from yellow, to orange, to red for example - and will therefore override any marking that was there previously. The ram will sense when the ewe falls pregnant and will give up his pursuit which means the darkest colour on the ewe's rump will indicate the date of conception. This is really important to us for two reasons. Firstly, we are able to work out exactly when each is due to give birth and consequently when they need to be brought into the lambing shed which, with limited space available, is about three weeks before their due date. It also means that we can closely monitor the amount of food they receive at different stages of the pregnancy. We regularly check the condition of the rams and, to ease stress to the flock, they are trained to come running at the promise of food. It is very important to make sure the raddle isn't rubbing or causing any discomfort – nothing should put him off the deed. However, more often than not it will actually need tightening - they are working very hard and the pounds tend to drop off!

After all this there is nothing to do but let the magic happen. Our next intervention will be in approximately 90 days' time when we scan the ewes to see if all the preparation has paid off.

For more information or to book tickets to the Farm Park, please visit:
www.cotswoldfarmpark.co.uk

COTSWOLD TIMES

Photo Competition 2015

Inside the August editions of *Stow Times, Moreton Times, Bourton Times* and *Chipping Norton Times* were a set of numbered photographs, taken recently in 62 of the communities where we currently deliver the magazines each month. But these were not the average picture postcard images and they weren't always that easy to identify! So, with the answer sheets in –

Well done **to all the Entrants, and a huge** ***Thank You*** **to the local businesses who supported the competition with prizes**

No	NAME OF TOWN, VILLAGE OR HAMLET	No	NAME OF TOWN, VILLAGE OR HAMLET	No	NAME OF TOWN, VILLAGE OR HAMLET
1	Ascott under Wychwood	22	Northleach	43	Adlestrop
2	Churchill	23	Whichford	44	Moreton in Marsh
3	Condicote	24	Idbury	45	Naunton
4	Little Wolford	25	Icomb	46	Upper Oddington
5	Temple Guiting	26	Clapton on the Hill	47	Bledington
6	Heythrop	27	Salford	48	Great Wolford
7	Bourton on the Water	28	Shipston on Stour	49	Notgrove
8	Todenham	29	Chadlington	50	Fifield
9	Stretton on Fosse	30	Milton under Wychwood	51	Longborough
10	Chipping Norton	31	Broadwell	52	Little Compton
11	Over Norton	32	Church Westcote	53	Chipping Camden
12	Chedworth	33	Upper Slaughter	54	Charlbury
13	Guiting Power	34	Lower Oddington	55	Draycott
14	Stow on the Wold	35	Donnington	56	Nether Westcote
15	Long Compton	36	Maugersbury	57	Evenlode
16	Batsford	37	Ford	58	Upper Rissington
17	Lower Swell	38	Kingham	59	Little Rissington
18	Daylesford	39	Great Tew	60	Sherborne
19	Upper Swell	40	Lower Slaughter	61	Hook Norton
20	Blockley	41	Bourton on the Hill	62	Aston Magna
21	Great Rissington	42	Wyck Rissington		

This year 12 Answer Sheets were 100% correct! Very Well Done to them all

The 'pick' of the Prizes went to:

- **The 1st and 100% Correct entry** **from Kathryn and Anne Connor**
- **The joint 1st and 100% Correct Family entries** **from the Crabtree Family, the Lamb Family**
- **The 1st Business Entry** **from Lucy's Tearooms in Stow**
- **2nd and 3rd 100% Correct entries** **from Helen and Mary Smith, Thomas See and Lois Paxford**
- **Other 100% Correct entries came from:**
  Angela and John McMahon, Michelle and Sophie McCallum, Susan and Laura Colston, Mrs A Morris, Alix Bridgewater and Rheanna Weekes, Julia and Peter Stanbridge, Shirley Payne and Jo Hurrell.

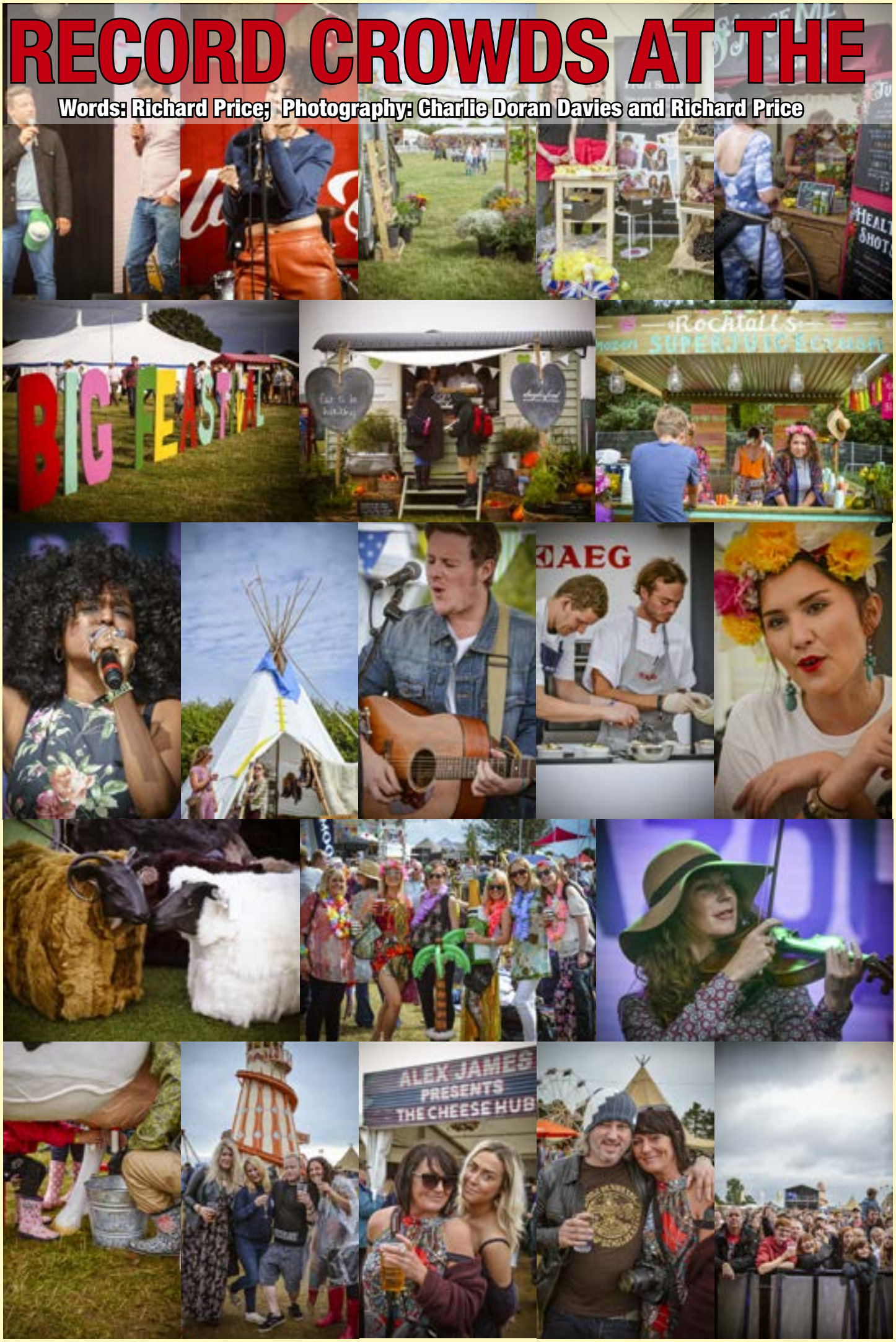
Well done and 'well spotted'!

If you did, thank you for taking part and we hope you enjoyed the challenge. I am convinced that this Competition is one of the best excuses for getting out into our wonderful Cotswolds countryside, in the height of summer – what could be better! We will be repeating the competition in August next year – so keep your eyes open as you travel around!

I hope that seeing the answers will encourage even more people to have a go next time! Meanwhile, we look forward to putting the next Photo Competition together for August 2016.

RECORD CROWDS AT THE

Words: Richard Price; Photography: Charlie Doran Davies and Richard Price



REALLY 'BIG' FEASTIVAL

Well I never, it rained at the Big Feastival. Yes, for the first time in living memory (or, at least, its five year history) it actually rained, if only for one day! Now we'd see what the Cotswold festival crowd were made of. Stern stuff, as it happened, and the Sunday deluge failed to dampen the spirits of this hardy crew. We should have known!

