

# 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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# D Day

## The 65th Anniversary

**A Service of Commemoration**

**Sunday 7th June**

**At 6:30pm**

**at**

**St. Andrew's Church**

**Sonning**



**'We will remember them'**



## 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,

I have just read that our former Prime minister, Tony Blair has urged His Holiness the Pope to reorganise the Catholic Church along the same lines as the 'new labour' project in the 1990's. I know that Mr. Blair has been looking around for a big international role of late, and maybe he wants a shot at the top job, but perhaps the Holy See of St Peter is a little beyond even his reach! One can only imagine how St Peter's 265<sup>th</sup> successor as Bishop of Rome, Benedict XVI might feel about such advice! Now, clergy are well advised to steer clear of party politics when writing these letters, so I shall say no more, other than to suggest that Mr. Blair has a point, if only related to how his party learnt to deal with the media. They were ruthlessly efficient in managing the press, and were hugely successful in killing stories and rumours if they were damaging. I am a fan of this Pope, and believe that his firm doctrinal teaching is of great value in this confusing and troubled age. However, the Vatican has scored some spectacular own goals of late, and these have, to an extent, obscured the Pope's important message. Failure to explain decisions properly, or to iron out misunderstandings in the press, has damaged the authority of the world's

senior Christian leader. Perhaps the Holy See could use an Alistair Campbell mark 2. Well maybe!

Anyway, in all communities, whether global, national, local or even religious, rumours spread quickly. They can sometimes start with some basis of truth, and quickly become distorted beyond all recognition. Sometimes of course, they can be just plain untrue. We can do great damage with our tongues, indeed not for nothing is this organ described as a two edged sword in the bible. In Christian communities, even those filled with well-meaning individuals, 'Chinese whispers' can cause untold damage, not just to individuals, but also to the collective ministry of the institution. We only need to open our New Testaments to see that this is nothing new.

Clergy realise early on the need to develop thick skins. Anyone called to Christian leadership will need to rise above tittle tattle and gossip, but sometimes there is also a need to respond in order to set the record straight. I've recently learnt of a rumour that is doing the rounds, and I'd like to use this opportunity to don my Alistair Campbell hat (!) and give a definite, once and for all assurance, a cast iron guarantee even. To those who have heard that the Vicar wants to do away with evensong, I can tell you, without any hesitation, that this is nonsense. I understand that there will always be a fear when a new Vicar comes that they will want to tinker with services, or even radically change things, but, as far as evensong is concerned, there need be no such concern. I am perhaps rare for my generation in that I have always enjoyed leading the service, and was pleased to learn that it is a regular feature in our weekly worship, and that it is comparatively well attended. I am very happy to continue with the Book of Common Prayer at 6:30pm and, for that matter, at 8:00am, as a complement to the main Common Worship Communion at 10:30am. I hope this is clear enough to those who value traditional prayer book Evensong and Communion.

There was a 1997 election poster which proclaimed "New Labour - New Danger". It didn't do the sponsors much good at the time, but no matter. In relation to the position of the prayer book at 8:00am and 6:30pm I am very happy to state the following: "New Vicar - No danger"!

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.*

**Bob Hine:** At the APCM at the end of last month we elected a new church warden, following the ‘retirement’ of Bob Hine. I very much look forward to working with his successor, but want to pay a fulsome tribute to Bob for his six years of outstanding service to the parish. Although I have only worked with him for six months, I can see that my predecessor was most fortunate to have such a capable warden, and the parish was particularly blessed with Bob and Jan’s leadership during the interregnum. A formal presentation was made at the APCM, but I wanted to put our sincere appreciation on record for a wider audience.

I am pleased to report that, whilst no longer on the PCC, Bob has agreed to continue as a member of the working party that is responding to the parish profile’s highlighting of areas for development in the future.

**D-Day:** Senior civic, political and military guests will join veterans and members of our congregation at a special evensong on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm to commemorate the sixty fifth anniversaries of the D-Day landings on June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1944. A special wreath will be laid at the memorial for J.J. Snowball of the village, who landed on the beaches on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and died on the 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please do come and be part of this important and historic occasion.

