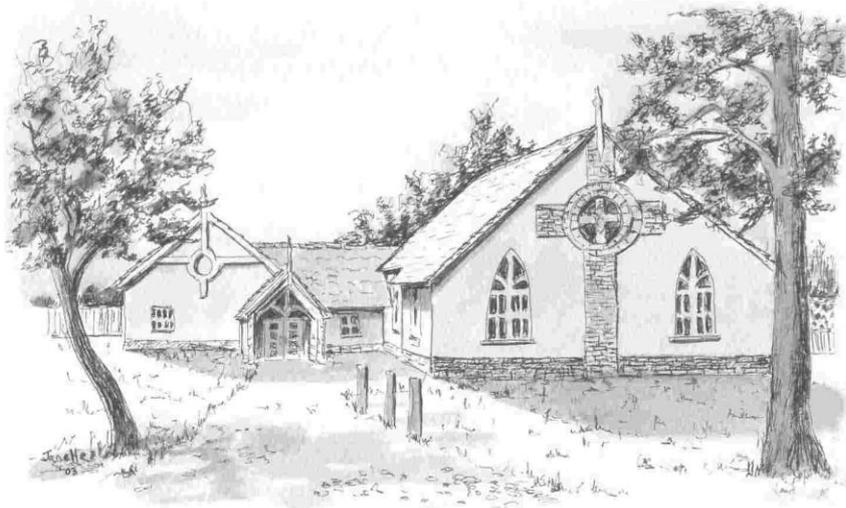


Sonning Parish Magazine



Serving the Communities
of Sonning and Charvil



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The Parish of Sonning

The ancient parish of Sonning, originally extending from Sonning Common to Sandhurst was one of the great blocks of land handed over to the Church in the 7th century. In 909 A.D. Sonning with Ramsbury, became a separate bishopric, the Bishop of Ramsbury/ Sonning maintaining a riverside Hall in the village. In 1075 the see was transferred to Old Sarum, ultimately Salisbury, whose bishops had their own Palace on the same site as the Saxon Hall until 1574, when the manor was transferred to the Crown.

St Andrew's Church in the heart of the village was founded in Saxon times - probably by Birinus, first bishop of Dorchester-on-Thames. It was largely rebuilt in 1852, during the incumbency of Canon Hugh Pearson; it was he who founded the Sonning Parish Magazine in 1869.

The White Hart Hotel, now known as The Great House, and partly 17th century, stands on the site of older buildings including the home of 'Elias the Ferryman' mentioned in a deed of 1100. The French Horn Hotel, in Sonning Eye, was built in the 1880s in front of the original old inn - now Bridge House - and its farm buildings. The Bull Inn, belonging to the Church, was originally known as Church House, a guesthouse for pilgrims to medieval St Sarik's Chapel in St Andrew's. Also adjoining the church is Deanery Garden one of Sir Edwin Lutyen's best-known country houses built at the turn of the century, just above the site of the ancient residence of the Deans of Salisbury who regularly visited Sonning, the parish being a 'Dean's Peculiar'.

Sonning Mill produced a regular supply of flour from Saxon time until 1969, after which it was converted into a 'Dinner Theatre', the first of its kind in Britain. The Pearson Hall is the principal venue for village functions

Within the village boundaries lie the Reading Blue Coat School at Holme Park (once the home of the Lord of the Manor) Sonning Church of England Primary School, King George's Field and other sports grounds, and Reading University Farm - all of which help to preserve the rural atmosphere of Sonning, the centre of which is now a conservation area.

The civil parish of Charvil is of relatively recent origin but the land on which it lies has long been part of the ecclesiastical parish of Sonning. In the 18th and 19th centuries it consisted of Charville Farm and a few cottages, which lay between the villages of Sonning and Twyford and adjacent to the London to Bath highway.

