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From the Editor

The summer sunshine comes and goes, but June in our communities is brimming with a wonderful and vibrant collection of fetes, fairs and festivals, with open air theatre, lots of live music, street markets and open gardens. There is a traditional garden party, live radio featuring a garden event and exciting unsigned local music (not both at once!) – and that wonderful sound of leather on willow with cricket on the green. So pull out that straw hat, pack up a picnic and stay local.

The big local event in May was the Fair which came (too early) and went. The police report a fairly quiet time but agree that it's too big for its location. Meanwhile the authorities are still making little progress on giving the Gypsy community and travellers, on one hand, and residents, on the other, any clear guidance or plans to help.

News and comment in our June edition comes from all directions. There are book reviews, cinemas, sporting news and reviews, articles, letters and lots more... and terrific features! So, whatever the weather, I hope you enjoy *Moreton Times* this month.

Editor

R.S.V.P

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Sunday 15th June – The Garden Show at Chipping Campden School. Your host, NCCR's gardening expert Paul Williams, invites you come along to see a wide range of plants & shrubs from local gardening organisations. There'll also be a question & answer session, with a number of experts on hand to answer your gardening queries.

Saturday 21st June – Music, Music, Music at Chipping Campden School. If you're interested in music this is a must. Featuring local & national equipment manufacturers, unsigned bands and a question & answer session with your host NCCR's Steve Sutherland, former Editor of NME. With special guests to be announced. Times for both events tbc. Profits from both events to be split 50/50 between NCCR & Chipping Campden School Parent Teachers Association.

From NCCR Chairman Robb Eden –

"Once the radio station is established we wish to set up studios on Stow-on-the-Wold, Moreton-in-Marsh and Bourton-on-the-Water. anyone from those areas who wish to become involved should contact Robb Eden at robbeden@aol.com. We are particularly eager to hear from anyone who wishes to become a station representative in their area. This will involve organising a team of volunteers, overseeing programmes and programme ideas and to co-ordinate fundraising activities. Each area representative will also have a place on the NCCR management committee. So if you have something to say or wish to promote your organisation, YOUR NCCR NEEDS YOU."

Souljacker



Welcome to NCCR

We're Moving...

At last, we will be moving back into our studio in The Cooler. If all goes well, we will be back with test programmes early in June. Once our hardwire broadband connection is up & running we will confirm a launch date.

NCCR Appoints Broadway Co-ordinator

North Cotswold Community Radio (NCCR) is pleased to announce the appointment of Tony Wall as the station's co-ordinator for Broadway & surrounding areas. Tony presents the Sunday evening show on NCCR with a unique mix of news, hard hitting opinions, dedications and prayers.

Tony is quite passionate about the radio station "When listeners email you and you see phone lines lighting up, it really makes you realise that you are part of something much larger" – emails are coming in from places as far-flung as Manchester and worldwide via broadband.

Radio Adds To Team

North Cotswold Community Radio (NCCR) is pleased to announce the appointment of John Bowlit as the station's co-ordinator for Shipston on Stour and its environs.

Special Summer Events celebrate radio relaunch

Produced in association with Chipping Campden School Parents Association, the events will be unmissable for lovers of gardening and music, with experts in both fields lined up to offer advice and wisdom to an expected audience of around 300 at each. From 2.30pm Sunday, June 15th's Garden Show will see NCCR's Gardening guru Paul Williams joined by *Daily Telegraph* columnist Val Bourne, garden designer and expert plantsman Chris Brown taking questions and offering solutions to horticultural problems. There will also be a selection of garden-related stalls along with tea and cakes. Advance tickets are a mere £5 and are available from Chipping Campden School reception during school hours, Chipping Campden Bookshop, the Cotswold Bookshop and Fosseyway Nursery, Moreton in Marsh, Stowes Nursery, Mickleton and Sabins Nursery at Ebrington.

Saturday June 21st (doors 6pm) will see a Midsummer's night Unsigned Music Showcase hosted by NCCR's very own Steve Sutherland (former Editor of the New Musical Express) who will chair a panel of experts including local farmer and Blur bassist Alex James, Universal Music's A&R chief Simon Gavin, producer and musician Stephen Lipson (who has worked with luminaries as diverse as The Rolling Stones, Whitney Houston, Daniel Bedingfield and Paul McCartney) and MD of Carlsbro Electronics, Andrew Bishop. This is a great chance for local talent to bring their wares to the attention of a distinguished set of music industry specialists.

Aspiring musicians or those seeking a career in the entertainment industry will have the chance to quiz the panel before the cream of local unsigned bands and songwriters take to the stage to perform short sets and receive the pundits' comments. Among those slated to appear onstage are hotly tipped local rockers Souljacker, Blockley's own Kamikaze Union, Oxfordshire-based rock quartet Inlight (who are already attracting major record label interest) and melodic duet No Fixed Abode. One further act is still to be confirmed. Tickets are again only £5 in advance from all the aforementioned outlets, or £7.50 on the door.

