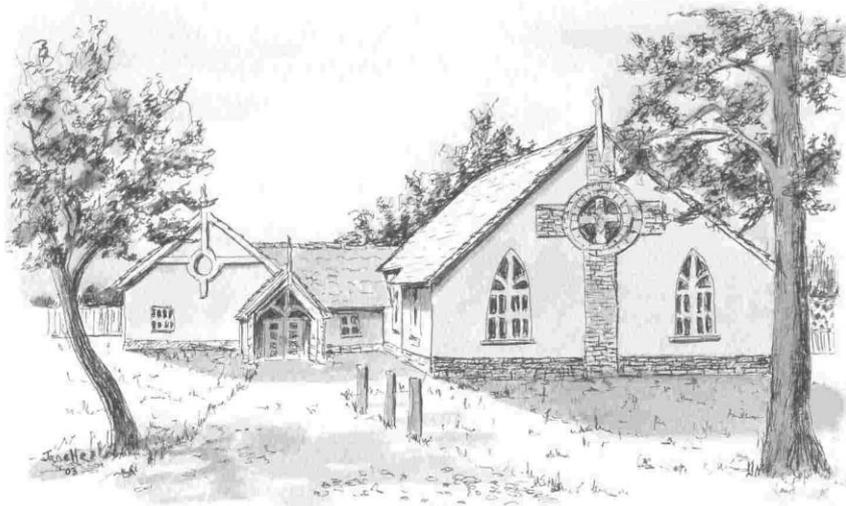


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The Parish of Sonning

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

Thanksgiving Service

Every two years we hold a Thanksgiving Service in St. Andrew's Church when we remember those we have known and loved who have died. It is not just a service for those whose loved ones funerals have been taken by us, or have taken place in St. Andrew's Church, everyone is welcome.

The service, which lasts about an hour, gives people time to think and reflect as well as to give thanks. Towards the end of the service those who wish to will be invited to come to the front and light a candle in memory of the person or people they are remembering.

We all remember our loved ones in different ways and the Thanksgiving Service is intended to help us do so. I know that for some their loss has been so recent that they will not feel able to join us this year. I hope no one will

feel under any pressure to attend but that anyone who thinks it would be helpful will know they will be welcome.

Many tell me they found the previous services we have held really helpful. If you wish to bring friends or family with you they will be equally welcome. If you hope to come please telephone Jan Hammond, one of the churchwardens, on 0118 9262365 to give us some idea how many people might attend.

After the service there is tea in the St. Sarik Room and we need to know for catering purposes how many people are likely to be there. If you would like more information about this service before you make a decision about attending please speak to me.

The Service will be held on Sunday 23rd September at 3.30pm. The Choir have kindly agreed to lead the singing and because of this there is **no 6.30pm Service** that Sunday.

Whilst writing about those who have died I remind you about the Book of Remembrance which is on the altar in the Lady Chapel. In that book we record the names of those we have known and loved and the page is turned each day so that when the anniversary occurs those who wish to can see the name and remember the person with you.

Those who have died and whose names are in the Book of Remembrance are included in the prayers on the nearest Sunday to the anniversary of their death. If you would like someone's name recorded in the book please let Carole Barnett know by using the magazine Editor's email (gordonbarnett@btinternet.com) or by telephoning 969 6693. You need to tell Carole the person's full name, the year of their birth and the date and year of their death.

Love & prayers

Chris

From the Registers

Baptisms

1st July: Sterling Ralph William Haxter
8th July: Conner Patrick Watters Kinsella
15th July: Georgina Narnin Dawson, Merlin Sabastian Campbell Brown.

Weddings

30th June: Michael James Irvin to Jennifer Anna Price
Anthony Davies Everest to Suzanne Mallett

7th July: Jason Paul Baylis to Susan Jane Darke
21st July: Adam James Kownacki to Samantha Lynn Lewis Hill
28th July: Robert Joseph Cozens to Kim Marie Coveney
Scott Anthony Christopher Weight to Emma Marie Jeakins
3rd Aug: Nicholas James Gough to Philippa Clare Hodder
17th Aug: Stuart Graham Johnson to Paula Stain

Funerals

24th July: Albert (Norman) Hughes. (St Andrew's and Henley Cemetery)
7th Aug: William James (Bill) Spicer (St. Andrew's Church & Churchyard)
8th Aug: Denis (Dan) Welsby. (St Andrew's Church & Crematorium)
16th Aug: Julie Card (St. Andrew's Church & Crematorium)

Chris

St Patrick's Viewpoint

As one gets older it would seem that one becomes more and more nostalgic, which is all about looking backwards to the "good old days" or supposedly so, compared with today. "Things ain't what they used to be", so some persons say. But it is also true to say "distance lends enchantment to the view". Thanks God that we tend only to remember the good and do our best to forget the bad, the downside. Every day, week, month and year has its ups and downs.

