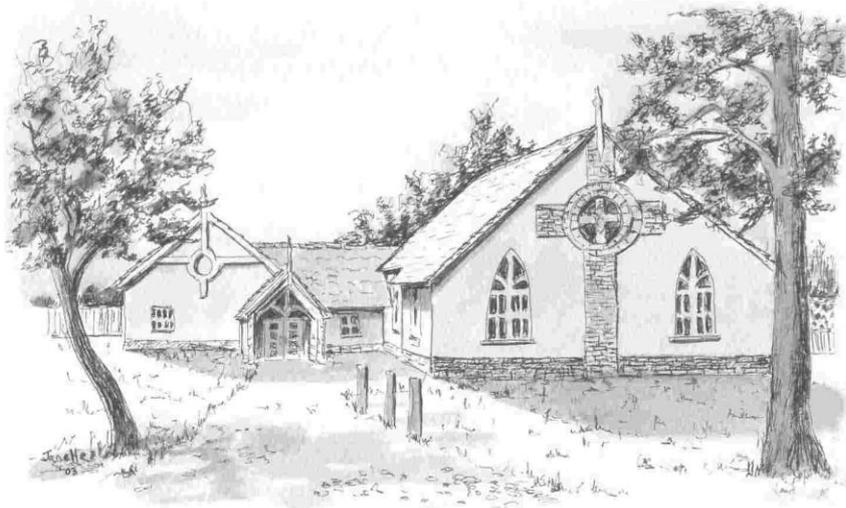


Sonning Parish Magazine



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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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Sep 8	Village Produce Show	R
Sep 8	Salsa Party for 'Starlight'	21
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Nov 10	RNLI Sonning Annual Dinner	R
Nov 15	STA Beaujolais Nouveau evening	R
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R = Reminder from previous issue.

D = Diary entry.

WANTED - Parish Magazine Deliverer

I am looking for a volunteer to deliver about 30 parish magazines each month around Glebe Lane, Garde Road and Paddick Close.

If anyone would be interested in taking on this task, please would they contact me - Pat Livesey - either by phone on 0118 961 8017 or by email Pat.Livesey@yahoo.co.uk

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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

David Sims

I am very sorry to inform you that David Sims feels that the time has come when he should cease to preach and lead worship in the Parish. David and Pam moved to Sonning 20 years ago but he had already been preaching and leading worship for 30 years by that time.

Soon after their move here David was licensed to preach and he has done so in a most impressive way ever since. David always preaches from the heart and with great conviction and sincerity. He and Pam will, I hope, continue to be members of our congregation for many years to come and I know you will miss his leadership as much as I will.

They have been core members of our church. In addition to being a Licensed Lay Minister, David was one of our Churchwardens for five years. It was

David and Derek Mills who were largely responsible for appointing me as the Vicar, which you may or may not think is something else to thank him for!

When I arrived here I quickly realised how fortunate I was to have him as a colleague. I have never heard David preach a bad sermon and he always leads worship with great care and in a very helpful and impressive way. I know that many of the things he has said have been helpful to us and have helped clarify and deepen our faith.

David has been saying for a few years that he felt the time had come to take a back seat and previously I had managed to persuade him that he could not stand down and we all wanted him to continue. I know you will want to thank David and Pam for all that they have done, and I include Pam because I know that, like me, he could not have managed without a good wife to support and, occasionally, 'advise' him.

On Sunday 29th July David will preach here for the last time at the 10.30am Communion Service. I hope you will wish to join with me in showing some token of our appreciation for all that he has done and you are invited to send your gift to either of the Churchwardens, cheques should be made payable to Sonning PCC.

After the Service we will have a Bring & Share lunch in the Vicarage garden. Please sign the list of the back of either church to let us know if you are bringing something savoury or sweet. If each person could bring enough food for one other they can eat some of the savoury you have brought and you can eat some of their sweet! The Church Council will provide drinks and glasses but you are asked to bring your own plate, dish and cutlery together with something to sit on. I know it will be a hard and emotional day for David but hope, like me, you will wish to say a very sincere "Thank you" to him.

