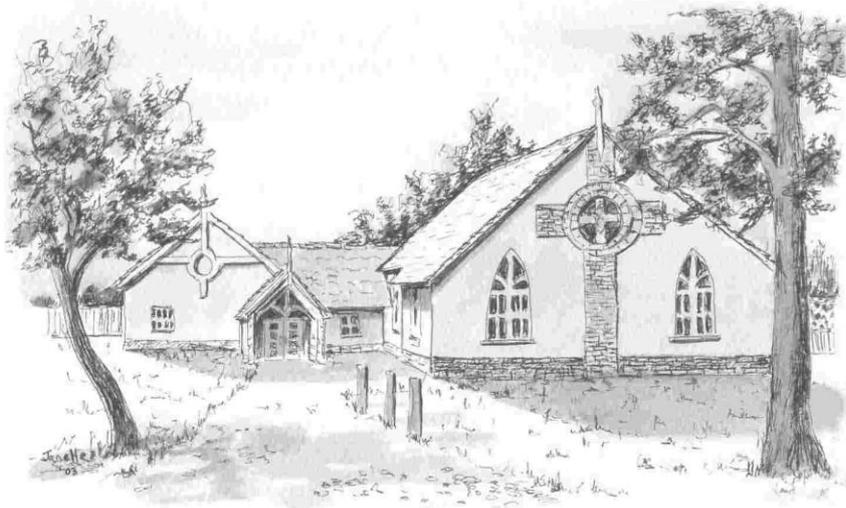


Sonning Parish Magazine



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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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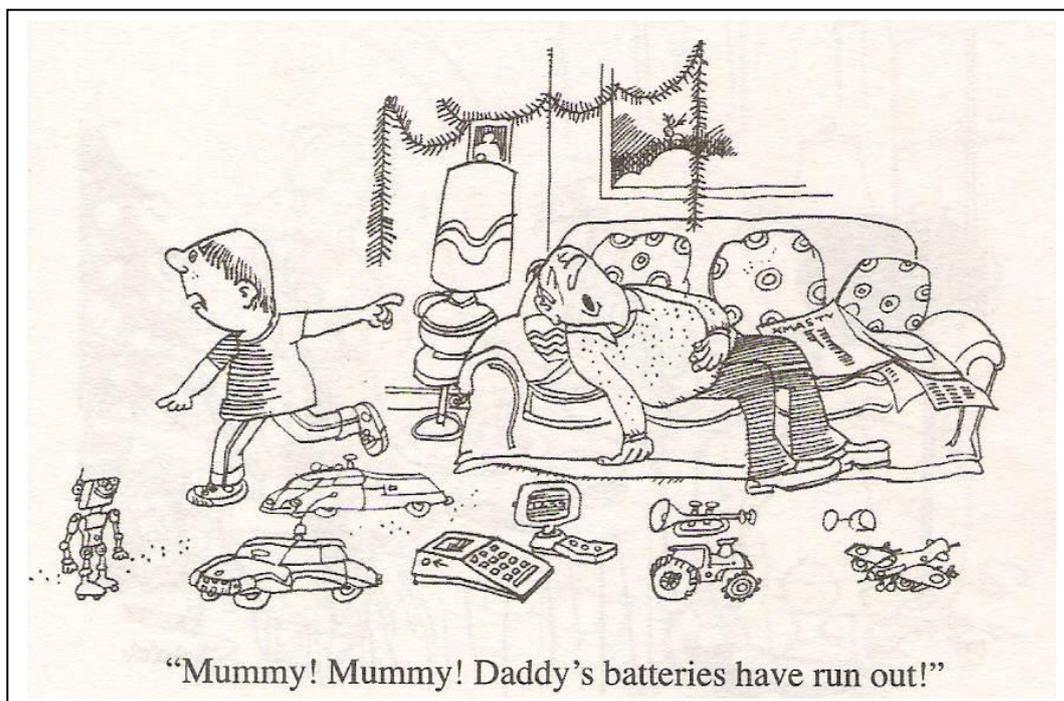
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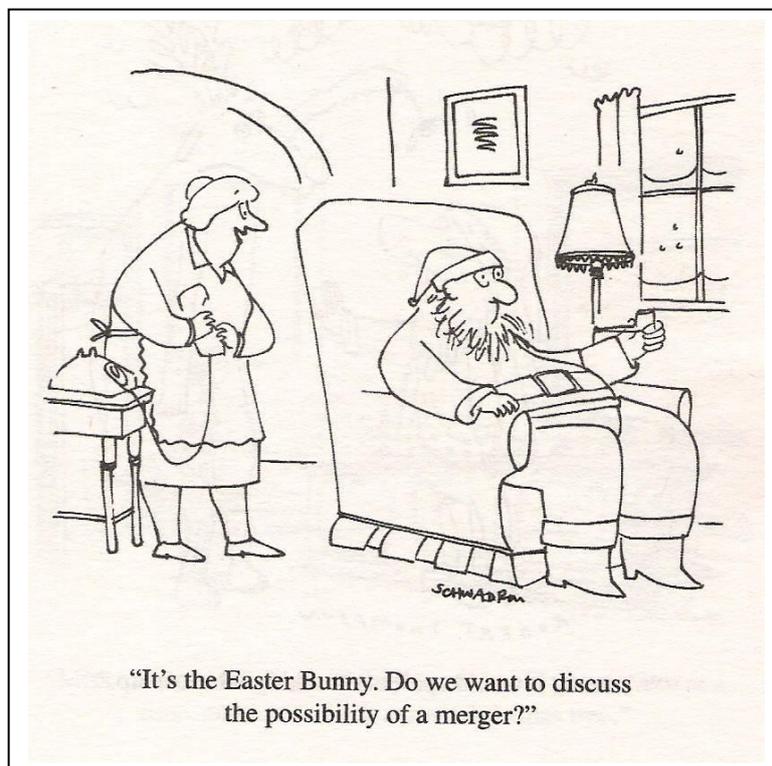
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Any sent to Gordon Barnett will not be in the February magazine. However, Gordon will resume responsibility for the March and subsequent issues. His email address is on page 13, as usual.

