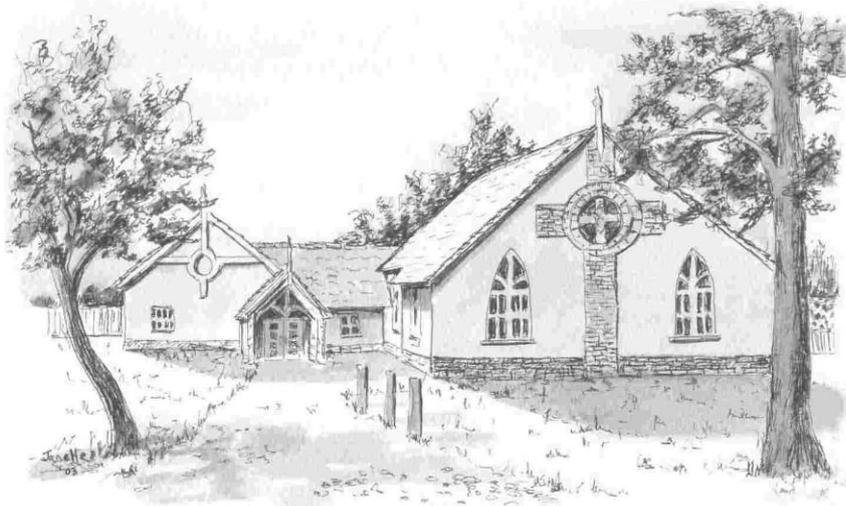


Sonning Parish Magazine



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

The Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

It is two years ago this month that I came to Sonning for the first time and went through the interview process. Prior to this, much work had gone into producing a document called the 'parish profile', in which the PCC presented information about both churches and the wider community, and spoke of their hopes for the future, including an assessment of strengths and weaknesses. It was fascinating to learn of all the good things that were going on in the parish, and to get some idea of where our lay leaders thought improvements could be made.

After my Induction I asked the PCC to review the 'parish profile', and we set up a working party to formulate a plan on how we might address the perceived weaknesses that had been highlighted. The main issue that came to the fore was outreach to children, teenagers and young families. The PCC was then asked to approve the working party's proposals which were designed to improve our ministry in this field, and happily, these were unanimously approved. The most significant idea centred on bringing in

someone with professional training to build up this ministry. Many parishes are doing this, often with exciting results. I have seen how effective this can be in my last parish where significant growth took place, once a trained youth worker was employed. However enthusiastic and dedicated a Vicar may be in wanting to build up an effective youth and family work, the reality of managing a busy parish soon crowds in, and there is inevitable frustration that proper time and energy cannot be devoted to the task. The PCC believe there is huge potential in both our villages for developing this new ministry, and, under God, this will be a meaningful way in which the church can serve our communities.

In order to see our vision become a reality we have quite a mountain to climb. All those on our churches' electoral roll have been invited to a special service at 10:30am on June 13th to hear more about the challenges involved, and this will be followed by a reception where questions can be asked on an individual basis. The costs involved in this new ministry would be significant, and the present level of giving from our congregations will not allow us to proceed as yet. The PCC are fully behind this new project, and believe that it is important to bring everybody together in order to explain where we want to get to, and how we think we can achieve it. I do hope that all church members will make every effort to join us on this occasion.

I remember hearing early on in my time here that if the church is in need, everyone rallies round and the work gets done. The excellent state of repair of our parish church is a powerful testimony to that. The PCC has now highlighted another need, not related to our buildings, and arguably far more important and pressing. That is the need to build an effective and sustained ministry to young people and families. It is a need that is echoed in churches up and down the land, and we believe that God is calling us to address it as a matter of some urgency. We are confident that our proposals can achieve this, but only if we seek God's guidance in how we might offer our own individual contribution in bringing it about.

Best wishes.

Jamie

Notices

Congratulations: We are delighted that Theresa May, a member of our congregation, has been appointed as Home Secretary and Minister for Women. We send our best wishes, and offer our prayers as she undertakes this most demanding of tasks.

