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From the Rector CHRISTMAS THROUGH A KNOTHOLE

I recently read an old Christmas story entitled "Christmas through a knothole". It was about an old man called Hans, a skilful woodcarver. Just before Christmas he had been arrested for hunting in the King's forest, and was imprisoned in the town jail. For two local children, this was a disaster. He had always been a substitute Grandfather to them and they were distraught that he would miss his usual Christmas with them.

One day, though, they discovered a small knothole in the prison wall, and through it they were able to talk to Hans. The next day, when they went back, Hans passed them, through the knothole, the slim figure of a woman, which he had carved from the firewood in his cell. The next day there was a man, then a shepherd, then a king, then an angel with a star, each one long and slim, so it would fit through the small space. Gradually Hans made a complete nativity set for the children, who were absolutely delighted.

Their mother was grateful for Hans' kindness too, and so she set to work in the kitchen. On Christmas Day the children took Hans a complete Christmas dinner – sausages, rolls, even Christmas cake – but every item as long and thin as the figures he had carved for them. Course by course, the children passed it through the knothole, and he proclaimed it was the best Christmas dinner he'd ever tasted.

It is not perhaps the best story ever told, but it has an important message. It's a reminder that Christmas is not, in the end, about extravagant gifts or blowout meals. It begins, after all, with something as small as a child in a manger – a child born to insignificant parents, welcomed by poor shepherds and a bunch of foreign outsiders. There is no room for Jesus at the inn and it seems as if there will be no room for him in the world either. What difference can this humble birth make, a birth which carries with it the whiff of scandal too? Yet all God needs is a small space in the world; a space made by a woman and a man prepared to say 'Yes' to his call to them, shepherds too curious to resist the invitation of the angels, and a few magi desperate enough (or daft enough) to set off across the desert in search of something new, even though they don't know what or where it might be. The prison walls of the world these people inhabit – a world of injustice and oppression – may seem impenetrable, but God finds a keyhole, a chink in the armour, and that's all it takes.

The prison walls for many this Christmas may seem just as strong – poverty, illness, bereavement, insecurity in jobs or housing, family trouble. Many will see little to celebrate, and have little to celebrate with. But joy, love and peace can find a way into our lives through the smallest of things – a moment of stillness or wonder, a kind word, a handmade card that says you are remembered, the gift of time together, or an offer of practical help. This Christmas, whatever our circumstances,

let's make sure there is at least a "knothole" for God and for one another, a small space cleared in the busyness and clamour through which his gifts to us can come. May I wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

As ever,

Mark Abrey



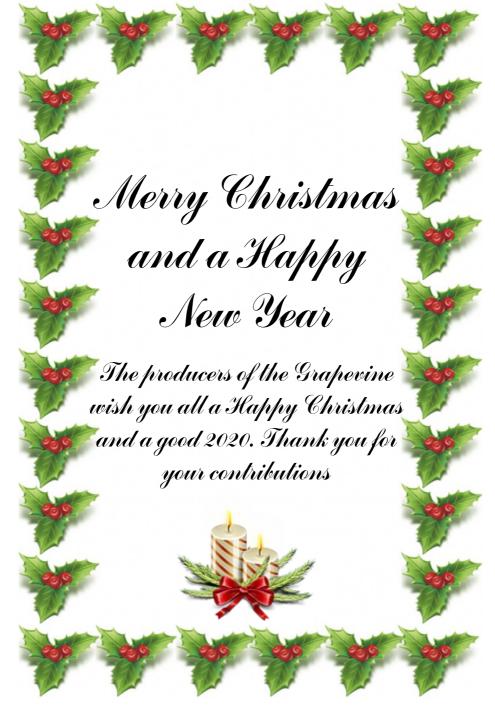
Messy Church

Sounds interesting? Come and join us at the Wychwood School on Sunday 8 December from 4pm until around 6pm and start getting into the Christmas mood. We invite everyone, and especially families, to get together, with a time for creativity – making things and perhaps a mess – story time and singing and finishing off with tea. Our theme in December will of course be Christmas with an opportunity to make Christmas cards, decorations or small gifts and enjoy songs and stories for the season.

Children of all ages are welcome with their parents. We especially hope this will be an opportunity to meet you if you have recently moved into the village and area.

We plan to hold this each month on the afternoon of the 3rd Sunday. So further dates for your diary: January 19th, February 16th, March 15th and April 19th Messy Church is part of The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF), a Registered Charity. brf.org.uk

"Messy Church enables people of all ages to belong to Christ together through their local church. It is a way of being church which is particularly suited to families but welcoming to all. It meets at a time and on a day that suits local families and is particularly aimed at people who have never belonged to a church before." Any queries to Geoffrey Clement on 01993 832514 or vicar@wychwood.org.uk





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THE SMELL OF CHRISTMAS

All seasons have their own particular smell. The smell of new mown hay in spring. The scent of a rose on a warm summer's evening. The smell of bonfires of Bruern Wood from hawthorn and blackthorn hedges being laid in autumn. The smell that evokes Christmas for me more than others is or was the smell of cigar smoke.

In those early years of austerity after the Second World War, children would go to the Swan or Churchill Arms to buy a bottle of lemonade and a packet of Smith's Crisps which would cost 9d less than 5p, or 1 shilling in old English money. Walking into the taproom to get the lemonade the place would be filled with smoke from men smoking Woodbines or ones they had rolled. Some older men who had served and survived the First World War smoked a strong pipe tobacco called Black Beauty.

This changed at Christmastime. The taproom would be filled with smoke from cheap small cigars, whiffs and manikins, the most popular.

In the nineteen forties and fifties Saturday morning was part of the working week. The Christmas holiday was two days, Christmas Day and Boxing Day, back to work the day after. It was best when Christmas fell on Thursday or Friday. It left the weekend to recover. There was a lot of overeating and drinking to be done in a short time. Pubs organised Thrift Clubs to save money during the year to spend during the holidays or presents for the family and friends. David Hanks ran the Thrift Club in the Swan for many years. David was one of the unsung heroes in Ascott . He served on the Parish and Church Councils, and more important for me, helped re-establish the village Football Club. He served on the committee of the Witney and District F.A. well into retirement.

The celebrations began on Christmas Eve and continued in the evening with a visit of the carol singers calling at both pubs. Closing time was 11.30.p.m. before the service in the church.

Women who went regular alone to pub would be thought of as being a 'bit loose'. My grandmother on Christmas Eve would go to the Churchill Arms with her cousin Harry Habbits from Condicote near Stow. Harry spent many Christmas's in Ascott with the family. Rhoda my grandmother was a very pious old lady. She would attend the midnight service. It was about the only time I knew her go. I took my first communion at the midnight service, Christmas 1953, along with amongst others, Joan and Eric Pratley, who for the next 50 years became loyal and generous members of the parish church.

During the fifties and sixties one or two people would come to the midnight service a little the worse for drink after the pubs closed. But I never remember any disruption or bad behaviour. Some would fall asleep at the back of the church. Christmas Day after the early morning excitement of opening presents was spent quietly at home eating and drinking too much. The highlight of the day in my

home was listening to the King's Speech on the wireless, when I was told to sit down and keep quiet for ten minutes. After the Speech Harry Habbits would raise his glass of whisky and say, "Here's to the King. God bless him."

Boxing night the pubs would be full, the regulars expecting a free drink from the landlord for being good customers during the year. All the old songs would be sung which remain my favourites today. Songs such as 'Tipperary', 'There's an old mill by the stream, Nellie Dean' and one my dad liked to sing, 'We are the boys of the bulldog breed bobbing up and down like this'.

These were in the green years of my life. We were unsophisticated and unpretentious. I thought they would last forever, but I had to 'grow up' and the characters I remember in the Churchill Arms and the Swan have long since gone.

When I think of those days I become mawkish and sentimental so I will stop. MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE.

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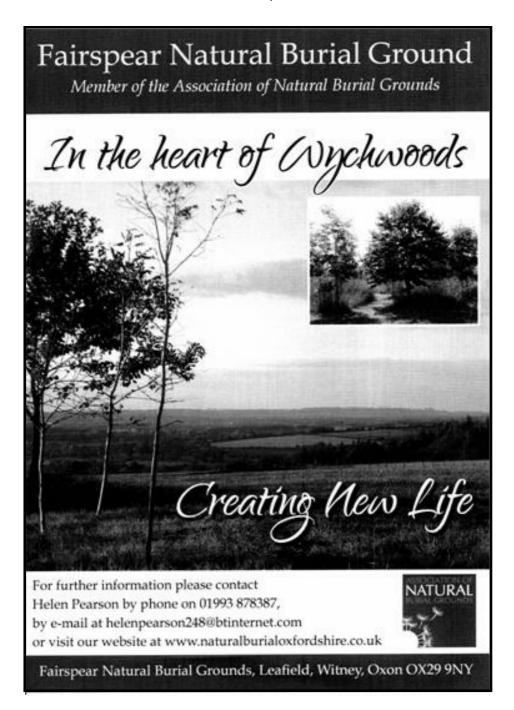
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Mind over matter/Positive cycology/Italian job

An intrepid Chipping Norton resident explains why she and a friend are undertaking a remarkable bike trip across Italy.