And after a Christmas of Hi-tech presents:



We look forward to the next major church event - Easter:



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Regular Services

The Parish Church

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| 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

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| 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

Change and No Change

Most people do not like change, we find it difficult and it unsettles us. None of us know just what changes 2008 will bring. I know that, for Christine and I, it will mean moving house and all the change that will bring but what other changes will there be and will they be for the better? Only time will tell. The truth is, some things will probably be better and some will be worse.

Just a few things never change and we can predict in advance what is likely to happen. As I sit at my desk writing this letter on the 27th December I can smell turkey curry wafting through from the kitchen. I suspect I am not alone and, like many of you, I could have predicted what we would be eating today!

The much more important thing we can predict and rely upon is God's love for us which never changes. On Christmas Day God, so to speak, gave himself to us and to the whole world. That was the first great Christmas

present and the real reason why we still give each other presents at Christmas-time. We now look forward to the feast of the Epiphany, when it is our turn to give to God.

What God wants is not just my prayers, my New Year resolutions, my talents and a few pounds in the collection. He wants me, every bit of me. I may think I do not have much to offer, like the shepherds, or I may be brilliantly clever with an enormous number of gifts like the wise men. It makes no difference because, however much or however little I have, it all belongs to God.

That is what religion is about. It is about knowing and trusting God and then responding to him. Trying to put the needs of his world before my own needs, attempting, under the guidance of God's Spirit, to show his love in the world. That is why it is important to make time for worship. I do not go to Church and worship because I think I am good, I do so because I know I am not and I need the help and guidance of God in all that I attempt.

I hope and pray that 2008 will be a very good year for you. Whatever changes come your way I hope most of them will be for the better. When difficult things happen remember that God still loves you and that love never changes.

Love & prayers
Chris

From the Registers

Weddings

15th December. Andrew James Clark to Jill Dorothy Forbes
22nd December. Nicholas James Jarvis to Abigail Hines

Funerals

23rd November. George Beech. St. Andrew's Church & Churchyard.
30th November. Des Woodley. St. Andrew's Church & Reading Crematorium.
10th December. (Albert) John Hammant. Crematorium & Churchyard.
18th December. Arthur Ayres. Reading Crematorium.

St Andrew's Redecoration.

Work will start early in the new year to redecorate St. Andrew's Church and this will mean for the next several weeks there will be scaffolding up inside the building. The Church will be useable at all times and the scaffold will go up in sections starting with the south isle. The work should be finished by Easter and we apologise for any difficulty it causes.