Love & prayers

Chris

Baptisms

29th April: Ella May Newman
9th May: Madeleine Jane Tooley
3rd June: Joshua John Munday
3rd June: Joseph Aaron Brooks
17th June: Abigail Francesca Crook
17th June: Isobel Rose Cherry
24th June: Imogen Ella Louise Chard
Ellen Ceri Bruce
Charlotte Grace Elizabeth & William Anthony Hibberdine

Weddings

- 9 June: David Andrew Clark to Nicola Jane Pryce
9 June: Stuart Anthony Douglas to Natalie Linda Edwards Douglas
16 June: Stuart David Bowman to Deborah Nicole Alliman

Funerals

15th June: John Clifford Barnett (St. Andrew's Church & Churchyard)

Worship Leaders

In light of the news that David Sims feels unable to lead worship and preach (see "The Vicar's Letter") the PCC have agreed to appoint 3 Worship Leaders to help with the 10.30 Service at St. Andrew's. It is difficult, if not impossible, to get from St. Patrick's to start the 10.30 Service and it was felt that having a few people to help with this would give stability to the worship and let Michael and I get our breath.

I am pleased to say that Malcolm Stansfield, John Russell and Julie Wearing have agreed to help with this and the PCC have appointed them, in the first instance, for a period of six months to see how it works. The idea is they will start the Service and lead it to The Peace but will not preach, for which they would need to be trained and licensed. We will then review it and see how happy they and you are and see what, if any, changes need to be made.

Chris

St Patrick's Viewpoint

The theme for our open-air service to start the day's festivities at the Charvil Village fete this year focuses on "Community". The question that immediately comes to mind is "What is a community and what are its component parts?" The Charvil Village fete more than any other in the year is the one occasion when the village has the feeling of being a community - a gathering together of families informally representing all age groups. Certainly that has been my experience these past five years. Then again the fete is a gathering together of all the different social and activity groups, which throughout the previous year have met in different venues in Charvil.

Their collective presence provides a kaleidoscope of people's wide variety of interests, whatever they may be. In addition there are stalls demonstrating individual artistic and creative skills. Various interest groups also provide an opportunity for the community to invest in itself by purchasing the wide variety of 'goodies' on offer and thereby helping to defray the running costs of the various organisations within Charvil. It is a

day out for every member of the family on which everyone has the opportunity to enjoy themselves and relax; a chance for the community to catch up on itself.

Once the day is over the community will withdraw to its homes, its workplace and its individual leisure and social groups. I thank God for this one day on which we are reassured that Charvil is a community and that it is alive and well. For the rest of the year the community holds its breath. Should we try to engineer another community event in the autumn, the winter or the spring? The fete in its totality seems like a foretaste of heaven. After all the church of this parish and its people initiated it. See you there at 9.30 a.m. on July the 8th.

Love and prayers

Michael & family

Upcoming events

Sunday 8th July: The Charvil Village Fair @
The Village Hall, Park Lane

St Andrew's Church: Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance is displayed in the Lady Chapel. A page is turned every day, showing the names of each deceased on the anniversary of their death. Our Book of Remembrance was very kindly given to St Andrew's by Helga Petry in memory of her husband, Michael.

I will be adding names to the book in the next few weeks. So, if you have either family or a close friend you would like to remember, let me have their full name, year of birth and day, month and year of their death and it will be written on the appropriate page.

Tel: 0118 969 6693.

Email: gordonbarnett@btinternet.com

Carole Barnett

Village Rounders Match

This annual event takes place on Friday 6th July on King George's Field, with the competition starting at 6pm. There will be a barbecue, bar and raffle in aid of the Macmillan Nurses, so do come along and support the players. Please remember, that the safety of children at this event is the responsibility of parents or guardians.

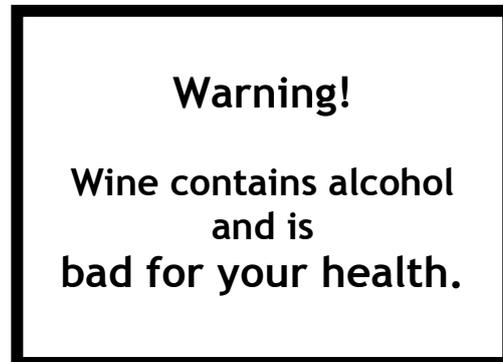
Heather Hine

Health and Safety in Church

One Sunday recently, the Vicar, quite correctly, complied with current Health and Safety law and announced (before the service began) the location of the fire exits, and that there was a *No Smoking* rule in church.

Whatever next?

Notices on the communion rail?