Ascott-under-Wychwood resident Suzy Carter-Kent and her friend, Rob Pellow, are embarking on an epic Italian bike ride next spring to raise money and awareness for a leading mental health charity. Next April, the dynamic pair will embark from Milan and head for Venice, 350km away. They plan to do the trip in just three days, and hope to raise £4,200 for Mind.

Suzy states that their ambition is "to raise money to help educate and support people with mental health illnesses to get better."

What makes the 350km trip all the more incredible is that Suzy, 31, and Rob, 40, haven't been riding bikes as adults for very long. As Suzy points out: "Neither of us have ever been particularly sporty but we discovered a shared love of riding about three years ago. The first time we went for a ride together Suzy, planned an 'easy' route for us to do. It turned out that she'd planned a route through some of the biggest hills in the world and we spent most of the ride walking our bikes up unforgivingly steep terrain! We had only two bottles of water with us and only Maoams as sustenance."

Rob, from Chippenham, says: "We both rode bikes as kids but, other than occasional local rides, it's really only the last few years that it's progressed from a mode of transport to something that we love doing." And now, three years on from first saddling up in earnest, they are heading off on the cycling trip of a lifetime.

They both instantly agreed that they wanted to raise money for mental health charity, Mind, and are unequivocal about their reasons for doing so. Both Rob and Suzy have experienced mental health problems through their own lives and the lives of people close to them. "One of the biggest struggles for us," says Suzy, "was the stigma attached to whether we should and can talk about the real stuff that goes on in our brains, not the superficial 'How are you?' and the obligatory "'Yes, good thanks!' "So, for them, the trip is as much about raising awareness as raising money.

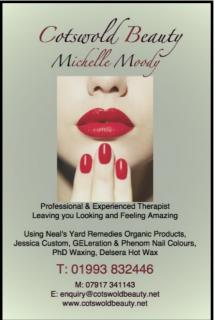
Rob adds that "What is now famously known as 'the conversation' has focused so much on getting us to talk more and telling us as a society 'It's ok to not be ok'. In many ways that shouldn't be ignored and we should be talking more. However, overcoming the hurdle of talking doesn't solve the problem of the underlying education that is needed to reduce the stigma within society. Anyone who suffers with mental health problems, be that anxiety, bipolar, depersonalisation or suicidal thoughts; let's stop telling them whether it is or isn't normal, and whether it is or isn't ok."

Data Planner Suzy and Rob, a Creative Director, are now feverishly preparing for the ride, and as the training mileage ramps up, so does the excitement. They are eagerly anticipating cycling through the stunning Italian scenery, but even more so, they are looking forward to the sense of pride and achievement afterwards. However, they are not entirely without a sense of trepidation, particularly when it comes to the psychology of gritting their teeth and getting through each day, particularly after a tough day's cycling the day before.

And as if the bike ride isn't enough, the duo have already organised a hugely successful music gig in Chippenham, raising £620 through tickets and on the night donations. They had Wiltshire's premier dairy-based nonsense-makers **The Real Cheesemakers** and blast-from the-past local heroes **So Am I** who played their first show in years.

For more details of Rob and Suzy's preparation and ride, and the cause they are cycling for, visit their website, http://milesofsmiles.bike or find them on Instagram @milesofsmilesbikes, where they are documenting all their progress as well as blogs covering why they're doing it.





WYCHWOODS LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY

Meetings are held at Milton under Wychwood village hall at 7.30pm, usually on the third Thursday of each month.

Founded in 1981, the society now has around 100 members from all over the Wychwoods and beyond. As well as regular meetings there are occasional visits and tours; recording of memories and oral history; study groups who research and record items of interest, documents and records; and generally encourage conservation and a deeper understanding of our local heritage.

Guests are welcome to all meetings for a fee of £3. Annual membership is £15, which includes free entry to Chipping Norton Museum where the society archive is housed.

21 Nov Michael Davies The United Nations

16 Jan Brigadier David Innes Oxfordshire's Military History

20 Feb Tim Porter TBC

19 Mar Stephen Barker Oxfordshire during the Second World War
 16 Apr Cedric Reaveley Pharmacist and Family History in Burford
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MARIE MOSS

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Congratulations

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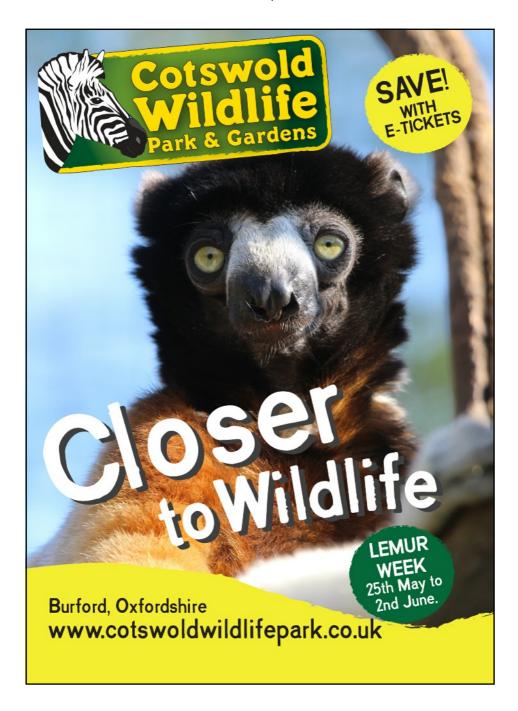
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FOOTPRINTS FROM ASCOTT'S PAST.

Part 8



An excavation of N°'s 5 and 7 The Green would almost certainly uncover some evidence of the site's previous use, as the Sawpits of Ascott. Established well before the 19th century on land belonging to Ascott Doyley under the ownership of the Duke of Marlborough, the sawpits lasted into the 1890s before the semi-detached blue slated houses were built in 1899.

A sawpit was a pit about 3 feet wide, 8 to 10 feet long and 6 feet deep, usually stone lined. A log would be placed on crossbeams and with one man working the saw from the top and another underneath drawing it down to the bottom of the pit, the timber would be cut lengthways to form planks. It was a precise procedure

since the man on the top had to keep the saw on an exact line marked on the log and so guided it for the man underneath. The top man was the gaffer and therefore was paid more.

In Ascott this occupation was successively followed by members of the Moss family who could certainly be defined as the Sawyers of Ascott.

William Moss was born around 1770, perhaps to a family already working as sawyers. We have no records before that date to confirm this but his descendants continued to follow the occupation until at least 1911, latterly in Milton after the closure of the Ascott sawpits. Leonard Moss the last of the Ascott sawyers was probably working for Groves the builders in that village.

William Moss married Susannah around 1800 and they produced a family of boys. William was still a sawyer at the age of 70 but had retired by 1851. He died in 1854 aged approximately 86. Two of his sons, James and George worked with him from young lads and carried on the trade.

James born in 1806 was listed as a sawyer in the first available census of 1841. He was married to Ann and they lived in Church Street (The Green) near to the sawpits and they had five children. By 1861 these had increased to eleven and in 1881 James was still a sawyer aged 75. He died in 1885. James' eldest son George became a sawyer but died in 1878. His second son William also became a sawyer but was not listed after 1871.

The older William's other son George was born in 1808 and was listed as a sawyer up to 1881. He died later that year aged 74. He lived in High Street with his wife Esther, and they produced 12 children but after Esther died in 1855 George married Ann.

George's second son George was listed as a sawyer in 1851 and 1861 when he was married with a young son but there are no more records of him. However

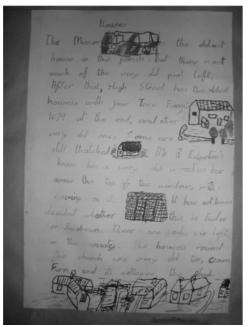
James' fifth son Leonard was the one who continued the family trade into the 20th century. First listed as a sawyer in 1861 aged fifteen, he was still a sawyer in 1891, married to Shiprah, living in London Lane, and they had produced nine children. By 1901 he had moved to a cottage by the green in Milton with his wife and daughters and was still a sawyer probably working for Groves. He was still listed as a sawyer in Milton in 1911.

Leonard's eldest son Caleb also became a sawyer and was living in Church View with Mary his wife and two daughters in 1891 but by 1901 he had moved to Aston in Warwickshire where Caleb had become a groom.

So came to an end this Moss family of sawyers in Ascott. After the change of use of the sawpit site near Ascott Green, the sawmill up in Wychwood Forest must have taken over the timber operations for the Cornbury Estate until it also shut down towards the end of the 20th century.

