

# 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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 20<sup>th</sup> Sep:    Callum Harrison Jeffery                      20<sup>th</sup> Sep: Harry Jake Jeffery

#### Weddings

28<sup>th</sup> Aug:    Simon Nicholas Liddicot and Elisa Jane Burt  
 29<sup>th</sup> Aug:    Iain David Cartwright Sharp and Stephanie Anne Powis  
 29<sup>th</sup> Aug:    Marc Alexander Peacock and Rebecca Hedges  
 19 Sep:      Dominic Thomas Faires and Angela Helen Eardley

#### Funerals

2<sup>nd</sup> Sep:     Nicholas David Greaves                      21<sup>st</sup> Sep:    Hilda Brown

## 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, Third Sunday of the month Holy Communion, second and fourth Sundays Worship Service other Sundays.  Sunday School 9.30 am except third 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,**

The theme of reaping and sowing is common in the Christian faith. In our lives, if through our actions we sow seeds of kindness, charity and love, there will be a happy and fulsome harvest. Similarly, if through our behaviour we sow seeds of unpleasantness, rudeness or selfishness, the harvest will be a poor one indeed. Well, Harvest is upon us and in the parish this year we are doing things in a slightly different way. Rather than collecting food for distribution, we are asking for money. I know that some will miss the traditional bringing of harvest produce to church, but we felt that we should at least try something new, and in the process see if we might be more effective in the good seeds we sow. So, this Harvest time we are collecting for the Karuneipuri orphanage that we have links with in India. Special envelopes are being given out, and will be brought to the altars in our churches on 4<sup>th</sup> October. I do hope that you will all give generously to this most worthy cause.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> October we shall be welcoming the Bishop of Reading to lead our confirmation service. Our two groups of 9 young people and 9 adults have been meeting since the beginning of September, and, God willing, we have been sowing seeds that will bring forth a rich harvest in their Christian lives in the years to come. In an age where the church is more and more sidelined and even ridiculed, it is most encouraging to witness 18 individuals, of all ages, make this commitment to Jesus Christ. Please do pray for them, and come to support and welcome them at the service. Let us make it a truly joyful and memorable occasion.

I always enjoy leading Confirmation courses, and so often I end up learning from the members of the groups. This is a useful lesson for a Priest because so often we are expected to know it all, and maybe some might even begin to believe such a ludicrous notion. The wonder of the Christian faith is that we never stop learning if we are open to this. The great danger for a Christian however, is that we do stop growing and maturing in our faith. How many people regard themselves as Christians, but have never moved on from the 'milk diet' of Sunday School religion? It is our responsibility to grow in our faith, and if we don't work at it, it won't happen. So there needs to be an openness and desire to grow and graduate onto a more mature 'solid food' diet. There are many ways in which the church can help, and I warmly commend the parish quiet day on November 28<sup>th</sup>, led by Sister Chris. Also, why not join up with the pre Advent York course on Wednesday mornings in November? They will be useful opportunities to take some time off for God before the bustle of Christmas sets in.

May God bless you all.

**Jamie**

## Notices

**Confirmation Service:** Please come and support the 18 candidates from this parish as they are confirmed by the Bishop of Reading on October 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. Drinks will follow the service.

**All Souls Service:** A special commemorative service will be held for All Souls Day on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm to remember our loved ones departed. Family members of those we have taken funerals for over the last two years have been invited, but all are welcome to join in. If you would like a loved one remembered during the service, especially someone you were particularly close to, please write their names clearly on the list at the back of church. As their names are being read out, you will have the opportunity of lighting a candle and placing it on the altar. Refreshments will be served after the service.

**Pre Advent York Course:** On each Wednesday in November at 11.00am there will be a York course (along the lines of the Lent course). All are welcome to come along for the hour long informal sessions. Please speak to Julie Wearing if you would like to attend. (934 2213)

**Taizé Service:** After a discussion at the PCC it has been decided to reduce the number of Taizé meditative services from 6 to 3 a year.

### **Dates for your diary**

**Parish Quiet Day:** Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November led by Sister Chris. More details to follow.

