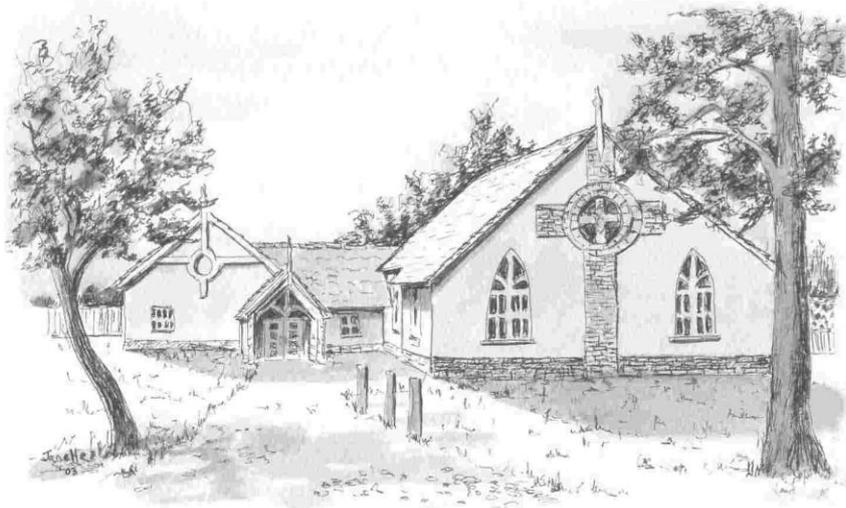


# Sonning Parish Magazine



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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 bypassing 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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### Really?

The British adventurer and colonialist Cecil Rhodes, who gave his name to Rhodesia, now Zimbabwe, foresaw in 1902 a world in which the British Empire would reign supreme.”The furtherance of the English Empire for the bringing of the whole uncivilised world under British rule, for the recovery of the United States, for the making of the Anglo-Saxon race but one empire – what a dream!” he declared. “But yet it is probable”

Who claimed to have saved the world in 2009?

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An edition of the popular BBC programme *Tomorrow's World* suggested in 1966 that in 30 years time humans would no longer be eating food, but instead would consume pills for an ‘all-chemical meal’.

Fast food indeed!

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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 Church Service in St. Andrew's Church you are asked to contact Sonia Boyles, the Parish Administrator for Baptisms. Sonia can also be contacted by email at: [standrews.sonning@btinternet.com](mailto:standrews.sonning@btinternet.com). For Weddings and funerals, contact the vicar on 0118 969 3298.*

## The Vicars Letter

**Dear friends,**

Any regular reader of a newspaper will be aware of an almost daily barrage of advice/nagging about healthy eating (and drinking). Much of it is common sense, but one is left bewildered by 'new findings' that now contradict old certainties. The glass of red wine a day brigade, who had been told that this is good for the heart, are now grimly informed that it raises the risk of cancer. However, despite the confusion of new research, we are left in no doubt as to what constitutes healthy eating. I have never had a particular problem with healthy eating, indeed I enjoy fruit and vegetables and I'm generally good about not eating between meals. Therefore the regular drip drip effect of these news stories doesn't induce the guilt feelings, or not too much anyway. Having said this, no one would suggest that I was the best advert for a healthy diet! This is largely I suspect because of the other item that we seem to be pestered about in the media, and it's one that certainly induces the guilt; namely exercise. I've just read about President Obama's daily exercise schedule, and it makes me queasy just thinking about it! Just a short time in our back garden brings on the guilt, watching all the joggers

and power walkers zoom along the tow path. We hope to get a dog soon, so that will be a good start, but it's just not easy. It all comes down to discipline of course, and this is something we need in all areas of our life.

