

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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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. For Weddings and funerals, contact the vicar on 0118 969 3298.

The Vicars Letter

Dear friends,

The first WWII film I remember watching was from when I was 8 years old, and it was entitled 'The Longest Day'. It was a truly epic depiction of the events of June 6th 1944, and it served as a powerful tool in introducing me, both to the horrors and heroism of D Day, but also, more widely, to the story of the Second World War. It left a lasting impression, and this, coupled with visits to the Normandy beaches and cemeteries of Omaha, Sword and Juno a few years later, gave me an interest and indeed reverence for those first steps taken in the liberation of Europe. The sheer scale of the operation is breathtaking. This was the largest military mobilisation of its kind in the history of the world, with tens of thousands of men and hundreds of thousands of tons of equipment and armaments crossing a choppy English channel by cover of darkness. Nobody really knew what they would face upon landing, but all were united, from so many different lands, in the desire to free Europe from evil and oppression. I doubt that a black and white film such as the 'Longest Day' really portrayed the true horror

and slaughter of that June morning, but in recent times the film 'Saving Private Ryan' has arguably achieved this, though it makes for harrowing viewing. The silent war graves along the cliff tops of that coastline tell the story in their own unique way, where you stand and witness row upon row of white grave stones reaching out into the far distance. You cannot fail to be moved by such a sight, and I firmly believe that, whilst it was a grim day, scarred by death, agony and sacrifice, we must never forget, or even sideline such a significant moment in, to use Winston's words, "our island story".

Because of this I have organised a special commemorative service on June 7th at 6:30pm to mark its 65th anniversary. Civic, military and political leaders will join us for a modified evensong, where we will be thinking of the immense sacrifices made in these landings, and also, more specifically, remembering a fallen soldier from our village who is commemorated on our memorial. CSM J.J. Snowball died 65 years ago on the 7th June, having landed on the beaches the day before. He is buried in Bayeux war cemetery, and is still remembered by one or two people who knew him in the village. This will of course add poignancy to the service, especially as flowers will be placed at his memorial, following the laying of the Royal British Legion wreath.

And so I would like to take this opportunity to invite the residents of Sonning and Charvil to come to church on this occasion, to take time out of Sunday recreation, and have a moment of thought and reflection. There will be one or two people present in church who were witnesses to the real event, who have no need of films to visualise the terror and sheer scale of loss. They can appreciate why their comrades died. They know all too well that the privilege of freedom had to be defended at all costs. So often we who were not there take all this for granted. This will be your chance to come and remember, and to thank God for their sacrifices, and their precious legacy to us all.

We will remember them.

With warm good wishes.

Jamie

Notices

Urgent! Urgent! Urgent! Confirmation:

I have just this week learnt that the Bishop was booked over a year ago to come in October to lead a confirmation service. We had been intending to begin a confirmation group in the autumn, but didn't know the service would be so soon. If you would like to become a full member of the

church, therefore being admitted to holy communion, please come to our informal group which will meet once a week from the beginning of September. There will be a separate group for young people (11+) if it is needed. I need to know very soon if we will have enough candidates, otherwise I shall have to cancel the Bishop, which would be a shame.

Electoral Roll Drinks

By the end of May we will have invited all 408 members of the church electoral roll to drinks at the vicarage. Caroline, Alice and I have all enjoyed hosting these evenings, and they have been most useful in helping us get to know you all better. It has also been good to hear from many of you that you were able to meet people who you see week by week in church, but had never talked with.

Report from the APCM

At the recent Annual General meeting of the parish at St Patrick's on April 30th, a presentation was made to retiring churchwarden, Bob Hine, and warm words of appreciation expressed by both the Vicar and Jan Hammond for his six years of service. Mark Jordan, until then PCC Secretary and Deputy Warden, was elected to replace him. John Scoble was elected to serve as treasurer, following the retirement of James Wilson, who had served for six years. In a change to previous arrangements, we now have three deputy wardens, two of whom will serve as focal wardens at St Patrick's. Ruth Warms and Kay Cohen were elected to represent St Patrick's, and Molly Woodley will continue as deputy warden at St Andrew's. The newly elected members of the PCC are: Carole Barnett, Peregrine Chard, Gordon Owen, Heather Hexter and Nadine Doble. They will serve for a three year term, and replace Liz Nelson, Howard Jones and Glynis Biart who have finished their terms. Heather Hine was presented with a bouquet to thank her for all her support for Bob, and the wardens also thanked Caroline Taylor in the same way for her support for the Vicar. In his address, Jamie mentioned that the PCC working party is shortly to report to the wider PCC on its deliberations on the future development of ministry in the parish, particularly relating to children and young families. He asked for special prayers for each member of the PCC as they take these important decisions.

