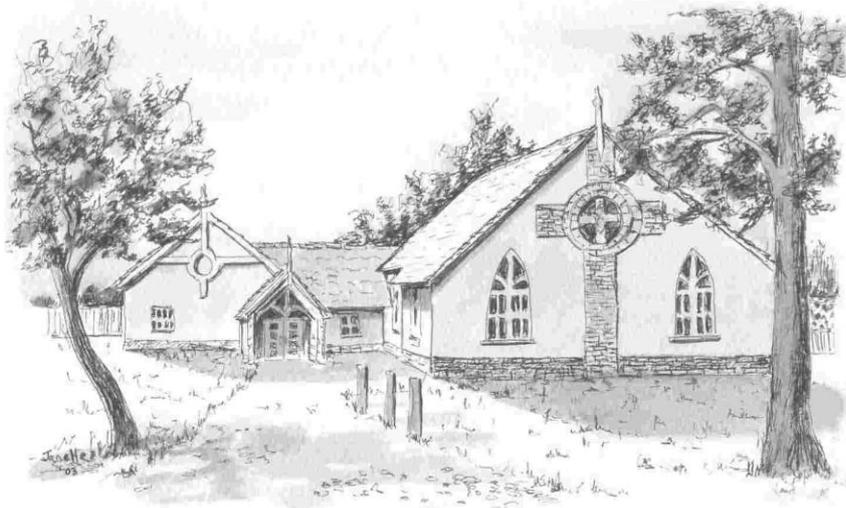


Sonning Parish Magazine



Serving the Communities
of Sonning and Charvil



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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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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,

“There probably is no God”. I never thought I'd start a letter with those words. This is the slogan that is emblazoned on 800 buses in our capital, paid for by militant secularists. I suspect that heaven's foundations have yet to quiver over this latest move to sideline the Almighty, but I do suspect that, if humour exists on high, then a good laugh is being had by all. What facile nonsense this is, and, in my view, counter-productive to the atheist's cause, with the word ‘probably’ undermining the thrust of their argument. What better way to get people to evaluate the place of God in the world and in their lives than by reminding them in this way? Some Christian groups have tried to get these pitiful advertisements banned on the grounds of them being offensive, and, needless to say, they have failed. I can't say that I am particularly offended, believing that the Lord of the Universe can probably cope with such school boy graffiti, but one does wonder what would have happened if, in place of ‘God’, the target was Allah, or a god from any other religion. I suppose Christianity is something of a soft target however.

We could be forgiven for thinking that we live in a society where everyone has a right to be offended, except law abiding Christians. The media is filled with accounts of this group or another being offended at a chance remark that is deemed 'inappropriate'; the catch all new denunciation of anyone who says anything out of line. I was fascinated to read of the fuss surrounding Jeremy Clarkson's recent unflattering description of the Prime Minister. The BBC swiftly procured an apology from him, not because of a deluge of protest over the fact that he had insulted the Queen's first Minister, but because disabled groups had been 'offended' at the reference to him being partially sighted. Many Christians are regularly 'offended' by output from the BBC, not least from one Mr J Ross, but then again we don't really seem to register on their radar.

I can't really get too worked up about this, preferring to take the long view, secure in a faith that has endured much worse than this. Our preparations for Easter have begun, and we once again spend time in the wilderness with our Lord as he faces the trial and humiliation of the cross. Many were 'offended' by his ministry; by his simple yet powerful message of love and forgiveness. He caused huge 'offence' to the ruling elites, and they conspired to deal with him once and for all, or so they thought. His example is one for us all to follow, in our own small way. If we are true to His message, we will also give 'offence' to the world, for God's ways are not the world's. There is so much that is wrong and broken about our society, and Christians have a responsibility to stand up and do something about that. My prayer for all of us is that we will never shy away from proclaiming that which is decent and true in God's sight, for fear of offending anyone.

A verse of one of my favourite hymns says it all: 'Stand up, stand up for Jesus, give courage to the weak, be unashamed to praise Him, be bold His name to speak. Confront the cross unflinching, Christ's love has set us free; he conquered death for ever and lives eternally'.

With warmest wishes.

Jamie

Notices

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

JUNIOR CHORISTERS WANTED

St. Andrew's Church, Sonning, would like to recruit a junior choir to complement the adult choir at the Family Service once a month. We have ten places available for pupils in year 4 and above (or year 3 if they are able to read fluently).

We ask choristers to commit to attending the All Age Family Service on the first Sunday of every month at 10:30 am, and a choir practice from 7:00 pm - 7:40 pm on the Friday before.

We will initially pay £1.50 to the children for each practice and the same again for the service, although they need to attend both.

There is also the option, in time, of singing at weddings, with additional payment.

The choristers will be rehearsed by David Duvall, the director of music. The Family Service is an informal service and we aim to make singing enjoyable and fun for the choristers.