Lent is approaching, and the theme of spiritual discipline will be high on our agenda. It is a time to assess our spiritual health, rather like New Year is a time for diets and new fitness regimes. Lent gives us the opportunity to explore our faith more deeply, and to spend time getting to know Jesus. At the moment, I am managing a brisk walk about twice a week, for no more than an hour combined. Is this enough for a healthy body? Of course not. So what of our spiritual bodies? An hour a week in church and then back to normal life, with Christ put back in his box until next Sunday. If many are honest, they would have to admit that this rings true. We are offering the opportunity through Lent to help you put in a little more effort. To spend time, informally, with other Christians in the parish, thinking about faith, hope and love. There will be five sessions, of about an hour each. Please do seriously consider signing up. My hope is that this won't amount to the equivalent of a New Year purge, that only lasts a few weeks however. All Christians need to take responsibility for their spiritual diets. Too many are still on a milk diet, whereas at some stage there is a need to move onto solids. If the only solid food in your diet is a ten minute sermon once a week, then there will be spiritual malnutrition for the rest of the week. A Christian who wants to grow in faith needs to be committed in bible study, and also needs to see prayer as a two way conversation, not a shopping list to recite, when we find the time. This area of spiritual health was highlighted in your parish profile as an area to build on, and we will return to it again.

I have never responded overly well to nagging, but perhaps I can enter into a bargain with you. It is my job to occasionally prod your consciences about your spiritual health and discipline, and it is done with the sincerest of motives. If you find this irritating at any stage, can I ask that you take it in good part, and you have my permission to turn the tables and ask me when my bicycle last had an outing?

With warmest wishes,

Jamie

### Notices

**Advance notice:** Miss Alice Taylor will be hosting (with a little assistance) a tea party and Easter egg hunt for children in the parish at the Vicarage on Easter Monday at 3:00pm.

**Junior Choir:** St Andrew's is setting up 10 bursaries for boys and girls to join a special youth choir which will compliment the adult choir at the first

Sunday all age service. This will be for those in year 4 onwards, although younger members will be considered. Speak to the Vicar for more information.

**CIRDIC** (Churches in Reading Drop-in Centre) an open door for the homeless and needy in Reading. They need tinned meats, tinned meat based meals such as stews, curry, soup and vegetables, but not tomatoes or baked beans; packets of biscuits, instant mash, whips and custard. A special container will now be available in both churches in which we can put our gifts for the Reading homeless drop in centre. A list of what is required will be displayed on the side of the box. The items will be taken to the centre every two weeks.

**Congratulations** to our M.P. and member of the congregation, Theresa May on her recent appointment as Shadow Secretary of State for Work and Pensions. We wish her well in this new and demanding role.

*Parish Drinks: Caroline and I have started to host drinks parties for members of the church (names taken from the church electoral roll, rather than the parish council's). It has come to light that there are regular worshippers who did not renew their membership at the church electoral roll revision last year. Therefore I have no means of inviting them. If you think that you might not have renewed last year, please be in contact with our administrator, Sonia Boyles to check. We shall then be able to invite you for a drink! Many thanks.*

**Jamie**

## From The Registers

### Funerals

19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2008: Harold Holloway  
22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2009: Maurice Henry Knapp

### Bell Ringing at St. Andrew's

At St. Andrew's we have not had any bell ringing joiners for some time now, and we increasingly have to rely on local ringers from other towers to help out. We need to be more self-sufficient and this article is encouraging you to take up bell ringing with us.

- You would be continuing a very English tradition that has lasted for centuries - the sound of church bells before services, at weddings, and to mark special events. Why not help maintain the tradition at St. Andrew's, Sonning? Why not 'play' a musical instrument made in 1640!
- It provides healthy, gentle exercise without needing any sports gear.

- You would feel part of a group that has special skills.
- We enjoy the team feeling of joint success when we ring well.
- No great strength or musical ability is needed, just some co-ordination and a sense of rhythm.
- Everyone is welcome, young and old.

The Sonning band of bell-ringers is a very friendly group. The training is free and you do not need any equipment; just wear comfortable clothes that permit ease of movement. Our regular practice night is Thursday, starting at 7.30 and finishing at 9.15. For new learners we usually can arrange one-to-one sessions at a day and time to suit them.