This preamble is a lead up to the fact that September 30th is "Back to Church Sunday", an attempt to make up the losses of church attendance between the years 2000 and 2002. The church is being encouraged to take a leaf out of John Lewis (never knowingly undersold) marketing philosophy and practice. Personally speaking I am not into going back and so I believe we should be marketing our church "forwards" rather than "backwards", so "Come to church Sunday" would be in my view more appropriate.

Of itself that invitation is insufficient. What takes people into supermarkets like Waitrose (John Lewis) is presentation, products, price and people. What will bring people to church is the very best of all these four P's backed up by expectation that, if and when church attendance once again becomes the norm for young and old alike, the church will match and meet the customer's expectations. Only then will the words of Jesus ring true, "come to me all you who are heavy laden (bent double with anxiety, fear, stress and disillusionment) and I will refresh you". As Archbishop William Temple (who died in 1944) once said "The church exists exclusively for those who are not its members".

At St Patrick's and St Andrew's we believe profoundly that is true and we endeavour by God's grace and the power of the Holy Spirit to put that into practice as we endeavour to meet everyone's spiritual and practical needs,

both in the parish and beyond, in the best way possible. It is on this basis we go forward, not looking backwards except to draw inspiration from the life and times of Jesus of Nazareth - the good news of the Gospel. We can do no other than meet everyone in the parish and beyond where they are, not where we would like them to be.

We hope you had a really good holiday.

Love and prayers

Michael & family

Upcoming events

Sunday 7th Oct - Harvest Festival @ St Patrick's

Hey ho, hey ho, it's back to church we go

Well really, there I was still waiting for the rain to stop so I could get a breather outside and go on a summer holiday like the rest of you lot when up comes the boss with "Well Joanna, time to get your brain into gear and get something together for the Sept tabloid. The head hitter has been after me for a contribution". Well I ask you, it's a bit unfair. I've been left on my own for 8 weeks in an empty building without the daily stimulus of the playgroup to keep the grey cells moving, and just uncovered once a week for boss to belt out the hymns in competition with the Charvil nightingale and what passes for the congregation. And then I'm asked to write something pithy, perceptive and intellectual. "Can't be done boss, I'm on strike for better terms and conditions, and what about my human rights, I'm part of the EU remember". That'll make him think.

Boss gave me a withering glance. "Joanna, you aren't human, and some of the sounds you emit are positively inhumane, and if you go on like that the only rights you'll get will be the last ones. Just get on with it will you, there's no excuse. The playgroup will be back next week to entertain you, as will the Drama group, the Brownies, the Rainbows, the Guides, the Art Group, The Aerobics Group, the Floral Art Club, old uncle Tom Copley and all, and speaking of which, the Bosses Boss will be back from holiday raring to go and looking forward. We've got some great ideas for the services, lots of music for you to try and get your ivories round. We've also got Harvest festival coming up, on the 7th Oct, so you won't be under employed"

Ah I thought, so it's all coming back to life again, roll on September, bring it on. See you all there, Sunday mornings, 9.30 at St Paddy's, we're going forward. I hope the boiler works ok.

Joanna (the St Patrick's Pianner)

Oh well - it had to be!

On the door of St Andrew's:



Dear Friends of St Andrew's and St Patrick's.

It is with utmost humility that I write to say a sincere thank you, to you all, for the kindness shown to me on my retirement from active service as a Lay Minister. I have endeavoured to serve our parishes, for the last 20 years to the best of my ability. I have been taking services for over 50 years and been licensed as a Reader for 39 years so I felt the time had come for me to enjoy sitting in the congregation, with Pam, and be free of the responsibilities.