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Accommodation Wanted

Female professional (chartered accountant and a trustee of Vision Aid Overseas) seeks lodging in Sonning area, weekdays only (averaging 3 nights per week). Non-smoker. Up to £450/month. Please phone 07917 648 274 or email: mazehill@btinternet.com

Convoy to Kosovo

Mid-September will again see the convoy of lorries leaving for Kosovo. Sonning residents have been very generous in the past and again I ask for your help. This year we desperately need any of the following:

Dried foods; i.e. pasta, rice, flour, sugar, coffee etcetera.
Toiletries; soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, talcum powder,
babies toiletries, nappies.

Just one item makes a difference. Please deliver to 10 Kingsley Close, Charvil. Many thanks in advance.

Vera Harris

Conservative Association - Sonning & Warren Branch

Summer Drinks Party

The Summer Drinks Party will be held on Saturday, 14th July, at 6.30pm at Pool Court, Thames Street, by kind permission of Mrs Daphne Glyn. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained from me on 0118 972 1495 or any member of the committee. We look forward to seeing you there.

Alison Russell

Sonning Glebe WI

A Group Meeting with four other WI's was held in June, we had exhibitions depicting Agatha Christie Stories, our speaker was excellent and kept us amused with tales of her life as bailiff, we enjoyed cakes and tea and raised some money with a bring and buy and a raffle. A wonderful evening.

At our meeting in June we had a very interesting and useful talk about the benefits of Aloe Vera.

We have an evening walk planned, starting at Binfield Heath. Followed by a meal at a local pub. In July we have a garden meeting and Sharon has kindly offered her garden for the event. We are also planning a day trip to Lacock Village and a Safari Supper.

Our meeting in August will be on Monday 20th August at Pearson Hall at 7.30 p.m. the subject for the evening is Hearing Dogs for The Deaf and our competition is a funny photo of a pet.

Visitors are always welcome.

Diane Reeves

Salsa Party in Sonning! (in support of Christian Aid)

The doors opened and the people came and came and came! The rhythm of the Salsa music brings delight to all. Bill was, and is, the magnificent DJ. Bill has a positive library of beautiful Latin music. Both up to the minute and historic Salsa and other Latin Music. Bring a bottle meant the bar for juices and soft drinks was manned by handsome Adam and Ben!

The class started, Mr Chris Gardner had us all (all 58 of us!) in control of our feet within seconds. 1-2-3-pause-1-2-3-pause.... we were moving, all of us in time. Every age group, every previous experience, men, ladies, girls and boys... all moving together and loving it. Each face was smiling. Pearson

Hall was alive! Partnering up, in true Latin style, the next stage of the class - we learned the real way to dance the salsa.

We were *ALL DANCING SALSA!!!*

As the class finished the party began. Some real professionals arrived and danced magnificently. All the beginners from the class knew that they were no longer beginners as they just carried on dancing and dancing! Yes, these people who had been strangers were now friends. The party was a real hit until the very last minute when the doors had to close at 11.30pm.

Future parties: Saturday, July 21st on behalf of ... NSPCC.
September 8th on behalf of ... Starlight (truly special treats for terminally ill children in UK).
December 22nd on behalf of ... Stansberry orphanage, Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Phone Susan on 07812 125396 to book your place for the July Party! (entry £5 including class).

Susan de Sejas

1st Sonning Brownies

Our Sixers; Annabel, Emily, Lydia and Marisa organised an evening. They helped the Brownies to decorate cakes, make tissue flowers, make spiders and go round an obstacle course in the playground. The sixers worked hard and the evening went very well.

The Brownies have learnt about the Country Code and walked around the pound and St George's field to identify the trees.

One of our Young Leaders held an activity where the Brownies had to design a summer scene on a plate, using sand, shells, leaves and foam they all made a Beach Scene. Unfortunately our District Sports had to be cancelled because of the rain, but we held a Sports evening at our weekly meeting.

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

Brown Owl

Christian Aid Week

The recent house-to-house collection in Sonning raised £3,105.98. A big thank you to everyone who supported the initiative, either by donating or Helping to collect the contributions.

Susan de Sejas

Sonning Floral Arrangement Society

Mavis Meecham's trip around America was the inspiration for her demonstration at the June meeting. The contrast between the lush woodlands of Yosemite Park, the dryness of the desert and the skyscrapers of Times Square gave her plenty of scope. Such a vast country left many more areas, which could be explored and could well be an inspiration for the future. Joan Wise won the afternoon's competition.

Due to the popularity and success of the last series of flower arranging classes, we are hoping to resume the beginners and also start an intermediate class next April/May. Further details in due course.