The development of Charvil began between the two World Wars, particularly after the new A4 road was constructed in the 1920s by-passing Twyford, and was accelerated after 1945. To meet the needs of this increasingly large community, St Patrick's dual-purpose Church and Hall was consecrated and opened in 1952; it remains within the ecclesiastical parish of Sonning, It was considerably extended and refurbished in 2001.

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Regular Services

The Parish Church

Sundays	8 am	Holy Communion (Prayer Book)
	10.30 am	Family Service, first Sunday of the month Parish Eucharist, second, fourth and fifth Sundays Matins, third Sunday
	6.30 pm	Evensong, except third Sunday of the month, when it will be Holy Communion with the laying on of hands for those who wish it.
Wednesdays	10 am	Holy Communion at St Andrew's

St Patrick's Charvil

Sundays	9.30 am	Family Service, first Sunday of the month Holy Communion, second and fourth Sundays Worship Service other Sundays Sunday School 9.30 am except first Sunday of the month
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If you would like to arrange a Thanksgiving for the birth of a child, a Baptism (please give at least one month's notice of your intention), a Marriage or a Funeral, please contact the Vicar. Please note that the Vicar hopes to take Monday as a day off, although urgent matters will of course be dealt with.

The Vicar's Letter

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday (1st April)

Palm Crosses, made by relatives of patients in a Mission Hospital in Africa to raise funds for the Hospital, will be distributed at all Services on Palm Sunday. May I remind you that the 10.30am Service at St. Andrew's starts at the Bull gates. The palms will be distributed and blessed there before we process into Church for a Family Communion. It would be helpful if you could be there by 10.25am.

Wednesday 4th April

The weekly Communion Service will be held in the St. Sarik Room at 10.00am. I am delighted that since we started holding the service there, rather than in a chilly St. Andrew's Church, we get on average 25 people to the service.

Maundy Thursday

At 8.00pm there will be a service of Holy Communion in St. Andrew's followed by the stripping of the altar and the placing of the large wooden cross.

Good Friday

On Good Friday there will be children's activities in the St. Sarik Room at 2.00pm when, amongst other things, they will make an Easter Garden for each Church. At the same time there will be a quiet service of hymns, prayers and readings in St. Andrew's Church. Both these events last about an hour.

In the evening at 7.30pm there will be concert of music for Holy Week by St. Andrew's Choir and others. We will not charge entrance to the concert but any donations will be given to the Friends of St. Andrew's Church. Last year the Church was almost full for a similar event and I hope you will be able to join us this year.

Easter Eve

A walk, hopefully along the river, will leave the Vicarage at 4.30pm and go to St. Patrick's Church. At 5.30pm there will be a BBQ, for which there is a small charge to cover costs. This will be followed by an Easter Vigil Service in St. Patrick's Church at 7.00pm. At this service we bless and light the new Easter Candles. Anyone who would like to come to any or all of these events will be very welcome. The Service lasts about half an hour.

Easter Day

All services will be held at the usual Sunday times and at 10.30am in St. Andrew's Easter Eggs, kindly donated by Mr.& Mrs. Brighton, will be given to all the children who attend. If you are unable, because of age or illness, to be in Church to make your Easter Communion please telephone The Vicar who will be glad to bring it to you.

Happy Easter

Chris

From the Registers: Funerals

14th March: David Jones (Reading Crematorium)

Sunday 15th April

In St. Andrew's Church on the third Sunday in April during the service at 10.30am Leslie and Janet Stephen, who are members of our congregation, will share with us some of their experiences of working in the orphanage in India last year. The Mission Committee of the PCC gave £500 towards the orphanage and I hope you will come and hear something about the work done there.

Annual Church Meeting

Our Annual Meeting this year will be held in St. Patrick's at 8.00pm on Thursday 19th April. At this meeting we elect the Churchwardens for the coming year and two people to service on the Deanery Synod. The Annual Reports and Accounts are at the back of both Churches and you are asked to read them before the meeting.