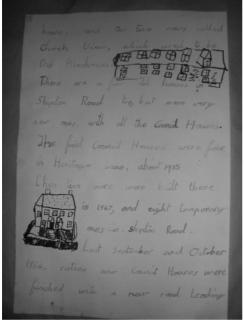
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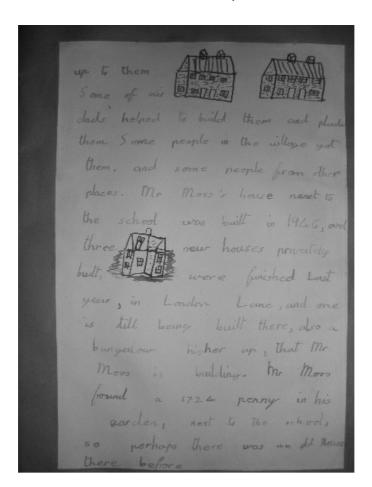


Houses

The Manor is the oldest house in the parish, but there is not much of the very old part left. After that, High Street has the oldest houses, with Yew Tree Farm. 1679 at the end, and other very old ones. Some are still thatched. Mr R Edginton's house has a very old wooden bar across the top of the window, with carving on it. It has not been decided whether this is Tudor or Jacobean. There are only six left in the county. The houses round the church are very old too, Crown Farm and its cottages, the school....



..house, and the two rows called Church View, which used to be Almshouses. There are a few old houses in Shipton Road too, but more very new ones, with all the Council Houses. The first Council Houses were four in Heritage Lane, about 1935 then two more were built there in 1947, and eight temporary ones in Shipton Road. Last September and October 1954, sixteen new Council Houses were finished with a new road leading



..up to them. Some of our dads helped to build them and plaster them. Some people in the village got them, and some people from other places. Mr. Moss's house next to the school was built in 1946 and three new houses privately built, were finished last year, in London Lane, and one is still being built there, also a bungalow higher up, that Mr Moss is building. Mr Moss found a 1724 penny in his garden, next to the school, so perhaps there was an old house there before

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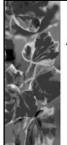
DID YOU KNOW

DID YOU KNOW that John Kibble the local historian from Charlbury who made the fountain opposite the car park in the town and died in 1951 aged 86, suggested a mystery occurring in Ascott churchyard.

He wrote that at some stage before his time, workmen in Ascott lifting a large stone slab which lay in the churchyard near the two table tombs close to the church porch; discovered a prone skeleton underneath the slab. Presumably this slab could still be there covered all these years later by grass. But who and why?

Could this have been a victim of a disease like smallpox hastily interred, a murder victim hidden quickly away from view or in those vastly greater superstitious days someone who the locals feared and who would be kept imprisoned and unable to rise by the weight of the slab?

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Ascott Martyrs

The Story of the Martyrs on the village green

On Sunday 13th October the rain stopped long enough for 90 year old Ivor Townsend, watched by descendants and villagers, to proudly unveil the new interpretative plaques on the seats around the tree on the green. Ivor is the only surviving grandson of Fanny Honeybone, the youngest of the Martyrs who, in 1873 at the age of 16, was imprisoned for her part in what soon became known as the Chipping Norton Incident!

The panels tell the story of the Ascott Martyrs, the women whose names appear on the backs of the seats. The panels were provided by the Ascott Martyrs Educational Trust whose Chair Paul Jackson, acknowledged the generous support that had been received from the Cotswolds Conservation Board; Midcounties Community Fund and West Oxfordshire District Council.

The unveiling of the plaques was followed by a screening at the Swan of a new video made by final year students at Oxford Brookes University. Featuring the Martyrs' song written and performed by Mark Pigeon, the video can be viewed on Youtube www.youtube.com and search for 'Ascott'. Look carefully and you may spot some other familiar faces! The new plaques also encourage readers to seek out the commemorative textile in the church. Completed last year, it provides a creative, contemporary response to the story. The textile is now making appearances at needlework groups and events across Oxfordshire and neighbouring counties, spreading the story of the Ascott women.

If you want to know more about the Ascott Martyrs copies of Beverley McCombs' book and a booklet about the making of the commemorative textile, are on sale in the village shop.

Carol Anderson

Vice Chair: Ascott Martyrs Educational Trust

Change of Guard

Carol Anderson will soon be taking over as Chair of the Trustees from Paul Jackson who will remain a Trustee. Andrew Weaver (Ascott resident) has become a Trustee to head the Study Group and Cynthia Bryant (the WEA organiser of the Textile) will become secretary. Villagers descendant Marylyn Moss and Kester Harvey remain as Trustees.











Village website: www.ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk

Protect yourself from flooding

West Oxfordshire District Council is calling on residents to find out how to prevent flooding and what to do in the event of a flood.

As the summer fades and winter approaches, it is time to consider if you are prepared for any potential flooding in your area.

Flooding can be incredibly stressful and making sure you are prepared and aware of how to act both before and after a flood could make a big difference to how you manage in such circumstances.

With this in mind, Cllr Norman MacRae, Cabinet Member for Environment is urging residents to use the resources available to get up-to-speed:

"Although we continue to work hard with our partners to prevent flooding, we cannot make any guarantees and, recognising that flooding can be devastating, want to make sure everyone knows where to find the information that will help them reduce the risk of their home or business this winter.

"We are committed to supporting our communities safely through the winter period and with a wealth of resources which could really make a difference, I want to encourage home owners and businesses alike to make themselves familiar with the information."

The authority works alongside the County Council and the Environment Agency to reduce flood risk to homes. There are many resources available to residents including Oxfordshire County Council's flood toolkit.

If you would like to report a flood you can report to either the County Council or district council emergency response team. Call 999 for immediate assistance if there is a risk to life or a risk of serious property or environmental damage.

10 top tips for staying safe during floods:

- 1. Make sure you are prepared for flooding before it happens. Sign up for <u>free flood warnings</u> and create a <u>personal flood plan</u>.
- Flood prevention equipment can help stop flood water getting into your property. Consider using floodboards, sandbags and air brick covers to reduce the impact of flooding on your home or business.

- 3. Avoid contact with flood water. Driving in flood water significantly increases risk of drowning. Do not drive or walk through flood water and do not let children play in flood water.
- 4. Check your insurance cover. Don't underestimate the value of your contents.
- 5. Know how to turn off your gas, electricity and water mains supplies before flood water enters your home.
- 6. Feeling distressed after a flood is normal. Support from family and friends is important during the recovery process.
- 7. Do not use petrol or diesel generators indoors to dry out your home. Exhaust gases contain carbon monoxide, which can kill.
- 8. When cleaning up after a flood, wear rubber gloves, boots, eye protection, and always wash hands afterwards. Flood water can be hazardous so always make sure you are protected.
- 9. Move your family, pets and flood kit to a high place with means of escape.
- 10. Do not turn on gas or electrics if they may be wet. Only turn them on once they have been checked by a qualified technician.

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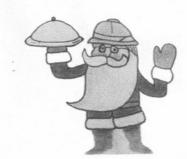
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A tale of two Stans

When we told people we were going on holiday to Tajikistan and Uzbekistan generally (after an expression of surprise) the first question we'd get asked was "where are they?", rapidly followed by "what are they like?". Answering the first question was relatively easy, but we weren't so sure about the second - which was why we were going there!

Tajikistan and Uzbekistan are located in central Asia, a bit north and slightly west of India. Their borders were defined by the Soviet Union and they became independent republics following the break-up of the USSR, but it's an area that has a rich and varied history and has been influenced by Persians, Turks, Mongols and most recently Russians, amongst others. They lie on the Silk Road (or branches of it), which was a major trading route between the Mediterranean and Asia.

We arrived in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, and discovered a modern city with wide open tree lined boulevards with many monuments celebrating the country's history. The city is not large, with a population of approximately 800,000 and was named "Monday" because that was the day of a popular market in the village. Whilst the government is secular, Islam is practised by the majority of the country, but in a more relaxed way than other countries we've visited. In Dushanbe women tended to dress reasonably conservatively (arms were generally covered) but did not necessarily wear head scarves. It is also possible to buy alcohol and our guide assured us no birthday or wedding celebration was complete without it.

The country is dominated by mountains, with the major range being the Pamir mountains to the east of the country, which has a number of peaks over 7000m. We were going trekking in the Fan mountains, which lie just north of the capital in the western half of the country, they are a bit lower, with the highest peak below 6000m but are non the less very impressive with steep valleys, sharp ridges and impressive rock walls and glaciers. The area also has a number of lakes of varying shades of blue and green, with clear mountain streams.

The mountains are gloriously empty and for the first half of the trek we saw no other trekkers, just locals going about their lives. Many locals still take their herds of goats and cattle up to the high pastures during the summer months, camping in makeshift shelters and making yoghurt and cheese from the milk. Dress here tends to be more conservative than in the city, with head scarves being the norm. Everywhere we went we were warmly welcomed (except by the dogs!) and we ate the freshest bread, tearing chunks off a piping hot loaf seconds after it had been removed from the outdoor bread oven where it had just been baked.