Bearing in mind that the village Produce Show is only three months away, members may care to give a little thought to the 'imposed class', in which the Society is providing all the flowers and mechanics; in other words, competitors turn up the morning of the show and do an arrangement on site with everything provided.

The next meeting is on 12th July when the demonstration theme will be "Once upon a time". The competition, for those wishing to take part, is "A children's story", an exhibit, with or without accessories.

Jane Gascoine

Sonning & Sonning Eye Society

Oral History Project gets underway

A project has been set up to record people's memories of life in Sonning and Sonning Eye, where there is a wealth of information available. We want to ensure that information is recorded for the next generations and ourselves. In September 2009 we plan to hold an exhibition of our findings, which will be archived professionally and incorporated into a book.

To prepare for this, Mary Chapman did a short but fascinating and extremely useful Oral History course at the British Library. The other participants were covering subjects as diverse as the history of Witney Blankets and recording

the lives of the people who lived and worked in Kings Cross London before its regeneration (kingscrossvoices.org.uk). Delegates learned how to:

- 1) Listen effectively;
- 2) Choose the best equipment to record and keep in good condition the rich variation of local speech;
- 3) Decide whether they were trying to capture life histories or focus on a specific topic; and
- 4) Raise funds to achieve all these.

A small group of volunteers has discussed the best way to put together the exhibition, archive record and eventual book on life in Sonning and Sonning Eye. If you have memories of our village, no matter how unimportant and insignificant they may seem to you, or if you have documents or artefacts which could form part of an interesting exhibition, please contact Mary on 0118 969 7398 or at 15 Pound Lane, Sonning RG4 6XD.

Eyot House Luncheon

Last year the Society held a summer lunch party in the garden of Eyot House in Sonning Eye, which was very successful. Once again the Padfields have invited the Society to take over their garden for a luncheon party on 2nd September from 12:30 pm onwards. The event is for **members only** and tickets are £10.00 each, available from Diana Coulter (0118 969 2132). The deadline for applications is Saturday 25 August. Please let us know about any special dietary requirements when you book.

Diana Coulter

Sonning Art Group

Palettes were pushed aside and brushes put down this month as art group members scooped up handfuls of clay and went to work with modelling tools (with much enthusiasm but little expectation) to create new art forms. It could be supposed that a pottery class would start by making something simple like a pot or an ashtray, but no, Alan, the tutor, launched the Group into producing an artistically posed nude female!

Following a study of photographs and clay models and with Alan's expert guidance lumps of clay began to take recognizable shape. Progress increased significantly in the afternoon session with the arrival of Mary who posed nude to help members refine the figures they were constructing. Surprisingly working closely with a nude model was not the shock we might have thought and was truly valuable for all in getting a better understanding of the human form. The Group quickly gained confidence in discussing arrangements and poses with Mary to enable them to create their models in the settings they had chosen.

The biggest shock horror came when members found out that the beautiful bodies they had created needed to be cut in half with cheese wire and the middle scooped out with, hopefully, the two halves being neatly joined back together again! However, by the end of the day most members were happy with the work they had done and have now taken their models home to finalize them over the next few weeks before they are fired and put in pride of place on the mantelpiece.

Also this month and for the second year running the Group was fortunate to have bright, warm sunny weather for its annual Summer BBQ. 26 members and friends enjoyed the kind hospitality of the Sonning Working Men's Club garden for a pleasant social event, which has become a welcome addition to the Group's calendar.

George Webster.

Pearson Hall

The AGM was held on Wednesday 20th June and was well attended. We said farewell to two of the nominated Trustees - Steve Chapman (Sonning Parish Council) and Dawne Vincent (PCC). We owe an especial debt to Dawne who has given many years of service to the Hall including fundraising during a particularly critical period. In their place we welcome Sharon Auld (Parish Council) and David Sims (PCC). The elected Trustees were re-elected en bloc.

We thank those users who were able to attend, together with those who have worked hard to support the Hall, and we look forward to another successful year.

Colin McEwen

Thank you.

I would like to thank everyone for their help, support and cards following my recent accident. It has meant so much to me and I feel I really do have a family.

Penny Feathers

Sonning Eye Say

Last year I decided to have a bonfire. There was a huge pile of hedge-clippings, garden cut backs and difficult weeds to dispose of and because the weather had been so dry it had been left for safety's sake until some rain dampened everything down.