It was an emotional and memorable day that was beyond my expectations and was made possible by the kind way that Chris had planned the day. His agreement and organization to cancelling the service at St Patrick's, to the lighting of all the candles, to hoisting the flag on the Tower, to allowing me to Administer communion from the main altar, with Derek and Malcolm, to the bring and share lunch was a moving experience. The main surprise was the presentation to me at the service of the Limited edition print of St Andrew's, a book, (Millers Antique Guide 2008) and the envelope which contained the amazing cheque to which so many of you contributed.

Words are unable to express my thanks to you all for your kind wishes expressed in the cards, which I shall treasure. It was kind of Bishop Christopher to write to me about the time we worked together.

Finally I must say that none of this would have been possible without the constant support I received from Pam, without whom it would not have been possible to do this work.

Once more thank you all most sincerely.

David Sims.

Keep on Collecting!

On Wednesday, 1st August 2007, I delivered 8kgs of used stamps to the H.Q. of *Hearing Dogs for Deaf People*, based at Saunderton, just North of High Wycombe. The weight was made up of 6.5kgs of low value definitives (1st and 2nd class mainly) and 1.5kgs of foreign stamps and represents one years collections and sorting.

As most stamps come from members of St Andrew's congregation via the box in the porch, a big "Thank you" comes from the staff of H.D. for D.P. From the sale of the stamps, in 2006 H.D. for D.P assessed, trained and placed a Penny Black, otherwise Penny, a black Labrador, with a Reverend Crookes. So, even Vicars can benefit!

As neither I or H.D.for D.P. remove the stamps from the paper they are attached to, please leave plenty of room around the stamp if you can. This allows me to trim and leave a 1cm margin on as many sides of the stamp as possible.

Thank you again and please keep the stamps coming in so that we receive an even bigger thank you next year.

Paul Tyrell

Conservative Association - Sonning & Warren Branch

Annual Dinner

The Association Annual Dinner will be held on Friday, 12th October in
The Pearson Hall, Pearson Road, Sonning.

The dinner will be attended by our MP, The Right Honourable Theresa May and the guest speaker this year will be Mr Shailesh Vara, Deputy Shadow Leader of The House.

Tickets to include 3-course meal, glass of wine, tea/coffee can be obtained from Mrs Rosemary Digby (tel 0118 969 3277) or any member of the committee.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Alison Russell

Sonning CE Primary School

The end of the Summer Term was full of many activities and events before we broke for the holidays. The Life Education Caravan visited us again; this is an outdoor classroom providing an interactive way of learning about drug education and making healthy choices. We have also had a Science week and various language events for our older children at The Piggott. Our Year 6 musical production of 'Romeo and Juliet' was magnificent and there was

also a Leavers' Party at Coral Reef as well as our very special Leavers' Service that took place on 19th July in St. Andrew's Church. As part of this service Canon Clarke presented each leaver with a Bible on behalf of the PCC and we are very grateful for this special gift to our children. Our best wishes go with all of them as they move on to their various secondary schools and take those next important steps in their education. Sadly our Sports Day fell victim to the poor weather despite 2 attempts to hold it. The very heavy rain of the last day of term (July 20th) also flooded the playground entrances for a while - all the school had to leave by the front door!

The last week of term also saw official recognition of our achievement of the National Healthy Schools Standard during a presentation ceremony at the Moat House in Sindlesham. Although this has been a whole school commitment a special thanks goes to Val Bichan, our PSHE Co-ordinator, who helped to steer this work over past months.

The end of the school year is a time for reflection and celebration for all members of our school community - pupils, parents and staff. It is an opportunity to review targets and challenges set and reached, personal commitment and hard work and an opportunity to think and plan ahead for next steps. When we return after the summer break there will be fresh challenges, some new faces and the promise of another very full and busy academic year.

Lesley Green

A Message from the Floods

A sincere thank you to Chris & Christine for the helpful information about the area after we were marooned by the flooding Thames this July. The heart-warming welcome from the whole community and parish, especially at the Sunday Service and following bring and share lunch will be remembered by us always. A special thank you to Pat & Wendy from the Tea Shop at Sonning lock, also for local knowledge, we thank Keith the lock keeper. It has been a lovely two weeks in Sonning and we consider ourselves very lucky to have moored here in the flood.