It is thirteen years since St. Andrew's was last decorated and in places this begins to show so I am delighted this much loved building is going to be spruced up. Thank you to The Friends of St. Andrew's who are paying for the redecoration and to you for the support you give to the Friends which makes this possible.

Christingle

A reminder that on Sunday, 3rd February we hold our Christingle Services as part of the Family Service in both Churches. Children attending these Services are asked to bring a Christingle to the Service. If you do not know what that is or how to make one please ask me, or one of the Churchwardens and we will gladly help. There will be envelopes for the Children's Society and candles, to help make the Christingle, at the back of both churches nearer the time.

And a date for your diary:

Living faith - a vision for evangelism

A day conference in Oxford on June 7th 2008

- For all those who long to see people come to faith and develop as disciples
- To encourage, inspire and equip
- Offering a range of resources for the future

Cost £10 - including lunch - before March 31st. £15 thereafter

Please book through your parish priest.

See www.oxford.anglican.org for more details.

Chris

Charvil Chatter

'United we stand, divided we fall' so the saying goes. The beginning of January every year is marked and observed as the 'Week of prayer for Christian Unity'. This is the centenary of this week of prayer with the theme 'One light, one world'. The weakness of the Christian church in its witness to the truth and love of God for the world has been its inability to contain theological disagreement within its institution without an organisational split and schism. When yours truly was at university there was a small group that met every Friday to pray for unity within the worldwide church and within the world of God's creation. It went under the name of SCARS because the divisions in the world and in the church were seen to be represented symbolically as the open gaping wounds in the crucified body of Jesus. Our prayers were an attempt to turn the wounds of division into the scars of reconciliation and unity.

These words are being written under the shadow of the tragic assassination of yet another world leader - Benazir Bhutto. Our thoughts and prayers at this time go out to the people of Pakistan. On the night before he died Jesus prayed to His heavenly father for His followers and disciples - "The glory which thou gavest me I have given to them, that they may be one as we are one; I in them and thou in me, may they be perfectly one. Then the world will learn that thou didst send me, that thou didst love them as thou didst me." (John 17^{v22-23}).

May we urge you to pray for the unity of the worldwide church and the unity of the world especially at this time when the Anglican Communion worldwide - which at best has always seen its role as a bridge church between different churchmanship and theological allegiance embracing within its ranks those of evangelical persuasion, liberal affiliation and Anglo-catholic preferences, - is going through a period of turbulence.

We wish and pray for all our readers a happy and united New Year 2008. Let us pray fervently for unity throughout the world.

Love and prayers,

Michael & family

All carolled out?

Well that's it folks, all over for another year. Put away the tinsel, twinkle and glitter and get back to normality, if there is such a thing. Boss said he's all carolled out, combination of seven Christmas gigs and carol services over the past 3 weeks, plus a rather nasty virus, which struck everyone in the band with voice destruction syndrome. Commiserations to anyone who has suffered the same, we hope you're soon feeling better. Me? I was ok, pianners don't get viruses, unlike humans and some of the more sophisticated electronic kit there is round 'ere.

So what's next? Well we've got Epiphany coming up on 6th January, so we're not out of the carol woods yet boss. And we've got Christingle on the 3rd February. Just keep taking the tablets, keep yer 'ead down and remember there was one big success, "While shepherds watched" sung to "Ilkley moor baht 'at" went down a storm.

Joanna (the St Patrick's Pianner)

So the Vicar's leaving

This is the title of the good interregnum guide we purchased following Chris's announcement in November's Parish magazine that he will retire in May 2008. The foreword, written by the Bishop of Norwich identifies; "The

prospect that there will be a few months without a vicar creates mixed feelings in many parishes. Tears, whether of sorrow or relief, are often replaced by anxiety, even blind panic, about all the things that there are to do.” As a Parish we are sure we will be no different, however it is our intention to plan as much as possible in advance in an attempt to minimise the anxiety and blind panic!

It is pleasing to report that to start the planning process the PCC met on two occasions during November. The Parish Profile writing has commenced. Agreement to keep the interregnum as short as possible, subject to the best candidate appearing was also reached. Jan and I met with the Bishop of Reading in December when he explained the Wardens responsibilities and at the same time provided most encouraging advice and support. Bishop Stephen has kindly offered to attend the next Church Council meeting on the 30th January when we will welcome him to further strengthen our aims.