If your son or daughter is interested, please contact the Vicar, the Revd. Jamie Taylor, and let him have the following information:

Name and age

Address

Tel no

Email (if possible)

Contact the Vicar:

The Vicarage, Thames St, Sonning, RG4 6UR

Or

revjaft@yahoo.co.uk

(Closing date: Monday 2nd March)

Charvil From Afar

When you look down the wrong end of a telescope everything looks small and a long way away. So it is as I put pen to paper surrounded as we are totally by Chinese people in vast numbers, where few if any speak English and by the heritage of modern Chinese culture. Western domestic & commercial architecture retail influence is in significant evidence vis. KFC and McDonald's to mention but two. However it also gives a superb

opportunity to concentrate on the family without any distractions on the one hand and internal silence and reflection on the other.

Firstly the two weeks away have provided an excellent window of space to catch up on one's reading - principally Bishop Stephen's most recent publication "Do nothing to change your life." This is a most valuable contribution to one's comprehension of 'God's is love' in terms of creativity and community. If you haven't already read it, it is a must for Lent.

Secondly space for reading is not the only space provided by being away from normal hustle and bustle of daily life for the two weeks. There has been the experience of breathing space - space to make good use of the prayer of silence "peace be still", providing the chance to breathe in and out with each word in sequence. It is the silence of eternity which draws you closer to God and to the ones you love.

Thirdly there has been the increased necessity for environmental space which the city takes away through everyone living on top of one another. Beijing is no exception, where the majority live in high rise skyscrapers, cheek by jowl, consisting of small flats. So it was with great relief on a visit to the 2008 Olympic site to discover how spatially laid out it was in the vicinity of the "birds' nest" stadium. This showed great foresight on the part of those who designed & planned the site initially. Breathtaking views from high upon the Great Wall emphasized the need we all have for environmental space to appreciate the width, the height and the depth of heavenly space.

This Lent may we encourage everyone to make and experience God-given space in body, mind and spirit, where and when we can come up for spiritual and physical fresh air.

Love and prayers from afar

Michael and family

St Patrick's - Songs of Praise & Christian Aid Concert

Boss said to keep it simple this month, and short and to the point. I guess the head-hitter will be pleased. So here goes:

St Patrick's Day Songs of Praise - is on Sunday 15th March, 6.30 pm. It's a combined service so there won't be an evensong at St Andrew's. It's always a good service; good to exercise the lungs with some of the great hymns we all know and love. If you have any specific favourites please let the boss know on 0118 934 0795.

Christian Aid Concert - is on Saturday 16th May at 7.00pm in St Patrick's. The usual suspects have been approached, most are willing to give it a go,

but some have declined with lame excuses like they've already double, triple or even quadruple booked, so here folks is your big opportunity. If you'd like to join in the entertainment, jokes, stories, music, high wire trapeze (now that would be different) please contact the boss of 0118 934 0795. And whatever you do put the date in your diary; it's the best fiver's worth you'll get this year. Tickets will be on sale in April.

Joanna (the St Patrick's Pianner)

Prayer Chain

A prayer chain has been set up ready to receive prayer requests which might be anything from a serious long term illness to a prayer request for someone who has an important exam or interview.

If anyone needs prayer for anything, please telephone me on 0118 969 0782.

Jean Tinson

Twford & District Age Concern

The Lady Elizabeth Centre in Twyford serves house-bound senior residents from Twyford, Ruscombe, Wargrave, Charvil and Sonning. Currently, the centre is open three days a week, and where needed, transport is provided by our team of volunteer drivers. Each day has a varied programme comprising a selection of gentle exercises, games and quizzes, augmented by visiting entertainers. It is also possible for members to purchase gifts and clothing which, for ease of access, are brought to the centre. In addition there is access in-house to chiropody, hairdressing and computer training. Coffee is served at the start of each day and a home-cooked two course meal is provided from the newly refurbished kitchen.

A small staff, team of volunteers and Trustees are responsible for the much needed support the centre gives not only to members, but by providing essential respite care.

This is an appeal for anyone who would have the time and dedication to join the small group of Trustees who meet formally every other month to discuss the running, finances and future plans for the centre. Information about what this involves is available to assist anyone interested. Due to the recent retirement of our long serving Minutes Secretary, the Chairman would also be most grateful for anyone able to take on this role. If you feel able to help in either capacity, please telephone:

Lyn Buddell, Centre Manager: 01189 344040
Or David Bentley, Chairman of Trustees: 01189 345649

Penny Feathers

Fish 'n Chips Jazz Supper

With the Denise Lawrence Band

The Pearson Hall, Sonning

Friday 13th 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

Saturday, 14th March 2009

Commencing at 8.00 p.m.