Keep listening to hear more of the best unsigned music, local news and information.

GUEST LIST

GARDEN SHOW
Val Bourne –
Daily Telegraph columnist
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On Midsummer Day, June 21st around 150 Morris and country dancers are expected to converge on Stow Square to perform and celebrate the longest day. To coincide with this event, Jeannie Kennell has arranged for a Midsummer's Fayre to take place within St Edward's Hall on both 21st and 22nd June. There will be a mixture of craft, bric a' brac and stalls in aid of local good causes at the fayre, and light refreshments will be available whilst you browse for a bargain among the many stalls.

The Midsummer Fayre will be open to the public on both 21st and 22nd June from 10am to 4pm.

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The Collett sisters, l-r Sophie and Ellie serving tea and scones.



l-r: Oliver Boyce, Harry Boyce, Euan Laughlin, George Boyce, and Monty Walton (my son!)

Lower Swell School Fete

Lower Swell School held a fete on Saturday 17th May, raising £600 for the School.

Included in the events were an antiques valuation table with Sean Clarke of Christopher Clarke antiques in Stow, Bar Billiards, a netball goal shoot out, white elephant stall, cream teas, BBQ, plant sale and tombola amongst many others.

A major feature was the photography competition for children and adults judged by Pop photographer, Steve Double of NME. There was also a painting competition for the children judged by local artist Mrs Peacey.

Head Teacher Karen Lewis was delighted that the event had been so well supported by parents - "It really was a very enjoyable afternoon".

The school is planning to put benches and a seating area in their outside classroom which was built during the winter, meaning that the children can have lessons outside on summer days. The funds raised will help this project along the way.



l-r: Gabby Dickinson, Matilda Loader and Lydia Clarke on Days of Heaven stall



Steve Double of NME judging the photographic competition.

Stow on the Wold Primary School



Stow's Primary school provides an active and lively environment for its pupils.

Class 2 Trip To Stratford

The children in Class 2 enjoyed a super day out at Stratford upon Avon. The day included a ride in an open top bus and a boat trip on the River Avon. Their behaviour was exemplary as always on school visits.

Tag Rugby Tournament

The Stow Tag Rugby team performed very well at the recent Gloucestershire Police Constabulary tournament. They played well and brought home the Plate Winner Award which is proudly on display in the entrance hall. The team was Eva Shoemark, Alana Taylor, Jay Taylor, Damon Andrews, James Clarke, Ben Clarke and Finn Shoemark. Well done to them all.

PTA Quiz Night

This was a very successful and enjoyable evening with eleven teams competing hard and enjoying a sumptuous buffet organised by Mrs Shoemark and Mrs Gaden, with contributions from many parents. Mr John Ramsbottom organised the questions and was an excellent quiz master, and prizes were kindly donated by Stow Lodge and The Roman Court. PTA members and dads all worked hard to make the evening a success, and their efforts raised over £230 for the school.

Fundraising Extravaganza at Bledington School

Bledington primary school held an exciting fundraising event this month to raise money for Ebenezer, a four year old Ugandan boy with Down's syndrome. Following a successful fundraising drive eighteen months ago, the school held a fun packed afternoon that raised £250 for Ebenezer's schooling. The children had a chance to unwind after the recent SATS exams, that some of them had been sitting, and learn a bit more about Uganda. Activities included parachute games, jewellery making, face painting, beat the goalie, icing cakes and soak the student teacher! The afternoon of activities proved to be very popular with both children and adults alike and Bledington school looks forward to supporting Ebenezer in the coming years with many more exciting fundraising activities. Next on Bledington school's community calendar is the village fete on 7th June which should be another fantastic event.



Mrs Hall painting faces for Millie Jackson, Manjul Pun, Elise Davies (having her face painted) and Natasha Pearson.



Headmaster Phil Croke playing Beat The Goalie!



Lucy Hall with her face painted

Local Walks with the Cotswolds Voluntary Wardens



Wednesday June 04 at 10.30

Blockley in Wool and Silk

A walk and talk around the historic village of Blockley. Suitable for families. Pub lunch can be arranged. Meet at Blockley village bus shelter
Leader Richard Keyte

2.5 hours 2.5 miles Easy OS Leisure 45/165351

Sunday June 15 at 10.00

Prehistory in our Landscape: Barrows, Henges and a Roman Road

A circular walk starting at Lower Swell passing up the Dikler valley and (arguably) the most picturesque brewery in the country. At Condicote we visit the site of a bronze age Henge then walk back to Lower Swell down the Roman Road – Ryknild Street. Back to the cars in time for lunch. Meet at Lower Swell on Stow road near to pub
Leader Anne Martis

3.5 hours 5 miles Moderate OL 45/177256

The Voluntary Wardens run a full programme of guided walks throughout the Cotswolds and carry out conservation work such as path clearance, gate installation, bridge building, dry stone walling, hedge laying, tree planting and restoration of historic features. Walks are free and any donations help to fund our conservation and improvement projects.