Chris will preach for the last time on a Sunday as Vicar of the Parish at the 10.30 Service on Trinity Sunday, which falls on the 18th May. Following this Service we have arranged for a gathering over lunch at Reading Bluecoat School when we will all have the opportunity to say our fond farewells to Chris and Christine. Please note this date in your new diaries.

We hope you will wish to join us in showing your appreciation for all that Chris has done for the Parish and you are invited to send your gift to either of the Churchwardens; cheques should be made payable to; ‘Sonning PCC’. In the meantime Chris has pledged to work as hard as he can until he retires. Let us all endeavour to make sure Chris and Christine’s last 5 months experiences in the Parish are enjoyable ones.

Bob Hine and Jan Hammond

Sonning CE Primary School

The second half of the Autumn Term flew by and before we knew it we were into Christmas activities. However the start of December saw our SIAS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican Schools) inspection, which looked at a number of aspects including our distinctive Christian character, RE and Collective Worship. We are all delighted the report highlighted that ‘the school through its distinctive Christian character is outstanding at meeting the needs of all learners’ since this is an area that we have worked hard on to further develop.

At the end of term we said goodbye to two of our longest serving members of staff, Brenda Smith (Teaching Assistant) and Chris Dorward (Midday Supervisor and Teaching Assistant) as well as one of our teachers Jacqui Painter. At the final assembly of term Year 6 sang a special song of thanks and we wish them all well for the future. The whole school came to church

twice recently - for our St Andrew's Day Service on November 30th and the Christmas Carol Service on December 18th; it was also lovely to have about 40 children from school take part in the Christmas Eve Nativity service at St Andrew's.

So we look ahead to 2008 and a number of local families will currently be completing application forms sent from Wokingham for admission to school in the 2008/9 academic year. We are intending to hold a further Open Morning on Tuesday 15th January at 10am so if you have not had an opportunity to visit our school and would like to please contact the school office (0118 9693399), we look forward to welcoming you.

Lesley Green

Neighbourhood Visiting

The Sonning Community has always been very good at visiting those people who, for various reasons need and welcome visitors. However, in an attempt to ensure no-one is missed out, we would like to put in place something a little more structured. Initially it would be helpful to gauge how many would be prepared to be part of a visiting team. If you would like to be involved, please contact me on 0118 926 2365.

Jan Hammond

Scarecrows 2008.

Following the article in the December magazine, there has been considerable interest shown by parishioners, especially in the January Interest meeting. Unfortunately, the date given was incorrect (my fault). It will be held in the Pearson Hall on **Monday 14th January at 7.30 pm**. The incorrect date was for the committee to meet. You would of course all be welcome, but I am sure you would prefer to come & enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles on the 14th!

Malcolm Stansfield.

Sonning Floral Arrangement Society

We don't seem to have any men as members of the Society. Strange really, since some of the best professional flower arrangers are men. So, it was a surprise to see Mr Pat Doyle in the hall at the start, until I discovered he was only there to help his wife carry stuff in. However, since he was there, we couldn't miss the chance to admire the huge white cardboard ball, which he had made, and which was hanging up as part of the Christmas decorations. Modestly, he acknowledged the admiring remarks and then someone spotted the mistletoe suspended from it and grabbed him before he could say

'knife'. The Chairman was beginning to show an interest and a queue was about to form so he beat a hasty retreat. Dunno how he felt, but it quite ruffled our feathers.

The festive mood continued throughout the meeting. First, the Christmas lunch, beautifully cooked by Barbara Carr assisted by Jenny Adams. After that - the A.G.M.

One would expect an A.G.M to be a serious business but since all of the committee with the exception of the secretary were prepared to stand again there wasn't really much to do after the various officers had read their reports. The Chairman, known for her witticisms (for want of a better word) concluded the meeting in a lighthearted mood and we all went on our way rejoicing.

The next meeting is on Jan 10th 2008. Jo Bromwich will be the demonstrator and her theme will be "Green Fingers". The competition - "Jack Frost" and exhibit accessories are allowed.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year (incidentally, men are welcome too).

Jane Gascoine

RNLI Sonning Branch

RNLI Music Night 2008

The music night will be on Saturday, 9th February 2008 in the Pearson Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming you to a night of musical pleasure & a two-course supper! There will be a pay bar selling wine and Loddon Brewery beer.

