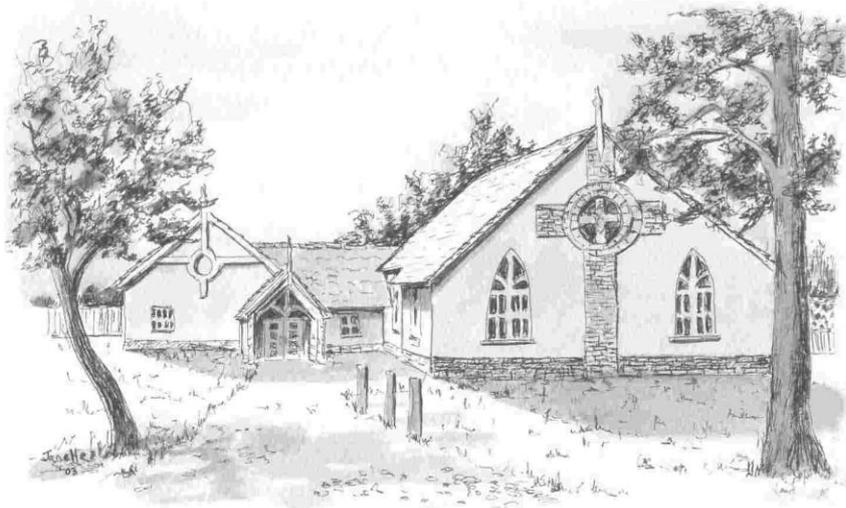


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## The Parish of Sonning

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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## Forthcoming Events

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### Well, I didn't know that.....

In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured to bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes, the mattress tightened thus making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the expression: "Good night, sleep tight".

In old English pubs, ale was ordered by the pint or quart. So, when the customers got rowdy and unruly, the Landlord would yell at them "Mind your pints and quarts and settle down". Hence the expression "Mind your P's and Q's".

Also, pub frequenters had a whistle baked into the rim or handle of their ceramic cups. When they needed a refill, they used to lick their lips and then blow the whistle to attract some service. Hence the phrase "Wet your whistle".

If you see a statue of a person on a horse that has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has only one front leg in the air, the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

## 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,**

Firstly, Caroline and Alice join me in wishing you all a very happy New Year. We have greatly enjoyed our first Christmas in Sonning, and are so grateful for all the cards and good wishes from new friends in the parish. The past three months since we arrived have gone quickly, but in another way it seems like we have been here for ages. I put this down to the warmth of your welcome.

I have spent the time since the induction observing all the good things that are going on in the parish, and have enjoyed many conversations with all sorts of people. This has been most helpful as I begin to get a feel for our two churches, and for the communities of Sonning and Charvil.

As a New Year begins, I thought I'd take this opportunity to share with you a number of issues that we as a PCC are looking at for the future. In the process of looking for a new Vicar, a parish must write a parish profile. In your case, this was an excellent and illuminating document, and was instructive in highlighting strengths and indeed weaknesses. The PCC

recently spent some time looking at the section of the profile, which detailed hopes for the future. One of the main areas highlighted was how we cater for children, teenagers, twenty somethings and families. In response to this, we have set up a working party to look at how we might build on the existing provision, and to address other issues. I have brought together a group from both churches and we have our first meeting on January 10<sup>th</sup>. As and when we come up with concrete proposals, they will be put to the wider PCC. We would value your prayers.

The weekly news sheet is going to change format, in that, after consultation, it was generally felt that the pre-printed page was not valued, and meant that the page of actual parish news was very cluttered due to a lack of space. A number of pre-printed pages will still be available at the back of our churches, at least to start with, and if there is a great demand, we will continue to provide them. The new format will include hymn numbers and the weekly prayer list for the sick and departed. Also, Matins and Evensong will be having specially printed service books. This will make these services flow more easily, and will make them more accessible to visitors.

At the end of 2008 our PCC treasurer retired after six years of service. I want to pay tribute to James Wilson for his first class service to the parish. I know his hard work is greatly appreciated by the PCC, and I have valued his wise counsel, as well as his sense of humour. We shall miss him at PCC meetings, and wish him well as he enjoys his new role as a grandfather. We are grateful to John Scoble for taking on this demanding role.

On January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Eucharist we shall be formally vesting our excellent Verger with a new Verger's gown, which has been made specially to match the furnishings of St Andrew's. We shall also be formally commissioning her in the role, and presenting her with the parish wand of office. Pat is a tireless servant of the church, and this will be an opportunity to recognise this and to show our appreciation.