**Jennifer and Geoff Venables
'Sherwood Lady'**

Sonning Floral Arrangement Society

The summer lunch in the garden of Winona Cottage, Sonning Eye was very successful. The food was delicious, the weather wonderful and the committee did a super job.

Sonning Produce Show, 8th September

There will be an 'imposed class'; that means everything is provided. Just turn up in the morning and do your arrangement on site. All you need to bring is scissors and a big plastic bag for rubbish. There will be room for ten places only, so let Catherine Penny (1008 969 3018) know a.s.a.p. if you wish to enter.

Next month's meeting is on 13th September in the Pearson Hall at 2.00p.m. There will be a demonstration by Gill Anderson entitled "*Thank you for the moment*" and the competition title is "*Anniversary*", an exhibit with accessories.

Jane Gascoine

Royal British Legion



Remembrance Day 2007

There will be a rehearsal at St Andrew's on Wednesday, 7th November, 6.30 p.m. for all those participating in the ceremonial, including Standard Bearers, Brownies and the those nominated for duty in the Act of Remembrance.

This year, at St Andrew's we will be using the new *Order of Service* booklets for the first time. As members will be aware, we were able to purchase and donate them using the interest paid on the legacy left to the Branch by Lesley Small. They have been dedicated to him.

The timings for the parade on Sunday, 11th November are:

Meet at Pearson Hall: 0950hrs

March off: 1000hrs prompt

If you wish to march with us (you will be very welcome to join us) then please be at Pearson hall before we march off.

A.G.M. 2007

The A.G.M. will be held on Thursday, 22nd November 2007, 7.00 for 7.30p.m. Do come and join us for a drink before the meeting. If you have anything you wish to be included in the agenda, please call me on 0118 969 6693. Look forward to seeing you then.

Gordon Barnett

Sonning CE Primary School PTA

Duck Race

If you missed out on the Grand National or Derby now is your chance to back a winner. The PTA is organizing the sporting highlight of the year. The first ever to be held in the village, may we present to you the SONNING SCHOOL PTA DUCK RACE. The race will be held on Sunday 16th September and will run along part of the river Thames. The ducks will be on sale at the Sonning show for the small cost of £1.00 each. If you are unable to come along, but would like to back a duck, please call Penny on 0118 932 1208 or Heather on 07799 345129. The first 3 ducks across the winning line will win a cash prize.

Penny Adams

Sonning Glebe WI

The Village Rounders match was held on 6th July, everyone played very well and congratulations to the PTA who won.

Our Garden meeting in July was a very good evening, dry but a little chilly. We thank Sharon and Gary very much for letting us borrow their garden for the evening and Bob and Gary for doing an excellent job on the barbeque.

A very successful coach trip to see the Sound of Music at the London Palladium was enjoyed by 15 members, husbands and friends. We all enjoyed the show very much.

Our thanks to Jose and Rodney for letting us use their garden for our Safari Supper; we were lucky with the weather. The food was very good and everyone enjoyed the evening if the amount of talking was anything to go by.

Fourteen enjoyed our day out in Lacock and again the weather was kind to us. We walked around the picturesque village, going in the shops, pottery and church. We enjoyed coffee, lunch and tea and some of us visited the Fox Talbot Museum and Abbey.

At our meeting in August we had a very interesting talk and slides about a visit to China.

At our meeting on September 17th we will be having a card making evening and the competition will be the best card made during the evening.

Visitors are always welcome.

Diane Reeves

1st Sonning Brownies

The Brownies finished the term by Swimming at Mrs Riley's who we thank very much for letting us use her pool. Some of the Brownies gained their Swimmers Badge and some their Advanced Swimmers Badge.

Brown Owl, Annabel, Marissa, Eleanor, Victoria, Georgia, Lucy, Charlotte, Abigael and Robyn spent a wonderful day on a Narrow Boat, going from Aldermaston up the Canal towards Newbury. The Brownies were shown how to open the locks, move the swing bridges and all had a chance to steer the boat.

On our way back we had about 25 minutes of rain, very heavy rain and we were in the middle of opening a lock so we all got soaked, but it did not spoil the day.

We were very lucky to have Julie as our Skipper and Valerie did an excellent job helping.

The Brownies will be having a Hoop La Stall and selling squares to win a Hamper at the Sonning Produce Show, so please come along and say hello.