For the full guided walks programme and information about joining the Voluntary Wardens see , the Cotswold Lion (available from Information Centres) or call the Cotswold Conservation Board on 01451 862000.

Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Recent election of Governors for the Cotswolds

The constitution of a NHS Foundation Trust allows for it to have a membership community made up of local people and staff. In terms of the local people in Gloucestershire there are six constituencies of which the Cotswolds is largest in geographic terms. A recent vote by members of the Trust in the Cotswolds constituency resulted in the election of two new governors ,Prof Michael Orme from Clapton-on-the-Hill, and Mrs Margaret Clayton-Ives from Blockley.

The role of the governors is being developed but essentially the Council of Governors is charged with helping to develop the work of the Trust and also to offer views to the Board of Directors about the Trust's plans for changes to the health service locally. I have worked in the NHS for 40 years as a clinical academic and was Dean of the Medical School in Liverpool. I shall therefore be taking a particular interest in the education and training of all staff at the Trust.

As Governors we are also asked to meet with and speak to Members of the Trust in the Constituency. We cannot get involved in individual clinical cases but we can take forward members' views on a particular aspect of Health Care delivery. If you are not a member of the Trust it is very easy to become one. Just go to the web site and click on the 'Foundation Members Area' where you will find a link which takes you to a simple enrolment form. If you have any issue on health care delivery you would like me to take forward email me on

Professor Michael Orme



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Architecture in the future

Low energy? Low cost?

Low energy and zero-energy buildings could have a huge impact on carbon emissions. We have the technologies, but if they are to mitigate climate change, green-building design must hit the mass market.

So says Declan Butler. His article (in Nature 3 April 2008 page 520) is embarrassing. Whilst the German pioneers have shown that 45% of all energy consumption is accounted for by buildings, he points out that this is far worse than cars and trucks all added together. If we could only appreciate that energy efficient houses are the answer to tackling the problems of climate change, we would reduce global carbon emissions by about 30% by 2020 by improving the energy efficiency of buildings (IPCC report Nov 2007). Kevin McCloud is a voice in the wilderness advocating, as he does so well, the new technologies, but I get the feeling that most watchers of Grand Designs feel these are beyond the reach of the common man. In Frankfurt a 1950s building was recently refurbished, the council inspired thermograms show that a 90% reduction in heat loss took place after the refurb!

The latest technology shows that new buildings use up to 80-90% less energy than existing buildings. The most efficient use very little, if any, traditional heating or air conditioning. The overall comfort level in these new structures is often superior to conventional structures and not only are they less expensive to build but work out far less expensive to run if you take into account the dramatic reduction in cost of energy during the lifetime of the building.

The catch appears to be 'How do we change the construction industry's ways?' It seems that architects are not designing ultra-low carbon emission buildings. Is this because developers want the quick and easy profit or because architects lack the know how?

The 'Cotswolds issue'

Our buildings have a wonderful 'old' feel to them and the conservationists are a powerful lobby trying to maintain the *status quo*, but when did anyone last do any thermograms in Stow square! I bet all those delightful single glazed windows would shine brighter than the Bishop Rock lighthouse. The problem is that we are missing the opportunity to contribute to helping global warming because we do not think about energy in the design or refurbishment of a building. When these old buildings were made none of today's technology and modern building materials were available and whilst plastic windows can look horrendous, they don't have to, and perhaps modern materials could be used with consideration for the historical environment and we can all live more comfortably with minimum impact on our environment.

The grass is not necessarily greener in the other fellow's field however! When we asked a German prefabricating company to quote for a small three bedroom new build they came back with a figure of £450,000 which was just a bit higher than we expected (by about 200,000!). The reasons we were told was a large sun gathering atrium and a difficult sunken living area. British timber framed

companies are offering less expensive alternatives.

Three quarters of the building spend on energy comes from residential homes. Even in Germany passive (ultra low energy) houses only represent 2% of new builds. Typically these houses attempt to eliminate heat bridges such as windows, junctions between floors and walls where large amounts of energy are transferred to and from the outside. These houses can be perfectly well heated from solar gain, waste heat from appliances and our own body heat (we each emit 400 watts which together with the average computer or two makes the equivalent of a one bar fire 24/7).

These homes also need to be ventilated. Stale air is passed through a heat exchanger which simultaneously heats incoming fresh air. This can also be done with the aid of an additional heat pump which adds extra heat extracted from the outside air. There aren't many of these in Stow! These systems are being introduced into office blocks to give heat consumption of less than 50kWh/m²/year. Another idea in the refurbished UN building in Geneva uses 100m bore holes through which water circulates. The water is passed through concrete slabs in the ceilings of each room which keeps the working temperature at 17 degrees all year round at no cost. All you need is a small pump which can run off microgenerated power.