Once again hosted by the king of Kingham, Alex James, and superchef Jamie Oliver (also raising money for his food education charity) and now overseen by event management specialists IMG, the event continues to grow and grow – a record 55,000 turned out this year. There will be those that bemoan the loss of the cosy intimacy of the earlier years or complain that, indeed, it seemed that the food suppliers of the Cotswolds were easily outnumbered by the city retailers that swelled the ranks of the stallholders but, on the evidence of this weekend, the audience were given what they wanted.

An eclectic blend of artistes on stage and a menu for fanatical foodies

Whilst the musical offerings on the main stage stuck to the traditional format, albeit with an extended bill on the opening Friday night, taking in an eclectic blend of artistes from retro (Heaven 17, Grandmaster Flash, Maxi Jazz, Badly Drawn Boy, Roots Manuva and Groove Armada) to contemporary (Paloma Faith, Dizzee Rascal, Example et al), the menu for fanatical foodies continues to proliferate.

The Big Kitchen has now taken on a life of its own, with the faithful glued to their seats as heavyweight culinary gurus such as Oliver himself, Raymond Blanc, Gennaro Contaldo, Monica Galetti and the Cotswolds' own Fabulous Baker Brothers held court. As ever with the Big Feastival, new talent is nurtured and up-and-coming names such as Hemsley and Hemsley, The Great British Bake Off's Richard Burr and The Kingham Plough's Emily Watkins were among those taking centre stage.

A word, too, about the profile given to burgeoning musical talent. The main stage saw innovative Cheltenham beatboxers Duke make plenty of new friends (many of whom they took with them to the smaller Udder Stage for their second performance!), Iris Gold's sparky hip hop was a perfect soundtrack for a sunny Saturday afternoon, and then the glorious Andreya Triana, whose silky, soulful tunes are destined to become very familiar in the near future.

If anything, the weekend simply wasn't long enough!

Plenty for the kids too, with CBeebies superstar Justin 'Mr Tumble' Fletcher, Adam Henson's Farm Park, The Big Top, Village Green and Little Dudes den all there to entertain. If anything, the weekend simply wasn't long enough!

All that boogieing was sure to make big and small hungry, but what to have? Street food? Pizza? Sushi? Thai? Mac and cheese? A hot dog? An Argentinian steak? Cheese Toastie? Burritos? A lobster roll? One of half a dozen types of burger? Kale crisps? You name it, it was there, including an Healthy Living Zone for the more conscientious with everything from beers to draft cocktails to slake the most voracious thirst. This crowd must surely be the best-fed and watered festivalgoers on the planet!

One of the great joys of the Big Feastival is to see the great and the good of the Cotswolds welcoming urban friends (who this year included supermodel Kate Moss, TV presenter Amanda Holden and ex-Formula One driver David Coulthard) to eat, drink and be merry in the twilight days of summer.

Hair was well and truly let down but, as ever, everyone sleeps soundly in the knowledge that what happens at Feastival, stays at Feastival! Woodstock it ain't. Foodstock? Maybe. Flour power? Definitely. Rain? What rain?

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In my article this month I'm going highlight the need for businesses to be at the top of their game if they are going to survive in this fast moving environment. As more & more houses are built & more & more people come into the area you may think that this increase will fuel greater economic activity so putting more money into the purses of local businesses. It has been proven that this is not always the case as people are finding more and more reasons not to spend their money with those businesses that make little or no effort when it comes to customer satisfaction. In some cases the lack of competition has allowed these businesses to thrive. I can name one or two retail businesses in our area who seem to delight in closing their doors for a day or two, some for a week or two, whenever the opportunity arises. If you run a business on those principles it will be only a matter of time before people get fed up & look elsewhere. Don't let your business slide the slippery slope, keep an eye on the competition, look for new ways of promoting your service or product & above all listen to what your customers are saying.

A reminder to small employers that the clock is ticking, are you up to speed with auto-enrolment? Over the next 18 months many small employers will reach their staging date & therefore will have to provide a pension scheme for their employees. Are you one of them? If so, do not ignore the correspondence you receive from the Pensions Regulator. Many employers, after receiving the first letter warning them that they have to act, do not realise that the letter states that you have to nominate the person who will be dealing with setting up the pension or delegate this to an adviser. Already many larger businesses are falling foul of the law and have been hit with hefty fines. Don't let it be you.

The months are ticking by and a number of tax deadlines are looming. If you have been asked to submit a Tax Return and you wish to file this on paper then you need to do this by the end of the month. The online filing deadline is 31st January 2016. If you haven't received a notice to submit a Tax Return but you have additional income to declare, to year ending 5th April 2015, then you should either request a paper Return to file immediately or submit the information online by the date requested.

If in doubt about filing any of your Returns, or if you simply want help in organising your business paperwork, then give me a ring. I will be more than happy to help.

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A wasps' nest outside Little Compton photographed by David Cox

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ALAIN ROUVEURE GALLERIES
Newsletter September 2015

FUND-RAISING EVENTS FOR THE NEPAL FUND.

"Moneys raised so far, thanks to your generosity, make up a fantastic £48,000 towards our target of £95,000.
This is wonderful as I will now be able to get the works organised for our Community Centre building project in Etay village. As soon as I arrive in Nepal we will meet with architects and Community Leaders, and start digging as soon as the dreaded monsoon is over in October.
The funds we have so far will cover the heavy and costly reinforced concrete raft on which the community hall will be built, and should see us some way towards the pillar system - essential to make up a safe usable ground floor.

Much still has to be done.

Nepal has been out of the news for some time despite the mostly daily tremors of between 3.5 and 4 points. The dreaded major earthquake the scientists have predicted since last July is expected sometime in December... I so wish our building could be ready in time.

I will stay two whole months working for the galleries with the marvellous craftsmen and women we know so well and who desperately need the work. Many businesses in Nepal have been completely flattened and have folded. I will of course be visiting the projects and families, and especially the children, we sponsor. This time will be particularly tough. I have been warned. There is a difference between seeing photographs and being there, but I am ready for it.

So far The Alain Rouveure Nepal Fund cares for fourteen children.

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Thank you again for your interest, your care and your generosity.

North Cotswolds Cello Day

The first North Cotswolds Cello Day was held on the 16th of August at Oddington Village Hall. The event was organised by local Stow cellist Lois Mattson.

Twelve cellists came together for a full day of cello merriment and music making. Lunch was provided and served by the attendees and enjoyed by all. The group was comprised of both amateurs and professionals from the area.

If you are a cellist and might be interested in joining in next time, please contact Lois at **lkmattson@gmail.com**

Counting down the miles – and raising funds

Harry Preston, Poppy Godwin and Tim Godwin

In support of two local charities, Tim and Poppy Godwin from Fosseway Garden Centre outside Moreton in Marsh, cycled from John O'Groats to Land's End, a total of 970 miles, covering 90 miles per day.

This gruelling task has raised over £10,000, which will be split between the Midlands Air Ambulance Service and the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group.

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#CarryMeHomeKate – The Story Behind the Campaign

Caroline Fisher

Launching the #CarryMeHomeKate campaign chairman **Sean Clarke** said: "We want wild and wacky ideas to 'pass' this (over-sized) rugby ball, involving as many different people as possible. It can be individuals or clubs from beekeepers to wine drinkers, groups from mums and toddlers to residential homes, and public bodies from firefighters to council workers.

"Initially I thought 'Let's see if we can beat the Guinness World Record for passing a rugby ball' – 297 continuous times," said Sean, chairman of Stow RFC Minis and Juniors and under-13s coach. "But there were so many rules, such as the ball having to be passed backwards or sideways (in-line) and over 5m distance, that it lost any element of fun," he explained. "So we've decided to make up our own rules, being as imaginative as possible and setting our own record."

The iconic ball was specially made by Gilbert Rugby, World Cup suppliers. It carries the #CarryMeHomeKate slogan, logos of the rugby club and the campaign's main sponsors and is edged in the pink and blue colours of Kate's Home Nursing.

The link with Kate's Home Nursing

Kate's Home Nursing played a vital part in the life of Sean Clarke. His father, Christopher, received their palliative care for six weeks before he passed away in 1998. "A lot of people aren't aware of these nurses before it's too late, when they offer a safety net and a warm embrace.

"They don't just do wonderful work looking after the patient but also support the family, rather like osmosis, just by being there. They take a huge weight off your shoulders by giving practical help, such as showing how to lift someone out of bed. They also help emotionally, without being 'in your face'. With Dad, they generally came in twice a day, morning and night, and when it got closer to the end they were there for longer. And if you know your loved one is getting the best care – and it's from a charity – that takes off an awful lot of pressure too."