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 966 7525



Royal British Legion, Sonning Branch

Poppy Appeal 2008 -2009

The current total for the Poppy Appeal 2008-2009 is £9,305.38. This magnificent sum was only achieved by much hard work and many generous donators. The committee is most grateful for all the support given, particularly by the collectors.

Diary Date

The next talk is entitled "The curious disappearance of Major Glen Miller" and will be at The Reading Blue Coat School on Thursday, 30th April 2009. Tickets @ £5.00 each, with concessions for students, can be obtained from Malcolm Geater on 0118 947 1677. All proceeds to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. See page 24 for more details.

Malcolm Geater

The History of the Sonning Volunteer Fire Brigade

With the fire station standing empty and awaiting demolition, now is perhaps a good time to look back at the history of the *Sonning Volunteer Fire Brigade* and reflect on the considerable impact it has had, not just on life in the village, but on the national Fire Service as a whole.

With the earliest evidence of organised fire fighting in the UK being discovered locally at the Roman settlement in Silchester you may think that Sonning was a little tardy in not organising its own village fire brigade until 1905. On July 18th, following a public meeting in Pearson Hall, the villagers realising the shortcomings in their preparedness for fighting fires finally proceeded to equip themselves with a standpipe and two lengths of canvas hose at the grand cost of £4.17s.6d. (£4.87¹/₂p in today's money).

They were not so slow in 1937 however when Sonning Fire Brigade became the first Brigade in the country to have an enclosed cab fire appliance. Designed by the Chief Fire Officer Tom Edwards and based on a Dennis Ace chassis the cab was built by Markham's of Reading. Sonning received many congratulations from other brigades on obtaining such a magnificent machine. During World War II this appliance saw a great deal of action attending fires following air raids on London docks, Birmingham, Southampton, Bristol, Ascot, Oxford and Plymouth.

Without the benefits of modern day protective clothing, breathing apparatus and high pressure pumps, brave men from the village successfully fought many a fierce conflagration putting their own lives in danger to save the lives and property of others.

If you would like to discover more about the fascinating history of the Sonning Volunteer Fire Brigade I, as an ex Officer in Charge of the Station, will be giving a talk to the *Sonning and Sonning Eye Society* on Wednesday 18th March 2009 at the Reading Blue Coat School starting at 7:45 for 8:00 pm. Tickets for the talk are available from Diana Coulter on 0118 969 2132.

Mark Green

RNLI Sonning Branch

Following our very successful Music Evening on the 7th February the committee would like to thank all the performers and everyone who supported the evening. We have made a profit of about £1,400.00 for which the RNLI are very grateful.

Graham Russell

Sonning & Sonning Eye Society

Well, the thought that The Bull might actually be the site of a Saxon Church, precursor to St Andrew's, was just one revelation offered by Kev Beachus, former County Archaeologist, at the Blue Coat School in January. Kev first spoke in St Andrew's five years ago about the value of the 2001 discovery of skeletons when The Bull landscaped the patio area behind the kitchens. This time Kev confirmed that the disturbed skeletons were indeed Saxon, and raised tantalisingly, the idea that they were buried in a Saxon cemetery.

Sadly the archaeological watching brief that WDC was supposed to have over the construction works was 'overlooked' and several skeletons ended up ignominiously in a landfill site (as have others since!). Fortunately 30+ skeletons escaped this fate: 16 have been positively identified as male, 7 were female and a further 7 were unidentifiable (likely to be male). They date from the period 950-1050 A.D. Their ages ranged from under 25 to over 46, although none were over 60. The average height was 5' 6" tall by our expectations, although there was one 'giant' who was over 6' tall. They appear to have been well fed, with strong muscles. Some had bone problems, and only two had teeth.

St Andrew's, if one accepts its Norman origins (the nave and tower are the oldest parts), is 'too far away' from this Saxon cemetery, which would have been located close to its church. A church in Sonning is recorded as an endowment of Salisbury Cathedral in 1091. With the establishment in 1220 of a perpetual vicar by the Bishop of Salisbury, was a decision taken to enlarge the Norman church as befitted the status of the vicar under such patronage? At the same time was it decided to convert the Saxon church into the hospice for visitors to the Bishop when in residence? The lively discussion after the talk included valuable insights into the topography of Sonning. For instance it is clear that what is now Sonning Lane once continued down towards the bridge, with the Saxon church to the east, and the later Norman church to the west - a route much used by walkers today. What a lot of food for thought!

For your Diary:

The next talk, *Sonning's Firemen, Brave and True*, will take place on Wednesday, 18th March in The Buttery at the Blue Coat School, 7:45 for 8:00 pm, when Mark Green will tell us about the history of the Fire Brigade. Tickets costing £3.00 (Members) and £4.50 (Non-Members) are available from Diana Coulter on 969 2132 or via diana.coulter@mac.com.

The Heritage Trail will now take place on Sunday, 31st May from 1.30 pm. More details in the April magazine.