**Churchyard working party:** On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May, starting at 9.00a.m., there will be a chance to give the St Andrew’s churchyard an extra tidy-up before the Summer. Please come along to lend a hand.

**Jamie**

### **Charvil Viewpoint**

“Seeing is believing” cannot be more true in most people’s thinking than it is today. The new telescopic technology at Jodrell Bank will enable us to see far beyond in space, into the material universe, than we have ever been before. Astronomers have an open mind as to what they will see and find but one thing that is for sure, is that they are extremely excited at the prospect. Our material vision will be widened as to what is out there. Be that as it may in this very month of May we commemorate and draw spiritual inspiration from a number of our Christian ancestors who experienced visions.

First and foremost there were the disciples whom witnessed the Ascension of Jesus, his final departure from this world in visible physical form. Subsequently there have been numerous men and women who down the

ages have had visions, one of whom has had a great following not least in our own time- the mystic Julian of Norwich. We celebrate her day on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, the day on which she received her visions in AD 1373 when she thought she was on the point of dying. She recovered and wrote up her visions in a book entitled “Revelations of Divine love”. Notable among the quotes often used as words of encouragement to those of us feeling downhearted and despondent is the following “All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well”. These words hang as a tapestry in St Paul’s Cathedral.

Today we have translated “visions” into “concepts of the future” for organisations and individuals, which call to mind the words “Where there is no vision the people perish” (Proverbs 29 v 18). However if “our young men (and women) see visions “while” our old men (and women) shall dream dreams”(Joel 2 v 28) of what might have been then there is hope for the future in spite of “our winter of (economic) discontent.

For me the two weeks in which spring last month burst upon us was indeed a beautifully refreshing vision of hope for the summer

Love and prayers,

**Michael and family**

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

25 Jan:	William Newman	15 Feb:	Harrison Robert Gibson
Feb:	Arrabella Claire Gibson		
1 Mar:	Jonathan Dominci		
1 Mar:	Geoffrey Costanza		
1 Mar:	Alexander Charles Sebastian		
8 Mar:	Radkov		
8 Mar:	Anna Wilkinson	8 Mar:	Thomas Leggett
8 Mar:	Harry Leggett		
19 Apr:	Marcus Giamattei	19 Apr:	Louis Robinson

#### Weddings

7 March Christopher William Johnson and Catherine Emma Grist

#### Funerals

22 Jan:	Maurice Henry Knapp	6 Feb:	Horace John Cox
25 Feb:	Eileen Welsby	8 Apr:	John Barroll
17 Apr:	Mildred Gamblin		

## Christian Aid Concert

The Christian Aid concert is on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May, 7.00 pm at St Patrick's. Tickets are now on sale from Bob Hine (969 8653) and Chris Easton (934 0795) priced at £5 a time. So step up, there'll be another cornucopia of Michael's jokes (worth the price of admission alone) plus a batch of Forrers, the humour of Peters and Pierce, the Charvil Nightingale, a bluegrass band, Charvil's new young singing sensation, Lady Jane and her jazz and poems, the organ grinder, that Should be Band lot and by popular demand - a new vicar. There's also a raffle and light refreshments at half time.

So clear the diaries buy a ticket and come along to have fun and swell the Christian Aid week coffers, you know it makes sense.

Joanna (the St Patrick's Pianner)

## 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

## 6<sup>th</sup> June 2009: The 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day 1944

It has been advertised for some time now that there is to be a special Evensong service at St Andrew's Church on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> June to celebrate this anniversary. What is not so well known is that it was on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1944 that WOII (CSM) Joseph James Snowball was killed near the village of *Bernières sur Mer*, Normandy, and features on one of the memorial plaques of our war memorial. He landed as a member of the party securing the JUNO beach for the allied landings shortly after dawn on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June and our service will reveal some fascinating facts about him and his colleagues from Support Company, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, the Royal Berkshire Regiment, of whom only two survived that first day.