Following the trek we waved goodbye to our Tajiki guides, changed our money (with somebody on the street - being assured it was legitimate) and carried our bags across the border into Uzbekistan for the transfer to Samarkand. Samarkand is an ancient city, believed to be one of the oldest inhabited cities in central Asia. The city was noted for being a centre of Islamic studies, and many impressive

mosques and madrasas were built here, the most famous forming Registan Square. Very little of the original architecture actually remains, the Russians rebuilt many of the ruins, but they are still very impressive and were well worth visiting. One of the more interesting sites we visited (for me) was the Ulughbek Observatory, which was built in the 1420's and had a huge sextant built into the ground which was 11 metres long and had a radius of over 40 metres. Observations and calculations by astronomers here have proven to be incredibly accurate, for example their calculation of the length of a stellar year only differs by 1 minute from modern calculations - amazing given the technologies they had.

Uzbekistan is another secular country where Islam is widely practiced, though you wouldn't think it looking around, there were very few head scarves and more bare arms and shorter skirts than you see in many other countries. Our guide explained that during the USSR era the female population had enjoyed the more relaxed dress and equal education and employment opportunities and were not prepared to give them up when "religious freedom" was reintroduced. That said the most common form of marriage is still an arranged marriage (not forced), with the bride moving in with her in-laws and helping to look after the house.

The other striking thing in both countries was that there was hardly a town or site we visited where we weren't approached by some students. They weren't out to hassle us but just take the opportunity to practice their English (or whatever language the tourist spoke) - we could do with some of that attitude and enterprise in this country.

Our trip ended with an early morning high speed train ride (on time, clean, with tea and pastry included - a change from the usual service experienced from Ascott) to Tashkent, the capital of Uzbekistan, for a quick tour before flying home the next day (once we got to the right airport, but that's another story and this article is already long enough!).

Sandra & Jon



Bread Baking



Registan Square

Garden Notes

The Sweet Smell of Winter

On a crisp winters day last year a friend stood in my garden captivated by a heady jasmine-like scent but could not detect its source. When she discovered it was coming from a pot I had planted with **Sarcococca confusa**, she could hardly believe that such a strong heady fragrance could emanate from this unassuming little plant with its small pure white flowers. **Sarcococca hookeriana** is a variety even more fragrant, but with slightly pink tinged flowers.

There is something about the crisp winter air that magnifies the perfume of winter blooming plants and when flowers are a little scarce, fragrance is even more uplifting and highly valued particularly in the darkest depths of winter. Catching an unexpected wiff of scent on a cold grey day when dashing out of the door is one of the everyday surprises which makes gardening so magical. Perhaps somewhat surprisingly winter flowering plants are among the most highly scented of all garden plants with flowers that often appear small and insignificant; but what they lack in size they more than compensate for in fragrance.

Fragrance adds hugely to the pleasure in any plant, be it from the flowers, foliage or bark. We tend to regard scent as a delicious bonus and rarely grow plants solely for the quality of their perfume. For the plant though, it is an essential tool in attracting pollinating insects and now, in the middle of winter when there are very few insects around at all, there are a surprising number of plants that smell delicious because they are having to use every weapon in their arsenal to attract a pollinator.

You will derive most pleasure from your winter fragrant plants when you plant them next to paths and doorways in regular winter use. What can be more pleasurable than to be welcomed by a waft of sweet scented air to surprise and intoxicate the senses every time you open the door? The only drawback to these winter beauties is that they can look a little drab during the rest of the year so my suggestion would be to plant them in containers so you can move them in and out of the limelight especially if you are a little limited for space.

Some of these fragrant beauties also happen to make excellent cut flowers, so if you are a self confessed fair weather gardener, you can surround yourself with the scent of the outdoors in the comfort of your home. However it is worth remembering that all of these flowers have evolved to thrive in the cold so always put them somewhere cool in the house if you bring them in as a cut flower or in a pot. The first winter flower to appear in my garden is always the winter honeysuckle, which is rightly called **Lonicera fragrantissima** because it really is 'most fragrant'. It can be planted in dry shade but flowers much better in sun. **Lonicera x purpusii 'Winter Beautys'** fragrance is also exceptional and it makes a valuable contribution to winter flower arrangements. One of my all time favourites is **Chi**-

monanthus praecox, with its delicious spicy, sweet intense perfume, and tiny waxy wintersweet flowers the colour of church candles, stronger in the species than in cultivars. This prefers a sheltered spot. Notoriously a slow grower, but in my opinion well worth the wait. Cut a few twigs and bring them indoors; its intense fragrance will fill the whole room.

If you only have a small spot in the garden, you couldn't do much better than **Daphne bholua 'Jacqueline Postill'**. These shade loving, evergreen shrubs produce delicate purplish pink and white blooms with a deep rich floral scent reminscent of a vintage perfume followed by black berries. **Osmanthus delavayii** has clusters of small white super scented flowers that show up brightly against its dark evergreen foliage and is very good to plant on a North facing wall. **Viola odorata** really comes into its own this time of year. Small but proud and packing a wonderfully nostalgic scent. The Violet likes to grow in a deciduous environment but needs plenty of winter sun to ensure it flowers well. A few snowdrops are worth growing for their exceptional fragrance. **Galanthus magnet**, **arnott** and **straffan** are amongst the best in my opinion whose scent is best appreciated when a few are picked and brought indoors.

The leafless branches of witch hazel **Hamamelis x intermedia 'Jelena'** are adorned with spidery, coppery-orange flowers that fill the air with a delicate perfume. This is considered to be one of the best cultivars around today and has the added bonus of spectacular red and gold autumn leaf colour. Another lovely wintry plant whose fragrance is wonderfully penetrating and reminiscent of cloves is **Viburnum x bodnantense 'Dawn'.** I love to bring cut branches of this indoors as it perfumes the whole house.

Whatever kind of scent appeals to you there will be many plants to choose from for your winter garden and no matter how small your patch, please make room somewhere for at least one of these fragrant winter gems

Juliet Ingram

PC News

Keeping Ascott-under-Wychwood Safe

Keeping Ascott safe is a large part of the Parish Council's work. For about 10 years now, Parishes throughout the country have been asked to be prepared to 'hold the fort' in an emergency while the First Responders are scrambling to get to us. Oxfordshire County Council co-ordinates emergency responses to large incidents and Parishes liaise with them. The PC holds an Emergency Plan for various scenarios which is approved and held by OCC.

In recent years the Plan has not been needed for serious flood events and we are grateful to landowners in Ascott and neighbouring parishes, as well as to the Environment Agency and the Evenlode Catchment Partnership, for the many works that have been done in the Evenlode catchment to keep our homes safe. If anyone wishes to check on the level of the river – and how it relates to flood level - then log on to:-

https://flood-warning-information.service.gov.uk/station/7051

This shows the readings from the Shipton-u-W gauge. Always allow up to 12 hours from the end of rainfall for the level to peak.

In times of snow, OCC Highways does not prioritise communities that are 2 miles or more from an A road. After Ascott had been 'snowed in' 2 years in a row, the PC at the time decided to purchase equipment to clear roads and pavements during heavy snow events, when OCC is overstretched. This was encouraged and grant funded by OCC. All planning, preparation, equipment maintenance and snow clearing is done by volunteer parishioners who turn out in the cold – and sometimes dark – to help as many residents as possible to get to work, school and other activities. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to this hardy band of men led by Chris Badger and Michael Tucker and ask for parishioner patience when, for personal reasons, this small group just cannot be available. More strong volunteers would be really appreciated to make sure that there are always snow clearers in the village when needed, so please do contact the Parish Clerk if you can help. In less 'exciting' times the PC is officially responsible for making sure that Parishowned land and assets are safe, in good order and, hopefully, being used. Parish assets are the playground, playing field, pavilion, Green, Pound, notice boards and

owned land and assets are safe, in good order and, hopefully, being used. Parish assets are the playground, playing field, pavilion, Green, Pound, notice boards and 5 Shilling Corner (a disused Parish bottle dump which has to be kept secure). The PC also cares for the allotments, rented from Cornbury Estate. Our responsibility has recently been more formalised by risk assessments and playground inspections, as required by our Audit. Over the past 5 years the playground, playing field and pavilion have undergone major renovations with support from grant funders, parishioner donations and a lot of hard work from volunteers and our groundsman. We are pleased to say that this project is almost complete – at least for a while, as land and buildings always demand regular upkeep! The main aim was to bring the space alive again and I hope you agree that we have achieved that. It is wonderful to see such a wide range of users again.

Personal Internet security was not something that we had considered until the Government produced regulations on General Data Protection. Thanks to the professional guidance of Cllr Brian Leach we now have dedicated Parish Council email addresses which help to protect not only our personal data but also the data of everyone we write to.

There are many forms of personal danger and the ultimate, of course, is a threat to life. Thank you to Cllr Sandy Timms who organised the re-siting of our first village defibrillator to the side of the Village shop and the purchase of a second (with grants from Tiddy Hall trustees and the Village Charity) and this is installed outside Tiddy Hall front door. Sandy also organised a training session. If you do not know how to use a defibrillator don't panic – if you think someone is having a heart attack you must ALWAYS FIRST DIAL 999 for ambulance services. They will tell you where the nearest working defibrillator is and the code to unlock the box to access the defibrillator pack. Take the defibrillator to the patient, not the patient to the defibrillator! They will also keep the phone line open and talk you through all the steps you need to take if you are inexperienced or worried.