Finally, although we are just recovering from Christmas, plans must be made for Lent, and so an advance notice is that the parish will be holding 4 or 5 different Lent courses, starting the week after Ash Wednesday. They will be quite small and informal groups, all meeting at different times of the week, allowing everyone an opportunity to join. I do hope you will seriously consider being part of them.

With warmest wishes and prayers for a happy and healthy 2009.

**Jamie**

## Electoral Roll

I have been presented with a copy of the church electoral roll of over 380 names, but I must confess to feeling frustrated that no telephone numbers are included. I may hear that so and so is unwell, but then have to ask around for their number (often a fruitless task) in order to arrange a visit. In view of this I wish to compile a proper database of contact details for all members of our churches, so that we can get in touch with you more easily. The list will only be available to the Ministry team, the administrator and the church wardens. There are forms at the back of the churches and I would greatly appreciate it if you would fill them in and return them to a sidesperson when you next come to church.

Many thanks,

Jamie

*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

## Charvil Perspective

A fortune-teller was given a crystal ball for Christmas but she threw it away because she could see no future in it! Of recent weeks there has been, in the media, an undue amount of crystal ball gazing with the conclusion that the future is full of gloom and doom. By contrast Jesus said; “take no thought for tomorrow because tomorrow will take care of itself”. Someone also once said that if you want to make God laugh then make plans. To my mind there have been two elements at work in the predictions being made about the future. The first is one of self-fulfilling prophecy in so far as we talk ourselves into the worst-case scenario, and the second is trying to cross our bridges before we come to them.

However if you believe in God then your life and your faith will enable you to look on the bright side as did Brian in the film “Life of Brian”. I believe and hope that 2009 will turn out not to be so bleak as some gloom and doom mongers believe. Whatever unfolds during the course of the year one good thing can come out of the crisis and that is we all rally round and support and help one another, especially those who lose their job or roof over their

heads. It is important too that, whatever the year ahead has in store for us, that we remain optimistic and upbeat. Let us pray that, as St Paul wrote, "There remain faith, hope and love, but the greatest of them all is love". So let us love one another in the way that God loves everyone without exception, especially those who fall on hard times. That is what happened in World War II when everything was in short supply and instead of always looking after ourselves as No 1 we put the needs of others before our own.

I wish you, the reader, a year which if not very prosperous nonetheless is above expectations of those peddling and predicting the worst

**Love and Prayers,  
Michael & family**

### **Christmas Retrospective**

"We'll boss I see you've come to your senses." "What do you mean Jo?" "Well there's been all this carol activity and you left me out of it until yesterday; you've been giving that Roland thing with his electronic gibberings all the jolly outings with that Should be Band lot. I'm miffed". "H'mm, I'm sorry about that Jo, but let's face it, given your configuration and lack of mobility I could hardly have taken you along could I? You'd never have made it along the A4 to Windsor or Sonning GC with those wheels or kept yourself in tune freezing at the Thames Valley Hospice, rattling across the Old Silk Mill car park or clambering onto the stage at the Pearson Hall could you?"

"Well no, maybe I should have been born a guitar after all. Anyway, it worked out ok on Sunday at the Nativity Activity and Nine Lessons & carols I suppose". "Yes Jo, the singing was good as well and what about all those nativity sets that were on display and weren't those kids great doing all the readings?" "Yes boss, but I reckon the kids had most fun with the activities judging from the piles of biscuits, general debris and noise coming from the annexe." "True Jo, and you are booked for the Christmas day services"

Have a Happy New Year everybody, my resolution is to do better in 2009, and watch this space for forthcoming events.

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

### **Church Social Committee**

**Barn Dance: 7<sup>th</sup> February 2009, 7.30 p.m. to 11.00 p.m.**

It's that time of year again to get your dancing boots on and have a go at 'Threading the Needle', 'Stripping the Willow' or some 'Do-se-dos'! We have an excellent caller, Dave Tindall, to help you find your way through

the myriad of dances. There's plenty of room to show off your steps to your friends as the barn dance is at Charvil Village Hall.

A 'fish/chicken and chips' supper (vegetarian option available) is included in the ticket price of £10.

Tickets will be available at St Andrew's and St Patrick's from 9<sup>th</sup> January onwards, or order them by phoning me on 07810 822405. Don't forget to bring your own alcohol. I look forward to seeing you there. Best foot forward!

**Julie Wearing**

### **St. Andrew's Church Clock**

Over the recent months the observant amongst us would have noticed the somewhat bare North face of St. Andrew's Church Tower. From the 20<sup>th</sup> September until Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December the 6 ft Skeleton Turret Clock Dial was undergoing refurbishment by *Public Clocks* at their workshops in Iver Heath. The removal of the dial involved the services of two steeple jacks whom abseiled from the top of the tower. This negated the expensive and unsightly need for scaffolding.