Tickets priced £12.50 are available from Mo Hicks, Sonning House, Pearson Road, Sonning. Please forward a cheque payable to RNLI together with a s.a.e. for return of tickets. Please note this is a very popular event and tickets are restricted on a first come, first served basis.

Lynn Woodhouse

Sonning & Sonning Eye Society

By the time that you read this article the firefighters from Sonning Fire Station will have attended their last 'shout' and the fire station in Pound Lane will have closed on the 31st December 2007. As a former Officer in Charge of the station I will be sorry to see it go but unfortunately the reality is that in this day and age it is increasingly difficult to crew a part time fire

station 24 hours a day. At its closure none of the firefighters actually lived in Sonning and with so few people working either within the village or in the close vicinity it became almost impossible for the station to meet the strict targets for turnout times.

Whilst Sonning has had a fire engine and firefighters since 1905 the station in Pound Lane was first used in 1922 when a new fire engine was housed in Mr. Elger's garage. On his death in 1929 the garage was purchased by the Brigade, and became the permanent site of the station.

Sonning Fire Brigade attended numerous fires and won many prizes at competitions all over the South of England, building up an outstanding reputation for efficiency and devotion to service. In 1937 a new Dennis Ace chassis and pump were purchased, and a closed-in body, designed by Tom Edwards, was built on to it by Markhams of Reading. It was the first machine of its kind in the country, and Sonning received many congratulations from other brigades on obtaining such a machine.

1940 brought hard training in Air Raid Precautions and all brigades came under the control of central government. Sonning became Station 15 with control over subsidiary stations at Goring, Holloway's Garage Caversham, Mortimer, Sonning Common, Burghfield and Checkendon. During World War II, Sonning stations answered calls during air raids on London docks, Birmingham, Southampton, Bristol, Ascot, Oxford and Plymouth, as well as dealing with local calls.

The fire station and the land belongs to The Sonning Volunteer Fire Brigade Trust which, as it now stands was started in 1952, since when it has received the benefit of the rent paid by the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service for the use of the fire station in Pound Lane. Under the terms of the Scheme then agreed with the Charity Commission, the trustees are entitled to distribute its income "for any public purpose for the benefit of the inhabitants of the Parish of Sonning and not provided out of rates or other public funds".

It will now be the responsibility of the trustees to decide on the future of the site and I am sure that we all wish them well in reaching a decision that is right for the future of the village.

Mark Green

Royal British Legion

Honorary Membership



At the AGM, it was decided to invite two of our supporters to accept Honorary membership of the Branch, in recognition of their support for us. They were our Honorary Chaplain, Canon Chris Clarke and Mr Colin

Crosbie, Secretary and long time member of the Reading Central Band, The Salvation Army. Both are retiring in the next few months and this is a fitting way of recognising what they have done for us.

Gordon Barnett

Are you interested in flower arranging as beginner or more experienced?

If the answer is yes, then here is a suggestion for 2008.

We are planning four separate days of flower arranging, from all aspects and in different forms, a day in March, June, October and December, covering the four seasons. Each day will have demonstrations, workshops and a delicious lunch.

They will be held in Beech Lodge, Pound Lane, Sonning from 9.30am until 2.30pm. Tickets £15.00 per day.

If you are interested then please contact: Catherine Penny Tel: 969 3018 or Carole Barnett Tel: 969 6693.

Carole Barnett

Points to ponder:

Cardinal Richelieu was one of the most astute politicians France ever produced and was the highly influential chief minister to Louis XIII in the 17th century. But his understanding of science was less solid. When fellow countryman and scientist Salomon de Daus suggested that steam power was the energy of the future, the statesman was underwhelmed. “To listen to him, you would fancy that with steam you could navigate ships, move carriages; in fact there’s no end to the miracles which he insisted could be performed.” Indeed, Richelieu was so irritated by the scientists’ claims that he had him put away in a lunatic asylum.

A youthful engineer once showed his plans for a new engine to a senior academic at Cambridge University. “Interesting work my boy, but it will never work.” was the instant comment of the learned man. The engineer was Frank Whittle, who patented the basic design for the turbojet engine and paved the way for the first jet planes!

The “telephone” has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication and is inherently of no use to us. These were the prophetic words in an internal memo at Western Union, USA, in around 1876.

Local Organisations

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| 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 | Sally Wilson | 979 3328 |
| 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 | Ruth Hulley | 969 9431 |
| 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 |
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| 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 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 |

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| 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 | Sec: 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:

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| 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 |