Then there are the many and varied issues where our aim is to represent our parishioners as best we can and in the time we have, given that we are unpaid volunteers! Under this umbrella, major issues over the past 12 months have been road and pavement repairs/improvements and dealing with Gigaclear (who are not finished yet – 1 year on). Thank you to Cllr Peter Rance for his patience and determination in seeing through the new priority system on the Chipping Norton Road bridge. Achieving highways improvements in a small village in Oxfordshire takes a long time and a lot of perseverance!! We hope you agree that the priority system is a great improvement – feedback has been very positive. We must also thank our County Councillor Liz Leffman whose energy, experience and support has really helped the village in so many ways.

Parking inconsiderately and particularly on pavements, keeping pavements clear of overhanging vegetation, persuading dog owners to clear up their dog mess and NEVER walk their dogs in the playing field, helping the police to control drug dealing and vandalism in the Wychwoods – these are some other safety issues of the past year. They are often our most testing challenges and there is good reason why Parish Councillors do not have real powers and responsibility for these issues. Our home is in the community and it is hard for most people to be tough enough to successfully police the people they live close to. P Councillors do not have the legal authority, they are not specialist trained or properly equipped. What we try to do is appeal to the good nature of our residents and develop a good working relationship with our partners in a range of organisations.

A lot has been achieved - and many, many thanks to those who work hard for the PC and other village organisations. But please understand that, to do its job well, any Parish Council needs support, feedback and understanding from the parishioners we have offered to represent. This autumn it is great to see, for example, that so many residents now understand the importance of cutting back vegetation overhanging pavements and footpaths. We also appreciate it when residents deal

with smaller issue themselves. We can often help by pointing you to the right person or organisation and if the issue becomes really difficult then we can look at it together again.

As volunteers retire or move away we regularly need others to step up and help with Parish tasks for the odd morning or afternoon. 5 Parish Councillors cannot do everything on their own and at the moment we are short of volunteers for Snow Clearing and forming a SpeedWatch team. These activities are not PC statutory duties and without volunteers we have to assume that they are not very important to the village, despite the complaints that we receive.

IF YOU CARE, PLEASE VOLUNTEER AND PASS THE MESSAGE ON TO FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS.

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Have a wonderful festive season, one and all!!

Best wishes from Cllrs Philippa Carter, Sandy Timms, Peter Rance, Brian Leach and Pauline Plant.

Contact details: <u>clerk@ascottpc.org.uk</u>

contact@ascottpc.org.uk (for all P Councillors) Clerk tel: 01608 641045 (Mrs Angela Barnes) Chairman tel: 01993 830344 (Philippa Carter)

Sudden Cardiac Arrest vs. Heart Attack

<u>Sudden cardiac arrest (SCA)</u> and heart attack are not the same medical emergency, but a heart attack can lead on to a sudden cardiac arrest. Once SCA starts, permanent brain damage occurs within 5-7 mins.

FIRST DIAL 999 IF YOU SUSPECT A SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST OR A HEART ATTACK

A defibrillator can only treat an SCA and the emergency operator will advise and guide you. If you wish, the operator can stay on the line to talk you through everything. Also, the 999 operator will immediately call an ambulance so that professional back-up arrives as soon as possible.

There are 2 defibrillator boxes in Ascott-u-Wychwood – 1 outside the front door of Tiddy Hall and 1 on the side exterior wall of the Village Shop. You <u>cannot</u> gain access to these without guidance from 999. They will tell you which defibrillator is nearest and in working order and what the code is to access the pack inside the box.

	Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)	Heart Attack
Definition	SCA is a chaotic electrical condition of the heart resulting in the loss of blood flow to the brain and body. The most common form of SCA is ventricular fibrillation.	The medical term for a heart attack is myocardial infarction: a blockage of the coronary arteries leading to a decrease in blood flow. When this happens, the heart muscles die or become permanently damaged.
Causes	Electrical impulses of the heart be- come chaotic due to a blow to the chest or other (sometimesunk- nown) health-related issues. As a result, the heart stops beating regu- larly and begins to flutter rapidly.	Plaque made of cholesterol and other cells builds up in the walls of the heart's arteries. When the buildup is great enough, the plaque creates a blockage, known as an occlusion, which restricts the blood supply to the heart muscle.
Symptoms	Typically, there are no symptoms to SCA. Usually, the first indication of SCA is when the victim faints. The second sign is breathing cessation.	Warning signs of heart attack include a tightening feeling in the chest, a sore or numb left arm, lower back, neck, and/or jaw. Other signs include bad indigestion, a feeling that something heavy is sitting on your chest, and shortness of breath.
Victim's Response	A sudden cardiac arrest victim al- ways loses consciousness from lack of oxygen.	The victim of a heart attack is usually conscious and alert.
Risk of Death	A victim of SCA will die unless treated. If left untreated, the chances of survival decrease by 10% per minute. Typically, permanent brain damage occurs within 5-7 minutes.	Most victims can recover fully and lead normal lives, but about a third of heart attacks are deadly. A heart attack can lead to sudden cardiac arrest.
Treatment	The only treatment for SCA is defi- brillation from an automated exter- nal defibrillator (AED). A shock from the AED stops the chaotic electrical activity and allows the heart's sinus node to resume a nor- mal electrical impulse.	One treatment of a heart attack can be angioplasty, which opens up the blocked vessels with a medical balloon. Afterwards, a stent can be placed in the artery to help keep it open. Other treatments include clot-busting drugs called thrombolytics or nitroglycerin to reduce chest pain.

Village website: www.ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk

Waste Recycling

Bin probe reinforces recycling message

Residents are being urged to ensure they choose the correct bin when disposing of their waste.

Cabinet Member for the Environment, Cllr Norman MacRae, volunteered to have the contents of his own general waste bin analysed to highlight any items that could have been put into his recycling bin.

After careful sifting through the items Cllr MacRae was delighted to find that most of them were in the right place but despite his dedication, a couple of food trays and a paper bag had slipped through the net.

Cllr MacRae said: "This exercise shows that even the most ardent of recyclers always need to be vigilant.

"In some cases up to 50 per cent of the contents of general waste bins could actually be recycled so I would encourage everyone to think about recycling as much as possible."

West Oxfordshire residents recycle almost 60 per cent of their rubbish making the District one of the best performing in the country but there is still room for improvement with the new county-wide waste partnership aiming to boost the rate to 70 per cent by 2030.

Cllr MacRae added: "Recycling an item rather than throwing it in the general rubbish bin means it will be dealt with in the most environmentally friendly way, keeping materials in use."

Anyone unsure about what can be recycled in the district, when their kerbside collection is due or to order a new bin can find out more on the Council's website:

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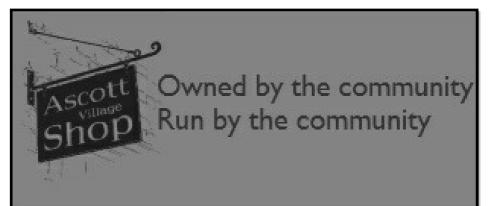
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WW2 Veterans' Portraits

WW2 veterans' portraits to go on display at Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum

A new exhibition of photographic portraits of WW2 veterans is set to go on display at the Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, Woodstock, from 19th October 2019 to 5th January 2020.

The exhibition, titled 3945 Portraits, is the work of award-winning photographer Glyn Dewis. He is leading an ongoing project to photograph Second World War veterans from all branches of the armed forces, and from a wide range of different regiments and corps, including the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry.



Laurie Weeden: Glider Pilot Regiment



Reg Charles: Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry

The portraits will go on display alongside recorded interviews with the featured veterans, recounting their wartime experiences, as well as a number of drawings produced by children as a 'thank you' to them.

The project, and the exhibition itself, is designed to 'remember, honour and educate'. Glyn Dewis explains that he intends to 'honour and remember our surviving World War 2 veterans by photographing as many of them as possible in order to provide both them and their families with classic, timeless portraits they treasure and can remain in their families for generations to come' and 'to sensitively educate the current and future younger generations about the events of World War 2 and of those who served, survived and were lost'.

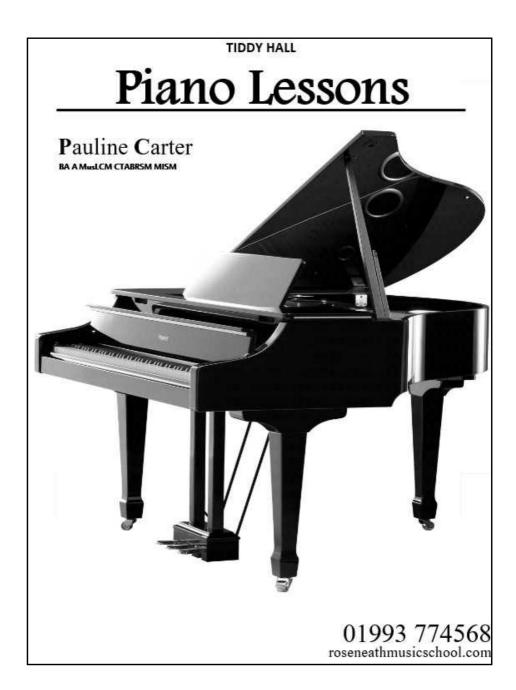
The exhibition's opening event on 19th October 2019 will see a number of the featured veterans visit the museum, and a surprise medal presentation for one of

them. Two members of the Glider Pilot Regiment who were good friends during their service but have not seen each other since the end of the war, are also set to reunite during the launch, having both had their portraits taken by Glyn.