I am reluctant to pile stuff up on the bonfire site and then set light to it when I am ready as I am always afraid that some wee creature, such as a hedgehog, might be lurking therein. So, I always build a fire starting with a bit of newspaper, a couple of firelighters and a few dry twigs and feed it as I go. The stuff to burn is all waiting on the side near where the bonfire will be. Naturally, I check the way of the wind first, as my neighbours would not be enamoured with a house full of smoke.

The fire went well. I kept feeding stuff on, finally raking up the last of the mess, leaving a nice clear area where the heap to burn had been. A big fire was still burning and being a pyromaniac it is always fun just to watch it; besides, I had to ensure it was safe to leave eventually - so I took a garden chair and sat there.

Out of the corner of my eye I saw a little bit of soil move on the cleared area. Then it moved again and a mouse popped its nose out, then in again. Suddenly it came out with something in its mouth, ran a few feet, dropped it, then burrowed down into the soft earth, came out again, picked up whatever it was it had been carrying then backed down the hole with it. A little further away it popped up again, then shot down another hole, up again, then disappeared into the undergrowth. Minutes later it was back again using the same route and repeated the process. I wondered what it was carrying - it looked like a hazel nut. The fifth time it happened I saw it was a baby mouse.

Poor mum had been disturbed when I moved the stuff for burning and decided to move house and take the family somewhere safer. It reminded me of when we were bombed during the war. In her panic she was completely oblivious to me standing right over her.

There was one nasty moment when scrofulous Tom Moggy hove into view, but I grabbed him quickly and interested him in a small tin of pussy-dins instead.

Live and let live I say - and he lives pretty well.

Jane Gascoine



Royal British Legion

Poppy Appeal 2006/2007

We have just heard from Appeal headquarters that as a branch, our total for the year was £7,032.03p. This is an outstanding result and is entirely due to the organisational efforts of Malcolm Geater, the

Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for the branch, those who assisted him in the collections around the houses and not least, those donating their cash towards this magnificent result. Another record year!

The Legacy

Some of you will remember that Leslie David Small, one time resident in this area, left a sum of money to the branch in his Will. Under the present Legion rules, the capital is kept by Headquarters in London and invested by them on our behalf and as long as we can justify the expenditure within the rules laid down by Charter of the Legion, we have access to it as we need to. This year, we have decided to remember our benefactor by using some of the first year's interest to purchase new Remembrance Sunday Order of Service books for use in St Andrew's Church.

The format of the new booklets has been agreed with the Chaplain, the Reverend Canon Chris Clarke, and is now being printed ready for use at the service on 11th November this year. They are dedicated to the memory of our benefactor and should last for a number of years to come.

Gordon Barnett

The Perils of Cyberspace

It's wise to remember how easily this wonderful technology can be misused, sometimes unintentionally, with serious consequences. Consider the case of the Illinois man who left the snow-filled streets of Chicago for a vacation in Florida. His wife was on a business trip and was planning to meet him there the next day. When he reached his hotel, he decided to send his wife a quick email. Unable to find the scrap of paper on which he had written her email address, he did his best to type it in from memory.

Unfortunately, he missed one letter, and his note was directed instead to an elderly preacher's wife, whose husband had passed away only the day before. When the grieving widow checked her email, she took one look at the monitor, let out a piercing scream, and fell to the floor in a dead faint.

At the sound, the family rushed into the room and saw this note on the screen:

Dearest wife,

Just checked in. Everything prepared for your arrival tomorrow.