Stewardship Sunday: There is no 8.00am service at St. Andrew's or 9:30am service at St. Patrick's on June 13th. The whole parish is asked to attend a special service at 10:30am at St Andrew's. This will be followed by drinks in the Vicarage garden.

Songs of Praise: At St. Andrew's with the Reading Central band of the Salvation Army-Sunday July 18th at 6:30pm. There will be no Matins that day and the 10:30am service will be a Parish Eucharist.

65th Anniversary of VE Day: Sunday 9th May Evensong; VIPs and guests gather to process into church:



Jamie



CHARITY GARDEN PARTY

SATURDAY 17th JULY 12 noon-4 pm

THE GABLES, 36 POUND LANE, SONNING

Bar-B-Q Face painting Plant stall
Bouncy Castle Balloon race Bric a brac Cake Stall
Cream teas and cakes Lucky Dip Auction and more!

£1 entrance for adults - Children enter for free!

All proceeds to 'HopetoAlbania'
a charity raising funds to help children and families in Albania

Footprints



**For all those
dealing with the
loss of a loved one,
redundancy, divorce,
or separation**

**Come and join us at an informal coffee
morning on the second Tuesday of the month
at 11.00am in the St Sarik Room of
St. Andrew's Sonning
(June 8th 2010)**

**An opportunity to meet with others facing the
many pressures of bereavement and loss**

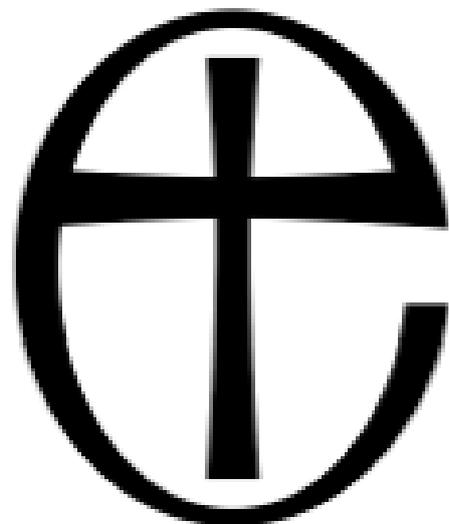
STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

**An invitation to all who care
about *Christian Ministry*
in *Sonning and Charvil***

**Please join us in
St. Andrew's Church, Sonning**

**Sunday 13 June 2010
at 10.30 am**

Followed by drinks in the Vicarage garden.



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**

Charvil Viewpoint

On a casual reading of Mathew's and Luke's gospels you might have mistakenly thought that Mary, the blessed mother of Jesus, was a single parent and that Joseph only had 'a walk on part' so to speak. As a father, I feel for Joseph and the extent to which he played second fiddle to Mary, the shepherds and the wise men. So I am pleased that although Father's day is not an official part of the church's calendar at least there is an opportunity for all fathers to get a look in and to be appreciated. This is especially important as there are so many single parents in our society as a result of the breakdown of relationships in the partnership between mothers and fathers, both outside and within marriage.

As mothers are usually given custody of the children of the failed partnership, it is to my mind vitally important that fathers are not pushed into the background without due recognition that they play a vital role in the care and upbringing of their children. Their role should not be understated. Jesus learned a lot from his father, Joseph, in his carpenter's workshop. Theirs must have been a bonding based on teamwork and mutual love, respect and understanding. So on Father's Day we emphasize and should enhance the contribution within the home and family that fathers play in the upbringing and moral teaching of helping their children to discern right from wrong. Our pursuit of the understanding of the Christian way of life as exemplified in the life and ministry of Jesus should be the role model for all fathers in reflecting to their children as much as possible the same quality of relationship between Jesus and his spiritual father, God, as the caring, protective relationship that Joseph had with his earthly son.

We are pleased to report that Chris Easton is recuperating and convalescing well after his successful operation as a result of the skill of the hospital surgeons and your prayers for him, for which he is very grateful.