The Regiment and its Battalions are remembered at the military museum now situated in The Close of Salisbury Cathedral, and is well worth a visit. The museum was created from the museums of the two forming Regiments, The Royal Berkshire Regiment and The Wiltshire Regiment and is now known

as Rifles (Berkshire and Wiltshire) museum. The Royal Berkshire Regiment had its museum in Brock Barracks, on the Oxford Road in Reading. The Wiltshire Regiment had its museum in Le Marchant Barracks, on the London Road in Devizes, Wiltshire. Because a single site was neither available nor suitable, the museums remained in those locations after the amalgamation of the Regiments in 1959 to form the Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment.

Towards the end of the 1970s, *The Wardrobe*, in the Close of Salisbury Cathedral was identified as a suitable site for both the Regimental Headquarters of the new regiment and a single museum to house both collections. From its opening until 1<sup>st</sup> February 2007, when the name was changed to reflect the formation of The Rifles, the museum was called *Redcoats in the Wardrobe*.

Pay a visit to the museum (details from the website [www.thewardrobe.org.uk](http://www.thewardrobe.org.uk), or telephone 01722 419419) and discover a fascinating history of members of this parish during the two World wars, many now remembered on the War memorial in St Andrew's Church. If you know anyone who served with the regiment, then you may have information useful to the museum records: Go to the web site, look for the COLLECTION and see what you can add, or even what you can learn from it. Even more important, if anyone is related to Joseph Snowball, or knows of someone who is, please do contact either me on 0118 969 6693 or the Vicar, Rev'd Jamie Taylor, on 0118 969 3298.

**Gordon Barnett**

### **Sonning Parish Council**

#### **Annual Parish Meeting**

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the Annual Parish Meeting of the Council on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May in the Pearson Hall; the format will be as follows:

- 7.00pm: Reception - a welcome drink will be provided
- 7.30pm: Councillors Reports - a review of the past year
- 8.00pm: Parishioner's Questions to Councillors
- 8.30pm: Guest Speaker
- 9.00pm: Questions to Guest Speaker
- 10.00pm: Close

I am delighted to announce that Pat Baxter, Transport Strategy Manager, Reading Borough Council has accepted our invitation to attend and update parishioners on Reading's current transport plans. These plans follow the Independent Transport Commission report into the now abandoned one way Inner Distribution Road proposal. The plans have significant implications for adjoining authorities and include a potential additional Thames crossing.

**Lesley Bates**

## ROTAWALK for Cancer 2009

It's at Dinton Pastures on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>

***Join in the fun, walk to raise money for your own charities.***

Get fit .....Stay fit..... Help a charity

Entry form, directions and a sponsorship form available from:-

[www.rotawalk.com](http://www.rotawalk.com)

Or from Tony Read on 0118 966 6668

Organised by the Maiden Erlegh Rotary Club

Entry fee £5 (under 16's free)

### A Plea from Mr Robert Kinzel, Chicago, Illinois, USA

I am researching my wife's Hull/Moss family history and I now need some help tracing those in and around Sonning. To give you some background:

***Thomas Halse Herbert HULL:*** Aka Bertie Hull, owner of *The White Hart Hotel* (now *The Great House*) in 1934, died 7 Aug 1934.

***Ida Johanna (Jacobi) HULL:*** Aka Edith Hull, husband of above Thomas Hull, lived at *The Acre*, Thames Street, in 1952, died 29 Feb 1952.

***Edith Pauline (Hull) MOSS:*** Daughter of above Thomas and Edith Hull, living at *The Acre* in 1953.

***Col. William Edward MOSS:*** Husband of above Edith Pauline, living at *The Acre* in 1953, died 14 Feb 1953. He was a collector of rare books (particularly William Blake) and old printing machinery. Some of his collection was donated to Oxford University after his death.

***Thomas William Hull MOSS:*** Son of above Edith Pauline and William Edward Moss, born 13 Dec 1919, died Feb 1993 in Hastings & Rother, E. Sussex.