Together with his brother Simon, Sean's business Christopher Clarke Antiques in Stow has raised funds for Kate's Home Nursing for a decade, with Manfred Schotten Antiques, Burford. "Most of our rugby club members come from within a 20-mile radius from the Stow, Moreton, Bourton, Northleach, Winchcombe and Burford area, which is the area that Kate's cover, so supporting it has a natural symmetry," said Sean. "This time I wanted to unite all the club's sections and past members in one major fun event."

Cotswold Hill Stone & Masonry has replicated the #CarryMeHomeKate rugby ball and has donated two carved stone balls. One will be auctioned to raise funds and the other will be on permanent display at Stow RFC.

TO DONATE or buy a wristband visit:
www.justgiving.com/carrymehomekate
or text **RUGB50 followed by £1, £2, £5 or £10 to 70070.**
Watch the ball's progress and see the videos on the campaign on www.facebook.com/CarryMeHomeKate.

For further information contact **#CarryMeHomeKate** publicity officer Caroline Fisher on 01451 870524 or 07910 356687 or carolinefayfisher@gmailcom.

#CarryMeHomeKate main sponsors: Brodie Manning, planning design and development; Cotswold Hill Stone & Masonry Ltd; Countryside Windows; GX LandRovers, independent specialists; Hacklings Storage & Distribution; Stratford Audi; Tayabali Tomlin, accounting for entrepreneurs; Winchcombe Tile Ltd and Cotswold Times.

Kate's Home Nursing

Kate's Home Nursing. The registered charity was set up by Stow resident Kate King, before she died in 1995. Kate challenged nurses and doctors to act after becoming aware of the lack of nursing care for patients wishing to die at home. Although The NHS provides district nursing care at home, it does not have enough funds to provide nurses to stay with patients - Kate's Home Nursing fills this gap. Patients are referred by GPs or district nurses. Kate's CEO Karen Pengilley said: "Over 20 years we've built up a team who work very closely with district nurses and people's GPs, all in a 20-mile radius of Stow. We are able to nurse 70 to 80 patients a year." For more details visit: www.**kateshomenursing**.org.

Stow on the Wold and District RFC

Stow-on-the-Wold and District RFC was founded in 1879 when the railway was extended to the town, possibly by enthusiastic railway engineers. One tale is of local brewer Mr Green, would take the team from Stow Square to the station in a horse-drawn brewer's dray for away fixtures. Players would get into plate-layers wagons (trucks propelled by passengers pushing and pulling a large lever). After the game they would 'push and pull' themselves back to Stow, stopping at every village that had a convenient pub. Stow was a founder member of Gloucester Rugby Union. It moved to its Oddington Road site in 1967, building a new clubhouse in 1984, extending and renovating it 1996. For more details visit: www.pitchero.com/clubs/**stowrfc.**

Carried Home by a Winged Chariot

Caroline Fisher

After more than 5,000 wonderfully wacky 'passes', a well-handled rugby ball winged its way back to home turf. The iconic oversized ball – the centrepiece of **Stow Rugby Club's #CarryMeHomeKate** campaign – was safely carried home by the RAF Falcons Parachute Display Team from Brize Norton, as they landed on the club's pitch for the opening of their Family Fun Day. The day was the climax of Stow RFC's fundraising campaign which challenged the community to 'pass' the ball in as many inventive ways as possible, raising money for North Cotswolds charity **Kate's Home Nursing**.

The Falcons Parachute display, carrying the ball back to its base, and trailing Kate's colours

To date more than £17,000 has been raised in the run-up to the Rugby World Cup. It will help to fund **KHN** nurses care for terminally-ill people in their own homes and support their families. From the man-in-the-street to community groups and celebrities, everyone has had their hands on the 18ins Gilbert promo ball during 5,029 passes – sparking a deluge of donations.

The ball's travels…

During the ball's travels ballerinas have danced with it, drivers at Pulhams Coaches have tossed it over double-deckers and diggers' buckets have scooped it up at Cotswold Hill Stone and Masonry; jockeys and yard staff threw it across the yard at racehorse trainer Jonjo O'Neill's, and at Cotswold Farm Park, Iron Age Pigs' snouts and trotters ran with it.

RAF Falcons L to R: Flt Sgt Ceri Marsham; Flt Ltn Ollie Smith; Cpl Ryan Norris and Stow under-13 Angus Sparling.

RAF Falcons Parachute Display Team, Brize Norton, with future Stow player Freddy Alvis from Stow in Gloucester shirt, and Stow under-13 Angus Sparling with the ball.

…and other adventures.

Events focussed on Stow-on-the-Wold, Bourton-on-the-Water, Moreton-in-Marsh, Winchcombe, Northleach and Burford, the catchment area for KHN and Stow RFC - but the ball also bounced off to London, Heathrow Airport, New Zealand and Mount Kilimanjaro, and was carried up Pen Y Fan in the Brecon Beacons by eight-year-old Tom Whincup.

All the events were filmed for the website **www.facebook.com/CarryMeHomeKate. Donations can still be made to the charity and wristbands purchased at www.justgiving.com/carrymehomekate or text RUGB50 followed by £1, £2, £5 or £10 to 70070.**

#CMHK committee chairman Sean Clarke is also chairman of Stow RFC Minis and Juniors and an under-13s coach. He said: "Our campaign has had a fantastic reception. The community has embraced our challenge and opened up its arms to become involved. The ball has taken on a life of its own and become famous - with our 65 videos watched over 32,000 times."

"the clear affection for Kate's, as a local charity which has touched many peoples' lives, is obvious."

"Our first concern was to simply involve as many different people as possible in passing the ball, and the fundraising has easily followed. Companies, groups, clubs, schools and individuals have donated money or bought a wristband. People have made donations to have their photo taken with the famous ball. The generosity of everyone we've passed the ball to has been incredible, and the clear affection for Kate's, as a local charity which has touched many peoples' lives, is obvious."

KHN CEO Karen Pengilley said: "We need around £280,000 a year to care for around 70 to 80 people living within a 20-mile radius of Stow. This campaign will make a huge difference, not only bringing in much-needed funds but also raising vital awareness."

The ball will be auctioned at the campaign's grand finale dinner to thank campaign sponsors and main supporters **on October 2 at Stow RFC. During i**ts travels the ball has been signed by many celebrities including Griff Rhys Jones, Nick Knowles, 2012 Olympic Team Gold winning show jumper Carl Hester, Giffords Circus star Tweedy the Clown, racehorse trainers Jonjo O'Neill and Fergal O'Brien, along with star Gloucester players.

The campaign is on track to smash its £20,000 target when '**Justgiving**' closes in December.

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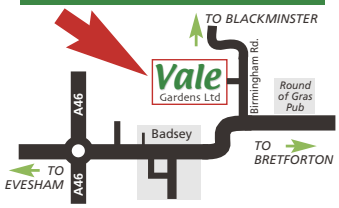

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Duck racing – Bourton on the Water

What do we do?

We have a whole lot of fun! And we carry out a wide range of activities and projects at home and internationally, though our principal focus is in our local communities in Northleach, Bourton, Stow, Moreton and surrounding villages. We are always on the lookout for local projects where we can give assistance and make a difference. We raise funds to support local projects and charities, though increasingly our emphasis is on hands-on work carried out by members, such as organizing social and sporting events and lunches for the disabled, specific projects to improve the environment, and working with schools to run competitions. Thousands of young people take part every year in Rotary youth competitions, and this is an excellent way in which to encourage and foster their talents and skills. The theme this year is 'Our World is Beautiful', giving plenty of scope for imaginative interpretation.

Overseas, we work with others to help alleviate the causes of poverty, and projects include eradication of hunger and malnutrition, reduction in child mortality, disease prevention, and education for all. When natural disasters strike anywhere in the world Rotarians are usually the first people to take action, and North Cotswolds Rotary Club has recently donated or committed some £5000 for immediate and longer term relief projects in Nepal. Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio have been described as one of the finest humanitarian projects the world has ever known. Rotary clubs in Great Britain and Ireland have so far donated over £20 million to End Polio Now, and many Rotarians have personally taken part in vaccination programmes overseas.

Benefits of Rotary membership

There is something for everyone within Rotary. You can enjoy meeting new friends and developing a network of useful contacts in business or leisure, having a great deal of fun, and experiencing the fulfillment that comes from achieving something worthwhile. Our clubs are friendly places that invite speakers from a wide range of backgrounds to share their knowledge, increasing your social and cultural understanding.