If you would like to try what might become an absorbing lifetime hobby and are interested in gentle, sociable exercise and a new circle of friends, please contact:

Tower captain, **Pam Elliston:**                      **0118 969 5967** or  
 Vice-captain, **Rob Needham:**                      **0118 926 7724**

### **Charvil Lent Happenings**

It has been said the “once you stop learning you stop living”. Lent is the prime time in the Church’s calendar, leading up to the events of Holy Week and Easter, when there is the opportunity to learn more about the living God and His relationship with us and how we can assess and develop our relationship with Him. It is therefore a time of renewal and enlightenment.

Jesus in His ministry was always asking questions of His audience whether they were seekers after the truth or critics of His ministry endeavouring to trip him up. It is a known fact that questions have more influencing power than making categorical statements. Questions make us think and challenge us, whereas statements can put us on the defensive if we disagree with them. If we agree with a statement made to us then we are only agreeing with what we know already about ourselves.

This Lent questions about our faith, hope and love will be at the centre of the five sessions for discussion in small groups in different locations on different days of the week and at different times of the day. The questions which will be posed will be fully primed by three eminent people - a bishop, an abbot and a novelist and broadcaster. They will get us started in sharing our own responses with other members attending the group. We will learn from them and from each other. So sign up at the back of St Patrick’s and St Andrew’s for whichever group suits you best, and you don’t have to commit yourself to the same group each week. You don’t have to be a churchgoer, just an enquirer after truth. There couldn’t be a better time than this Lent to further your learning and understanding in these uncertain times.

**Love and Prayers,**

Boss came in just after Christmas, took all the decorations down and then gave me a bit of a talking to. "Right Jo, you survived Christmas so I hope you've made some New Year resolutions and are ready for the challenges ahead". What challenges? What's with all this revolutions stuff and the gung ho approach? I suppose he'll be giving me objectives, targets and measures next, worse still he could be thinking of putting me of a fitness regime to fight the flab. "Oh that's nice boss, just what sort of challenges did you have in mind?" I mumbled. "Well we've got some important events coming up and I want you to be fully prepared and up to the mark." He's gone stir crazy I thought, ever since he bought that metro gnome thing he's been marching up and down like an RSM.

"Well Jo, apart from the Sunday morning worship we've got the Songs of Praise coming up". I thought a bit, raked through the cobwebs that pass for a pianners brain and replied "Is that the evening thingumny sing song where they shut down St Andy's for evensong all come along here and make the rafters rattle and the organ grinder beats four bells out of me ivories?" The boss looked at me in a despairing manner. "Well rather irreverently put Jo, so I'll translate just in case there's a misunderstanding -"

**The St Patrick's Day Songs of Praise is on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 pm. It's a combined service, there's no evensong at St Andrew's. If you'd like to choose a hymn please contact Chris on 934 0795 and put the date in your diary.**

"Got it boss, I'll be ready. Anything else?". "Yes, the **Christian Aid concert** is coming up again, **Sat the 16<sup>th</sup> May**, I'll be after the usual suspects, but if anyone wants to join us and tread the boards please contact me on 934 0795."

**Joanna (the St Patrick's Pianner)**

### **Sonning Club**

#### **Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Bingo Night**

Please come along with your friends and enjoy a night of Bingo. All prizes are of monetary value. It is a relaxed and friendly event and you don't have to be a hardened Bingo goer to enjoy it.

#### **Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb: Elvis and Hot Buffet supper**

Our Elvis is a guy called Fergus who does amazing professional show of Elvis through the different stages of his life and music. Fergus has appeared in

the West End and three Elvis stage musicals. Tickets cost £10.00 per person and include a hot supper buffet.

This promises to be a popular event so get your tickets fast from either Pam Glasspool on 0118 969 2800, Tracey Barrett on 0118 969 3419, or by popping into The Sonning Club.

Tracy Barrett

### Sonning Floral Arrangement Society

We got off to a very good start this year. The hall was packed to capacity and the new Chairman welcomed 10 new members. Sue Steptoe, the central buyer from Waitrose came to give us a talk about the roses from Kenya and how the Fair Trade Farming is of great benefit to the workers and their families to improve their standard of living.