Glyn will also be running two 3945 Portraits project workshops on the 9th November and 7th December between 11am and 2pm. These will focus on demonstrating how the portraits were taken using minimal kit and often in very limited space, showing how we can all create classic portraits without the need for all the latest and greatest equipment. Spaces can be booked on the SOFO Museum website. The Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum is open from Tuesday-Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 11am-5pm and Sunday 2pm-5pm. The county's only military history museum is located in the grounds of the Oxfordshire Museum, Park Street, Woodstock.







Roseneath Family Concert

Our family concert was rather later in the year than on previous occasions, having been postponed from June. It is almost twenty-five years since these concerts began and this was the first time that I had encountered a truly insurmountable problem.

Thirty six young pianists aged from five to seventeen, took to the piano at the Tiddy Hall to showcase the music they have been working on during the past year and to receive their prizes. Alastair Weeks and Benjamin Humphreys got the show off to a bright and breezy start with *Match of the Day* and *Happy Day* before younger pianists played a selection of music written by Pauline Hall.

Films and shows figured heavily in the line up. Alasdair Jackson gave a commanding performance of Henry Mancini's *Pink Panther*, Imogen Clatworthy played *Beauty and the Beast*, Billy Foster *the Hobbit*, Raveen Phan Purba with a really sensitive rendition of the *Snowman* and special guest Ben O'Brien held the audience spellbound with *Amelie's Waltz* by Yan Tiersen. Cassia Belardo concluded the cinematic scene with a dramatic performance of the signature tune from *Pirates of the Caribbean*, which had some of the younger members of the audience on the edges of their seats, truly impressed with the music they might one day be able to play.

Our après-concert top ten included numbers by Jake Briggs (*Rick Astley's, Never Gonna Give You up*) and *The Scientist* by Chris Martin, played by Jamie Leverett. Classical pieces also proved to be popular; Leo Walentiny's *Sonatina in Am* by Georg Benda, Ben O'Brien with *Pachelbel's canon in D*, Sophie Jackson an *Aria by JC Bach*, Lucinda Johnson with a Theme by Thomas Attwood and finally with Katy Leverett playing the sonorous second movement from Beethoven's *Pathetique Sonata*. Angela Zhou concluded the evening with Loeillet's *Minuetto*, from the suite N° 6 in Eb.

Thanks are much due to the trustees of the Tiddy hall who have added new curtains to the stage area and this looked magnificent against the beautiful piano we had for the evening. Additionally, I must acknowledge the support given by the Bartlett Taylor Trust and the Concertante Society, without whose help this polished event could not have taken place in its current form.

I hope that readers of the Wychwood have enjoyed a musical summer. The Proms figured prominently in my diary and I managed to get seats for four concerts. By far the most remarkable was Prom 12, when the National Youth Orchestra played, amongst other works, Tchaikovsky's violin concerto, with Nicola Bendetti as the soloist. It was wonderful to hear 164 highly accomplished young musicians, aged from 13-18, producing music of such superb quality. It was spine-chilling and received a spontaneous standing ovation throughout the Albert Hall.

Pauline Carter

PRIZES

Progress – Martha Jones

Most Promising Pupil - Ethan Gould

Grade 6 and above – Cassia Belardo, Katy Leverett, Jake Briggs, Luke Briggs

Schools' Prizes – Benjamin Humphreys, Harrison Houzet, Jude Hove, Raveen Phan Purba

Young Musician of the Year 2019

3rd. Samuel Clews, Imogen Clatworthy, Athene Brown

2nd Conolly Norman, David King, Peter Weeks

1st Angela Zhou.







Imogen Clatworthy



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WYCHWOOD FOLK CLUB





In association with the Wychwood Brewery Tiddy Hall, Shipton Rd, Ascott -u- Wychwood, OX7 6AG

Sat Dec 7th The Melrose Quartet + support by The Skeptics

Tickets £12.00 in advance £14.00 on the door

Melrose Quartet are truly an all-round folk act, with both tight a capella harmony and energy-packed instrumentals. They comprise leading English musicians Nancy Kerr (2015 BBC Folk Singer of the Year), James Fagan, Jess & Richard Arrowsmith with twin fiddles, guitar and bouzouki, melodeon and four strong voices.

Sat Jan 18th Reg Meuross + support by Mike Weaver

Tickets £12.00 in advance £14.00 on the door

Reg Meuross, acclaimed singer-songwriter and Folking.com Soloist of the Year 2019, will return to the intimacy of the solo format after a successful Summer of festival appearances. Reg will be performing new material as well as songs of history, protest, love, loss and legend from thirteen previous albums.

Sat Feb 1st Mark Harrison Trio + support by Turning Signs Finstock VH

Tickets £10.00 in advance £12.00 on the door

There is no one in music quite like Mark Harrison. He is widely considered one of the most original and interesting artists currently operating in the UK. His highly individual, all-original music goes down very well with audiences of all kinds

Sat Feb 8th Whetstone, Brinsford & Burgess +support by Dik Cadbury

Tickets £12.00 in advance £14.00 on the door

A prolific tunesmith with an uncanny knack of tapping into the 'traditional' psyche, Dave Whetstone has achieved far more than you might realise. Many of Dave's tunes have quickly passed into the common repertoire without anyone realising they are in fact freshly-penned.

Sat Feb 29th IOTA + support by Dom Pragg

Tickets £12.00 in advance £14.00 on the door

Sally Barker, Anna Ryder & Marion Fleetwood perform as IOTA. All three write, sing and sway in perfect harmony and each is a seasoned performer of the UK Folk/Rock scene. The three got together in 2017 to form IOTA as it seemed to make perfect sense to combine their experience and talents to write and perform their new and inventive IOTA material.

All events start at 7.30pm Doors 7.00pm
SEE WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS - www.wychwoodfolkclub.com

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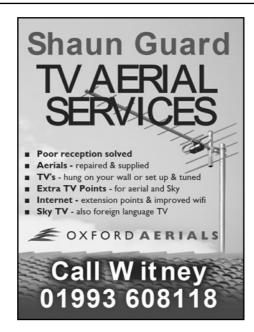
Some Folk Club Singers











Public Transport

Buses

The WOCT 210 service to and from Witney has proved itself as very much valued by villagers of all ages who now depend upon it. Naturally, as its run by volunteers it needs continued, indeed increased usage to be financially sustainable. WOCT have responded to user feedback in two respects. First they can now accept contactless fare payments and with a revised timetable taking effect on Monday 9th December a Saturday service will be added, starting on 14th, but it's going to be a six month trial to show if usage shows it's financially viable As we know only too well of the varied and extensive roadworks throughout the district, they have had quite an impact upon the 210 meeting its published schedule. Consequently, the new Timetable from 9th December simplifies the service to 5 each way services each weekday with greater confidence that the scheduled times will be met. The revised timetable will be given to existing users, placed at the bus stops and copies left in Ascott Village Shop.

Trains

vision.

On a positive note, I am pleased to announce that following requests from the Parish Council & Cotswold Line Promotion Group (CLPG) the GWR Franchise will provide the additional stop at Ascott of existing trains to allow villagers to travel to Oxford and beyond, and return by two trains mid & late afternoon, on three pre-Christmas Saturdays.

The details are Saturdays 30th November, 7th & 14th December only:

Outbound: Ascott 1002 Oxford 1031 Return: Oxford 1423 Ascott 1445 Oxford 1623 Ascott 1645

This change should appear on website timetables and a notice will be posted in the Village Shop and in the Ascott station waiting shelter (Oxford bound platform).

Now the warning! GWR cannot provide the service additions on Saturday 21st because that occurs after the significantly revised whole service timetable begins on 16th December. That new schedule means such an additional stop cannot be inserted even temporarily. Both the PC and CLPG are concerned that this is an indication that this might be the last year that our pre-Christmas service can be provided. So **PLEASE** use this year's trains as much as you can as that will show how important and valued they are, and help the PC and CLPG case for its annual pro-

Village website: www.ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk

The new Timetable from 16th December also impacts the existing, "Halts service", one train each way, each weekday from Ascott. The timetable itself only shows minor time alterations, but sadly, the very welcome current service homebound, using IEPs of either 5 or 9 carriage formation, will in future become either a 2 or 3 car "Turbo" with expected more crowded occupation. Also, it starts from Didcot Parkway, and isn't a service from London or Reading so commuters will need to change trains and carefully meet connection windows! I am advised that even the local staff GWR, experienced with the Halts trains are uncomfortable with what has been decided "from on high", so we can but hope that if it is bad, it will change sometime...?