This meeting is your opportunity to ask questions about the reports and the work of the Church in this Parish. It also gives everyone on the Church Electoral Roll the opportunity to ask any questions or make suggestions. Please try to support it. As Annual Meetings go this is better than most and we even give you a glass of wine at the end!

Mission Follow up

Sister Chris, one of the Franciscans who came here last year for our Parish Mission, will be visiting the Parish on 9th and 10th of June. On the Saturday she will lead a Quiet Day and if you would like to attend please write your name on the list at the back of both churches. On Sunday 10th Sister Chris will preach at all the morning services and there will be a BBQ in the Vicarage garden at 12.00noon. Please put the date in your diary now.

Love & prayers,

Chris

New email address!

Please note that the Vicar has a new email address. It is:

chrisclarke@vodafoneemail.co.uk

Chris

Easter in Charvil - St Patrick's Perspective

As I put pen to paper tomorrow is the first day of spring, although the weather and temperature last week was more appropriate than this week where we have returned to cold winds, snow, sleet and hail. We all have good and bad weeks, good days and bad days just as the news some weeks is good and other weeks not so good.

The message of Good Friday, the day that Jesus was crucified, is that it is followed by Easter; that out of death comes life - just as out of winter comes spring - out of crucifixion comes resurrection. However bad things are in Iraq or Afghanistan or Darfur or Zimbabwe or in our own lives there is light at the end of the tunnel, although at the time it may seem that it is a train coming in the opposite direction to add to our suffering or our darkness. As sure as the day follows the night, if we believe and take God at his word, the dawn will break sooner or later. In every situation, however bad, good will come out of it somehow or other although we cannot visualise it at the time, especially when our nearest and dearest are affected by adversity.

Renewal and reconciliation is the message of Easter. At St Patrick's we will celebrate this fact and hope that you will join us at our Easter Saturday barbeque and prayer vigil prior to the 9.30 Family Communion on Easter Sunday. We wish you very happy and joy filled Easter.

Love and blessings

Michael and family.

Christian Aid Concert

Boss said I should remind everyone that we are doing the Christian Aid Concert thing again, this time on Sat 5th May. We've got lots of the usual suspects to provide a cornucopia of music, poetry, comedy and drama, but there's room for more, so if you feel like treading the boards and entertaining your fellow parishioners please give the boss a ring on 0118 934 0795. Whatever you do, put the date in your diary and come along to support the weak Christians, its lots of fun and all in a good cause.

The Christian Aid Concert

St Patrick's Charvil

Saturday 5th May, 7.00 pm to 9.30pm (ish)

Tickets £5 from Bob Hine or Chris Easton

(Children get in free)

You can pay on the door,

but get there early to avoid swinging from the rafters

Entertainment, Refreshments and a Raffle

All proceeds to Christian Aid

Joanna (the St Patrick's Pianner)

**THE FRIENDS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH
INVITE YOU TO**

THE FEAST OF ST. SARIK

Friday 13th April, 7.30 p.m.

Pearson Hall, Sonning

Hot Buffet

Wine Bar

Music by "Take Four"

Formal Dress (optional)

Tickets £20 each from:

Malcolm 934 1762, Barbara 375 9879, or Heather 969 8653

Did you know?

There are two charities, based in Sonning, that can give help and support to those in need who live in any of the following parishes: Charvil, Earley, Eye and Dunsden, Sonning, Sonning Common, and Woodley (the area covering the old parish of Sonning).

The Sonning and District Welfare Trust

This charity can help with welfare cases, covering problems associated with sickness, disability, old age and many others.

Sonning Educational Foundation

This charity can help those up to the age of 25 who are in full or part time education or training, and perhaps need help with the purchase of books, or assistance with expenses or similar.