***Joyce N. MOSS:*** Possibly the daughter of above Edith Pauline and William Edward Moss, born 1925.

The Hull/Moss side of the family lived in Sonning from 1900 until at least 1953 and it is this connection that I am hoping to trace. If anyone from this part of the family is still living in England, I would be delighted to hear from them. My email address is: [arvernien@comcast.net](mailto:arvernien@comcast.net) . Please do get in touch.

Robert Kinzel

## Twyford Volunteers

The Annual General Meeting of the **TWYFORD, WARGRAVE AND DISTRICT VOLUNTEER CENTRE** will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009 in St Mary's Church Centre, Twyford, at 7-30pm.

Our guest speaker this year will be Mrs Annette Drake, former mayor of Wokingham Borough who will talk about life during her year in office. All drivers, would be drivers and helpers are invited to the meeting which gives an opportunity for everyone to meet each other and the committee and discuss any problems that might have arisen. We are ever grateful for the help that you all give to people who would otherwise have difficulty in finding ways of getting to hospitals, day centres and doctors etc.

Please come along to the meeting and bring a friend who may be interested and might become a driver. Remember that our drivers need only make minimal commitment and **are not** required to give up a regular spot either weekly or less frequently. By coming along on May13th you can meet other drivers and members of the committee and learn more about what we do. Alternatively, ring me on 01189693277, or e-mail me on [rosemary.digby@talktalk.net](mailto:rosemary.digby@talktalk.net). I will be delighted to hear from you.

Rosemary Digby

## Sonning Scouts

### Cyril Harris receives Scouting's Silver Acorn Award

Cyril Harris receives the prestigious Silver Acorn Award for specially distinguished service to Scouting, at this year's St George's Day Parade at Windsor Castle. The Silver Acorn is worn on an orange ribbon around the neck, and represents over 20 years service to Scouting.

Cyril has been a Scouter for more than 50 years! He joined 1<sup>st</sup> Sonning on Thames Scouts as a leader in 1957, later becoming the GSL and was involved in numerous activities including local, national and international camps for 30 years. He has served on various committees at District and County level and when he had to retire from leading the troop he joined the Scout Fellowship and has been an active member ever since. Cyril has been a dedicated Scouter all his life and we are extremely proud that he has been honoured in this way.

Helen Price

# Friend of St Andrew's Church

## Spring Concert in St Andrew's Church

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Commencing 7 30 pm



By Queen Anne's school, Caversham

Solo instrument and choral music

Tickets £10 from Malcolm Stansfield: 0118 934 1762

Heather Hine: 0118 969 8653



Wine and nibbles in the interval

### Charvil Girl's Choir & Tapestry

*Charvil Girls' Choir* is holding an Open Evening on June 7<sup>th</sup> for potential new members. We would like to invite girls between the ages of 10 and 18 to come along for the evening to see what we do! The event is being held at Charvil Village Hall between 6.15 and 7.45pm.

*Tapestry* is a new female voice ensemble working mainly on arrangements for popular and show songs. We meet on Tuesday mornings at Charvil Hall. We have a couple of spaces in September for ladies who can read music and are reasonably confident performers. All of our performances are done from memory.

For more information, please contact me on 0118 934 0589.

Suzanne Newman

## Parish Walks

There is a parish walk on the third Saturday of each month. The next walk will be on Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May; meet at Shiplake station at 10.15 am and the route will take you via the river, Shiplake church, two hills and is 5 miles: More information from me on 0118 926 8035 or 079820 48387.

Jean Milbourn

## 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 Glebe WI

Our AGM in March elected Molly Oakley as President for her second year.

We have a programme for 2009 and this is displayed outside the Pearson Hall. Our Meetings are held at the Pearson Hall on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month starting at 7.30 p.m. We have various speakers during the year, covering a wide range of subjects and we also organize visits to places of interest. Our Theatre trips are very popular and last year we saw *Joseph and Mama Mia*.

We have just visited the British Legion Poppy Factory at Richmond and in September we are off to the *Royal Hospital, Chelsea* which we are all looking forward to.