Love and prayers,

Michael & Family

From the Registers

Baptisms

2nd May: Henry James Munday 2nd May: Jovian Marshman Bell Crozier
16th May: Lily Anne Whitby 16th May: Summer Anne Louise Grant

Weddings

9th April: David James Turney and Erica Louise Townsend

10th April: Michael McDonagh and Rachel Elizabeth Kiernan
16th April: Daniel Elliott and Nicola Giardina
22nd May: Ben James Kimber and Rebecca Lianne Duffield

Funerals

20th April: Trevor Grist
26th April: John Tranter
24th May: Mike Robson
21st April: Helen Vooght
14th May: Norman Brown

The Real Hedge Fund

Our local nature conservation volunteer group, the Friends of Ali's Pond, are delighted to have secured a grant of £2,880 to enable the planting of a wildlife hedgerow along the north side of the A4 between Sonning and Charvil. The grant scheme, known as the Hedge Fund, is sponsored by Stella Artois and managed by The Tree Council and it paid for the planting of 800 metres of species-rich hedge on the thin strip of land which separates the A4 cycle path from the University Farm fence.

Previous attempts to plant in the 80s had failed because large "standard" trees had been planted without guaranteed watering and maintenance, which led to most of them dying. The planting this time was of very young specimens known as "whips" which have fully developed root systems and can become established very quickly with relatively little maintenance. This hedgerow will not only provide a very attractive and valuable wildlife habitat in its own right, but will also act as an important wildlife corridor alongside what is otherwise a very large and barren expanse of open, agriculturally improved grassland. A total of 22 native hedgerow species were planted, including Spindle, Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Wayfaring Tree, Crab Apple, Dog Rose, Field Maple and Hazel.

Wokingham BC refused to allow the planting to take place on the south side of the ditch next to the cycle path, even though their maintenance of the ditch appears to take place in geological timescales, but they had no objection to it being planted on the tiny strip between the ditch and the fence line. Fortunately Reading University Farms, who own that tiny strip, had no objection either. Indeed they acknowledged the benefits of shade and nutrition that the hedge will eventually provide to their livestock.

Local countryside management specialist John Woodhouse had the dubious pleasure of winning the contract to do the planting - I say "dubious" because it involved the back-breaking chore of planting 2,700 whips and installing rabbit guards and canes with each one - all during that bitter weather in March!

Ali Driver

Sonning Cricket Club - it's been a busy winter!

Well another cricket season is upon us and as artful spinner Mark Anderson polishes his glabrous pate for another long season in the sun, and young Ryan Pownall belies his tender years by honing a winning Sunday squad from a small but dedicated band of hibernating willow-wafters, it's time for a quick update on what's been going on lately at Sonning Cricket Club.

Firstly we have been successful with a SportEngland grant to purchase new covers and sightscreens, and two portable nets and a catching cradle for junior practice. Secondly we are well on our way to achieving England Cricket Board (ECB) Clubmark accreditation, which opens up new grants and training opportunities etc. As part of this process we have trained up 7 members to become qualified coaches for our juniors, which is fantastic. We recently had an extremely successful work party as part of National Cricketforce Day, when 30 players turned out to assemble the new equipment and decorate and clear up inside and outside the pavilion. In addition we have secured the invaluable services of local stalwart Stirk Pownall to serve as our groundsman. Those who know Stirk will be aware that his name is synonymous with the phrase "hard graft" - as is already apparent at King George's Field.

Our junior section, which has only been in existence for 2 years, is expanding from 2 teams to 4 - as we will now be running one Under 8s, two U 11s and one U 13s team. Parents of any youngsters who wish to join, should contact Junior Cricket Manager, Neil Methold, on 0118 9321163 for details. This year our overseas player is the very personable Rhys Yorke from Brisbane and he will be helping out with the junior coaching on Sunday mornings.