Are we alone? 30,000 delegates turned up for Chicago's 'Greenbuild' conference in November 2007 - in America? I don't think so; in the Cotswolds? - hmmm.

Apart from the obvious help to the planet and her resources, how many of us would delight in energy bills of less than £500 per annum? How much do you pay for heating, lighting, cooking etc?

From Dr. Peter Dean

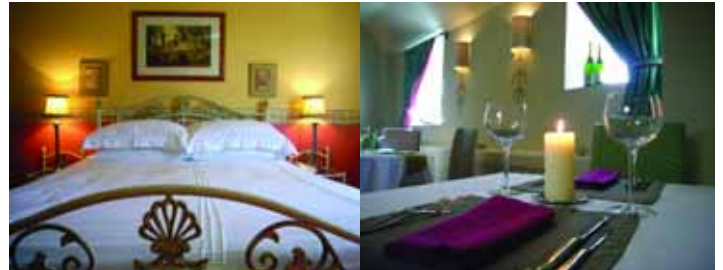




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STOW BROWNIE GUIDER RECEIVES TOP ACCOLADE FROM NEWSREADER KATE SILVERTON



On 24 April, Kathryn Mitchell from Longborough received Girlguiding UK's highest accolade – the Queen's Guide Award.

It was presented to Kathryn by the BBC newsreader, television presenter and Queen's Guide Kate Silverton. Kate was standing in for HRH the Countess of Wessex – the Girlguiding UK President and regular event host – who is currently on maternity leave.

Kathryn, 21, is just one of over 60 young women to receive the award at Gibson Hall in London. Kate Silverton spoke about being a Queen's Guide: "Even today, when I am being interviewed, I am proud to mention the award as it symbolises everything which I still believe in and stand for. Being a Queen's Guide indicates you are a committed, determined person; community spirited and prepared to go the extra mile. The award is a great recognition of hard work and achievement."

The Queen's Guide Award – an equivalent to the Duke of Edinburgh Gold scheme – takes three years to achieve and includes elements like volunteering in at least two community projects during the course of a year. Queen's Guides are also asked to demonstrate leadership skills on an expedition.

Kathryn said: I have really enjoyed the wide variety of challenges which I undertook to complete this award and

I am very grateful to all those who have supported me, especially my Brownie unit, 1st Stow-on-the-Wold Brownies. Girlguiding UK has given me

the opportunity to learn many new skills, from running residential trips to taking part in a Lottery-funded grant-awarding Committee, Project Switch.

Through the Queen's Guide Award I have also been encouraged to achieve some more personal challenges. I particularly enjoyed preparing for, planning and trekking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru and the Community Action part of this award, teaching youngsters aged from 5 to 26 years in a rural Peruvian village. I love the opportunities I have through Girlguiding, working with local youngsters as well as meeting new people locally, regionally and even internationally."

Gill Slocombe, Girlguiding UK Chief Commissioner for South West England, said:

This is the most prestigious award a girl can achieve in Guiding. It requires a sense of fun and an ability to cope with new challenges combined with a determination to succeed. These are all valuable skills for young women to acquire in readiness for adulthood and I'm extremely proud that in today's girl led Guiding we are able to make such achievements possible for our members."

ROTARY'S DONATION TO VITAL COMMUNITY CENTRE RENOVATIONS



President Michael Banks presents the cheques to Rev Stephen Wookiee accompanied by Ian Beattie (left) Chmn of Rotary's Three Counties Flood Committee and Assistant Governor Martin Greaves (right)

The St David's Community Centre in Moreton in Marsh has been presented with a cheque for £20,000 towards important renovation works after last year's floods. At a special ceremony on 2 May the President of the North Cotswolds Rotary Club, Michael Banks, presented the cheque to Rev. Stephen Wookiee who, as a Trustee of the Centre, is helping to mastermind the remedial works.

As soon as he heard of the flood problems last year, President Michael Banks asked the Rotary Club's District organisation for help and the resulting £20,000 grant was

allocated from the Rotary District's Three Counties Flood Appeal, helped by a contributory grant from Rotary's national organisation. The Appeal Committee was represented at the presentation ceremony by Ian Beattie, Chairman of the Flood Appeal Committee, and Assistant District Governor Martin Greaves.

This donation was the last in the series of flood relief contributions totalling over £34,000 made by North Cotswolds Rotary via the Three Counties Flood Appeal. Other contributions were made to:

Moreton Play Space £10,000
Moreton Playgroup £500
Moreton Voluntary Aid centre £4,000
St Davids Community Centre £20,000

President Michael Banks was delighted that this grand total has been achieved "From the outset of our Floods Appeal, North Cotswolds Rotary was determined to help our local community get back on its feet and I am delighted that we have been able to achieve such a total of grants. I should like to thank in particular all those local people who have contributed so generously to our Rotary collections through the year".