**St Andrew's Day Patronal Evensong:** A special service to celebrate St Andrew, where we shall also admit our new young choristers into membership of the choir, and dedicate their new robes. The visiting preacher will be the Revd. Canon Timothy Sedgley, former Vicar of Walton on Thames and training incumbent to our Vicar when he was a Curate there.

### **Charvil Viewpoint**

From time to time I am asked if I am busy, while others assume I am rushed off my feet. I invariably reply that I am "active"; otherwise "busy" implies that I am not available.

Peace and quiet is a scarce commodity in this day and age, so it is important that we make time and space, not just to submit our list of needs and wants in prayer, but more importantly to develop the practice of meditation, of being still in order to be in the presence of God. The stillness and the silence can be an evocative moment of love in response to awareness, on our part, of God's love for us. The early fathers of the Church used to describe it as a wandering in the land of 'unlikeliness' and a return to our real likeness as being created in the image of God. This dimension of prayer has been described as a restoration, a returning or homecoming like the prodigal son, as described in the parable told by Jesus. It is important in our journey of faith because it helps us to realise the humanity of the journey we are all called to make. No wonder Jesus described our call to put our faith and trust in God as our "Father".

Eighteen members, both young and adult, will be setting out on their own journey this month on the evening of October 13<sup>th</sup> at St Andrew's when they will be confirmed by the Bishop. We hope that as many of you as possible will be there to support them.

Love and prayers,

**Michael and family**

## St Patrick's Dates for your diaries

Well howdy folks, seems to be a long time ago I wrote for the parish tabloid. We've had summer, holidays, and the odd monsoon since then and now the kids are all back at school and the roads are gummed up with traffic in the morning. So it's the start of the Church year as far as St Patrick's is concerned. So what's coming up?

Well I guess the next big event is Harvest festival on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October. There'll be the usual harvest breakfast integrated with the service and it gives us an additional family service. We are asking for donations for the Karuneipuri Orphanage as a harvest offering, but the church will be decorated and any tin food offerings will go to the Drop In centre.

Christmas comes next, keep the 20<sup>th</sup> December clear, we'll hold the 9 lessons & carols combined with the family service that morning before the "big one" at St Andy's in the evening. There will be one service this year on Christmas eve/day, and that will be the 9.30 Christmas morning family communion.

Next year also sees the first "St Patrick's Festival". It's on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> March when there'll be various events including the "Songs of Praise" on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Wed 17<sup>th</sup> March is Patrick's day and Bishop Stephen will pay us a visit and there'll be a Eucharist in the evening. Watch this space for details

And last, but by no means least, its Christian Aid time looming up again. The date is booked for Sat 8<sup>th</sup> May, the usual suspects are being cornered before they find excuses to be elsewhere and we'll plan an extravaganza to end all extravaganzas. Put the date in your diary, be there or be square.

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

### The Me2 Club



The Me2 Club is a small Wokingham based charity which enables children and young people with additional needs aged 5-19 to access mainstream leisure activities. These include swimming, art club, gym sessions and uniformed groups such as Brownies and Scouts. This is made possible by providing a trained volunteer who goes along to the activity with them every week to help them join in, make friends and have fun!

We are always looking for enthusiastic and committed volunteers (aged 16+) who can spare a couple of hours a week to go along to an activity with a child and help them to get involved. You don't need any experience as full training and support is provided. It is a great opportunity to learn new skills

and meet new people. If you'd like to find out more, or know someone that you think would benefit from having a volunteer then please visit our website: [www.me2club.org.uk](http://www.me2club.org.uk) or contact me, Project Coordinator at [info@me2club.org.uk](mailto:info@me2club.org.uk) , tel: 0118 969 6369.

Emily Radford



### 1st Charvil Brownies

The new term started with most of the pack attending a fantastic launch party to mark the start of a whole year of Centenary celebrations, running right up until October 2010. As you may well have seen in the news recently, in September 1909, a small group of courageous girls stepped forward at the 1909 Boy Scouts Rally in Crystal Palace Park and asked its Founder, Robert Baden-Powell, for 'something for the girls'. Just months later, the Guide movement was formed. Now - a hundred years later everyone at Charvil Brownies is really looking forward to a whole year of events and projects to celebrate our Centenary. As part of the celebrations, we're planning on doing the Brownie Traditions badge this term as well as starting the Adventure 100 challenge. We'll let you know what we get up to over the next year but it's sure to be exciting.