For more information or help contact:

Mrs C. Barnett, The Clerk to the Trustees,
Hill Cottage, Thames Street, Sonning. RG4 6UR
Tel: 0118 969 6693

Carole Barnett

Sonning Glebe WI

We held our AGM in March, the Committee all remain the same and Heather Hine will be our President for another year. After the meeting we were shown various old kitchen implements and had to guess what they were. We have held another Knit 'n Natter and a Scrabble evening both very successful. Our Quiz evening was very well attended and the Committee had prepared a lovely supper. The winning team were rewarded with an Easter egg each. We do hope everyone enjoyed themselves.

We have a walk around Dinton Pastures planned and at our next meeting on April 16th we will have a talk about the National Trust, the Competition is a Photo of an Old House.

Visitors are always welcome.

Diane Reeves

Sonning Art Group

Sonning Art Group was pleased to present achievement awards to 10 year old Jemma Savage and 9 year old Gilbert McGirr, Year 5 upper junior pupils attending Sonning CE Primary School. They were winners of a competition initiated by the art group as a joint project by the group and primary school to encourage pupils to take an active interest in art at an early age.

The art competition involved the children in painting or drawing a scene entitled "A view from a window" to be judged by members of the art group. All 26 entries were of a very high standard, which made judging a very difficult task. Certificates and prizes of art materials were presented to the winners at a parents and school assembly by Sue Bell, Secretary of the art group.

George Webster

Sonning Book Club

The group's last read was "The Kindness of Strangers" by Kate Adie. This was a story of Kate's life as a journalist but began with reminiscences from her days at University and Sunderland where she grew up. Kate was fortunate to work for the BBC in the infancy of local radio and her exploits had some of the book club laughing out loud. Reporting about the conflicts of war had a very sobering effect on the reader and the many kindnesses shown to Kate and the rest of the BBC teams touched us all. Her book illustrated traumatic and often dangerous situations experienced by news reporters in their coverage around the world and the difficulty of remaining objective when faced with tragedies caused by the inhumanity of supposedly civilized people.

Book club members hope that this book will be followed by an autobiography that features Kate Adie and the task of managing a personal life, yet still able to cope with the often-extraordinary demands of her job. The current read is the acclaimed novel “The Kite Runner” by Khaled Hosseini.

There is now a waiting list for people wishing to join the club and should vacancies arise they will be contacted.

Anne Webster

Little Fishes Baby and Toddler Group

Little Fishes will meet as usual this month on Tuesday 3rd April from 10am to 11.30am in the St Sarik Room next to St Andrew’s Church and we will be doing an Easter craft activity. All pre-school aged children and their parents/carers are welcome. After Easter I will not be continuing to run the group, if anyone is interested in taking over this role and keeping the group going please contact me.

Sarah Turner

Sonning Baby & Toddler Group

We are a small, informal and friendly “drop-in” group for carers (parents, child minders, nannies, grandparents etc) with babies and toddlers from birth upwards. The group is run by volunteers and meets every Friday at the Pearson Hall, Sonning between 9.30 and 11.30am. The charge is £1.50 per session for the first child and 50p for each subsequent child (6 months +) with the 1st visit is FREE.

There is a full range of equipment for all ages, which is regularly reviewed and updated. During the session we try to offer some structure for the children with an art activity, refreshments for the children and adults, story and song time. Occasionally we have fun raising money for charity and at Christmas we have an annual Christmas party. We also don’t forget the adults with a “fun night out” a few times a year!

So why not come and give us a try. We run all year round including all school holidays. For more information please contact me on 0118 9694955, or email Sonning.Toddlers@ntlworld.com

Karen Livingstone

1st Sonning Brownies

We celebrated Thinking Day by finding out about the names that “Brownies” have in other Countries and what their emblems are and then found where

the Country is on a map of the World. We played a Game and did some singing; learning a new song. We also joined Rainbows, Brownies and Guides from Charvil, Hurst and Twyford and made friendship bracelets, decorate biscuits and made a peace chain.