We were all very impressed, judging by the number of questions which followed. Afterwards, Sue was presented with various items of stationary, which are badly needed by the children in Kenya. After that, we all enjoyed a good cup of tea and a look at the sales table, which always has a good stock of things which flower arrangers might need.

She brought some beautiful roses with her, and just to prove that all her effort, and those of the growers were not wasted, Anne Turner, Catherine Penny, Barbara McGregor and Sharon Robinson proceeded to arrange them in several stunning creations, which were then raffled to members of the Society.

Next month (12<sup>th</sup> February) we have Ken Harvey demonstrating on the theme *Valentines*. The competition, for those who wish to take part will be *Valentine Treat*.

Jane Gascoine

### Charvil Females are Choral Singing Crazy

Did you know that Charvil has four choirs? *Charvil Girls' Choir* is for 10 - 18 year olds. The choir was set up in 2007 and in its first year, they sang with Laurie Holloway, performed with a band from Belarus at the Hexagon and qualified for the finals of the National Festival of Music for Youth. We were very pleased to welcome several new members from Charvil last September. The choir are busy preparing for a concert for the Loddon District Scout Fellowship on February 28th, the regional heats of the National Festival and Cheltenham Festival. Some of the older girls sing in a small music theatre group called *Step On Stage*. This group are currently

working on a medley of songs by Andrew Lloyd Webber ready for festivals and concerts.

**Charvil Voices** is a ladies choir which started last year. The members have had a very enjoyable year taking parts in several concerts as well as Woking Festival and a workshop with composer Bob Chilcott. Plans for 2009 include Bath Festival, a summer concert and a workshop with David Lawrence.

**Tapestry** is a new vocal ensemble for female voices which meets on Tuesday mornings. This group are singing arrangements of popular and show tunes such as **Summertime** and **Ain't Misbehavin'**. This group is busy preparing for Cheltenham Festival and will also be available to sing at weddings and other functions.

If anyone is interested in joining one of the choirs, please phone Suzanne Newman on 934 0589 for more details.

Suzanne Newman

**Fish 'n Chips Jazz Supper**

*With the Denise Lawrence Band  
The Pearson Hall, Sonning*

*Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 for 8.00 pm*

*Tickets £12.00*

*Paybar*

*Raffle*

*Phone 969 3326, followed by s.a.e. to:*

*Jane Gascoine, Winona Cottage, Sonning Eye, RG4 6TN*

**Last Night of the Proms in Sonning**

Presented by

The Rotary Club of Loddon Vale and  
The Reading Central Band, the Salvation Army

At

Reading Blue Coat School.

A Rotary project in aid of  
Kareneipuri Orphanage School

Trichy, India

Tickets £10.00 each, to include a glass of wine

Call Ian Heighes on 0118 96 7525



## Village Voices

Our very great thanks to several local residents and organisations who have generously given money to help stage our exhibition in the Pearson Hall from 11 to 13 September and then in the Museum of English Rural Life from January to March 2010.

We are now researching the themes of our exhibition - homes and families, local facilities and shops, schooling, recreation, rural life, health facilities, memorable events such as the Festival of Sonning, the River Thames, the Mill, the Fire Brigade and the War. Do you have squirreled away a ration book, gas mask, a shop invoice, family photo or other memorabilia which you would be prepared to lend us for the exhibition? If so, please contact me on 0118 969 7398 as I should be delighted to hear from you. Many thanks.

Mary Chapman

### **1<sup>st</sup> Sonning Scout Group Quiz – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sonning Scout Group is holding a fund-raising quiz on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at the Pearson Hall, Sonning. Doors will open at 6.30pm, with the first question at 7:00pm. The quiz is for adults only and the cost is £5 per person, which includes a light buffet. There will also be a well-stocked bar ! Our renowned Quizmaster, Mike Watts, will be hosting the quiz as usual and there will also be a raffle in the interval.