ROTARY got aid into Burma on Day 2, through their 'SHELTERBOX' charity.

"SHELTER BOX" was one of the first charities to get into Burma, sending a plane load of Shelter Boxes to Rotary Clubs in Thailand a day after the cyclone, who then transferred them to helpers in Burma for distribution into the Irrawady Delta. North Cotswolds Rotary Club dipped into their charity account to purchase two Shelter Boxes to add to those being sent out. Each box costs about £450 and contains a tent, four sleeping bags, cooking equipment and a survival kit.

It is because ROTARY is INTERNATIONAL that help was able to get into Burma so quickly, using links through sister Clubs and members. The North Cotswold Rotary Club will be happy to receive any donations earmarked for the alleviation of natural tragedies – ensuring that such donations will reach the desired objective. We will tell you more about "SHELTER BOX" in the July issue.

Should you wish to help please contact Rotary (contact info p.21) or drop a note addressed to North Cotswolds Rotary Club into THE OLD STOCKS HOTEL overlooking The Green in Stow. Thank you.

Anxiety Disorders

We will all at some point during our lives experience acute anxiety. But what is it? How do we know we have it? Furthermore what can we do about it?

In simplistic terms anxiety is driven by fear, and usually of the unknown. Fear drives the body and mind into a sense of panic, a feeling of being out of control, nervous and full of worry. For most of us anxiety passes quite quickly, it may be relieved by some kind and supportive words by loved ones, but for others anxiety is debilitating, relentless and frightening.

In children anxiety can build and may become a phobia and if it's not dealt with properly can last a lifetime. Anyone with a phobia would probably tell you they have had it since childhood, as generally that is when the fear triggers the phobia. A classic and very common anxiety that becomes a phobia is that fear of spiders. A spider may have taken the child by surprise, perhaps lowering itself from a ceiling and then dropping onto the child or indeed brought about by another child pretending to chase the little boy or girl with a spider. I have countless stories like these but what I really want to explain is that if that person is in an anxious state or vulnerable when something like that happens, the emotion of the fear links with the spider, creating a phobic reaction each time he/she sees one or senses one.

Childhood anxiety is very common, after all, growing up can be quite daunting! It is very important to recognize the anxiety as a parent to enable you to handle it in an

appropriate way. A child may show symptoms like these; not wanting to go to school, needing to be close to you at all times (having to be in the same room), over sensitive, slightly withdrawn, constant tummy aches. When something traumatic happens within a family, we mostly feel that children are very resilient and yes they can be at that time but sometimes anxiety comes out at a later date. This is often true of bereavement. Perhaps a Grandparent dying or even the family pet! It is very important to address such anxieties as and when they are felt, remembering that it is a fear. Help reassure the child with explanations of what happens next and give them a positive outlook by letting them know that how they are feeling is quite normal and it will pass. Hugs really help.

In adulthood anxiety feels very different. It can cause marital breakdown, depression, loss of libido and generally has an impact on the entire family. I see many people who just cannot rationalize their fears and worries, but I tell them that's because they are not rational! Fear in certain circumstances is totally irrational, however we do need the emotion to keep us out of harms way.

Anxiety is very apparent in people who have the following symptoms; shortness of breath suddenly, pains in the chest, a feeling of being unwell, feeling faint, hyperventilating. All these can be symptoms of a classic manic attack. This may be frequent, but the good news is that it can be easily treated. Root causes of these attacks are often unexplained but even so can be dealt with quickly with psychotherapy hypnosis or counselling.

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Is a book-keeper who still produces accounts manually by hand as good as one who prepares them on a computer? That was a question posed by one of my clients and it's one that I can readily answer. It is the book-keeper, not the method of preparing the accounts that is important. If the person preparing the accounts doesn't understand what is needed for the Profit & Loss Account or Balance Sheet then the information they've collected may well have errors that an accountant will have to put right. If your book-keeper keeps numerous ledgers, cross referencing against various accounts then you may well find that, come the time to prepare your Vat return or year-end accounts, the book-keeper may not have the relevant information to hand. That is why it is most important to keep things simple. Your accounts are made up of an on-going list of individual transactions, each put into compartments. The compartment identifies the type of expenditure the transaction relates to; e.g. Materials, Motor, Post & Stationery or whatever name you wish to give it. Once the transaction is in the right compartment it should stay there until a snapshot of the accounts is needed at year-end. However, quite a few book-keepers have a habit of moving things around, or altering them, so the audit trail becomes difficult to follow. That's when the problems start...

If your book-keeper keeps a well-organised set of accounts, where information is readily accessible if requested, then you don't have a problem. However, if information is not forthcoming or it takes ages to appear then you may well be paying someone who knows little about the accounts process. Either way, it is always good to have a thorough understanding yourself of how your books are prepared. Too many businesses are run by people who don't have a clue about their turnover, the percentage of profit they are making, or indeed whether they are making any profit at all. Don't be one of them – if in doubt contact me at the telephone number or e-mail address below.