The Brownies have made Cakes and Biscuits for our Greet a Granny evening and have been busy practising their Entertainment for the Granny's. For Mothering Sunday the Brownies decorated a flowerpot and planted a polyanthus. Annabel, Katie and Marissa helped to make the Posies to hand out in Church on Mothering Sunday. Our Greet a Granny evening was a great success. The Brownies did their entertainment very well and served teas. Together with "Granny" they made Easter Bonnets, which looked wonderful. At our last meeting we made Flannel Bunnies, with an Easter egg inside and had an Easter egg hunt.

For any information on Rainbows, Brownies or Guides n Sonning please phone Diane on 07813 433 493.

Brown Owl

The Monday Club

We were well entertained by Roly Hunt and friends, who sang a wide range of songs for us. *Streets of London* is especially evocative (to a one time East Ender). Will we ever get to 'Imagine' a time of peace when the whole world dreams? Perhaps I'm getting maudlin in my sere and yellow. I asked Roly the name of the band, he said it hadn't got one, then came across with *Should be band* (banned). Everyone joined with me in loudly saying "No". I do not want to miss the funny face on the tea chest instrument, whatever it is called.

R C A

Sonning Village Players

Proudly present

'MURDER AT FURTIVE MANOR'

Featuring the Famous "Hercule Peugeot"

Saturday 14th April 2007 @7.45pm

Pearson Hall, Sonning

£8.00 including light supper, B.Y.O. drinks

For tickets please call 0118 966 5081

Or email julie59106@yahoo.com

Cheques to 'Sonning Village Players'

66 Hanwood Close, Woodley, Reading, RG5 3AB, with s.a.e.

Sonning & Sonning Eye Society

The talk on the 'Watermills of the Thames Valley' by Brian Eighteen, held earlier last month in The Pearson Hall, was a well-attended event. Together with the help of slides and amusing anecdotes Brian guided us through the history of some familiar and not so familiar watermills along the route from Abingdon to Windsor. It was fascinating to compare and contrast several of the 'then and now' photographs which provided evidence to show that in some cases these important buildings still stand tall amidst the 21st century landscape. His talk was made all the more memorable with personal reminiscences from some society members who had personal recollections of when Sonning Mill was in operation.

Society members, who attended the hugely enjoyable "A Night at the Pictures" in January, can now watch some of the films shown that evening in the privacy of their own homes. David Lee of the Wessex Film and Sound Archive has produced a DVD containing Sonning Races, the river trip from Sonning to Hambledon, Wargrave Regatta and a film on farming clearly taken by the same keen amateur cinematographer. The Education Panel is happy to lend the DVD out to Members only in the first instance, for a length of time to suit both Member and the Panel, but for no longer than three weeks at a time. A £5.00 returnable deposit will be payable, with £1.00 deducted for each day the DVD is overdue. These "fines" will be used to develop a donation for the Archive's work. If you are a member of the Society and would like to borrow the DVD, please contact Diana Coulter on 969 2132.

A number of society events are planned for future months. On 22nd June there will be the opportunity for an evening/night time watch - 'Midnight at the Oasis' at the village nature reserve with Alistair Driver. Further details will be available soon. There will also be a Members' Luncheon at The Eyot House on 2nd September, and the Heritage Open Day will be held at The Mill on Sunday 9th September thanks to the kind permission of Sally Hughes.

Mark Green

Sonning CE Primary School

The sun shone brightly, the sea was calm (well The Solent really) and the weather was extremely kind to us with quite high temperatures during our annual Year 6 residential visit to Kingswood on the Isle of Wight in the middle of March. What a contrast to the very wet cold visit of 2006. An enjoyable and challenging time was had by all as children and staff leapt off high towers along the zip wire, got plastered in mud during their blindfolded nightline trail, made an advert for a product (using film, composing a score and adding text) and became crime scene investigators sifting through scientific evidence to find out who stole the £8000 from the

office safe on the site. The combination of outdoor activities along with our ICT units, a visit to the beach and the chance to meet up with a French school from Normandy that we had previously met two years previously meant that everyone had a week to remember. As staff it was a great delight to watch the group grow in self-confidence as the week went on. Our children forged many different kinds of friendships that they will take with them when they leave our school later this year.