St Andrew's Junior Choir Bursaries

Our nine new members are now well established and have much enjoyed singing at our family services. They have been measured up for new robes, and will soon be invited to join the adult choir to sing at weddings. Further bursaries are available to other children if they would like to join. Please speak to the Vicar if interested.

Deanery Evensong

Deanery Evensong: St Andrew's will be hosting a special Sonning Deanery evensong on Sunday 19th July at 6:30pm. The Area Dean will be preaching, and members of local church choirs will be joining our own to lead the worship. All are encouraged to attend.

Jamie

Sonning and Charvil Pastoral Visitors

The members of the Pastoral team have made a good start visiting people who are unwell, lonely or bereaved. They provide a listening ear, they encourage and are ambassadors of the church and channels of God's love and compassion for all. The Clergy will be taking a monthly Communion service for residents of Sunrise, and members of the team will also attend in a pastoral role. Please include the team in your prayers, and if you know of anyone who is in need of a visit, do let us know.

Jean Tinson

Charvil Perspective

“You are my sunshine, you make me happy when skies are grey” as the words of the old fashioned song go (that dates me). There seem to have been a lot of grey skies of late, but we do well to remember that every cloud has a silver lining. Take the recent uproar over the abuse of allowances by MP's, the media has not yet investigated or reported the number of MP's who have a clean sheet. In the fracas they are the ones in whom we are to place our hope for the future for our representative voice, for the people and of the people - the voice of democracy. It is a positive fact that we have the freedom of the press as part of democracy which many countries under the control of autocratic dictatorship do not enjoy. If everyone thinks and acts according to what is right in their eyes and not under the rule of law that is anarchy, like driving through traffic lights at red metaphorically speaking. It seems as though some MP's have been driving through the traffic lights as they change from amber to red without due thought, attention and awareness of others on the “get away with it” non-principle!

The Christian understanding of love by definition is “to take everyone's interests and needs seriously as well as one's own”. Our country's culture is embedded with the time values of the love of God expressed and demonstrated through the words, acts and life of His son who, after His final departure from this earthly life of toil and trouble, did not leave us

without hope or to our own devices. He promised and sent His living Spirit into the lives of His followers ever since, who have faith and trust in Him.

He indeed is our continuous sunshine for the benefit of all.

Love and prayers,

Michael and family

Christian Aid Concert

“Hey boss, who was that big geezer in a snappy suit who came and sat on me at the concert on Saturday and pounded the ivories while shaking a tambourine and wearing a ladies hat?” “That Jo was the bosses boss” “What the one who appears in a frock every month and gives us fire and brimstone from the lectern?” “Got it in one Jo, amazing how people are able to surprise isn’t it?” “Not arf, what about all those drama kids, weren’t they great, I usually keep me ‘ead down when they’re in for their regular sessions.” “Humm, wise course of action, but you can see the benefits of a dramatic education.” “Boss, was that all about the weak Christians again? I recognised that Should be Banned lot, the bosses deputy boss and the village idiot, and what with all those corny jokes from St Michael, Lady Jane and the Nightingale, and me ivories aching after the Organ Grinder attacked me I guessed it must have been that time. Was it worth it?”

“Well Jo, we did very well, the evening raised £740 for Christian Aid, and if anyone wants to re-live the moment I do have an audio recording of the event, so cross my palm with silver (actually £5 minimum) and I can supply a copy, that will swell the CA coffers.” “Good one boss, we doing it again next year?” “God willing we will, it’s planned for 15th May 2010, so all you who missed it this year get the date in your diaries now”

Joanna (the St Patrick’s Pianner)

From the Registers

Baptisms

3 May: Grace Imogen Spencer 10 May: Sam Mellor
24 May: Eliza Iona Cherry

Weddings

25 Apr: Felipe Jose Arias Ronco and Carys Marie Hawkins
2 May: Mark Richard Warren and Elizabeth Ann Harrod
9 May: Malcolm Christopher Ruchbrooke and Paul Mary Shepherd
16 May: Simon Thoma Peter Rooke and Katahrine Petronella Jarvis

21 May: Michael David Bond and Che Christina Mary Crosby
23 May: Neil Andrew Jackson and Katharine Emily Wilbey

Tea at 3 - Saturday 20th June

This is a fundraising garden party for Helen and Douglas House, children's hospices in Oxford. It will take place in the Vicarage garden, starting at 3pm. As well as a delicious afternoon tea, there will be live music, provided by musicians from Reading Blue Coat School. Tickets, which cost £1.00 covers your entrance fee and entry into a free prize draw. They are available from both churches and from Jan Hammond (0118 926 2365). You will also be able to pay on the day.