Rotarians and friends at the recent Charity Golf Day at Naunton Downs Golf Club

Is Rotary for you?

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Local Clubs. Societies, Associations and Charities

Clubs

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Bourton and District U3A. Contact: Jenny Stanfield 01451 824388. u3asites.org.uk/bourton

Bourton Panto Group www.bourtonpantogroup.com

Bridge Club at Broadwell Village Hall
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Stow Rugby Club
Tim Bevan/Liz Fraser/Andrew Cartlidge www.stowrfc.co.uk

Tae Kwon Do Assoc of GB
Lee Chapman 07977 560086. Tues 6.30 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 Galt 01386 841677

Blockley Ladies Choir Tues 7.30–9pm Little Village Hall.Sue Wareham 01608 654299, 07917198327 smwareham@gmail.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 Linda Sale, 01608 658647

Naunton Music Society
Barbara Steiner 01451 850897 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 and Children

Activity Camps All holidays for ages 3-13 years old. 07793949198 www.activity-camps.com

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 831233

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01451 851742, Becky Roseblade, leader
playleaderguitingpowerplaygroup@outlook.com

Monkey Music (pre-school music classes)
Tues afternoons. 07768 457403 or Sian.ferris@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. 01451831642. www.springboardcc.co.uk

Stow Gymnastics Club
Every Saturday,Tuesday and Thursday for a fun Gymnastic Session for 2-13 year olds. Caroline:07793949198 www.stowgymnastics.co.uk

Stow Youth Centre
Fosseway, Stow. Youth Worker, Linda Burke, Stow Town Council, 01451 832585. Office hours T, W, Th, 10am–1pm

Business Associations & Groups

Cotswold Business Clubs
Cotswold Business Centre, sharonhooton@ymail.com

Stow Fund Trustee Robert Barnett

Tesco Community Champion
Ann Lattimore stowonthewold@communityattesco.co.uk 07514 408598

WIRE Network (Women in Rural Enterprise, N Cots)
Emma Heathcote-James. www.wire.org/networks 01386 831379/07977 226025

Community Groups

Breathe Easy Groups 3rd Weds / month, Baptist Church Rooms, Bourton on the Water. 01451 822102 07845 542336

Breathe Easy Groups (British Lung Foundation)
2nd Tues/monthly 2–4pm. 01451 822102/810520
Baden Powell Hall, Bourton-on-the-Water

Cotswold Volunteers (a local charity helping disadvantaged people) Jane Winstanley CEO 01285 658802, jane@sc-vs.com

Essential Skills in Moreton-in-Marsh
run by YES Mondays & Tuesdays at the library. Sally 07988531774

Fair Shares, N Cotswolds Community Time Bank
01608 812338 cotswolds@fairshares.org.uk

Friends of Stow Surgery 01451 832200 & 830610

Home-Start N Cotswolds Family Support Charity 01451 831781

Independence Trust mental health, drug and alcohol support
01608 652232, www.independencetrust.co.uk. Sue Tomlinson – local contact East Glos Mental Health 01285 650523/07920 427608

Insight Moreton Area Centre, High St, Moreton Mondays 10am–1pm 01242 221170. steph.mckeever@insight-glos.org.uk

Kate's Home Nursing (palliative nursing care at home) Karen Pengilley, info@kateshomenursing.org, 0754 0898 143.

Medical Detection Dogs (charity no 1124533)
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oxon.supportgrp@medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk

Moore Friends Secretary, Sandra Morgan 01451 824316 sandra.morgan12@btinternet.com

N Cotswold Community Radio
Old Police Station, Chipping Campden, www.nothcotswoldonline.com

N Cotswold Neighbourhood Watch
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N Cotswold Support Group – Parkinson's UK
Mike Winter 01451 831194

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RNLI N Cotswold Branch Chairman Diana Porter 01451 830508

The Cotswold Listener talking newspaper for the visually impaired. 01242 252072. admin@cotswoldlistener.co.uk

The Stroke Association (Age UK)
Louise Read 01452 520723, louise.read@stroke.org.uk

The Villager Community Bus
Keith Gowing 01608 658579/ www.villagerbus.com

U3A – Bourton & District Sec Janet Prout 01451 821478 u3asites.org.uk/bourton

YHA Stow on the Wold
www.yha.org.uk. Manager Dawn Rankin. stow@yha.org.uk

Young At Heart Club
1st and 3rd Fridays monthly, 10.30am-2.30pm Lounge at Chamberlayne House. A light lunch is served; Carer Respite Service available for a modest charge. Please call Val on 01451 810637 for more information.

Local Authorities

Cotswold District Council
Trinity Road, Cirencester. 01285 623000 www.cotswold.gov.uk

County Cllr Nigel Moor 01386 700240/07778 207034
Nigel.moor@gloucestershire.gov.uk Shire Hall, Gloucester GL1 2GT

Stow-on-the-Wold District Councillor Barry Dare barry.dare@cotswold.gov.uk (01386) 700457

Glos Homeseeker applying for affordable housing www.gloshomeseeker.co.uk 0300 666 6330 –charged at local rate

Glos Rural Community Council Marilyn Cox 01452 528491 marilync@grcc.org.uk gloscc@grccorg.uk www.grcc.org.uk

Moreton Area Centre
High Street, Moreton 01608 650881. moreton@cotswold.gov.uk

Stow Town Council Stow Council Office, Stow Youth Club, Stow, GL54 1AB 01451 832585 info@stowonthewold.net

Village Agents
maureeng@villageagent.grcc.org.uk. stevew@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

Key Information

Childrens Physio Direct helpline 0300 421 6980 9.00am-12.00pm, Monday-Friday (except Bank Holidays) Childline 0800 11 11

Chipping Norton Veterinary Hospital
Albion Street, Chipping Norton, OX7 5BN 01608 642547

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First Responders (St John's Ambulance)
01452 858220 countyhq@gloucestershire.jja.org.uk, www.sja.org.uk

Glos Heart Support Group Weds 10.15am. Moreton Congregational Church Rooms. John Green 01451 824141

Mobile police station: MPS can still be booked to attend local community events by contacting PCSO Simon King, 07718 708520 or simon.king@gloucestershire.police.uk

N Cots. District, Community First Responders,
Notgrove Training Centre, SJA, Bourton-o-t-Water
3rd Monday at 7.30pm. You can train to be a CFR in this area, William Warmington 01608 651886

North Cotswold Hospital Stow Road, Moreton in Marsh GL56 0DS. daily 8am-8pm, 0300 421 8770 www.gloshospitals.nhs.co.uk

N Cotswold St John Ambulance & St John Cadets
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MORETON IN MARSH W I

At the September meeting Susie Godwin of the Midlands Air Ambulance explained the function and funding of this wonderful operation. Our next meeting will take place on **Thursday 1st October** at 2 pm when we journey on" Rail Around India" with Nicholas Clark. If you would like to join us you would be very welcome. For further information contact Trish on 01608 651367. On Saturday 17th.October there will be a Jumble Sale in the W.I. Hall from 10am. until noon. Everybody is welcome.

Rissingtons Local History Society

Next meeting is on Friday 16 October 2015 at 7.30pm, Little Rissington Village Hall and is entitled '*Stand and Deliver – highwaymen in Gloucestershire*'. Visitors £3. Contact Sue Brown on 01451 820233

Our *New* Stow-on-the-Wold WI

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STOW & DISTRICT CIVIC SOCIETY

Friday 2nd October** at **7.30 pm - "Magna Carta: villainy, treachery and liberty"** by **Derek Taylor" – St. Edward's Hall, Stow. Our own local historian, journalist and Society member, fresh from lecturing recently on the Queen Mary 2, will mark this special 800th anniversary year. Future dates for your diary: **4th November** – our theatre group visits Malvern Theatre to see the Olivier Award winning play *"King Charles III"* starring Robert Powell. **25th November** – our Annual lunch with guest speaker Edward Gillespie OBE.

Interested in joining us?

Please call Rachel or Nigel on 01451 833783. Membership - single £8, joint £14. Full details of our programme are on our website and noticeboard. **www.stowcivicsociety.co.uk**

Chadlington WI

Meets at the Memorial Hall, Chadlington, OX7 3NA
Tuesday 13th October - Harvest Supper
2nd Tuesday of the month at 19.30hrs Contact: Sue Cox 01608 676987

Over Norton WI

Meets at Village Hall, Over Norton, OX7 5PT
Thursday 15th October Jaspar Corbett Compass Wines, Wine Tasting
3rd Thursday of the month at 19.45hrs
Contact: Ros Millard 01608 644121 or rosm@kjmillard.co.uk

CHARLBURY ART SOCIETY

The October meeting is on Wednesday October 14 when Dr Willem Hackmann will give an illustrated talk, "The Moving Image" immediately after the AGM at 7:30 at The Memorial Hall, Browns Lane, Charlbury. Everyone is welcome; refreshments are available at the interval. Entrance for Society members is free, but there is a £3 charge for non-members. Please phone Marion Coates for further information about the society on 01608 810116.