Finally I should mention that in response to some recent rumblings that because we had been so successful we couldn't somehow be a true village cricket club any more, I did some research. The facts were even more dramatic than I expected: when I joined the club in 1987, there were 7 playing members who lived in the village - now there are 53; 28 juniors and 25 adults! Your village cricket club really is just that, and it is going from strength to strength - but we still need all the support we can get! To find out more about us, log on to www.sonningcc.co.uk

Ali Driver

Pearson Hall Annual General Meeting

The Pearson Hall Management Committee cordially invites you to the Pearson Hall AGM which will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 16th June, at 7.45 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. 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 will be helpful if you could let me know in advance so that any necessary research can be carried out before the meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Sharon Robinson

Will The Magic Come Back?

When I was a boy I lived in Woodley, but spent most of my leisure time in Sonning. We were a group of lads and lassies who would congregate in a hut at the tennis courts in the Rec. I met Peg, my Wife of sixty-five years, at this time.

The hut was a magic place. We were a well-behaved bunch and there was never any complaint about our activities (if we had transgressed Mr Dean, the local Bobby, would smartly have had us on the carpet).

In the Rec' at that time were two devices, the Ocean Wave and a long swing, that could have caused injuries but never did. Health and Safety people would have been appalled. The Parish Council has now put a new hut near the playground. I hope that today's lads and lassies will get the same pleasure from it as we did from the previous one.

Will the magic come back for the modern generation of girls and boys? Three of my friends are commemorated on plaques in the Church, as is Peg's Cousin who I met but briefly. What a long time ago it was, yet how vivid the memories.

Rusty Atkins

RNLI Sonning Branch Garden Party 2010

The Garden Party, this year, will be held, by kind invitation of Mr & Mrs J. Baldwin at The White House, High Street, Sonning on Saturday 19th June from 6.30 to 8.00pm. Tickets are available from David Bates: Telephone 0118 969 7753, price £10.00 each.

Please support this very worthwhile charity & have fun as well!

Lynn Woodhouse

Sonning Glebe WI

At our main meeting in May we were very lucky with the weather as Barbara Carr had organised a village quiz. This involved walking round the village looking for the answers to her question sheet. Husbands and friends joined

us on this occasion and we thoroughly enjoyed the evening. Some of our members went on a bluebell walk at Binfield Heath at the beginning of the month and I must say we had picked the right time as the bluebells were out in abundance and the woods were a sea of blue. Lunch followed at the Bottle and Glass PH.

Our Group Meeting was also held in May and many of our members attended to hear an excellent speaker, Beryl Maile. Her talk was entitled "*How to paint a picture while your buns are in the oven*". She was extremely talented and also a hilarious speaker as she punctuated her drawing with some very funny stories.

The two charities we have agreed to support this year are Thrive Garden and Victim Support. Every year we award two bursaries and these were drawn this month. Pam Bowen won the 4 day course and Sharon Robinson the 2 day. This enables them to attend a course of their choice at Denman College.

Our future programme includes a walk and lunch at Remenham, Lunch at The Cricketers, Scrabble evening and Knit and Natter. We are all looking forward to our Summer Supper in July together with our annual garden party, and a visit to Hampton Court.

As there was no entry for WI in last month's magazine I would like to mention and congratulate Sharon Robinson. Sharon was presented with the Mavis Bendall trophy at the Spring Council Meeting held at the Hexagon in April. Her entry was a short story entitled "*Not the WI*".

If anyone is interested in learning more about WI or would like a copy of our future programme, please give me a call on 0118 969 4897.

Molly Oakley

Parish Walk

June 19th: Meet 10.15am at Mill End car park GR785856. Walk over the river to Aston and Remenham; 5 miles. Contact me on 0118 926 8035 or 07982 0483.