In closing, both the Parish Council and I personally are CLPG members, and if only more Ascott residents were members, CLPG would strengthen their influence with GWR.

CLPG Membership leaflets are in the Village shop!

Peter Rance

for Ascott Parish Council

Chipping Norton Choral Society Presents

A Christmas Concert

Saturday 21st December

Starting at 7.00pm at St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton.

The programme includes "On Christmas Night" by Bob Chilcott, which is a set of eight Carols and also some well known and loved carols, solo pieces on a harp and a flute plus some readings

Entrance is free and all are welcome

Ascott Charity 10k and 5k Run 27th October 2019

Well, it didn't almost happen after the heavy rains prior to the race! But on Sunday the sun shone and although we had to change the route of the 5k, avoiding the waterlogged fields, it was a great success as illustrated by the comments below from some of the runners.

Superb event. Everything you'd want from a race: easy parking, well organised, beautiful & challenging course (great XC training), supportive marshals and a good selection of tasty post-run cakes!

The hills and mud were tough but so rewarding. Hope the "pond" returns for next year - it was lovely and refreshing on the way back!

Thank you to everyone involved. I'll be encouraging more of my clubmates to join me next year. - Dan Wymer Witney Roadrunners

Fantastic event. Really well organised. Lots of super friendly marshals. An amazing course, very tough and full of mud, pools of water and some challenging climbs, but the views were worth it. Lovely selection of cakes and hot tea and coffee served with a smile. Parking close to the start, really can't fault it at all. And a wonderful pre cross country season session. Thank you, we hope to be back next year! - Jane Colbeck-McKinnon

Many thanks to all the organisers, marshall's and helpers for yesterday's race. What a great event and challenging course with the hill and mud but thoroughly enjoyable! We were over from Jersey on holidays and so lucky to have come across your event and hope to do it again in future! - Mick Siouville

Friendly and fun and well organised - thanks! - Rachel Godfrey

My first ever cross-country/trail run and I LOVED it, despite coming literally last in the 10k!! Although the ground was muddy and there was a 'pond' in one field, the weather was beautiful, the views gorgeous and the atmosphere was just so friendly - I think I'll have to come back and try again next year - Jackie Williams

The financial results, including the sponsorship contributions, show a surplus of £1062.20 against our target of £1000. This will be used to support worthy causes in Ascott Parish.

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The sale of coffee and homemade cakes raised a further £204 which will be used to renew the pavilion's fridge.

We were pleased to see an increase in entries from 82 to 91 with 28 running the 5k and 63 the 10k.

We are very grateful to our sponsors; Cotswold Wildlife Park, Pennington Manches Solicitors, The Swan at Ascott, The Rooflight Company and Ingrid Ridley. Their contributions covered the running costs of the event.

We must also thank the many volunteers without whom the races would not take place. These include the marshals stationed at various points around the course, the timekeepers waiting at the finishing line with their stop-watches, the admin volunteers collecting money from the competitors and recording running times, those responsible for setting out the course and providing signage and the car parkers.

Next year the Charity Run will be held on Sunday October 25th. Make a date for your diary!

Meanwhile, please do click on the link below for some great photos and the full 2019 results.

https://wychwood01.wixsite.com/ascott-u-wychwood10k The results are also published on the village web site.

A summary of the winners in the various categories are as follows:

•	Position	Name	Time	Race N°
Male 10k	1	James Eve	40:34	39
	2	Chris Prince	41:18	60
	3	Chris Colbeck	41:57	35
Female 10k	1	Beth Owens	49:37	62
	2	Rebecca Evins	50:17	50
	3	Jade Hewlett	50:34	15
Male Veteran 40 Years+		James Eve	40:34	39
Male Veteran 50 Years+		Chris Prince	41:18	60
Male Veteran 60 Years +		Bryan Vaughan	48:05	38
Female Veteran 35 Years +		Susie Morgan	53:17	42
Female Veteran 45 Years +		Jacqueline Pinnock	59:30	9
Female Veteran 55 Years +		Liz French	57:47	
Male 5k	1	George Reynolds	18:41	206
	2	Alex Spaul	20:48	221
	3	Caleb Lynchsmith	24:11	222
Female 5k	1	Marina Djurisic	25:19	219
	2	Maya Lynchsmith	26:25	223
	3	Eva Scates	28:35	212

Because of the heavy going this year no race time records were achieved. It only remains for me to thank everyone for their support and to look forward to next year's event.

John Cull



The Start of the 2019 Charity Run

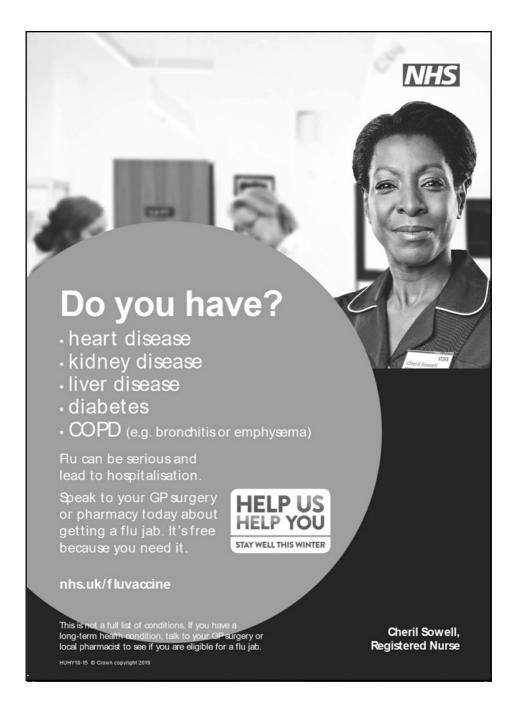
Many more photographs of the race can be found at the following websites:

https://wychwood01.wixsite.com/ascott-u-wychwood10k

http://www.oxonraces.com/photos/2019-10-27-ascott-under-wychwood (10 K only)

https://www.facebook.com/Ascott-u-Wychwood-5k-10k-372244080038673/

https://www.ascott-under-wychwood.org.uk/





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If you need a food waste bin or caddy, please get in touch.

Christmas & New Year collections

	Normal collection:	Revised date:
	Tue 24 December	No change
	Wed 25 December	Fri 27 December
	Thu 26 December	Sat 28 December
	Fri 27 December	Mon 30 December
	Mon 30 December	Tue 31 December
Н	Tue 31 December	Thu 2 January
Ŋ	Wed I January	Fri 3 January
4	Thu 2 January	Sat 4 January
	Fri 3 January	Mon 6 January
	Mon 6 January	Tue 7 January
	Tue 7 January	Wed 8 January
	Wed 8 January	Thu 9 January
	Thu 9 January	Fri 10 January
	Fri 10 January	Sat II January

Normal collection resumes Mon 13 January.

No garden waste collections Monday 23rd December to Monday 6th January.



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TIDDY HALL

The clocks have gone back and the nights are drawing in, but don't despair, there are still plenty of events to look forward to at **Tiddy Hall** this winter! Another four great evenings of folk were held at **Tiddy Hall** during the autumn months. It's wonderful to have such a variety of music here in our village from artists who come from the breadth of the country and sometimes even further afield! The following bands are scheduled at **The Wychwood Folk Club** over the winter months:

December 7th - Melrose Quartet

January 18th - Reg Meuross

February 8th – Whetstone, Brinsford & Burgess

March 29th - IOTA

If you've never been to a gig at **Tiddy Hall**, please do give it a try – it's a fantastic evening, a friendly crowd and you'll be made very welcome! Check the website, www.wychwoodfolkclub.com for further information.

The **Sunday Tea Dances** are continuing to be popular. Winter dates are December 1st, January 12th, February 2nd and March 1st.

Just a reminder that the **Monday Night Dancing** has now changed to Tuesdays, 7pm – 9pm. For further information, please contact Terry & May Cox on 01608 810721.

The **Parish Council** meet on the second Monday of every month (except August). The committee are now holding their meetings in the main hall, instead of the committee room. This makes access easier for everyone. If you would like to attend these meetings, you are most welcome.

Another session of **Qigong** classes will begin on Thursday November 14th at 7.30pm. Please contact Pam Quirke if you'd like to take part – 07780 572283

Saturday January 25th – Burn's Night! The **Tiddy Hall Trustees** have decided not to hold a New Year's party this year. In its place, we are making plans to hold a Burn's Night instead, with a Ceilidh of course! We will know more nearer the time, so look out for posters around the village.

A **Quiz Night** is being organised to raise funds for our village church on Saturday 7th March. Teams of 6, £12 per person, to include a hot supper, a bar will be available. Quiz master will be Nigel Cleevely. For tickets please contact Sue Boyer at 01993 830142 or sue.boyer@btinternet.com

Over the past year, the committee have been working on plans to refurbish the toilets. We are very excited to announce that we have now received our funding and work on all the toilets will take place over the Easter holidays!