Diana Coulter

Village Voices

The Village Voices project is growing from strength to strength. Mary Chapman and her team have secured a grant from Awards for All (Heritage Lottery Fund) to support the costs of mounting the exhibition in Sonning (September 2009) and at the Museum of English Rural Life (early 2010). Together with an award from the Ernest Cook Trust for preparing information packs for schoolchildren, and generous donations already received from village residents, the team can now move forward confidently to the next tricky stage - deciding what will go into the exhibition and designing it.

Diana Coulter

Sonning Twinning Association

**Saturday 21st March, 7.30pm Pearson Hall
AGM and evening entertainment with wine tasting**

Our next event on 21st March will be the Annual General Meeting. Following the formalities of the short AGM there will be a fun and entertaining evening of team games and wine tasting. The evening will be accompanied by bread, cheeses and nibbles and a pay bar will also be available.

Applications for tickets (including a cheque payable to Sonning Twinning Association and self addressed stamped envelope) should be sent to David Bates, The Gatehouse, Sonning Lane, Sonning, RG4 6ST. The box office for this event is now open and will close on Saturday 14th March. **Limited number of tickets (£10 for members and £12.50 for non members) available so make sure to book yours now!** We look forward to seeing you there.

Lesley Green

Sonning Glebe WI

We have enjoyed our regular knit and natter and scrabble evenings. At our February meeting the Committee were given a break and some of the members organised the meeting. We had a very interesting talk about the standards and quality control of products in the fashion industry and had a quiz on the meaning of washing symbols.

At our meeting in March we will be holding our Annual General Meeting. During the month we will be having a quiz night with a supper and going out for a lunch.

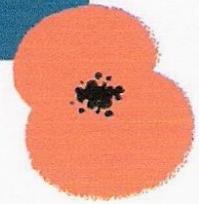
Diane Reeves



The Curious Disappearance
of
Major Glenn Miller
U.S. Army

In Aid of the Poppy Appeal

Thursday 30th April 2009
At 7.30pm



The Royal British Legion (Sonning Branch)
and the Reading Blue Coat School Parents Arts Society

Invite you to attend a talk given by Mr Tony Eaton, unravelling the mystery of the famous bandleader's disappearance, supposedly whilst en route to Paris in 1944

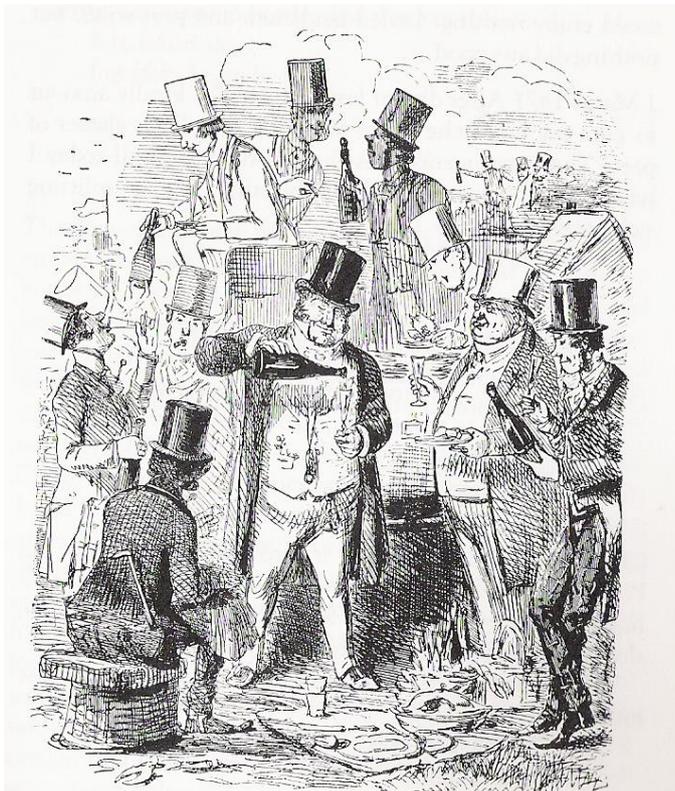
Glenn Millers last appearance in the U.K.
was at Wycombe Abbey School, High Wycombe
The war time Headquarters of the U.S. 8th Army Air Force

Venue: The Buttery. Reading Blue Coat School
Holme Park. Sonning. RG4 6SU

To purchase/book tickets contact: Malcolm Geater. 24 Lyefield Court. Emmer Green. Reading. RG4 8AP.
Tickets are available from 20th March 2009: £5.00 each. Students £3.00
Tel: 0118 947 1677

email: geater@talktalk.net

And to finish on a topical note.....



Cameron:

“I say Brown, things are deuced bad in the City.”

Brown:

“Then I’m deuced glad I’m at Epsom!”

(With apologies to John Leech)

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> 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 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: 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