It was also lovely for some of the children to be part of the Mothering Sunday service at St Andrew's this year. We hope that everyone enjoyed our songs and the sentiments they contained. After a busy and eventful term we now head off for the Easter break ready to return refreshed in the middle of April.

Lesley Green

Sonning Parish Council

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 9 MAY 2007 - YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOUR NEW COUNCILLORS AND TO HEAR THE ANNUAL COUNCIL REPORTS.

All residents are invited to attend the Annual Parish Meeting of Sonning Parish Council, which will take place in the Pearson Hall. The doors will be open at 7.00pm, when a welcome drink and nibbles will be provided, and the meeting will commence at 7.30pm. This is an opportunity to meet your new Council (following elections on 3 May), to hear the 2006/07 Reports and to ask questions. It is also hoped to have a guest speaker. Full details in next months Magazine.

Lesley Bates (Clerk to the Council)

Sonning Regatta Fund-raising Supper

Saturday 12th May 2007 - Pearson Hall - 7:30pm

3 Course Supper by the Pearson Hall Social Committee

Pay Bar - Entertainment

Box office open from 16th April 2007

Tickets £12 from Meryem Parker:

Send s.a.e. to: Acre Cottage, Thames Street, Sonning, RG4 6UR

Phone: 0118 944 0000

We look forward to seeing you at our 'The Wind in the Willows' themed supper. We would be delighted if you wear something with a 'The Wind in the Willows' theme and there will be a prize for the best effort.

Sonning Cricket Club

With another season looming fast it's time for a quick update. We kick off our defence of the Berks Cricket League Premier Division title with a potential crunch match at home against last season's runners-up Purley. Meanwhile the 2nds will be looking to improve on their 4th place in Division 1 and the 3rds, newly promoted to Division 5, have every chance of winning it with a few more old heads joining them and the youngsters developing the way they are. The Sunday side has another very full season of fixtures lined up, so all bodes well on the field at least. Off the field, fund-raising will become a top priority as payments to the parish council are due to increase by 65%, and some of our finest athletes will also have to get used to the fact that the smoking ban will apply to them in the pavilion just as it will down the pub!

Meanwhile indoor nets continue on Tues evenings from 6.30-7.45, so if you fancy a bash, please come and join us. To find out more visit www.sonningcc.co.uk

Ali Driver

Sonning LTC

TENNIS OPEN DAY

Sunday April 29th 11am – 3pm

- **Everyone welcome to come along and join the fun**
 - **All ages (Adults and Juniors)**
 - **All standards**
- **Rackets available to suit all ages**
- **Junior Fun Factory (mini tennis games)**
- **Speed Gun (test the speed of your serve)**
- **Tennis Coaching**



For those wishing to join our friendly club, membership entitles you to full use of the courts at any time (subject to availability) and to join in all club activities. There are regular Club Sessions, where all members are

encouraged to mix in, held on Saturdays, Sundays and Wednesdays throughout the year, and on Tuesday evenings during the Summer months. Coaching is available for those wishing to improve their game.

Looking for a more competitive game? There are Singles and Double Championships for members, and we have teams entered into the Berkshire Leagues (Mens, Ladies and Mixed Doubles). Good players will soon find themselves in demand for League matches!

The club also organises a number of social events during the year.

New members are very welcome - if you are interested but can't attend the Open Day, just come along to one of our Sunday morning club sessions, where you will be able to meet other members and join in a game. Membership for the 2007-2008 season is available now - please contact Alison Campbell on 969 2646 for further details.

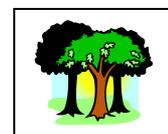
Mike Moss

"Strictly Ballroom" and "Strictly Salsa" Adult Dance Classes...