Tickets are available for purchase from any Sonning Beaver, Cub or Scout Leader, or by phoning me on 969 3279. Numbers are limited, but some may be available on the door. For the latest information, do check out the Sonning Scouts' website at [www.sonningscouts.co.uk](http://www.sonningscouts.co.uk). We very much look forward to seeing you at what is always a very enjoyable (and slightly challenging) evening, supporting your local Scouts!

Trefor Fisher.

### **Sonning CE Primary School**

The Christmas break seems ages ago now and we have all settled back into the routines of the new term. We have welcomed 16 new children to our Foundation class and now the school is the fullest it has ever been with 198 pupils currently on the school roll. I very much enjoyed my secondment supporting another Church school within the authority during the Autumn Term but equally it is great to be back here at Sonning. A very big thank you must go to Gillian Kelsall, my deputy who stepped up to the helm as Acting Head and also to all the staff who steered the school through a very eventful and successful term. The 'Heroes' project was inspirational and it was great that several of you from the local community were able to

contribute to this and share your knowledge and experience. It was also lovely to be mentioned as part of Bishop Stephen's address during the Radio Berkshire Carol Service which was broadcast on Christmas Day. We very much enjoyed being part of this special occasion at the Minster Church in Reading. There is a very busy term ahead of us including the annual Year 6 residential visit to the Isle of Wight in March, a Year 3 and 4 production and a Book Day. We look forward to telling you all about these in the months to come.

We are also looking for additional lunch time staff (12 - 1.15pm). If you are interested (either in a full or part week) please contact the school office on 0118 9693399.

**Lesley Green**

### **Sonning & Sonning Eye Society**

As we go to press, the Society is looking forward to a very full house on 23 January at The Blue Coat School for the exciting update on Sonning's skeletons by Kev Beachus, Principal Archaeologist at Jacobs Engineering. Plans are also advanced for a talk in March or April, and to revive both the visit to the London Wetlands Centre in May (a.k.a as how Sonning Eye could look after gravel extraction) and our own Heritage Trail.

'Heritage' is no longer confined to listed historic buildings. There is growing interest in marine heritage - onshore and underwater, - battlefields, and historic parks and gardens. Recently there has been growth in the number of county garden trusts formed to promote the appreciation and enjoyment of our parks and gardens, and to preserve the rich horticultural heritage of the counties. Perhaps surprisingly, it has taken a little time for the 'old county' of Berkshire to establish its own Trust. In April 2008, I obtained from English Heritage a list of registered parks and gardens in the post 1974 county. 37 are listed with the only Grade I gardens being five on the Royal Estate in Windsor. Amongst the handful of Grade II\* gardens are Newbold College, Binfield (early design by Oliver Hill of Midland Hotel in Morecambe fame), Bearwood, and two examples of the famous Lutyens-Jekyll collaboration: Folly Farm at Sulhamstead and Deanery Garden here in the centre of Sonning

In late 2008 the Society became corporate members of the Berkshire Gardens Trust. An inaugural event was held at Waltham Place and the Trust will organise a series of events for 2009 that are open to anyone; Sonning and Sonning Eye Society members may attend these at a discounted membership rate. Two events have been announced so far. On Saturday 20 June - discounted entry to the annual West Woodhay event, and on Sunday 28 June Indra Townsend will give a personal afternoon tour of a delightful garden in the Pang Valley explaining its evolution and plants.

More information (time, cost and how to reserve a place) will be available in the next edition of *Bridge*, the Society's newsletter to be published in early March.

**Diana Coulter**

### **Sonning Art Group**

The Group started the New Year on a high with the welcome result showing the Group's venture into Christmas card production has proved successful and had received great acclaim for Brenda Nicolaou's winning competition painting.

Following this a good number of members entered the Chairman's Cup Award, a quarterly fun event for members. The January challenge was to produce a painting or drawing of an 'Icon'. According to a recent press article this could include such items as a red bus, mini skirt or plate of fish and chips! For once our Group's views were less extreme, choosing to paint a variety of subjects including:- Madonna (both versions, in one case a clever blending of the two into one portrait!) St George (some complete with dragons), the Forbury Park Lion, Seve Ballesteros, Princess Diana, Elvis, a fender guitar, the Eddystone Lighthouse and the 'Blade' (the new addition to Reading's skyline). The actual winner was Heather Neal with a lovely picture of the good old traditional English oak tree.