If you'd like to find out more about Charvil Brownies, please contact Tawny Owl (Claire Howells) on 0118 934 5372.

Barn Owl (Hannah Absolom)

### Charvil Village Society

#### Dates for your Diary

24 <sup>th</sup> Oct 2009:	Skittles evening, 8.00pm
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov:	Barn Dance & Supper, 8.00pm
26 <sup>th</sup> Dec:	Boxing Day walk. 10.00am
23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2010:	Village quiz. 7.45pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Feb:	60s/70s Night & Supper. 8.00pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Mar:	Senior Citizens Concert & Tea. 3.00 - 6.00pm
May:	AGM
July:	Front Gardens Competition

Events held in the Village Hall, Park lane, Charvil. For more details call me on 0118 934 5419.

Margaret Gregory

**PRELUDE TO CHRISTMAS**

By the **READING CENTRAL SALVATION ARMY BAND**  
(by kind permission of The Commanding Officer)

***A CONCERT OF MUSIC AND CAROLS***

on  
Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7.45 p.m.

The Flavell Suite, Sindlesham Court (Berkshire Masonic Centre)  
Mole Road, Sindlesham

Proceeds to the Macmillan Day Care Centre, Wokingham  
and local Rotary charities

Tickets: £6.00 to include coffee and mince pies      **RAFFLE**

**Royal British Legion, Sonning Branch**

The next committee meeting of the Sonning Branch of the Royal British Legion will be held on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, in the St Sarik Room at 8.00pm. All members are welcome to attend.

This will follow immediately after the reception for the Poppy Collectors. More help is required with the Poppy Collection so anyone able to assist please contact Malcolm Geater, telephone number: 0118 947 1677.

**Mary Jones**

**PEARSON HALL SOCIAL COMMITTEE**

**AUTUMN SUPPER**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm

Three course supper, bar and fantastic entertainment  
from

“The Hippopotamus and the Piano”

Tickets £10.00 each

Please apply by sending a s.a.e. to  
Lesley Bates, The Gatehouse, Sonning Lane, Sonning, RG4 6ST



Inner Wheel Club of Reading Maiden Erlegh  
Presents

### **A JAZZ NIGHT**



with the Art Themen Quintet  
featuring vocalist Jaqui Hicks

at 7.45pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November  
at Leighton Park School, Shinfield Road, Reading

Doors & Bar Open at 7.15pm. Free Parking

All Proceeds to Reading Crossroads Charity for Young Carers

Tickets £12.50 from Karen Pascall: 0118 9696935

### **Sonning Glebe WI**

We started this month with a visit to the Royal Hospital Chelsea. Our tour leader was excellent and, although he had only recently become a resident at the hospital. He was very knowledgeable about the history of Chelsea and made the tour very interesting, punctuating it with some humorous stories.

The Produce Show which took place on the 19<sup>th</sup> September was blessed with fine weather again. Our members, as expected of the WI, came up trumps by supplying a large number of homemade cakes for afternoon tea. Some members also helped as stewards in the morning.

The speaker at the September meeting spoke on “Who Do You Think You Are” and gave some interesting information on starting your family tree.

As autumn arrives, our knit and natter and scrabble evenings commence. Later in the month a visit has been arranged to Harcourt Arboretum. Our Harvest Supper is being held at the beginning of October. Our future events programme so far will include a skittles evening, theatre trips, Ascot Race course, Police College and the Spinnaker tower. Meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at the Pearson Hall, starting at 7.30p.m. If anyone is interested in coming along they will receive a warm welcome just contact me on 0118 969 4897 or Email me at [normanoakley@waitrose.com](mailto:normanoakley@waitrose.com)

**Molly Oakley**

## Sonning Village Show



The weather was perfect for this year's Show and as usual the school children started the afternoon with a display of Maypole Dancing in the arena.