Jean Milbourn

Sonning Art Group

We are now into our summer schedule. Four extra 2 hour meetings at our usual time, 7:30, and venue, St. Patrick's Church Hall, started on Wednesday 19th May, the last taking place on Wednesday 9th June. Four outdoor painting/sketching sessions will follow. Locations will be Littlewick Green,

Dinton Pastures, Odney Club and Finchampstead Church. For the latter we have special access to the church kitchen and will be able to paint inside the church if the weather is wet or if the artist is so inclined. These outdoor painting sessions are a special experience so why not join us, it is often more relaxing to paint as a member of a small group. We don't necessarily sit in a group so you can be 'alone' if you wish but without the total isolation! The dates have yet to be finalised, so please phone the organiser Margaret Cardrick on 01344 868283 for details. All welcome. Lifts to the locations can be arranged.

The club will be holding an exhibition at the Charvil Fete. Please come along if you can on Sunday 20th June to support us. The fete takes place at Charvil Village Hall (Park Lane/The Hawthorns) and expect a variety of stands and entertainment inside & out, something for everybody – anyone for ferret racing and the paintings are interesting too!

Our new annual programme 2010/11 begins at 7:30pm in St. Patrick's Hall on Wednesday, 1st September & as usual several professional artists have been booked for demonstrations or tutorials, always well worth attending even if you don't come to any of the other meetings. Copies of the programme are already available.

Julie Bennett

Sonning Floral arrangement Society

At the May meeting, Sumie Takahashi demonstrated Ikebana, the art of Japanese flower arranging.

I was fascinated as much by her national dress as I was by her skill. That big roll of cloth worn on the back of her waist through which a thick silk rope was threaded and tightly tied intrigued me: What was its purpose I wondered? She tucked the ends of her vast sleeves into the rope to get them out of the way while she worked. Her husband, who helped carry her demonstration materials, was a bit of a disappointment as he was merely wearing a mundane fawn pullover and trousers! So, we swiftly turned our attention to this little Japanese lady.

The triangle - one point to heaven, one point to man, one point to earth was the basis of all seven arrangements she made. She used a lot of aspidistra leaves and probably only three flowers each time. Her arrangements were all very simple, fresh and uncluttered; and she showed us a few tricks as well. In all, a very fascinating afternoon.

The vote of thanks was given by Sharon Robinson, who, with pre-arranged help from a friend, delivered it in Japanese, with English translations. There

was much applause; perhaps Sharon could tell me what that roll of cloth is for?

Dates for the Diary:

10th June: Next Meeting with Susie Barwick on *Floating Flowers*. Competition; *Tranquility - a Water Arrangement*.

24th June: Summer cream tea in my garden at 'Winona', Sonning Eye. 2.00pm, please bring a chair.

12th August: Summer lunch at the home of Pam Byrne, Athelston House, Holmemoor Drive, Sonning. Tickets £10.00.

Jane Gascoine

Sonning Parish Council

The recent Annual General Meeting of Sonning Parish Council saw Councillor Steve Chapman step down from his role as Chairman in order to be able to devote more time to representing Sonning Ward on Wokingham Borough Council.

Over the past six years Steve has worked tirelessly for the benefit of the whole community and the dedication, commitment and enthusiasm he has shown has been a reflection not just on himself but on the village as a whole. As his successor I would like to record my personal thanks to Steve for all that he has done for Sonning and am pleased to be able to report that he will be remaining as a Parish Councillor, for at least the next few months, to enable a smooth hand over.

As part of the Annual Parish Meeting, Bob Hulley gave a presentation on a project that has been undertaken by the Highways Working Group. Starting with a completely blank sheet of paper they were asked to come up with a solution to the traffic problems that Sonning has to continually endure. If you were unable to make the meeting but would like to see a copy of his presentation then it is available on the Parish Council Website at <http://www.sonning-pc.gov.uk>

As we all know if there was a simple, workable and affordable solution to the traffic problems it would have been implemented long before now. However part of the purpose of this project has been to get people thinking, and talking, about the problem and to consider possible solutions. The project is still very much in its early stages and no final decision would be made without full consultation with residents but if you have any ideas or thoughts that you would like to put forward please feel free to contact any of the working group whose contact details are on the website.