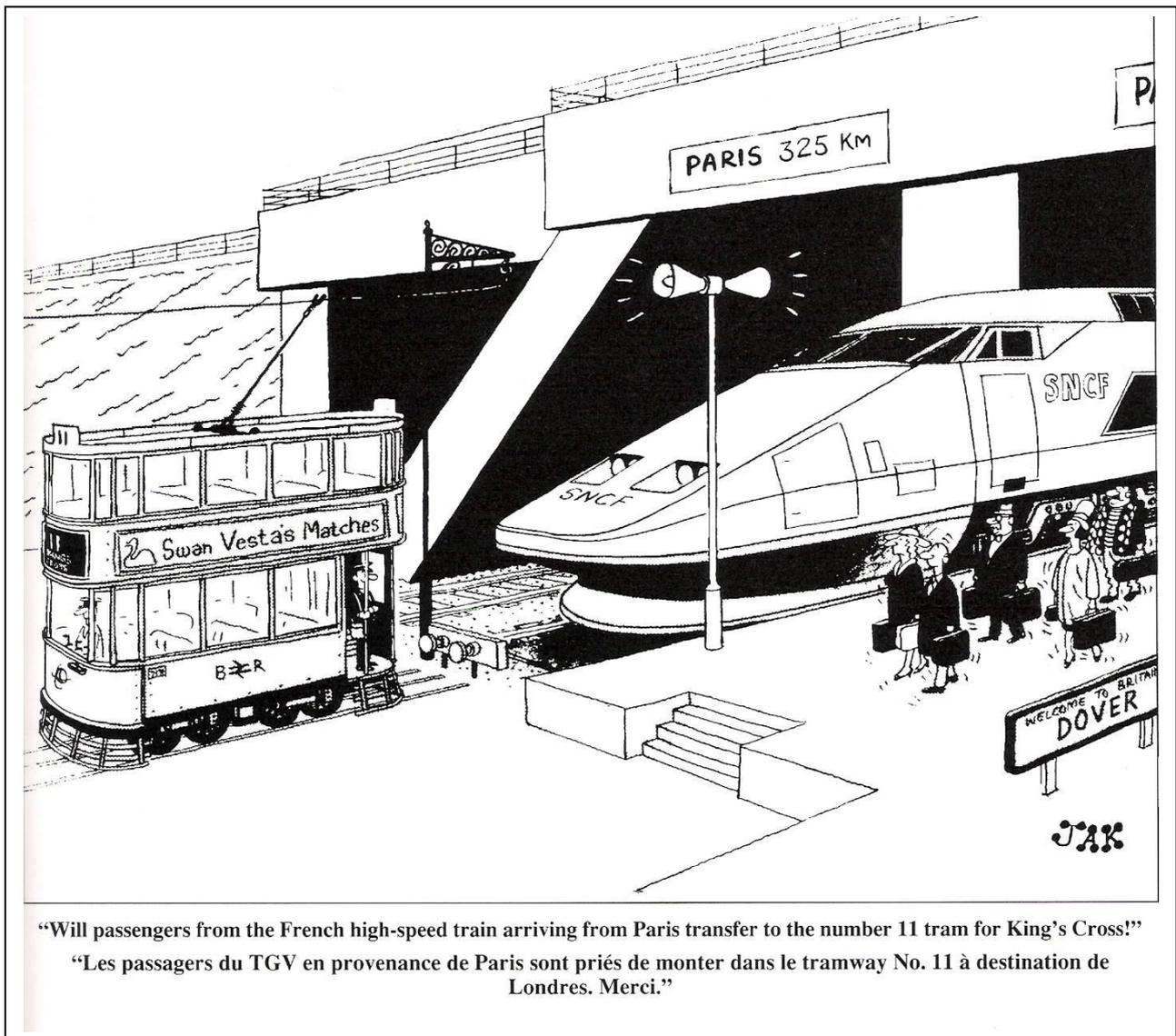
P.S. Sure is hot down here.

As Summer Approaches

As summer and the better (hopefully) weather approaches, our minds are turning to thoughts of holidays. No doubt a number of you will be heading for warmer climes and some will be doing so across the English Channel. But how many remember the dramatic and traumatic days leading up to the successful opening of the Channel Tunnel (Le Chunnel) in 1994?

In 1989, when the tunnel boring was well under way, amongst many there was widespread astonishment at Britain's failure to build a high-speed rail link between London and the Kent Coast in time for the opening of the tunnel. The French TGV link to Paris was completed and ready for operational use by the end of 1992! The British equivalent has now been built, but will not be operational until mid - 2008.

The following cartoon echoes the feelings of the employees in Eurotunnel and was published in the *London Evening Standard* on the 13th June 1990:



An ex tunnel ouvrier (worker) of six hard but happy years!

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: Mrs Joyce Wray	969 8098
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	Nadine Doble	934 0418
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	Maria Gee	962 7721
Children's Lifeline Link Group	maria.gee@ntlworld.com	
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	ASG Leader: Mike Watts	962 8388

1 st Sonning Scouts Group	Scout Leader: Colin Giles	969 5849
1st Sonning Scouts Group	Cub Scouts: Alison King	962 1675
1st Sonning Scouts Group	Beavers: Judy Ricketts	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
Seriette Ladies Choir	Suzanne Newman	934 0589
Short Mat Bowling Club	Mrs S. Newman	934 0589
Vivace Girls Choir	Suzanne Newman	934 0589

Useful web sites:

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