Please bring your own garden chairs or picnic blankets and enjoy great music, delicious food and good company in very pleasant surroundings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Jan Hammond

St. Andrew's Brasses

Recently we have experienced on several occasions during Sunday Services a loose carpet at the Nave step. This is as a result of the carpet having been rolled back and then not refastened correctly which created a potential trip hazard.

The Churchwardens would very much appreciate the carpet not being disturbed. Special arrangements to view the brasses can be made with the Churchwardens.

Bob Hine

Pearson Hall Annual General Meeting

The Pearson Hall AGM will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 17 June, 7.45 for 8.00 pm. You are invited to attend or send a representative, and to take part in the elections. Light refreshments will be served. If you wish to raise any matters at the meeting, it would be helpful if you could let the Secretary know in advance so that any necessary research can be carried out before the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Colin McEwen

Sonning CE School PTA

Sonning School Family BBQ: Sunday 14th June

Family BBQ and picnic will be held at Sonning School, from 12 noon to 4.00pm. Bring your own picnic, or purchase BBQ food from the school , ice creams available and Bouncy Castle for the children. All are welcome.

Village Rounders: Friday 3rd July

The annual village rounders match will take place on Friday 3rd July on King George's Field Sonning at 6.00pm. BBQ and refreshments available.

All Welcome! For more details contact Heather Hollingsworth on: 0779 934 5129.

RNLI Sonning Branch Summer Garden Party

To be held on Saturday, 27th June 2009, 6.30 – 8.00pm
Sonningdene, Pearson Road (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs Tom Mills)

Tickets cost £10.00 each and can be obtained from
David Bates on 0118 969 7753 or any member of the Committee.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Alison Russell

Conservative Association, Sonning & Warren Branch

SUMMER DRINKS PARTY

To be held on Saturday, 18th July 2009, 6.30 pm at
Pool Court, Thames Street
(by kind permission of Mrs Daphne Glyn)

Tickets cost £10.00 each and can be obtained from
Rosemary Digby (01189 69 3277) or any member
of the committee. We look forward to seeing you there.

Alison Russell

Parish Walk

June 20th. Meet 10.15am Station Rd, Wargrave, near the War Memorial. Walk there and back along Willow Lane and the Thames. 5miles. Contact me on 0118 926 8035 or mob 0798 2048387.

Jean Milbourn

Sonning CE Primary School

We have just come to the end of a very busy first half to our Summer Term. Both Years 2 and 6 have completed their end of key stage assessments

(SATs) and all the classes have been very busy working on a range of topics. It was lovely to welcome members of the Monday Club to Chestnut class's garden centre recently. We very much enjoyed having you with us and hope to see you again for our Year 6 production of 'Twelfth Night' in July.

The school grow has grown and developed both physically and in pupil numbers over recent years. However, this has brought with it associated space issues. The Governors have been looking into a solution for this and we are delighted that Phase 1 of this work, which includes the building of an 8th classroom (we had the foundations built 3 years ago with classroom 7) and the enlargement of the Thomas Feak room to create 2 smaller teaching spaces or one large one, will hopefully start in the Autumn. A very big thank you to the village Scarecrow Committee for their generosity in supporting this project, as well as the Ranmore Trust and our wonderful PTA.

Our Collective Worship this half term culminated in our Ascension Service at church and we very much look forward to our Leavers' Service that will take place there at the end of term. It is always lovely to have Rev Jamie and Rev Michael Forrer with us for our Tuesday worship in school as well as Bob Peters who leads our Family Service - a short informal worship once a month.

After the half term break we have plenty to keep us busy - Science fortnight, off site visits - Acorn and Beech class are going to the Living Rainforest, Talent Show, Music concert, sports day and a visit to Ligugé. We also look forward to meeting our 30 new children and their parents for their induction meetings and visits before they join us for the next academic year.

Lesley Green

Sonning Floral arrangement Society

The visit to Westminster Abbey for the golden anniversary of NAFAS flower exhibitions was enjoyed by a group of club members. Sue Holmes, who won the ticket for the opening prayer service the day before, gave a short report on how much she had enjoyed the day.

The May meeting was a demonstration followed by a 'hands on' workshop. A charming Dutch lady arrived to demonstrate, with a plethora of beautiful flowers and foliage. Her name was Nicolina Buschman and although her name might suggest a musical career, she was by trade, a florist and a teacher of floristry. (There is a subtle difference between florists and flower arrangers: the difference being florists sell while arrangers buy, grow, cadge or downright pinch)

She showed us how to do a traditional pedestal; worked quite slowly and explained everything so clearly, that the arrangements the club members did afterwards proved that we had taken in most of what she had said. To many an aspiring Church flower arranger this demonstration was particularly beneficial and we gasped at what a florist would charge for such a thing.