Oddington W.I.

Auctioneer coming to Oddington WI
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NORTH COTSWOLD ASSOCIATION OF THE NATIONAL TRUST

Next meeting at Broadwell Village Hall on **15 October at 2pm**
Talk by Dick Robinson on "Sister Edith Appleton a WW1 Nurse"
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Colin Ellis, Membership Secretary. Tel: 01451 822208

Bourton Vale Horticultural Society

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Competition: An arrangement in a teacup
Sec: Antoinette Green. E: antoinette.green@btinternet.com

Naunton W I

Meets in the Village Hall on the **1st Wednesday of every month**
Visitors very Welcome Contact 01451 850475

MORETON IN MARSH (EVENING) W I

Alan Walker is a retired, local vet who comes from a long line of veterinary practitioners dating back to at least the 17thC. His laptop presentation included family photos going back 150 years, to bring his family history to life. Our evening was enlivened with many amusing anecdotes during his talk entitled 'Four Legs and a Tale'
Our next meeting will be on **Thursday 8th October at 7.30** in the WI Hall when Susie Harris will demonstrate "Easy Warming Suppers".
Please contact Jo on 01608 650821

Upper Windrush Local History Society

Next meeting on Monday 12 October at 7.30p.m.
Drover Roads - Wales to the Cotswolds
Speaker Bruce Smith
Temple Guiting Village Hall. Members £1 Visitors £2
www . upperwindrushlhs.org.uk Tel.01451850232

West Oxfordshire WI

Meets at St Mary's parish Room, Chipping Norton, OX7 5NT
Monday 19th October
Tim Yeoman – About Asylum Seekers
3rd Monday of the month at 19.30hrs
Contact: Hilary Dix **01608 646228** or **hilaryfdix@gmail.com**

Chipping Norton Local History Society

Methodist Hall, West Street, Chipping Norton
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Kitebrook House

New classrooms and shiny shoes, familiar and fresh faces all eager to start the new term and academic year. Over the summer, Kitebrrok House School has undergone further refurbishment and classrooms gleam with fresh paint and new display boards.

Amongst the new faces is Maths specialist, Ben Kruze, who joined the school from Warwick Prep. Not only does Mr Kruze have the ability to make Maths one of the top favourite topics on the curriculum but prior to teaching was one of the UK's leading golfers. As a former professional he is keen to share his enthusiasm with the children at Kitebrook and the first golfing lessons are now well underway.

With a full schedule of school trips planned, Years 6, 7 & 8 are heading off for a three day residential at the Cothill Educational Trust's field study centre, The Old Malthouse in Dorset. As part of the 13+ Geography curriculum, the students will be collecting and interpreting data in the field to deepen their understanding of coastal environments. As part of this, students will go sea Kayaking around the World Heritage coastal feature 'Old Harry'. They will be able to kayak between the chalk stack and the mainland and see not only the rock formation close up but the caves that lie hidden in the cliff face too.

Year 5 pupils will be leaving shortly for La Chaumiere de Sauveterre, a language school near Toulouse in France for a week. They will immerse themselves in the French culture, visiting local markets to buy provisions, have cookery classes as well as going to different attractions. As we move into the busy term ahead, we still have time to enjoy watching the autumnal scene around us as our beautiful grounds are bathed in golden hues.

Stow Primary School

Rebecca Scutt, Headteacher

We would like to welcome our new reception children and families who are all settling in well. Although we have only been at school for a few days we have lots of things organised with a Roald Dahl day on 15th September where there will be a cross curricular activity day, we are also organising a 'pen free' Wednesday in October. Our Harvest Festival will take place at St Edwards church on 1st October at 2pm where we shall be performing songs, poems and reading to celebrate Harvest Festival. Our clubs are now up and running with Football, Wildlife, Rugby, Gymnastics, Netball, Dance and Gardening to name a few! The Tag Rugby squad will be entering a Rugby Festival on 18th September at Cirencester Rugby Club which will be against 25 other schools. This is to celebrate the launch of the Rugby World Cup.

Years 3 and 4 are going on a residential trip to Naturebase in Wales in October. They are getting very excited! The whole school will be visiting the Library in Stow, where they will all be given the chance to become a member of the library if they are not already.

The PTFA are busy organising events ie an Autumn themed disco, beetle drive and the Christmas Fair!! A big thank you to all of the members who give up their time to raise money for our pupils and school.

At the end of last term two pupils represented the school at a K'Nex challenge day at Fairford Airshow. They designed and raced a car in various heats then they really enjoyed the time spent going around the actual airshow itself! It was a lovely day and they had plenty of opportunity to discover and explore all types of aeroplanes and they got to see the Red Arrows. So as you can see we have loads of things going on and if you want to check out what else is happening then please look on our website www.stowprimaryschool.com.

Swell School

From Judy Morgan School Administrator

We have had a very busy start to our new school year.

We are very pleased to welcome eight Reception children (full house), who have settled in very well and are all attending school full time enjoying playing with new friends, cooked school lunches, and learning new skills. We are also delighted to welcome Mr Steven Hickey who will be teaching the Junior children full time, Mr Hickey is also a fully qualified Sports coach.

The Year 6 children quizzed the stallholders during their visit to the Farmers Market earlier in the month. They learnt about the art of sour dough bread making from Norths Bakery, along with jam and chutney making from Selsley Foods. The children were inspired by the delicious raspberry and sloe jam and are busy making sloe cordial for their friends (no gin in sight!). Clubs are well under way in Gardening, Film, Story Telling, Sewing and Sports.

THE COTSWOLD SCHOOL

By Helen Monteith

It was great to return to school in September and see happy faces – all the familiar ones and lots of new ones too! Our new Year 7 cohort should be congratulated on their brilliant transition to secondary school. Their overnight residential trip – helping to forge friendships, build confidence and consolidate the year group - was an enormous success. There have already been many causes for celebration: the school's record-breaking results both at GCSE and A Level and lots of individual student achievements, many of which were celebrated at Speech Day. Our traditional prize giving ceremony was particularly poignant this year as our guest speaker was Mr Richard Whincup – and alumnus of The Cotswold School and ex-Head Boy. At Speech Day it is always the custom that the Head Boy and Head Girl make a short speech. However, when Richard was Head Boy this was not possible – not because he did not want to but because he was unable to, due to his debilitating stutter. Richard is today a Director of the Mcguire Programme which runs intensive short courses through which hundreds of stutterers have begun their journey to fluent speech (as seen on Channel 4's 'Stammer School'). Richard is a lecturer in Sports Business Management at Hartpury College and is also a spokesperson for the Duke of Edinburgh's Award and no stranger to the Gold Awards ceremony at St James's Palace. To be the key note speaker at our speech day this year was, 'the final piece of puzzle. This was the speech I have always wanted to make.' During his speech, Mr Whincup shared his extraordinary, inspirational journey and showed a clip of himself speaking, as a stutterer, entering the Mcguire Programme in his teens. It was our privilege to hear his story and to also to receive members of the Whincup family, including Richard's wife, Victoria who was our Head Girl when Richard was Head Boy!

In October, we have a terrific array of events including our annual Fashion Show which takes place on 15th October. This is always a sell-out event, brilliantly organised by our sixth formers and raising serious money for local charity. Tickets are available through the school and our community are cordially invited to attend.

Meanwhile a busy programme including German exchange students, Shakespeare workshops, myriad trips, Careers Evening and 'Biology Week' will keep us all on our toes throughout October!

IMPORTANT REMINDER: our Open Day for pupils (and their families) interested in joining The Cotswold School takes place on 7th October 2015. Please see our website for further details.

LONGBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

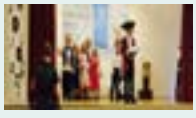
From Tracey Hampshire, Administrator

On Thursday 3 September we welcomed the children back after a long and well- earned six week holiday with our new reception children joining us the next day. We also welcomed two new members of staff to the school, Mrs Mountford a Teaching Assistant in Class 2 and Mr Hickey a Teacher in both class 1 and 2.

At the end of July we said goodbye to two year 6 students Lottie and Ben. Lottie took with her the Jenny Hitchman Trophy for being a truly outstanding pupil and a credit to the school community.