The detail of the work estimated was:

- To shot blast the cast iron dial back to original fabric.
- To strip hands back to original fabric.
- To etch prime (1 coat) prime (2 coats) and gloss paint (3 coats) the dial.
- To gild numerals, minute markers and hands using 24-carat gold leaf.
- To lacquer completed dial for added protection.
- To strip down, clean and re-lubricate motion work.

Following the workshop cleaning of the motion work some additional components were found to be in need of remedial repairs. The work involved:

- To fabricate a new strengthener for the minute hand which had corroded.
- To replace the old worn cast iron front bearing plate due to a deep groove in the hour pipe.
- To fabricate some new fixing brackets for the inner edge of the dial.

The clock hands, during cleaning were found to have gilding underneath the black paint. Rather than maintain the current tribal design the decision was taken to fully gild the hands as they would have been originally.

Celia McKaig, who was both a stalwart member of the choir and the coordinator for the church flower arrangers for many years, left a bequest to be used in any manner that would enhance the church property. We are most appreciative of Celia's brother, Brian Steel in agreeing to the clock dial refurbishment which will serve as a lasting tribute to the life of Celia's support and dedication to St. Andrew's Church over many years.

**Bob Hine**

### **Robert Palmer's Almshouse Charity - 'acts of dedication'**

Two 'acts of dedication' occurred recently (7<sup>th</sup> Dec.) in the grounds of the Pearson Road cottages. The 'sheds' building. Erected in 1850, along with the six cottages, the attractive building comprises six individual 'sheds' and stands at the rear of the allotments. As time went by, the building began to deteriorate. Nevertheless, the Trustees were obliged to focus on the maintenance of the cottages. More recently, the decision was made to save it and to put it right. Grants were sought but, unsuccessfully. The external quotation the Trustees received, for such works, exceeded the Charity's entire reserves. Ultimately, the work was accomplished by a combination of lateral thinking, hard work, and an enormous amount of man-hours, put in by a total of 20 local volunteers. Building materials were either recycled from redundant buildings, donated free of charge or purchased at best terms. The Sonning Fire Brigade Trust generously contributed, as did part of the proceeds from the sale of the "Book of Sonning".

Barton Guthrie, Chairman of the Trustees, praised all those involved, particularly David Bates, who played a lead role. "David's architectural, design and building skills came into their own" he said. Working closely alongside David, both intellectually and hands-on, was the late David Penny. For that reason, coupled to many years of his enormous contribution to village life generally, including those of a horticultural nature, of which he was immensely qualified, the restored 'sheds' were dedicated in his honour. The Rt. Hon. Theresa May, M.P. performed the act of dedication that culminated in the unveiling of an engraved metal plaque. David's widow, Catherine, was presented with a framed replica of the plaque and in accepting it she thanked all concerned.

The Armine Edmonds gates & arch: "Armine was a most charming, dignified and generous person" said Barton Guthrie in his opening address. "Generous in both the *giving* of her time, knowledge and expertise and *giving* in the context of bequests. Robert Palmer's Almshouse Charity benefited enormously in both contexts". He continued, "Armine was one of this village's longest and most admired residents. If builder Sidney Paddick was

considered *a true son of Sonning* then Armine certainly qualifies as *a true daughter of Sonning*". Consistent with her love of gardening and her expertise as both a gardener and plants woman, as a Trustee of the Charity, Armine had special responsibility for the gardens, which she discharged with enormous flair. In appropriately utilising Armine's bequest, a decision was made to create some form of link, in perpetuity, with its gardens. Wrought iron gates and an archway were commissioned. David Bates designed them, along with two matching benches either side and, new paving work.

John Edmonds spoke about his late wife's love of Sonning and shared with us, aspects of the life and works of Robert Palmer. Theresa May, dedicated the gates and arch in Armine's honour and to signify the official opening, she and John were the first to open the gates and walk through them. A suitably worded plaque is affixed to the structure.

### **The Trustees, Robert Palmer's Almshouse Charity**

#### **Spectacles**

I am pleased to report that we have collected 118 pairs of spectacles in 2008. These glasses will be overhauled and sent to eye hospitals in Kosovo and India by Hope & Aid Direct. The box will continue to be in the porch at St., Andrews during 2009 for all your no longer needed used/broken spectacles. I thank you for thinking of this very worthwhile local charity.

**Norma McGready**

### **Sonning Floral Arrangement Society**

The December meeting was our Christmas lunch, followed by the AGM. We enjoyed roast turkey and all the trimmings, chocolate log, mulled wine; and very good it was too! During the AGM a new committee was formed, with the following changes:

Chairman: Brenda Jackson

Treasurer: Ann Da Prato

Pam Byrne was welcomed as a new member.