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

Brown Owl

Sonning Art Group

Having been very fortunate to have lovely sunny weather for our Summer BBQ held at the Working Men's Club, it was quite the reverse for the scheduled trip to the 'Art in Action' event at Waterperry House, Wheatley. It was the worst weekend weather this year and at a time when many people in the area were on flood alert! However half a dozen stalwarts braved the elements and were rewarded with a worthwhile major arts and crafts show.

John Yeo made a welcome repeat visit to the Group to run a tutorial on drawing animals, achieving results with colour pencils.

The quarterly 'Chairman's Challenge Cup' was as competitive as ever on the subject of 'A Water Scene'. Tom Baldwin came to the fore as the eventual winner in a close finish. However, thoughts have now shifted on to the forthcoming Village Show and members are busy preparing their pictures for the Groups' annual exhibition.

George Webster.

Sonning Book Club

One of the advantages of a book club is that, unlike most other clubs, it is unaffected by the summer holidays. Members are, if anything, more diligent in their reading when relaxing on holiday, trapped hours whilst travelling or just avoiding all the terrible weather we have been experiencing!

Recent reads by the group have been 'Billy' the biography of Billy Connolly by his wife Pamela Stephenson and 'Cold Mountain', by Charles Frazier, a story set in the American Civil War.

Both books received a mixed reaction from the group who are now looking forward to our next read 'The Olive Readers' by Christine Aziz'.

Anne Webster

Sonning & Sonning Eye Society

With the summer being so wet this year we were extremely lucky to have had a dry evening for the very successful 'Twilight at the Oasis'. It was an excellent evening to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Ali's Pond, with a very diverse selection of wildlife from bats to Great Crested Newts to be seen and examined.

The 8th September will see Society representatives at the Village Show. Please do come along and say hello and if you are not already a member it will give you the opportunity to find out more about the work of the Sonning and Sonning Eye Society.

On Sunday 9th September the Society is organising a double-bill of free events for everyone as part of the Heritage Open Days weekend.

The main event is the opening of The Mill from 1:30 - 5:30 pm. Two backstage tours have been arranged at 2 pm and 4 pm. Booking on these is essential as numbers are extremely limited. We are especially grateful to Sally Hughes for allowing us to celebrate The Mill's silver jubilee as a theatre venue, particularly as they will be in the middle of setting up for a new production.

To complement the opening of The Mill, we will be running two of our architectural walks. These will be at 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm, meeting in the churchyard near the entrance from the High Street. Again booking is required. All bookings to Diana Coulter on 969 2132 please.

In the morning of Saturday 13th October Trevor Ottlewski will be giving a talk entitled 'Timber Framed Buildings - Inside Out'. Trevor will be looking at the amazing amount of information that can be gleaned from a building to discover to discover its past. The afternoon will see a walk around the village to put the theory into practice!

On 17th November the Annual General Meeting will take place in Pearson Hall. The meeting will precede a sit-down meal, and we are really pleased that local MP and Society member, Theresa May, has agreed to give a short talk during proceedings.

Further details of these and all the Societies events can be found in the next edition of *Bridge*, which will be with members shortly.

Mark Green

The Monday Club

Mr Nick Siney gave us an interesting talk on bricks and brick making. Those of us (like me) who thought that a brick was, well just a brick, have learnt that there is a whole range of types and sizes of these important items, some even depending upon camel dung.

We were privileged to attend a performance of Romeo and Juliet The Musical at Sonning Primary School. Did Shakespeare imagine, I wonder, that like the Montague and Capulet groups would still be at each other's throats two hundred years later? The stage presence of the year six pupils was impressive and the minuet being danced in the background during one scene was, I thought, very effective. The musical finale was a fitting end to the production.

R C A

Did I really say that?

The occasion was a lunch party given by the Bishop of Coventry and the guest of honour was the then Archbishop of Canterbury, Cosmo Lang. A young curate, anxious to talk to such an exalted figure, but hopelessly nervous at the same time stammered: 'have another piece of Grace, your Cake.'

Frank Rizzo, a former police chief and mayor of Philadelphia, may have been stating the obvious when he said: 'The streets are safe in Philadelphia - it's only the people who make them unsafe.'

Anon

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
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Charvil Senior Residents Club	Miss C. Edwards	969 2114
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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
Serinette 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