Back in June class one went on a day trip to Weston-super-Mare where they played on the beach, had a picnic and learned all about sea life at the Aquarium, as you can see they had great fun and it didn't rain!

On Monday 29 June the whole school took part in the Longborough Sports Day. The weather didn't let us down with beautiful sunshine as the background for a fun filled afternoon. The children, in teams themed by colour spent the afternoon, running, throwing and jumping cold lolly. Congratulations to the children of Longborough C of E Primary for staging a wonderful performance of Cinderella & Rockerfella. On the penultimate day of the term, the children presented their well rehearsed performance at Oddington Village Hall. The pupils put on a fantastic show to rave reviews.



Dormer House School

Pupils at Dormer House School in Moreton-in-Marsh, were recently invited to enter a competition organised by Cheltenham based company, GreenBuying.co.uk. Green Buying aims to educate school staff and pupils about sustainable supply chains and how buying behaviour impacts on the environment. The organisation achieves this by spending time working with schools, either on site delivering presentations or off site at conferences. Dormer House entered Green Buying's competition to win an Eco table. The competition was open to all Key Stage 1 children and their challenge was to draw pictures which illustrated what is great about Dormer House School. Dormer House' Art teacher, Mrs Julia Burn, comments, "I completed the lesson with Year 1 and Year 2, then selected the boldest, most creative illustrations from several children to amalgamate into our composite entry. The completed piece was scanned and sent to Green Buying and I am so proud to say that we won!"

The drawings which were chosen to feature in the winning design were created by Sophie Campbell, Milo Moore, Sienna Galer, Marsu Dunn and Kitty Hudspith. Last week, Green Buying visited Dormer House School to provide pupils with an insight into the journey of the Eco table before presenting it to the winners. Dormer children listened to an extremely informative talk about how Green Buying reduce, reuse and recycle materials to make new products.

Matt Roper, Founder of GreenBuying.co.uk, explains, "GreenBuying.co.uk is all about helping organisations to buy more sustainably. Given we work with lots of schools, we felt launching the art competition was a great way of engaging with both children and teachers in a fun way and we were delighted with the response we received. Dormer House School's art work really stood out to us and we were thrilled to see such creative and inspiring designs from such young pupils. Way to go Dormer House!" The beautifully decorated eco table is now residing in Dormer House School's new library.

St Catharine's
Catholic Primary School

Children returned after the Summer Holiday with great enthusiasm. Pupils have been settling into their new year groups and we have been delighted to warmly welcome our new Reception children, and their families. We wish the children many successes and smiles during their years with us. We are also very pleased to welcome a number of other families new to the school whose children have joined us.

The start of the year seems synonymous with the adjective 'new' for many reasons. Mr Chalker has made a great start as our new Noel Class teacher for Year 6 and some of our Year 5 pupils. On Friday 11th September, we also had a new Headteacher for the day! Miss Claudia Evans (Year 4, Dover Class) took over the running of the school, after her parents won the prize at the St Catharine's Summer Ball earlier in the Summer. She was a great leader and had a busy and varied day - I really enjoyed working with Miss Evans!

School was extremely busy over the summer holiday, we came back to freshly decorated classrooms, new carpets and new corridor flooring. The boys were delighted with their newly renovated toilet block!

Our After School Club facilities are looking fabulous. We are in the process of formally handing over our After School Club care to Kiddywinks, Chipping Campden Ltd and 'Mr Chris' refurbished the building inside and out over the holiday. Feedback from children and parents about the quality of the provision has been excellent, and we are delighted to be working closely with the Kiddywinks team.

We will be holding our **first Open Morning** of the year on **Tuesday 6th October** from **9.15am to 12pm.** You are warmly welcomed to come and view a snapshot of all the wonderful things that happen at St Catharine's. If this date doesn't suit, please feel free to call us on 01386 840677 to arrange a convenient time.

Blockley C of E School

From Hilary Thornburgh

Last term ended with a flurry of activities: the older children attended a performance of 'Twelfth Night' at Batsford Arboretum, there was a Family Fun Sports Day and 'Go for Gold' and a Skipathon in aid of the British Heart Foundation. Year 6 played the staff at Rounders and had a very moving Leavers' Assembly and there was a special assembly to award all kinds of Certificates which the children had earned.

The school was delighted with the excellent results in all the statutory testing and, at Key Stage 2, the SATS results were the best in the school's history. Several children even gained Level 6 in Maths and one pupil in English which is notoriously difficult to achieve.

After all the practice runs last term, the children were in their new classes for real on 2nd September and have settled in well. The school is now humming again with activity.

There is also a wide variety of after- school clubs ranging from archery, various sports clubs, chess, Art and Craft, French and computers to a Hawaiian club and 'Let's Make a Film'. Children can debate 'Big Questions' with Revd Delap.

Mrs. Drinkwater has kindly donated a large Number Square and a Bench which the children will enjoy using in the playground.

From 6th October 2015, there is a **governor vacancy** which is advertised separately in the paper. If you are interested please do contact the Clerk to the Governors as soon as possible, either by phone 01386 700567 or by email c.governors@blockleyschool.gloucs.sch.uk.

Holy Trinity RC School

We had a wonderful start to the new year and will be working hard to achieve, or even better our record breaking results we gained last year. New arrivals Here is our new Foundation S Class of children. They have settled in beautifully. They are enjoying their newly decorated classroom. They have been teamed up with Year 5 'Buddies', who have helped them in assembly and come into class regularly to read with them. During the lovely weather, they have been outside playing parachute games and practising their ball skills.

Miss Conoboy's Big Day Thank you so much to last year's St Peter's class who sang beautifully at their teacher's wedding during the summer holidays. The bride looked beautiful and the children were a great credit to the school. We would like to wish Mrs Medler and her husband every happiness for the future.

PTA We are very pleased that Marsha Rickard is continuing as Chair for the coming year. The first event organised by our PTA is the Family Barbecue and Disco to welcome our new families. The PTA this year is raising money for additional ipads and hopefully money towards the purchase of a new minibus.

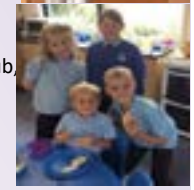
Prefects *James Homer, Audrey Tate, Isabella Howard, Flo Mantell, Charlie Jennings, Jasmina Lichem.*

House Captains. ***Oxford – Lucy Evans Gloucester – Max Cross Warwick – Ivy Walters Buckingham – Archie Jones***

School Council Following on from class elections, we are pleased to introduce our School Council. They will meet fortnightly with Mrs Buchanan to discuss the children's views.

Holy Trinity School Council

Year 1 – Ava Milhofer, Arthur Stobart
Year 2 – Alfie Hergt, Evie Maunder
Year 3 – Harrison Mavers-Chance, Sophie Hergt
Year 4 – Finn Jackman, Millie Townsend
Year 5 – Lily Smart, Benji Lawson
Year 6 – Harry Holloway, Harriet Lodge



Holy Trinity After School Clubs

Our after school clubs this term include ICT Coding Club, Film Club, Gym, Gardening, Sports Club and Choir. Thank you to our staff for running the clubs. We have also launched our new wraparound care, HT Active, which offers quality after school care up until 6.00pm.

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Fourteen new faces!

Our new intake of Reception pupils are settling in really well and will be full-time by the end of the month.

Class 1: 'Carnival of the Animals'

Through the magic of Saint-Saëns' music the class will learn about the animals of the world. The topic will inspire writing, art, science… and, of course, the children will be composing their own music inspired by the animals they love.

Class 2: 'The Rainforest'

A highlight of this project on the great rainforests of the world will be a visit from a local collector who spends his summers studying centipedes, frogs and spiders from the rainforest. The lives of the peoples of the rainforests will encourage an interest in conservation.

Class 3: 'Ancient Greece'

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

Headteacher: Mrs Yvonne Barnes BEd (Hons) NPQH

Super Clubs

It's official! Super Clubs are open at St Marys School. For children aged 3-12 years old, Monday to Friday 3pm-6pm. Activities such as team games, sports, arts and crafts, cooking and free play. We also have a bouncy castle, quad bike, pedal karts and archery planned for the upcoming academic year. Feel free to drop in and see what's going on.

A new member of staff has joined the team at St Marys. Gary Thorne has joined as the new, full time PE Teacher for reception children through to year 4. Bringing vast experience, high energy and enthusiasm to the role, it is an exciting time for the children. Gary will also be managing the after school club which allows him to develop those key relationships with the children.