This was followed by the Fire Brigade Display, Family Sports Event, Peg's Balloon Challenge and also the Tug of War.

Teams from the Sonning Club, the Church and the Fire Brigade took part, with the Church winning the cup this year. They then succeeded in pulling the 17 ton Fairground Engine a short distance, which was quite a sight.

Many organisations ran stalls for our enjoyment and we hope they were successful with their fundraising. There were plenty of entries in the Produce Show, with the school children entering many classes, the colourful flower arrangements in the Imposed Class and some interesting exhibits in the Bygone Days section to see.



All in all, this year's Show was a great success, with many people attending, creating a village event with a great atmosphere. A big thank you to all of you who helped our small committee to run the Show, in many different ways - we couldn't have done it without you. The winner of the quiz this year was R. Lines from Charvil, who was the only person to get all the questions right. If anyone would like a copy of the answers, please phone me on 969 8653.

**Heather Hine**

## **The Piggott School, Wargrave**

This year is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of The Piggott School. If you were a pupil at the school at that time, or you know someone who was, then the school would like to hear from you. Please contact Vivien Ward, PA to the Head Teacher, on 0118 940 2357.

**Vivien Ward**

### **Parish Walk**

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, eight adults and a dog set off from Whitchurch, near Pangbourne, for a 5 mile walk. We passed farms, one had bullocks which we could touch - if we dared! Another was growing cereals. I had never been so close to bullocks before in my life; a first time for everything! There were stunning views and we could see Basildon Park, The Thames and trains as they passed by. We spotted very large and ripe blackberries and photo's were taken of us all. The dog (my Yorkie) was well behaved and walked quietly by the bullocks, cyclists and other dogs.

Many thanks to Jean Milbourne for organising this; God looked down and made certain we had dry weather for it.

**Kathleen Cosnett**

### **Sonning Floral arrangement Society**

Didn't we do well! The Society was well represented at the Produce Show, with the following results:

#### Open Class "Fresh from your Garden"

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sharon Robinson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ann Turner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Joan Wise

#### Interpretive Class:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ann Turner
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Pam Byrne
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Deanna Lee

Congratulations to all, especially Ann Turner who gained most points and was awarded "Best in Show", which included a 1<sup>st</sup> for her pot of marmalade - beating mine which was only second - hmph!

The wonderful summer lunch in August was well attended and we appreciate all the hard work that went into making it a memorable day. At the September meeting, the demonstrator was Lucinda Sanderson. A smart lady in a black dress looking very French took us on a trip round the regions of France. As she used to be in the wine business, her arrangements had an

alcoholic flavour, each one representing the colours of the region, especially the grapes. It was a fascinating and enjoyable afternoon.

The next meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of October is "Ready Steady Flowers". Should be fun - see you there.

Jane Gascoine

### Riverside Tea Garden, Sonning Lock

We are sorry to say that once again we are nearing the end of another successful season and will be closing on Wednesday 30 September. We would like to thank all our customers for their continued support, and look forward to seeing everyone again next year when we re-open on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Keith and Jo Burnage and all the staff

### Sonning Twinning Association

Over the weekend of 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October members of the Sonning Twinning Association Committee will be meeting with the Ligugé Committee for a joint weekend in the New Forest. This is an opportunity to review our recent activities, discuss and plan future events and to identify other opportunities for both our communities to either come together or to share cultural exchanges.

Our next event is the ever popular **Beaujolais Nouveau Dinner** which is being held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November in the Pearson Hall at 7.30pm. Further details to follow next month, but please keep this date free and come and join us.

Lesley Green

### Sonning & Sonning Eye Society

**Village Voices.** We reckon about 1,000 visitors passed through the *Village Voices* exhibition held on 11-13 September in the Pearson Hall, discounting those who visited more than once. Comments in the Visitor Book were very enthusiastic, ranging from "Fascinating", "Brilliant", "Excellent", "Very interesting", and "Most moving", through to "Absolutely wonderful". Others commented, "A great reminder of all the things we loved and treasured in Sonning"; "Very professionally presented with impressive collection of memorabilia"; "Fabulous exhibition - a wonderful heritage"; "I've really enjoyed my visit and look forward to watching the DVD with my husband"; "Something that should be repeated across England to give young people a sense of our life and history"; "Keep popping in for another memory. Brilliant IT set-up"; and, "A lovely nostalgia trip".