Dates for your Diary:

- 11th Jun:** Meeting. A demonstration by Jackie Watson “Dancing with flowers” and the competition “Strictly come dancing”
- 18th Jun:** Cream Tea in the garden of Jane Gascoine, Sonning Eye; bring a chair.
- 9th Jul:** Meeting. The Pearson Hall
- 18th Aug:** Meeting Summer Lunch and meeting in the garden of 1 Deanna Lee at Binfield with a ‘Bring and Buy’ sale
- 10th Sep:** Meeting It is to be noted that This meeting will be held at Charvil Village Hall.

Jane Gascoine

Sonning Parish Council

At the Annual Meeting of the Council on 12 May the following appointments were confirmed:

Chairman: Steve Chapman

Vice Chair: Byrne

Chairman of Planning: Pat Doyle

Chairman of Highways: Ken Peters

Chairman of Recreation & Environment: Tim Pascall

Tony Farnese volunteered to continue with Technical Services (lights, signs, Spring Clean, etc) and Pam Byrne with Police & Security.

Pam Glasspool has now resigned from the Council as she and Frank will be moving to Southampton to be near family, so we have a vacancy. Statistically the Council will lose one or two more councillors by 2011 when the current council term ends. So, we are looking for new blood, either as a councillor or getting a taste on one of the working groups (less commitment). Much has been achieved in the past few years by your team of councillors, but please remember, the council team is only as good as the members of this community who volunteer to serve on it.

For further information please contact me (0118 969 7753) or Steve Chapman (0118 969 7398).

Lesley Bates

Councillor Pam Glasspool - A Thank You

Many of you know that we are losing Pam Glasspool as she and Frank will be moving to Southampton to be closer to their daughter Wendy and their two grandchildren. Pam and Frank have been an integral part of this community for many, many years.

Pam and Robert Baldwin joined Sonning Parish Council in July 2004 and both were an immense help at a time when the council was well below strength. Pam's contribution to the council since then has been considerable.

Initially Pam took on the playground replacement project. She launched the fund-raising at the Village Show in September 2005 and 12 months later the £56,000 project was complete at a cost of £15,000 to our council - brilliant! Not content with this she then managed the £15,000 skate park project for our youngsters at zero cost to the council. In addition, the sports pavilion was deteriorating despite money in the budget; it now has new windows, roofing, new boilers for the showers, additional storage and more - Pam co-ordinated all of this. The key in all she has done as a councillor is the enhancement and provision of facilities for the community, particularly the young.

The playground attracts large numbers of younger children; the skate park caters for the slightly older. Charvil Football Club youngsters now carry out training on the recreation ground and Sonning Football Club has returned after many years of absence - and thanks to Ali Driver and his team, the Sonning Cricket Club goes from strength to strength with the enhanced facilities. Pam is now assisting our very active tennis club to raise money to replace their hut with a small pavilion with all the essential facilities.

Thank you Pam, from your fellow councillors, for all that you have contributed. You will be greatly missed by the community and we wish you and Frank all happiness in your new life in Southampton.

Steve Chapman

Sonning Art Group

'Easter' was the subject for the quarterly 'Chairman's Cup' challenge. As usual members provided a wide range of interpretations and responses. However Rev Jamie Taylor, appropriately called upon to judge this

particular competition, bravely cut to the chase and declared Jean Hutchinson the winner with Angie Beales coming in as a close second.

The next Cup challenge, 'Glorious Colour', will undoubtedly be a strongly competed and fought over subject and not one for the faint hearted. One wouldn't be surprised to find blood red to be the colour of the day!

For the second year running Sonning and Charvil art groups have joined forces to mount a joint art exhibition at the Oakwood Centre Woodley. Opened by Councillor Kay Gilder, Town Mayor of Woodley, the exhibition of some 200 paintings was well received by visitors for the quality and variety of the work on display. Visitors were invited to vote for their favourite picture and honours were even as Gloria Sharp's beautiful Clematis picture (Sonning) and Kate Jeffery's stunning picture of St Andrew's Church (Charvil) each drew equal votes.

George Webster

Sonning Book Club

The Group is still meeting regularly and our discussions can be quite lively especially after we had read Patrick Marnham's, 'Wild Mary', the life of Mary Wesley. 'Keeping the World Away' by Margaret Forster was a delightful journey of a painting over 3 generations and the emotional effects on its female owners.