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Our next signing is by an author who is very local and yet has connections to one of the great mysteries beloved of the conspiracy theorists. It was Hugo Soskin's father who gave the world the first hint of the puzzles of Rennes-le- Chateau which led to the publication of ' The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail ' and then to ' The Da Vinci Code ' .

Hugo's book is a humorous travelogue in which the author, as a chef at a nearby campsite to the village where it all began, becomes involved in his father's tours, accompanied by punk rocker, 'Rat Scabies'.

I'm sure Hugo will be delighted to tell all he knows about The Priory of Sion when he signs copies of his paperback *The Cook, the Rat and the Heretic* on Saturday 21st June at 10.30 am. Plus, we have 10 copies of *The Holy Blood and the Holy Grail* to give away with half the first twenty copies sold.

REVIEW

Just Henry by Michelle Magorian
Hardback at £12.99 and paperback at £6.99

An earlier book by this author, *Goodnight Mister Tom*, was published in 1981 and shortly after that, my eldest daughter, aged about ten at that time, wrote thanking her for '... my favourite book'. I feel that I should write to her now for this huge, entertaining book for youngsters is already one of my favourites.

Her story starts not long after the war, when the cinema was a great escape for many of the population. Young Henry, in the year before he leaves school, is desperate for a job in films but is earmarked for the railway. He is given the chance by a new teacher, to present his passion in front of the school but must work as a team with two boys who are shunned by all. One is illegitimate and the father of the other is believed to be a deserter. And thus begins his great awakening for those around him are not always as they seem. Finally, it is a piece of film that he has exposed in a borrowed camera, that turns his whole world upside down.

700 pages may seem a long read for those of ten years and up (the target market) but it is not only an easy read but is written so well that the reader is led along a trail of clues, deeper and deeper into the mystery surrounding Henry and his friends. I should say mysteries for there are dozens and each carries you further into the plot until you are hugely disappointed that the book has come to its end.

The characters, particularly the young ones, are a joy to accompany on their journey of discovery and the author's research enables her to give us a clear view of life when children played on bombed out buildings and chicken for dinner was a rare treat.

This is Michelle Magorian's first book in ten years. I hope we don't have to wait so long for the next.

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THE GALLERY GOURMET

a year on and it's time to award some accolades

The past 12 months have seen the Prof and the VB reporting on a fascinating journey around some of the contemporary art and aesthetic galleries in and around Stow-on-the-Wold and Moreton-in-Marsh. In this final article in the series, they share their considered views on the state of art in our part of the Cotswolds.

This May we wanted to review one more gallery in Stow. Like several of the galleries, this particular gallery does not open on Sundays....and regular readers of this column will know that we are completely baffled by galleries (and indeed ordinary retail shops) closing on Sundays. A casual glance around our towns on a Sunday will show many people wandering around, doubtless with their loose change jangling in their pockets, looking for places to go, things to see, and an opportunity to spend some money. We asked one gallery owner, recently, about this point. It was the May Bank Holiday Monday and we simply asked if his gallery had been open the previous day (a Sunday, of course). "Yes", he replied. "Was it busy?" "Yes" he affirmed "and we sold six paintings".

Phew, six sales on a Sunday! Now, if one takes an average sale of a painting in this gallery at say £1,000 (prices range from about £500 to about £5,000) then that makes takings of some £6,000...some of which presumably would not have been made if the gallery was closed as the punter may not have been local, and may or may not be a weekender. Whatever the profit margin, that is another £6,000 on the annual turnover.

So, back to the gallery that caused this outburst of frustration – The Fosse Gallery in Market Square, Stow. Well, when we visited last Saturday it might just as well have been closed. We were ignored when we entered the gallery. No welcome. We were ignored as we looked at the art on display. Finally, we left the gallery without the staff making any verbal or non-verbal contact with us at all – distinctly unfriendly, and not worthy of any kind of review of their art.

So, at the other end of the scale, which of the galleries reviewed in the past year gave the best service? The "**friendliest welcome**", must go to the John Davies Gallery in Moreton, whereas the "**best service**" must go to The Wold Gallery in Moreton, for their expert work reframing the picture that we purchased, to our design and at no extra cost.

Our award for the "**most cultured**" gallery goes to the Ruskin Gallery, in Talbot Square, Stow. The owners really know, love, understand and, importantly, can communicate their knowledge freely and commendably. The quality of the Arts & Crafts ware on display, together with some antique and contemporary glass, was excellent. They also pointed out a small chip in one piece which caught the Prof's eye, and earn our "**fair trading**" award, too.