Reception

We are delighted to welcome our new reception children into Apple and Hazel class. Over the summer we have been getting to know them and their families. They have settled in amazingly quickly getting to know lots of routines. We are looking forward to the exciting learning ahead.

Emma's Day

St Mary's School were pleased to be able to sing at Emma's day festival. It was a challenge since school did not start until Wednesday and the singing was Saturday. However the children responded with enthusiasm and we spent a happy assembly time learning out songs. Children from all years at school participated....the youngest being just 5 years old. We were excited by the big top and the stage and it was great to have such an appreciative audience. Thank you to Emma's trust team for inviting us!

CHIPPING NORTON SCHOOL

Simon Duffy: Head Teacher

Our Year 11 GCSE students had plenty to smile about this summer. There were some outstanding achievements and the headline figures show significant improvement on previous years. At the very top end, over a quarter of students achieved five or more A* and A grades and the figure for students achieving five or more A*-C grades was 72%. Mathematics results fell nationally but at Chipping Norton School a very impressive 82% of students received A*-C grades. The all-important figure for five A*- C grades including English and Mathematics stands at 64%; a significant increase on the previous year.

A small group of students planning to join the school in September were invited to take part in an action-packed summer club during the holidays. The students enjoyed a variety of activities around school; a treasure hunt, obstacle races, making 3D shapes in Technology and fajitas, pizzas and cupcakes in Food Tech, and even had an opportunity to handle some reptiles. The students also conquered their fears by having a go at water zorbing. After two very busy weeks the summer club ended and the students involved had gone from being strangers to forging friendships that we hope will last a lifetime.

Many of our students enjoyed impressive sporting successes during the summer holidays. Year 10 student Callum Smart returned from the British Swimming Championships with a clutch of Gold and Silver medals as well as a new British record and an English record in the 50m and 100m breaststroke. Miranda Edwards (Year 10) competed for the Oxfordshire Girls U15 Cricket team in the Royal London County Cup. Despite being the only small county team in the tournament, the team performed brilliantly and finished the event in 3rd place. Congratulations are also due to Brett Massey, Devon Shadbolt, Reuben Beck, Brett Matthews, Ellie Williams and Ellie Lewis and the other members of the Chippy Trixsters. The team came ninth at the IISHF European Championships in Switzerland this summer with goal keeper, Brett Massey voted best goalie of the tournament.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN SCHOOL

by Lise Evans

Celebrating exam success at Chipping Campden School!

Chipping Campden School is celebrating another year of stellar exam results with students performing brilliantly at both GCSE and A-level. The number of students with top GCSE grades at Chipping Campden School has risen yet again with A* - C grades in English and Maths exceeding 80%. In addition, over 20% of Year 11 students gained between 5 and 13 GCSE A*- A grades. Top achievers included Thomas Chapman who was overjoyed with his 10 A* and 3 A grades.

John Sanderson, the school's principal, said: "I'm delighted to see so many students achieving such magnificent GCSE results, particularly given the importance of Maths and English. Staff and students have worked extremely hard and have every reason to feel proud that this has translated into some of the best results the school has ever had."

Chipping Campden School's Sixth Form students were also celebrating, as the 2015 results continued to reflect the high academic performance enjoyed by students of previous years. Once again, around a fifth of all grades awarded were A* or A, with nearly 70% achieving A* - C. As usual there were some fantastic individual performances; notably Jack Harrison, who achieved converted A* grades in Maths, Further Maths and Physics, with A grades in Chemistry and the EPQ. Such outstanding results have ensured that the school's top performers are able to take up their places at their first choice universities with Jack and Elise Sellars off to Oxford to read Physics and Psychology respectively. Mr Sanderson said: "I am very proud of all that our students have achieved. So many have worked extremely hard for the past two years and clearly thrived in such a stimulating and vibrant learning environment. I'm delighted that so many now have the qualifications and skills they need to go on to the next stage of their learning."

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Talented event rider comes to the heart of the Cotswolds

Lyneham Heath Equestrian near Chipping Norton in the Cotswolds has announced it will be sponsoring New Zealand High Performance Squad rider Jesse Campbell.

Jesse Campbell

The 25-year-old is a rising star in the New Zealand ranks, making his four star debut at Luhmuhlen in Germany in June on Kaapachino where Amsterdam also contested the CIC3*. Both horses produced stunning clear rounds across country and finished in the top twenty.

Jesse came to England in 2011 at Sir Mark Todd's invitation. He moved permanently with Kaapachino in 2012 to take a position with Andrew Nicholson for 18 months before setting up on his own at Maizey Manor Farm near Marlborough in Wiltshire. At Barbury Castle in July he won the CIC2* with Cleveland and then finished third at Camphire In Ireland in the CCI2*.

Olympic Hopes

Both Cleveland and Amsterdam, owned by Gary Harding, are being campaigned with global honors in mind, including the 2016 Olympics Games in Rio de Janeiro and the 2018 World Equestrian Games in Canada. The former was purchased for Jesse by team New Zealand and new owners are being sought for him. Jesse is also campaigning a team of young horses who will be quietly produced through the ranks.

Jesse Campbell with Alice Sandberg

Jesse will have access to more than 200 cross country schooling fences and a new 80 metres by 70 metres all-weather arena, which will be completed in the autumn. The fences range from 2'3" to 3'9" and are set in 130 acres of traditional hedged grassland. There is also an indoor school and a grass showjumping arena.

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UK AMERICAN FOOTBALL – 1983

Chippy's Grant Phillips Tebb has been helping Oxford Saints American football team to success in the BAFL Division II Southern Football Conference West.

In the regular season, Saints finished with six wins in eight games to qualify for the play-offs by finishing second behind Bristol Apache. Highlights of the season were the two games with Bristol which were won by just one point by the home team in each case.

Grant, in his first season with Saints, enjoyed a lot of playing time, as a Tight End or Running Back on offense and as a kick and punt returner on Special teams. He scored six touchdowns and gained hundreds of yards for the team.

Unfortunately, Saints' post-season ended with a loss at Sussex Thunder in Brighton in August.

They are recruiting for the new season with introductory sessions in Oxford in November and December at Oxford Academy. See www.oxfordsaints.com/join for details.

Grant typically on the run v. Swindon Storm.

Chipping Norton Town Swifts FC

Chippy Swifts are busy preparing for the new football season. This year they are hoping to run teams in under 7's (yr 2), under 8's (yr3), under 11's (yr6) , under 12's (yr7), under 14's (yr9), and under 15's (yr10).

Chippy Swifts are a friendly club and playing football is a great way to stay active and make new friends.

New players are always welcome, boys and girls. If your child would like to get involved please get in touch with Martin Driscoll on 07885 883488 or email martindriscoll@live.co.uk

(Watch this space for photos of the new team as they start their season.)

Chipping Norton & District Cricket Club

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A season that started with promise and had some wobbles along the way, ended with success as Chippy's 1st team won promotion to the top OCA division! This completed a rapid rise from division seven in eight years. Team stalwart Sam Evans recounts the story of the journey from division seven to division one.

"Back in 2007, the last game of the season was a crucial one. Chippy 1st XI needed to win to avoid relegation to division eight. Division seven is the lowest the 1st XI has ever fallen to in the OCA and now, after our final game of this season, the 1st XI will play division one cricket in 2016. The first game in the 2008 season, which was the start of the promotion train to where we are today, was at home against West Illsley II's in Div seven. CNDCC won that game by three wickets. On the last Saturday of this season, the 1st XI cemented their place in division one with a nine wicket win away at a strong Faringdon, who also won promotion to division one next year."

Danny Molyneux sends down a delivery against Faringdon.

For the record, the final division two League table was as follows:
1st Faringdon, 10 Wins, 4 Losses, 0 No results 303 Points

2nd Chippy, 9 wins, 4 losses, 1 No result 289 points

3rd Witney Swifts, 7 wins, 6 losses, 1 No result 252 points.

In that last game, Chippy beat Faringdon by nine wickets, with Faringdon scoring 187 all out (Dave Brassett 4-68, Sam Evans 3-39) and Chippy 191-1 (Evans 91* Brassett 71*).

Meanwhile, the 2nd XI finished in fifth place in division six, with a record of 7 wins, 9 losses, 0 no results and 247points. A good start was negated by a poor run later in the season.

The club celebrated the whole season at the annual dinner held on Friday, September 18th at the club.

Dave Brassett celebrates a wicket v Faringdon. Pictures by David Fleming.