Our latest book is 'The Lincoln Lawyer' by Michael Connelly. A very readable book, following a murder trial and showing the financial dealings of the American legal system.

Anne Webster

Friends of St Andrew's Church

Argentinian Groucho Grill

Saturday, 27th June at The Quarries, 10 West Drive, Sonning

Start time 3.00pm for 5.00pm.

Tickets £10 available from:

Malcolm Stansfield (0118 934 1762) or Heather Hine (0118 969 8653)
or from both St Andrew's and St Patrick's churches after the main services.

Family Fun Cycle Ride

Saturday, 4th July.

A leisurely sociable ride around local villages and pubs,

and to Dinton Pastures.

Start at St Andrew's Church 10.00am
Details available at both St Andrews and St Patricks

Jean Collin

1st Sonning Guides is re-opening in September!

*Do you know any girls from the village aged between 10 and 14?
If so, please let them know about 1st Sonning Guides!*

We'll be running meetings in the village on Tuesday evenings, which will include plenty of different activities including crafts, sports, outdoor cooking, and chances to learn new skills while making lots of new friends!

It's a great time to join a Guide pack because Girlguiding UK is celebrating its 100th birthday in 2010 so it will be a year full of celebration!

If you would like to know more, please contact me or Sally Pearce at sonningguides@hotmail.co.uk or at Tel No.07905712071.

Polly Jukes

Sonning Glebe WI

Our May meeting included our Resolution for 2009 which is "The Decline of the Honey Bee". Joanna Allaway gave us some very interesting facts in support of this resolution which was, after a vote, carried unanimously. Our speaker failed to turn up but, at short notice, Barbara Carr gave a very lively and entertaining talk about a drama competition which was entered into and won by Sonning Glebe WI 30 years ago. Subsequently, this was performed at Salisbury and Stratford and certainly put our WI on the map.

The speaker for the June Meeting is Alison Riches and her subject is "Colour Analysis". Our monthly lunch is to be held at Sonning Common Herb Garden and an evening walk has been arranged at Dinton Pastures followed by a meal at the Wheelwright Arms. The Knit and Natter Group has broken up for the summer but will re-commence in September.

If you would like to visit our lively and forward thinking WI you will be very welcome to join us at our June Meeting on Monday 15th June at 7.30 pm in the Pearson Hall. For more information please ring me on 0118 9694897.

Molly Oakley

And it will be Father's Day on the 21st

To dads, from their children:

A father is someone who tries to teach you to play football even though you are a girl. *Jane Moppel, age 12.*

Dads should be treated with respect because they put up with us.
Allan, age 12.

A father is a person who lets you do things your not spose to do.
Simon, age 11.

Fathers are sometimes thin on top and some are as borld as a babies bottom.

Dave, age 14.

Dad has a sweet tooth,
And I mean a sweet *tooth*.
He's had all the rest out!
Lisa, age 10.

Some are big and strong
Some are small and fat
Some are thin and some are thick
What funny dads we've got!
Janice, age unknown.

My dad usually knows where to go on Saturday, but only the day after!
Marilena, age 14.

When anything goes wrong, Dad is completely unbiased and blames me.
Michael, age 12.

My dad is a big kid because he always wants to read my Beanos.
Carl, age 8.

I get £1.00 pocket money a week. How am I supposed to live on that with the present rate of inflation?
Stephen, age unknown.

Another thing I find boring is when I arrive home from school and Dad asks me if I am doing well. As if I knew the answer to that question.
Richard, age 12.

My dad never votes Labour, maybe because he never does any.
Charles, age 12.

And to finish:

Thank heaven someone invented dads.

C. Matthews, age unknown.

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 & Vivace Choirs	Suzanne 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/Serinetti Ladies	Suzanne Newman	934 0589
Charvil Women's Club	Suzanne Newman	934 0589
Sonning & Charvil Baby-sitting Circle	Mrs Vanessa Jones <i>E-mail</i> vanessalouisejones@hotmail.com	934 1185
Sonning & District Chernobyl	Maria Gee	962 7721
Children's Lifeline Link Group	maria.gee@ntlworld.com	
Sonning Art Group	Chairman: Mr G.B. Webster	944 0699
Sonning Book Club	Mrs Anne Webster	944 0699
Sonning Branch, British Legion	Chairman: 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 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	969 5538
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: ali@sonningdrivers.plus.com www.sonning.net/alispond.html
Sonning & Charvil services	www.sonningparish.org.uk/docs.htm
Sonning Parish Council	www.sonning-pc.gov.uk
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