Throughout our gallery travels we saw a very wide range of different art media including oils, watercolours, acrylics, each on a variety of grounds from canvas, to board and to stone. We saw some great pottery and ceramics, and marvelled at much of the dynamic and colourful glassware. We were also drawn into one gallery which had the bravery to open up as a Photographic Gallery, and to them must go our "**most innovative**" award. The Lensky Gallery in Market Square, Stow.

Lensky also features as one recipient of our "**best picture not purchased**" accolade. Three pieces of art that we

considered very fine but did not purchase....the first was a sepia-toned photograph depicting the interior of a derelict wooden hut, looking out on a desert scene, by Stuart Redler – whilst this description might conjure an image in your mind, think again as you imagine the scene with geometric angles of the broken walls channelling your view through to the distant wadi beyond. Astonishing.

The other two pieces to receive this "award" were, interestingly, both at the John Davies Gallery. The first was our featured painting last month, the work of Una Shanks. Her ink and watercolour entitled "Stargazer and Daisies" was one of the very best that we have seen in a while. The astonishing detail of the multi-coloured background to the incredibly detailed flowers was a visual feast, in subtle shades of colour. The second was a fantastic oil on board of Cromer, in Norfolk, showing "all the fun of the fair" from 1945, by Richard Duckworth Greenham (1906-1976).

To all our readers, we encourage you to go into galleries and look. Nearly every gallery we visited was keen to welcome us, and to invite us to view their art on display. Have the courage to engage the owner in chat, ask questions naïve or knowledgeable and listen carefully to the answers. There is nearly always something interesting to learn and if that enhances your appreciation, then so much the better. Enjoy. Have fun.

Finally, you will be wondering which gallery will win our "**best gallery**" award. Which gallery do we like to revisit often? Which gallery has a good mailing list of regularly posted and well-illustrated catalogues? Which gallery provided great service when The Prof wanted to buy a painting over the telephone for The VB's Christmas present as a surprise? Which gallery will always offer you some notes about the artist, without any prompting from you the purchaser? Which gallery will always, without fail, offer a cheery welcome and knowledgeable, interesting chat?

For us, that gallery has to be **The Red Rag Gallery**, in Church Street, Stow, with its well-lit gallery spaces, in a cottage setting, showing artwork, sculptures and bronzes on a scale that helps the browser to imagine each piece's size and scope in their own home, with no pressure.

So, Rod and Dan, take a bow. We salute you, and your superb gallery.

The Prof (and The VB)

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Friday 20th (3rd Friday each month)
The KITE RUNNER (PG)
Starts 7.30pm • TICKETS £3 incl Refreshments
Advance tickets/queries 01451 831153

VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE COMPTON
Tuesday 17th
NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN (15)
7.30pm – TICKETS £3.50 Queries 01608 674298

VILLAGE HALL, LITTLE WOLFORD
Thursday 19th (3rd Thursday each month)
THE KITE RUNNER (PG)
7pm for 7.30pm • TICKETS £3.50 incl refreshmts
Bookings 01608 684223 / 674200

VILLAGE HALL, LOWER ODDINGTON
Tuesday 17th
THE KITE RUNNER (PG)
7pm for 7.30pm • TICKETS £3
Bookings 01451 830817 or 830403

St DAVID'S CHURCH HALL MORETON IN MARSH
Saturday 21st
THE KITE RUNNER (PG)
TICKETS £3 From Fairshares 01608 812338
& The Cotswold Bookstore 01608 652666

VILLAGE HALL, WYCK RISSINGTON
NO SHOWINGS MAY – SEPTEMBER

**THE KITE
RUNNER**
(PG)

122 mins

A stupendous film of our time based on the novel by Khaled Hosseini.

**CHARLIE
WILSON'S
WAR**

(15)

97 mins

A true story about the largest covert operation in history starring Tom Hanks.

**NO COUNTRY
FOR
OLD MEN**

(15)

122 mins

A thriller – A Vietnam veteran stumbles into a drug operation

Moreton Vale Churches

St. David's, Moreton

8.30 am HOLY COMMUNION (1662)

11.00 am Morning Worship
(with Sunday Club)

7.00 pm Sundays @ Seven

Sunday Club and Pathfinders for 3-14s meet every Sunday during the 11 am service at Moreton, except during the Family service.

A crèche called Mini-Scramblers meets every Sunday for children up to 3.

Sundays @ Seven is a more informal service led by a small band, using powerpoint projection for the service. Everybody is welcome.