After a very successful trial period Salsa and Ballroom Classes will commence in the Pearson Hall on Friday 27th April, Salsa 7.15 - 8.15p.m. followed by Ballroom from 8.30 - 9.30p.m. This will be a six-week course allowing participants to develop their skills in a structured format. Places are limited you must register for the six week course. Please call Clare Hatfield-Grove for more information and to sign up on 07973 918225. You do not need to bring a partner, all you need is enthusiasm.

Clare Hatfield Grove

Great Trees of Sonning



The Wokingham District Veteran Tree Survey

The UK contains about 80% of Europe's ancient trees but they are disappearing fast. Sonning can boast some great trees but there is no record of exactly how many we have or where they are. As well as being outstanding and attractive landscape features, these trees are of immense value to the environment and are living evidence of the past.

Sonning Parish Council are supporting the Wokingham District Veteran Tree Association and BTCV (British Trust for Conservation Volunteers) who aim to discover and record all significant trees over a certain size in the area. It may also be possible to register special trees with their own local name e.g. Palace Oak, Saxon Chestnut etcetera.

During the coming months the volunteers will be recording old trees in our parish. This will involve some simple measuring and recording of position

and condition which will then be registered through The Thames Valley Environmental Records Centre and The Woodland Trust who hope eventually to publish nationwide results.

Most of Sonning's veteran trees are sited on private land. We would be very appreciative of being given access to record these trees. The volunteers who will survey your trees are covered by the Associations insurance and have received health and safety advice. They carry official identity cards and will travel the parish in small teams. Suitable visit times to record your trees can be pre-arranged. Local results will be published in the Council newsletter and Parish Magazine. Also, a visual display will be produced at the Village Show in September. So, how many great veteran trees are growing in the parish? Do you have the widest, tallest or oldest tree? With your permission, we shall soon find out.

Training for Tree Survey will be provided by The Wokingham Veteran Tree Association on Saturday, 28th April 2007, 9.30a.m. - 12.30p.m. at Beech Lodge, Ligugé Way, off Pound Lane, Sonning.

If you would like to register for training as a volunteer to join the local survey team or, if you have old trees you believe are veterans, please contact either: Cllr Pam Glasspool, Tel 0118 969 2800, email pam_glasspool@yahoo.co.uk or, Cllr Sharon Robinson, email; zen63963@zen.co.uk

Pam Glasspool

Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance

Frogmore House Garden, Windsor Home Park, will be open to the public on Wednesday 16th May in aid of the Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance. Opening times are: 10.00am - 5.30pm (last admission 4.00pm).

Tickets (£4.00) can be obtained in advance by telephoning The Thames Valley & Chiltern Air Ambulance on 01628 822711, visiting www.airambulancetvac.org, purchased on the day at the gate or from Janette Crouch on 0118 969 5351. Guided tours by the Head Gardener (£3.00) at 11.00am, 1.00pm and 3.00pm; pre-book at the above telephone number.

You can make a day of it and bring a picnic but light refreshments are available in the gardens. Coach parties are welcome.

Help us to save lives!