Naunton Downs GOLF CLUB

Captain's Charity Day

On Saturday August 22nd, in brilliant warm sunshine, members of Naunton Downs helped raise funds for the Captains Charity, Winston's Wish.

All players had the chance to win a car with a hole in one on the 6th hole (for a price proceeds to the charity). The event was supported by Bristol Street Motors who provided the cars for the event. Sadly no one got a hole in one!

The Winners were:

Roger Downes
Jenny Downes
Chris Downes
Les Hughes

Men's Nearest The Pin (6th Hole): Roger Downes
Ladies Nearest The Pin (6th Hole): Dawn Rimmer
Ladies Longest Drive (12th Hole): Dawn Rimmer
Men's Longest Drive (18th Hole): Nick Smart.

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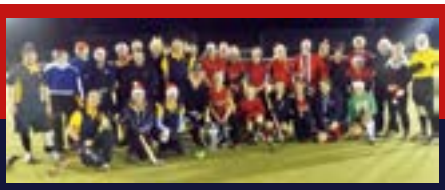

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by Stuart Colmer & Sean Clarke

Changes At The Top

After many years of hard work as Chairman, Stuart Colmer stood down at the AGM and accepted the position of President / Director of Hockey at the club. Jane Blackwell, who also worked tirelessly for Bourton Hockey Club before it amalgamated with Sherborne, has been asked to accept the position of Vice President. Tracy Dixon, pictured opposite, was unanimously voted in as the new Chairman and no doubt she will be keen to build on Stuart's good work.

Club Day Launches New Season

September 11th saw BASHC's first ever Club Day and we were pleased to welcome special guest Louise Bull from England Hockey. The event heralded the start of the new season but also served as a taster session for anyone interested in playing hockey. The first part of the evening was given over to the juniors with the adults taking part later in the evening. The hockey assault course, which drew its inspiration from Crazy Golf, proved very popular with players of all ages. Tasks included playing the ball over a see saw tipping bridge, splat the ball where players had to hit the ball and score as soon as it came out of a drainpipe, lifting the ball into a bucket and it running down a shoot, running though ladders and shooting and flicking though a hoop. Several new, young players turned up to test themselves and all said they would return on Wednesdays for the Junior training sessions. These are open to all and run from 6 to 7pm. The adults also enjoyed the evening which culminated in refreshments provided by The Duke of Wellington Inn, the club's new sponsors.

Louise Bull with a budding new player

Something For Everyone

September also the saw the start of Junior Training with over 40 U11s and the same number of U15's join up for the new season. There's a good mix of both new and old players all looking forward to the new hockey season. There is lots going on at Bourton and Sherborne Hockey Club so why not come and have a go at one of our sessions listed below:

Monday Night	8-9pm	Men's Training
Wednesday Nights	6-7pm	U11's Training
Wednesday Nights	7-8pm	U15's Training
Wednesday Nights	8-9pm	Ladies Training
Thursday Nights	8-9pm	Mixed/ Social Training For All

Ladies Prepare With Friendlies

Perhaps inspired by England Ladies winning the European Championship Gold, BASHC Ladies 1sts and 2nds both did well in their League warm up friendlies against Shipston Ladies. The Ladies 2nds saw off stiff opposition to come away 1-0 victors over Shipston 2nds whilst the 1sts team faced a very spirited Shipston 1sts. With a lot of players unavailable for the game, BASHC ladies showed their strength in depth. They were all over the Shipston side and should have scored 5 in the first half but missed opportunities, due to the lack of match fitness, saw them only 1-0 up at half time. The second half saw much of the same with BASHC having 90% of the possession as they piled on the pressure to try and find their second goal, Shipston's defence was outstanding, taking wave after wave of attack and a little lax concentration by BASHC saw Shipston able to counter attack. With players out of position, Shipston scored to level the game 1-1 which is how it ended. It was a very good warm up game for both clubs and highlighted the importance of playing pre-season friendlies.

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From Sean Clarke

Welcome To The New U7s

The first of many team photos of the U7s.

The club's newest team, the U7s, have quickly adapted to the step up from the U6s. This is true for both the coaches, led by Robin Smith, and the players. The coaches attended tester sessions through the summer so that they could hit the ground running when the season started. Added to this, Ben Smith our local RFU Coaching Officer has visited the team and helped with training. The players are also looking forward to their first matches against opposition at the upcoming Shipston Festival. At this age the matches are 4 aside to give every player the opportunity to get involved and develop their skills. The emphasis is very much on fun so the players remain fully engaged whilst learning new skills. More players are always welcome and the club is happy for you to bring your boy or girl along on a Sunday morning to check us out before commitment.

Mixed Start For 1st & 2nds

The 1st XV took an under strength team to their first match of the season away to Bletchley and were disappointed with the result. Although they lost 22 - 6, the score doesn't accurately reflect the match and when the team are back to full strength they will feel they can beat any opposition in the league on their day. Whilst the 1sts were away, the 2nds hosted Dowty at home and enjoyed a convincing win. Again they had a mixed team with a combination of young players and old hands. The season looks positive for both teams and they will be looking to build on their opening matches.

Spotlight On

Sam Slatter

Each Month the Spotlight is focused on a player from the club

Team **U9s**
Position **7 or 8**
Best Rugby Moment **When I scored 9 tries in 2 games at Ledbury**
Favourite Player **Brian Habana (Toulon & South Africa)**
I enjoy Rugby because **I like being with my friends**
My Rugby ambition **is to be chosen to play for the British Lions.**

Family Fun Day Buzzes

As you will have seen elsewhere in this magazine, the club combined their traditional Family Fun Day start to the season with Carry Me Home Kate's grand final pass off of the now legendary, oversized rugby ball. The day is the perfect opportunity for non members to find out what the club is all about and members to ease back into the new season and to register players. The Jungle Run, an inflatable assault course, once again proved very popular as did the Bouncy Castle for the younger children and the Bungee Run for those wanting to test their power. With the RAF Falcons in mind, visitors also had the opportunity to don parachutes to race on the ground against each other and improve their stamina. At 11am a halt was called and the main pitch cleared so that the Falcons could show everyone how to make a proper entrance. They were spectacular and after they gave their salute, they presented Tom Whincup of our visitors Tewkesbury U9s and Will Adams of Stow U9s with a Carry Me Home Kate ball to play their exhibition matches. I cannot report on the results because I do not know them and they were unimportant. The games the young players took part in were a celebration of rugby and its core values: respect, sportsmanship, teamwork, discipline and most importantly enjoyment. Both teams were encouraged in their play by Ollie Thorley of Gloucester, who had earlier presented his former club with one of his England shirts.

After the game, players from both teams linked arms in a circle and were congratulated on the spirit in which they had played and the good example of sportsmanship they had given to all the spectators.

Girls Rugby Kicks Off

The Cotswold School and Stow Rugby Club have combined forces with the RFU to develop girl's rugby in the area. It was apparent last year that there are a good number of skilled rugby players at the school and if more could be encouraged to join in, there would be the making of some great girl's rugby teams. Stow coach, Izzy Lane, was thrilled with the enthusiasm of the players at the first session and is looking forward to the season ahead. At the moment coaching takes place at The Cotswold School on a Monday between 4 and 5pm for girls in the school years 7 to 10. Its open to all girls in the area regardless of whether they attend Cotswold School or not. When the nights start to draw in, the sessions will move upto Stow Rugby Club where the girls will train under floodlights. If you are interested in taking part either contact Matt Maudsley at Cotswold School or Sean Clarke at the Rugby Club. Who knows, in this World Cup year you might be taking your first steps towards emulating the England Ladies team who are the current holders of the World Cup.

Photos by Sean Clarke, Caroline Fisher and Mouse Slatter.

MORETON RANGERS FC

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Report from Martin Jones

Rangers benefit from Award Winning Pub

The Horse and Groom Pub at Bourton on the Hill have been winning a raft of awards recently including being Pub of the Year in the *Good Pub Guide*. They were also winners of the clubs prize draw to sponsor a club kit.

Above: Tom Greenstock from the Horse and Groom Pub with a sponsored shirt
Left: The Moreton Rangers Squad in the new kit

League Starts with Goal Fest

Moreton Rangers Hellenic League Campaign started with a bang at London Road with seventeen goals being scored in the first two games without reply.

Moreton beat Shrivenham Reserves 7-0 on the opening day of the season and followed this up with a 10-0 victory over Letcombe. Manager Gary Barnett expects a tougher end to September with the games against Woodstock and a cup match verses Lydbrook to come.

October s Home Fixtures :
3pm Sat 17th Oct v Clanfield
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Junior Coaches Needed

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