The retiring chairman, Catherine Penny, in her summing up said that there is a very busy programme for 2009 and thanked the committee and all those who had supported her over the past year. Presentations were made to Sue Doyle, Sue Rose, Jackie Thurston, Mavis Fillingham and myself as well as to Barbara Carr and Jenny Adams for the excellent lunch. Finally, to show our appreciation to Catherine for all she has done for the Society, she was presented with a bird table.

For the January meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>, a Buyer from Waitrose will give a talk on 'Fairtrade' roses following which there will be a demonstration by three

Society members using the roses. Members may like to bring pencils, writing paper, erasers, exercise books etcetera. As gifts they will be much appreciated by the children in Kenya.

Jane Gascoine

### Sonning Glebe WI

We had a most enjoyable Christmas Party with some fun games organised by Helen and Margaret. A tasty chilli supper was provided by the committee, along with mince pies and a glass or two of mulled wine. Father Christmas visited us and we ended our evening by singing carols and the Twelve Days of Christmas.

Our first meeting in 2009 is on 19<sup>th</sup> January, when Norman Mouldsley will talk to us about Digital Photography.

Heather Hine

### Sonning & Sonning Eye Society

The Sonning and Sonning Eye Society would like to offer you an exciting opportunity to get up to date with the remarkable discovery of Saxon skeletons in Sonning. Whether you have lived in the Sonning area for three months or thirty years this is a tale not to be missed!

In 2000 Kev Beachus, Principal Archaeologist for Babtie (now Jacobs Engineering Ltd), was responsible for the archaeology of the then Wokingham District Council. In that role he oversaw the curation and conservation of the Council's heritage including planning applications as well as the rescue of archaeological deposits when discovered unexpectedly. Writing about the chance discovery in Sonning Kev Beachus says:

*“During construction work behind The Bull Inn the builders discovered bones and, fortunately, thought to call the Police. The Police on realising that they may be old bones and therefore not of much interest to them then called in the archaeologists. The archaeologists took over the excavations and over the course of the next few weeks discovered more bones and below these yet more, older skeletons. The bones discovered by the builders were shown to be one of the most important archaeological discoveries in Sonning for a very long time.”*

A total of some 26 skeletons were recovered although the majority were incomplete. Research into the skeletons involved the undertaking of a pathology examination, which revealed information about age, sex and height as well as about health and disease. Through the offices of our newly elected Vice-President and recently retired vicar, Canon Chris Clarke, the

skeletons were re-buried in St Andrew's churchyard. Any material remains found alongside the skeletons were made over to Reading Museum.

The Society is delighted to welcome Kev to give this talk about the story of the skeletons from the initial discovery, through the scientific work that followed to their final re-interment. The talk will take place in The Buttery at Reading Blue Coat School on Friday 23 January starting at 7:45 for 8:00 pm. Tickets for Members cost £4.50, for non-Members £6.00, and are available by contacting Diana Coulter on 0118 969 2132.

**Mark Green**

### **Sonning Twinning Association**

A very big thank you to everyone who made our Beaujolais Nouveau Dinner such a success. It was lovely to see you all and we hope you enjoyed hearing about the visits by our two bursary winners.

There are a number of events planned for early 2009. These include The Diner Anglais in Ligugé on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January. Please contact David Bates if you are interested in attending. At the end of February a group from Sonning will visit Ligugé for a cooking weekend (20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> February). This follows on from the very successful cooking weekend we hosted here in Sonning last year. Our next main event is the AGM on 21<sup>st</sup> March in The Pearson Hall. Following the formal brief proceedings of the AGM, it promises to be an interesting and entertaining evening so put the date in your diary! Further details to follow next month.

**Lesley Green**

### **The Me2 Club**

The Me2 Club is a Wokingham borough charity enabling children with additional needs to participate in mainstream leisure activities (anything from brownies to football club), playing and learning alongside local children. We do this by linking a trained volunteer to provide the essential 1-1 support they need. More information about the work we do can be found at [www.me2club.org.uk](http://www.me2club.org.uk).

Due to the need for our service, we are now growing (to 2 members of staff) and are looking for office space. We'd be very grateful if anyone has a space we could use/rent in the local area. We would need space fulltime, for 2 desks and some storage. Also power and phone lines (or potential to set them up). Anywhere in Wokingham borough would be fine but Woodley, Earley or Winnersh would be ideal. We'd be looking to 'move in' as soon as possible. If you would be able to help, or know someone who may be please contact Emily Radford (project coordinator) on [me2club@hotmail.com](mailto:me2club@hotmail.com) or 07821 858 852. Thank you.

**Emily Radford, Me2 Club Coordinator**

## 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
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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
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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>