Mark Green

Sonning CE Primary School

As a school we are a special community but equally we are a community within the wider communities of Sonning and Charvil and it has been good to be part of this in so many different ways. We have been busy building our scarecrows for the festival weekend and working with Sonning Flower Club towards the displays on show in St Andrew's as part of their rainbow theme. Also Sonning Art club recently presented awards to our children following their competition. We have also recognised the achievements of several of our Y5 pupils' involvement in the Charvil U10 football team who won an important tournament; we are also planning to put football teams into the Woodley Carnival competitions. Our oldest children visited Bluecoat School as part of their recent CCF celebrations and Year 5 also spent a wonderful activities day there. The choir is currently busy rehearsing for their Hexagon concert on June 20th and it was lovely to represent the school recently at the special VE day service at St Andrew's. Still to come is our involvement in the village rounders tournament and a number of special events as our group of 30 year 6 pupils prepare to move on to their various secondary schools. We also continue to work in partnership with Reading University and currently have six trainee teachers working in our school.

Just before half term we welcomed back our Deputy Head, Gill Kelsall, following her period of maternity leave after the birth of her lovely baby daughter Emma in December. In April we congratulated another of our teachers, Louise Micklewhite, on the arrival of her son Sam.

Our building work is nearly finished and we are really looking forward to using our extended Thomas Feak room and 8th classroom. You will get an opportunity to see this first hand early in the Autumn when we look forward to welcoming you to our school grounds for the annual village show.

Lesley Green

Sonning and Sonning Eye Society

With the arrival of the recent warm and sunny weather the Society is now looking forward to its next event which will be a Summer Luncheon Party for members on Sunday 20th June starting at 12 noon. We are particularly pleased that the luncheon this year is to be held in the fantastic gardens of Sonningdene in Pearson Road. Tickets for this event, priced at £10.00 each, are available from Penny Feathers on 0118 934 3193. The Berkshire Gardens Trust has kindly agreed to set up a display for us and there will be two of their members in attendance to answer any questions or queries that you may have. We look forward to seeing as many members as possible for what we hope, weather permitting, will be a lovely social occasion.