And finally, the film **Fisherman's Friends**, based on the true story of the success of the singing fishermen from Port Isaac in Cornwall, was shown at **Tiddy Hall** in October. We had a good audience and everyone enjoyed a fish and chips supper

supplied by Daryl from Pit Stop Catering. We hope to return with **Flix in the Stix** in the spring!

The **Tiddy Hall Committee** would like to wish all our regular users and all those who support our events a very Happy Festive Season!!!

Ingrid Ridley

Regular Activities:

Monday - Friday Mornings

Pre-school

Contact: Mrs Pauline Plant 07968006451

Monday Afternoons

3.30pm – 6pm Piano Lessons

Contact: Pauline Carter 01993 774568

Tuesday Night
7pm - 9pm Dancing

Contact: May & Terry Cox 01608 810721

Wednesday Night 6pm – 6.45pm Circuits

Contact: Simon Gidman 01993 831479

7.30pm - 8.30pm Happy Fitness

Contact: Andrea Forrester 07747 853989

Thursday Night

7.30pm - 8.30pm Qigong

Contact: Pam Quirke 07780 572283

Friday Afternoons

3.30pm – 6pm Piano Lessons

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Ascott Pre-School

All the fun of autumn at Ascott Preschool

We welcomed several new children to Preschool in September; it's been lovely getting to know them and their families as term has progressed. We still have spaces available for this academic year, please do get in touch (see details below) if you'd like to find out more and to arrange a visit.

Getting out and about in Ascott

Our aim this term has been to venture out around the village as much as possible. On one walk we had great fun gathering blackberries, which we used later to make crumble with local apples. Another stroll took us to the village green, where we collected conkers and spoke about the changes we see in autumn. We stopped to look at road signs and house numbers, encouraging the children to pick out those letters and numbers they recognise.

The older children have been enjoying their first Forest School adventures, travelling in the minibus to Leafield Community Woodland and to our wonderful dedicated site at the Bruern Estate. They are all having a great time learning outside and getting creative with natural materials.

On Monday 14th October we had a lovely visit to Holy Trinity church for a talk about harvest with Reverend Mark Abrey. The children brought in food donations for the harvest collection, sang some songs and listened to the sound of the church bells. Later in the same week we were invited to the Windrush Valley School's 'Hunt the Harvest Mouse' event. We enjoyed mouse-themed stories and crafts, and took part in a search for 'mice' hidden in the school's new outdoor play area.

Getting creative and looking ahead to Christmas

We've been busy in the kitchen, making vegetable soup, hedgehog-shaped bread rolls, fruit milkshakes and cheesy pizzas to take home. The children are always proud to leave with something they've made themselves, and tend to be more inclined to try new foods when they are involved in preparing them.

Our preparations for our Christmas show are under way, with the children rehearsing on the stage so they're ready to perform to friends and families at the end of term. We hope to take the show 'on tour' to the Wychwood Day Centre again too.

Spaces available for children aged two to four

We have space available for children aged two and above across our sessions. Preschool runs at Tiddy Hall during term time from 9am - 3.30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday (9 – 12pm on Thursdays). Activities include child-led

learning through play, craft, messy play, singing, Forest School, Cooking Club and dance sessions with the wonderful Dancing Sally.

If you'd like to find out more visit our website www.ascottpreschool.co.uk, or contact Pauline via email (ascott_pp@btinternet.com) or phone (01993 832671).



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Run by the village, for the village.

If you think you can spare a little of your time, please contact Bridgette in the shop or by telephone. She will be pleased to tell you what is involved.

The shop relies on volunteers to:

Serve our customers

Stock the shop

Promote and market our produce

Organising and carrying out maintenance

Administration

The Ascott Village Charity



Thank you to all those who put money into the Charity Collection Box in the village shop, the sum collected was £206.90.

Your Village Charity- What does it do, and who does it help?

The village charity is still in the position to offer help to any person in the village who is embarking on further education and is in need of books or equipment for the course. They can apply to the charity to assist with the cost. All applications are dealt with in strict confidence.

If any villager feels that the Charity could help anyone in the village with financial aid then please contact one of the trustees to discuss the application procedure. The trustees will review all applications in full confidence to determine if they are within the Charity's power to assist.

After a very successful Charity Run on the 27th October the money raised for the charity was £1,062.20, the target was £1,000.00 plus £204.00 from the refreshments. Thank you to all the people who organised and ran the run.

Chairman

John Cull johncull@wowmatters.com

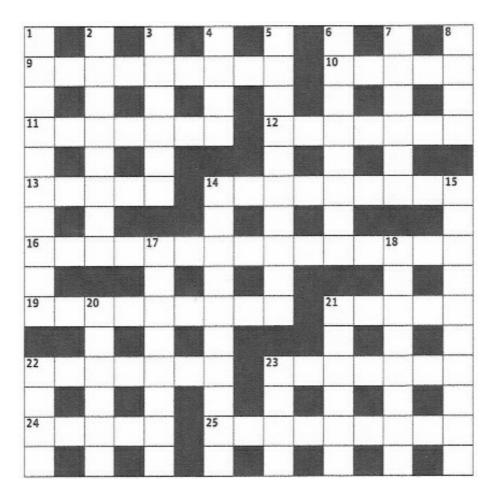
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Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 9 A lone crab scuttles round by the sea in Spain (9)
- **10** Key duet composition (5)
- 11 Quits at university levels (5,2)
- 12 One of the many carried by a caddy (3,5)
- 13 Show girl without sex appeal? (5)
- 14 Not a big audience it was for charity (4,5)
- **16** Church parade is just part of it (8,7)
- **19** Small gimmicky articles book matches, for example? (9)
- **21** No, I am wrong; she was Ruth's mother-in-law (5)
- **22** Master takes female, 50, in marriage (7)
- 23 Something so cheap as to rule out profit? (7)
- 24 Refuse organic food? (5)
- **25** Banality means one looks for new interests (9)

Down

- 1 A meal's been cooked for sailors (4,6)
- 2 You do what you like with it (4,4)
- 3 New praise for old Iran (6)
- **4** Firm work with the pen (4)
- **5** These heavyweights experience harrowing times (10)
- **6** A figure of speech satisfied a figure in speech (8)
- 7 Foreign Office has its back to the wall (6)
- 8 One among the lesser folk, historically (4)
- **14** It's not all bias (4,4)
- 15 Seer? (3-7)
- **17** High romance? (4-4)
- **18** Fashionably tailored, he's concerned with his image (8)
- **20** Confirm if the light goes out (6)
- 21 Being annoyed, informed the police (6)
- **22** High light, low point (4)
- 23 Note edge of radar echo (4)

Solutions to Crossword in Edition 103

Across

- 1 Cockpit
- 5 Fine leg 9 Aioli
- 10 The way the
- 11 B Minor Mass
- 12 Flat
- 14 Corbyn mania
- 18 Portmanteau
- 21 Comb
- 22 Card reader
- 25 Balladeer
- 26 Thats
- 27 Russell
- 28 Soybean

Down

- 1 Crabby
- 2 Cookie
- 3 Prison camp
- 4 Totem
- 5 Freestyle
- 6 Neat
- 7 Let alone
- 8 Great War
- 13 Imprudently
- 15 Ring a bell
- 16 Spacebar
- 17 Crumbles
- 19 Adware
- 20 Orison
- 23 Darts
- 24 Race

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Events Calendar - 2019/20

Date	Time	Event	Venue
December 1st	2.30 - 5.00pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
December 7 th	7.00pm 7.30pm	Safari Supper Melrose Quartet	Ascott Church Tiddy Hall
December 8 th	4.00pm	Messy Church	Wychwood School
December 15 th	4.00pm	Christmas Carols	Ascott Church
December 17 th	10.30 - 11.30am	Coffee Morning	Ascott Church
December 24 th	6.00pm	Carols around the Tree	The Green
January 12 th	2.30 - 5.00pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
January 18 th	7.30pm	Reg Meuross	Tiddy Hall
January 19 th	4.00pm	Messy Church	Wychwood School
January 25 th	TBC	Burn's Night	Tiddy Hall
January 28 th	10.30 - 11.30am	Coffee Morning	Ascott Church
February 2 nd	2.30 - 5.00pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
February 8th	7.30pm	Whetstone, Brinsford & Burgess	Tiddy Hall
February 16 th	4.00pm	Messy Church	Wychwood School
February 25 th	10.30 - 11.30am	Coffee Morning	Ascott Church
February 29th	7.30pm	IOTA	Tiddy Hall
March 1st	2.30 - 5.00pm	Tea Dance	Tiddy Hall
March 7th	7.30pm	Quiz Night	Tiddy Hall
March 15 th	4.00pm	Messy Church	Wychwood School
March 21st	7.30pm	Phil Beer	Tiddy Hall
April 19 th	4.00pm	Messy Church	Wychwood School
April 25 th	7.30pm	Brooks Williams & Rab Noakes	Tiddy Hall
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