If anyone is interested in coming along, in the first instance as a visitor, to our friendly WI they would be warmly welcomed. If you would like to know more about us please ring me on 0118 9694897.

Molly Oakley

## Sonning & Sonning Eye Society

It does indeed look as though May is the “merriest month in all the year”, which the Society has made very frolicsome. We have three great events in



the diary, and it will be lovely to welcome you to at least one of them if not two.

On Thursday 14 May, Mark Green is giving his re-scheduled talk on the Sonning Volunteer Fire Brigade. This promises to be a fascinating evening as Anne Houchen, Tom Edwards' daughter, is coming, so some impromptu memories of Sonning and its firemen will doubtless emerge. Mark's talk will take place in The Buttery, School House, Reading Blue Coat School, starting at 7:45 for 8:00 pm. Tickets are available on 969 2132 (evenings and weekends) at £3.00 for Members, and £4.50 for non-Members.

Several people have seen the visit to the London Wetland Centre on Sunday 17 May as a chance for a day out with family or friends. As Ali Driver reminded us in "Bridge", our newsletter this "former concrete reservoir is a prime example of wetland restoration after industrial usage. It provides a flavour of what might be expected, on a smaller scale, at the Lafarge Aggregates gravel pit extension site in Sonning Eye, once extraction is complete". Ali has negotiated a substantial discount on the entry price, so if you can, do seize this opportunity to enjoy an inspirational walk with one of the Centre's design advisers. We thought people would like lunch before the walk, so recommend getting to the restaurant at 1.00 pm. The walk will begin once everyone has been identified and has eaten. Tickets are available as above, at £7.00 for members and £8.00 for non-members.

And the final May frolic is the Heritage Trail on Sunday 31 May put together by our Social Committee. This promises to be great fun with questions ranging from easy through to hard. We think you will learn something new and may be pleasantly surprised by what you already know. All that is required are eyes, as much brainpower as you want to give to the challenge, and some comfortable footwear. The reward will be a delicious tea in Beech Lodge, the starting point for the walk. If you would like to join the fun, please contact Penny Feathers on 0118 934 3193.

**Diana Coulter**

### **Tea at 3 - In aid of Helen & Douglas House**

There will be an afternoon tea party in the Vicarage garden on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June to raise money for the children's hospice in Oxford. Live music will be provided by some musicians from Reading Blue Coat School and refreshments will be for sale too. More details will be available soon but do put the date in your diary - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 3pm.

**Jan Hammond**

## The Sonning Club

Dates for your diaries:

Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May:	Race Night, 8.00pm start
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> may:	Tournament finals, presentation & BBQ
Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> June:	A Touch of Swing with Mr Stone. 8.30 pm start. Mr Stone sings Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis jnr and lots more, BBQ and raffle.
Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June:	Games evening with BBQ, details later.

Don't forget that to enjoy these events you will need to become a member. For further details contact our Steward, Suzy on 0118 969 3939 or check out our web site at [www.sonningclub.co.uk](http://www.sonningclub.co.uk)

Tracy Barrett

## Rotary Club of Loddon Vale

I can now report that the concert we ran at The Reading Blue Coat School back in March in support of our computer support project for the Orphanage School in Trichy, India raised a clear profit of £3, 066.00.

The result is a magnificent tribute to everyone who gave us their support: The Blue Coat School, the Salvation Army Band, the Rotarians organising and helping out on the evening and not forgetting the 220+ people who bought tickets or gave a donation.

We are now in a position to go ahead with the project and work starts shortly on the building to put in place the correct environmental conditions. We await the final quotations for the computers, installation and support, but we do not anticipate that we will need to delay any further, particularly as the School Trust has now offered to help as well if necessary.

Thank you, another wonderful effort.

Gordon Barnett

**And to finish.....**

Fred and Bert are reading the head-stones at a cemetery.

“Crikey” says Fred. “There’s a bloke here who was 152!”

“What’s his name?” asks Bert.

Fred replies: “Miles from London.”

## 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>