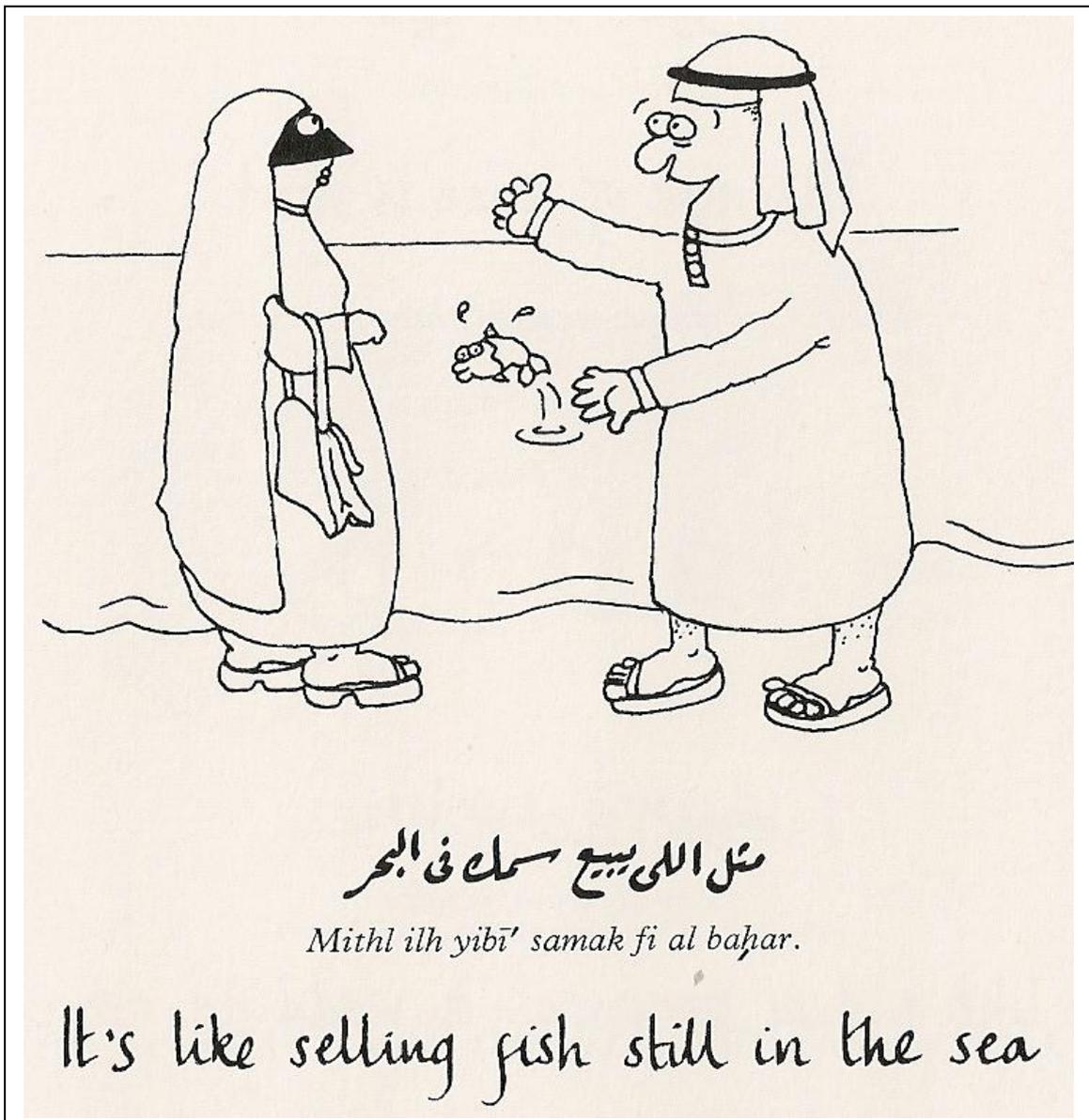
Each year the Society participates in the Heritage Open Day Weekends and this year is no exception. We will again be running a Heritage Walk around

the village during the afternoon of Sunday 12th September. If you would like to learn more about the history and architecture of this magnificent village then I would very much like to encourage you to join me for this walk. Further details will be available in the coming weeks.

Mark Green

And a thought for you

Did you realise that all languages have similar proverbs and sayings to those we use daily. Here's one from Arabia:



Our version: “Don't count your chickens before they are hatched.”

(From “The son of a duck is floater”
compiled by Primrose Arnander and Ashkain Skipwith)

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	Emma James	969 5538
Charvil Senior Residents Club	Julie Bennett	934 5059
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 <i>E-mail</i> vanessalouisejones@hotmail.com	934 1185
Sonning Art Group	Chairman: Sue Bell	969 6924
Sonning Beech Lodge	Bookings: Tim Pascall	969 6935
Sonning Book Club	Mrs Anne Webster	944 0699
Sonning Branch, British Legion	Chairman: Gordon Barnett	969 6693
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 st Sonning Scouts Group	Scout Leader: Colin Giles	969 5849
1st Sonning Scouts Group	Cub Scouts: Alison King	962 1675
1st Sonning Scouts Group	Beavers: Judy Ricketts	969 3279
Sonning Table Tennis Club	Alan Tinson	969 0782
Sonning Twinning Association	David Bates	969 7753
Sonning Toddler Group	Emma James	969 5538
Sonning & Sonning Eye Society	Sec: Andy Bell	969 6924
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	Ms Sharon Robinson	969 0748
Badminton Club	Mrs P. Pardoe	934 5643
Longmead Bridge Club	Chairman: Tony Cowling	969 5181
Rotary Club of Loddon Vale	Sec: Richard Ward	966 9348
Short Mat Bowling Club	Mrs S. Newman	934 0589
Thames Valley(Wokingham) Link	Chris Liebert Chris.liebert@hotmail.com	978 4487

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	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