Janette Crouch

Local Organisations

St Andrew's: Sunday Club	Heather Hexter	946 1316
St Andrew's: Little Fishes	Mrs Sarah Turner	944 8154
St Andrew's: Tower Captain:	Mrs P. Elliston	969 5967
The Friends of St Andrew's	Wendy Williams	969 6609
St Patrick's: Sunday School	Catherine Balchin	934 2840
1st Charvil Rainbows	Guider: Brenda Cowdery	934 5698
Charvil Art Club	Secretary: Mr W.G. Crane	934 5791
Charvil Branch Conservatives	Mrs E. Hobbs	934 0528
Charvil Brownies	Tawny Owl: Claire Howells	934 5372
Charvil Guides	Naomi Simpson	934 1392
Charvil Caterpillar Club	Sandy Moffatt	934 9794
Charvil Parish Council	Clerk: Mr I. Cohen	901 7693
Charvil Pre-School Playgroup	Secretary: Helen Myers	934 2144
Charvil Senior Residents Club	Miss C. Edwards	969 2114
Charvil Women's Club	Mrs S. Newman	934 0589
Charvil Youth Club	Jo Holden	934 4701
Sonning & Charvil Baby-sitting Circle	Mrs Vanessa Jones <i>E-mail</i> vanessalouisejones@hotmail.com	934 1185
Sonning & District Chernobyl Children's Lifeline Link Group	Maria Gee maria.gee@ntlworld.com	962 7721
Sonning Art Group	Chairman: Mr G.B. Webster	944 0699
Sonning Book Club	Mrs Anne Webster	944 0699
Sonning Branch, British Legion	Chairman: Gordon Barnett	969 6693
Sonning Brownies	Leader: Miss D. Reeves	969 2987
Sonning C of E Primary School	Head Teacher: Mrs L. Green	969 3399
Sonning & Warren Conservatives	Sec: Alison Russell	972 1495
Sonning Cricket Club	Membership: Ali Driver	969 2698
Sonning Flower Club	Sec: Ms S. Robinson	969 0748
Sonning Glebe Art Club	Julian Toms	969 0100
Sonning Glebe WI (eve mtgs)	Mrs D. Mouldsley	961 8829
Sonning Guides	Leader: Sue Jones	969 6628
Sonning Lawn Tennis Club	Membership info: Ali Campbell	969 2646
Sonning Liberal Democrats	Coling Lawley	961 8536
Sonning Neighbourhood Watch	Sec: Sue Bell	969 6924
Sonning Parish Council	Clerk, Mrs L. Bates	969 7753
Sonning Rainbow Guides	Leader: Mrs Debbie Knox	969 4470
Sonning RNLI	Chairman: David Bates	969 7753
Sonning School PTA	Penny Adams	932 1208
1st Sonning Scouts Group	GS Leader: Wendy Cherry	926 2363
1st Sonning Scouts Group	Scout Leader: Mike Watts	962 8388

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1st Sonning Scouts Group	Beaver Scout Ldr: Trefor Fisher	969 3279
Sonning Table Tennis Club	Alan Tinson	969 0782
Sonning Twinning Association	David Bates	969 7753
Sonning Toddler Group	Emma James	901 4685
Sonning Village Players	Sec: Mr S. Atkins	969 1134
Sonning & Sonning Eye Society	Sec: Mrs P. Feathers	934 3193
Sonning Village Show	Sec: Mrs Heather Hine	969 8653
Sonning Working Men's Club	Sec: Mrs Penney Mackenzie	07730 871959
Friends of Ali's Pond	Alastair Driver	969 2698
Masquerade Drama & Dance Group for Young People	Clare Hatfield	07973 918225
Monday Club	Leader: Ken Trimmings	969 1072
Pearson Hall	Caretaker & Bookings: Mrs Jenny Adams	969 7692
Pearson Hall Mgmt Committee	Sec: Mr Colin McEwen	934 0300
Badminton Club	Mrs P. Pardoe	934 5643
Longmead Bridge Club	Chairman: Tony Cowling	969 5181
Rotary Club of Loddon Vale	Secretary: Norman Mouldsley	961 8829
Serinette Ladies Choir	Suzanne Newman	934 0589
Short Mat Bowling Club	Mrs S. Newman	934 0589
Vivace Girls Choir	Suzanne Newman	934 0589
Ali's Pond	E-mail: ali@sonningdrivers.plus.com www.sonning.net/alispond.html	
Sonning & Charvil services	www.sonningparish.org.uk/docs.htm	
Sonning Working Men's Club	www.btinternet.com/~sonning_club/news.html	
Sonning-on-Thames	archive.museophile.sbu.ac.uk/sonning www.sonning.net	
Sonning & Sonning Eye Society	www.sonning.org.uk	
Sonning Art Group	www.sonningartgroup.org.uk	
Sonning School	www.sonning.wokingham.sch.uk	