*Mary Chapman writes: "I'd be grateful for a small space to say a big 'thank you' to so many people for help in preparing the Society's 'Village Voices' exhibition. We much appreciated the support we received and were delighted that everyone seemed to enjoy the weekend. For anyone who missed the exhibition, there will be another opportunity to visit it at the Museum of English Rural Life, Redlands Road, Reading, from January to April next year."*

The Society is deeply indebted to Mary and her team for the hard work that led to such a successful and memorable event.

**Cleaning up Ali's Pond, Saturday 24 October.** If you have wandered over King George's Field lately, you'd be forgiven for thinking that Ali Driver and his wonderful helpers have done everything necessary to prepare the pond for its winter 'sleep'. But far from it, Ali has organised another clear up on 24 October. Tea and coffee at Beech Lodge from 10:00 will warm participants before a morning of hard graft and teamwork puts finishing touches to the winter preparations. You will learn a lot about the pond, so if you'd like to join the working party, please contact Diana Coulter on 0118 969 2132. Home-made soup and bread will be served afterwards, and donations will be welcome.

**Date for your diary:** AGM and Supper, Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November. More information and tickets (£10.00) from Penny Feathers on 0118 934 3193.

**Diana Coulter**

### **Village Voices - A Personal Tribute**

I might be accused of being prejudiced since this project was led by my wife Mary. However, her small team are to be congratulated on creating such a superb, highly professional and informative exhibition over three days in the Pearson Hall.

Her dedicated team of Judy Baldwin, Lesley Green, Annabella Marks, Jean Milbourn and Jeremy Gilmore had no template to work from, they masterminded the whole two year project from start to finish themselves. I know the work involved was immense and the stress over the past few months in achieving deadlines was considerable. It just demonstrates what can be achieved by a small dedicated team working for the benefit of members of our community.

It is little surprise to me that the exhibition will be on display at the Museum of English Rural Life in Reading from January for 4 months - brilliant!

**Steve Chapman**

## Sonning Art Group

The Sonning Village Show was a successful event for the Art Group. Over 200 visitors to the exhibition participated and voted in the **Best Picture** competition. The winner was Gloria Sharp who became the first member to receive the newly introduced 'George Lamb Trophy'. A number of members successfully entered work into the arts and craft section of the show and won 15 awards across the various categories (7 first, 4 second and 4 third place awards).

Two of the pictures sold at the exhibition were painted by Tom Baldwin and I am very sad to report that this talented artist and active member of the Group died the day following the show. He will be sadly missed by us all.

John Yeo made a welcome return to the Group to lead a workshop using pastels to produce colourful woodland scenes. John also outlined some of his recent commissions and projects and explained the increasing use of technology in his work. The Group's quarterly 'Chairman's Cup' competition which challenged members to produce this year's Christmas card was won by Pauline Simpson picturing an old time post box - a very appropriate subject in view of the threatened disruption of the postal service!

**George Webster**

### **From Church Notice Boards and Parish Magazines Around the Country!**

- Next weekend's Fasting & Prayer Conference in Whitby includes all meals.
- Sunday morning sermon: 'Jesus Walks on the Water'  
Sunday evening sermon: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Remember in prayer the many that are sick of our community.  
Smile at someone who is hard to love.  
Say 'Hell' to someone who doesn't care much about you.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7.00 pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.

## 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	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	Suzanne Newman	934 0589
Charvil Village Society	Margaret Gregory	934 5419
Charvil Women's Club	Shirley Newman	934 0589
Sonning & Charvil Baby-sitting Circle	Mrs Vanessa Jones	934 1185
	<i>E-mail</i> vanessalouisejones@hotmail.com	
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 Charvil & Hurst N.A.G.	Contact: Bob Hulley	969 9431
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 Football Club	Tony Farmer	956 6536
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	Mrs Lesley Bates (interim)	969 7753
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>