The Cup competition, apart from being a stress free 'fun' item in the Groups Calendar of events, offers members a range of new subjects to paint and provides a stimulus for trying out new ideas and techniques. The next competition is 'Easter' and it will be interesting to see how widely this subject will be interpreted!

**George Webster**

### **Sonning and Warren Conservative Association**

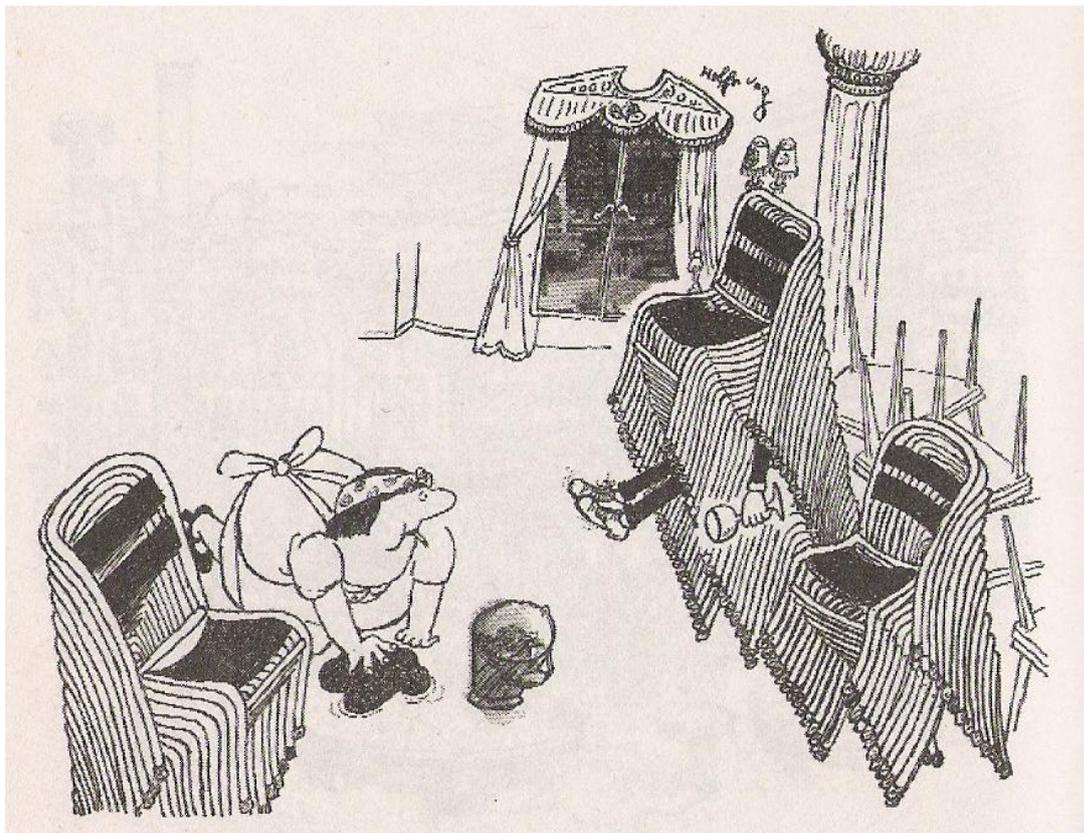
#### **Annual General Meeting.**

The Annual General Meeting of the Sonning and Warren Branch of the Maidenhead Conservative Association will take place on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> 2009 at 8pm in The Pearson Hall. It is hoped that as many member as possible will attend.

**Alison Russell**

**HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!**  
a few tickets still available

**RNLI Music Evening**  
Pearson Hall  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009**  
7.30 pm  
£10.00 - includes supper  
Contact: David Bates 969 7753  
or Mo Hicks 969 6943



The morning after a good bash in The Pearson Hall?

***Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people live full and independent lives. Great British Fish and Chip Supper - Friday 15th May 2009***

Want to do something different? Want to raise money where you live or work? Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 15th May 2009 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's information and support services. You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 7 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £35.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to lead independent lives.

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 678 6633 xtn 229 or email [fishandchips@spinal.co.uk](mailto:fishandchips@spinal.co.uk) or visit [www.spinal.co.uk](http://www.spinal.co.uk)

**Elizabeth Wright**

**T And S Support Service**

We provide the highest quality of care and support to people in their own homes. With 25 years experience working with all client groups including elderly, dementia, people with mental health problems, and those with learning disabilities. Transport for appointments, shopping trips, etc if required. Excellent references and current CRB: For more information contact Tracey on 0778 693 1060, or Shelagh on 0752 521 1568.

**Tracey Williams**

## 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	Sally Wilson	979 3328
St Patrick's: Sunday Club	Julie Easton	934 2590
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 Caterpillar Club	Bridget Mundy	934 4253
Charvil Girls Choir	S Newman	934 0589
Charvil Guides	Ruth Hulley	969 9431
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 Voices	Eileen Fulbrook	969 1738
Charvil Women's Club	Mrs S. Newman	934 0589
Sonning & Charvil Baby-sitting Circle	Mrs Vanessa Jones <i>E-mail</i> <a href="mailto:vanessalouisejones@hotmail.com">vanessalouisejones@hotmail.com</a>	934 1185
Sonning & District Chernobyl	Maria Gee	962 7721
Children's Lifeline Link Group	<a href="mailto:maria.gee@ntlworld.com">maria.gee@ntlworld.com</a>	
Sonning Art Group	Chairman: Mr G.B. Webster	944 0699
Sonning Book Club	Mrs Anne Webster	944 0699
Sonning Branch, British Legion	Chairman: Colin Pierce	969 3779
Sonning C of E Primary School	Head Teacher: Mrs L. Green	969 3399
Sonning CE School PTA	Heather Hollingsworth	0779 934 5129
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 Girlguiding (age 5 -14)	Diane Reeves	969 2987
Sonning Glebe Art Club	Julian Toms	969 0100
Sonning Glebe WI (eve mtgs)	Mrs D. Mouldsley	961 8829
Sonning Lawn Tennis Club	Membership: Ali Campbell	969 1101
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 RNLI	Chairman: David Bates	969 7753
1st Sonning Scouts Group	GS Leader: Wendy Cherry	926 2363
1st Sonning Scouts Group	ASG Leader: Mike Watts	962 8388

1 <sup>st</sup> 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	969 5538
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 Club	Sec: Mrs Penney Mackenzie	07730 871959
Friends of Ali's Pond	Alastair Driver	969 2698
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
Short Mat Bowling Club	Mrs S. Newman	934 0589

### Useful web sites:

Ali's Pond	E-mail: <a href="mailto:ali@sonningdrivers.plus.com">ali@sonningdrivers.plus.com</a> <a href="http://www.sonning.net/alispond.html">www.sonning.net/alispond.html</a>
Sonning & Charvil services	<a href="http://www.sonningparish.org.uk/docs.htm">www.sonningparish.org.uk/docs.htm</a>
Sonning Parish Council	<a href="http://www.sonning-pc.gov.uk">www.sonning-pc.gov.uk</a>
Sonning Working Men's Club	<a href="http://www.btinternet.com/~sonning_club/news.html">www.btinternet.com/~sonning_club/news.html</a>
Sonning-on-Thames	<a href="http://archive.museophile.sbu.ac.uk/sonning">archive.museophile.sbu.ac.uk/sonning</a> <a href="http://www.sonning.net">www.sonning.net</a>
Sonning & Sonning Eye Society	<a href="http://www.sonning.org.uk">www.sonning.org.uk</a>
Sonning Art Group	<a href="http://www.sonningartgroup.org.uk">www.sonningartgroup.org.uk</a>
Sonning School	<a href="http://www.sonning.wokingham.sch.uk">www.sonning.wokingham.sch.uk</a>