Enquiries about weddings & baptisms via the Church Office. 0121 288 1906

Rector Stephen Wookey 01608 652680
Church Office Emma Stock 0121 288 1906

St James, Longborough

1st Sunday 8am HOLY COMMUNION
10am Morning Service & Sunday School

2nd Sunday 10am HOLY COMMUNION

3rd Sunday 10am Family Service
11am Morning Prayer

4th Sunday 10am HOLY COMMUNION

A Sunday club will operate in church during the Morning Services on the 1st Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

St Mary's Batsford

1st Sunday 9.30am 1662 COMMUNION

3rd Sunday 9.30am 1662 COMMUNION

St Thomas à Becket, Todenham

2nd Sunday 9.30am HOLY COMMUNION

4th Sunday 5pm Evening Prayer

St Leonard's, Lower Lemington

Services as announced. For further details contact the chapel warden Mike Rees on 01608 650825

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD

BAPTIST CHURCH

In the Community
for the Community



Sunday Services in JUNE at 10.30am

Sunday 1st
Paul Chapman

Sunday 8th
The Gideons

Saturday 14th at 7.30pm
Dedication Evening with modern worship

Sunday 15th
Dennis Foster

Church Anniversary Service celebrating 346 years

Sunday 22nd
Alan Slough

Sunday 29th
Tony Gibson

1st Moreton-in-Marsh Scout Group will be holding its Annual Street Fayre in the centre of Moreton-in-Marsh on Sunday 6 July from 10am to 3pm.



There will be a Prize Draw (tickets on sale during June and on the day), Refreshments, Tombola, White Elephant, Books and other stalls, plus various games.

The Scouts will be collecting items to sell or raffle from households on Thursday 3 July.

Please continue to support your local Scout Group.



**MORETON
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH
OXFORD STREET**

Sunday Services

10.30 am FAMILY WORSHIP with JUNIOR CHURCH

1st & 3rd Sundays include Holy Communion

6.30 pm Bible Study and Prayer (3rd in Month)

Weekday Activities

Tuesday 10 - 12 Coffee and Tea served

2nd Tues in month 7.30 pm Local Christians meet to pray

Tues, Wed, Thur 10 - 12 Church open for quiet prayer

Thursday 9.15 - 11 Parents & Toddlers Group

1st Thurs in month 12.30 - 1 30 "Drop-In" lunch

You are welcome...

Whether a local or a visitor to Moreton we look forward to meeting you and sharing a time of worship and fellowship together.

Minister - Rev. Ernie Hansen

Church Office: Tel no. 01608 651946

E-Mail: moretoncongregational@btinternet.com

OPEN GARDENS – June

- 1st QUITTING POWER Village Gardens, in aid of Church & Village amenities 2-6pm TEAS, tickets £4/ Accom ch free
- 1st CAMPDEN HOUSE Open for Nat Garden Scheme. 2-6pm TEAS in aid of NSPCC
- 1st ABBOTSWOOD, Lower Swell, in aid of The Swell Churches. TEAS, dogs on leads. 1.30-6pm
- 4th ROCKCLIFFE, Nr L Swell, OPEN for British Red Cross, 10-6pm. PLANTS, No dogs.
- 8th BLOCKLEY GARDENS – Open for Nat Gardens Scheme Box Cottage, Colebrook House, 3&4 the Dell, Grange Cottage, Hollyrose House, The Manor House, Mill Dene Garden, Pear Trees, Porch House, The Clementines, The Old Chequer Draycott – 2-6pm. (combined admission £6)
- 11th DAYLESFORD HOUSE – nr Stow. 2-5pm OPEN for Nat Garden Scheme
- 11th ROCKLIFFE Lower Swell, 10-5pm
- 14th & 15th OPEN GARDENS WEEKEND at Chipping Campden in aid of Action Medical Research, 2-6pm 01386 840869
- 15th GRANGE FARM, Evenlode OPEN For Nat Garden Scheme 10.30-5pm
- 18th ROCKLIFFE nr Lower Swell, 10-5pm
- 21st BURFORD DRAGON PROCESSION 12 noon. Glos Morris Men, 1.30pm The Mermaid, High Street, Burford. 01242 244701
- 22nd & 25th EYFORD HOUSE, Upper Slaughter 2-6pm
- 22nd ROCKLIFFE, Lower Swell 10-5pm
- 29th CAMPDEN HOUSE Chipping Campden, OPEN for British Red Cross, 2-6pm £3, Ch free
- 29th ICOMB PLACE, Nr Stow. OPEN for Nat Gardens Scheme, 2-6pm

Bourton House Garden

will be having a special late opening on Thursday 26th June in aid of NGS (National Gardens Scheme). The garden will open at 10 am with last admission at 7.30 pm, giving visitors a chance to enjoy the garden during a summer's evening!

OPEN GARDEN

The Old Vicarage, Bledington together with the Old Stores in Foscot will be open in aid of the Red Cross on Sunday 1st June from 2 pm until 6 pm and again on Wednesday 18th June from 5.30 pm until 8 pm for an Evening of Wine and Roses, again in aid of The Red Cross.

GREAT RISSINGTON VILLAGE MARKET
CAKES, LOCAL PLANTS, PRODUCE, BRIC-A-BRAC, BOOKS
28th JUNE – 10.30-12.30

Gt Rissington Club, Nr Bourton-on-the-Water
Coffee & hot bacon baps

HOLST CONCERT

28th JUNE, 7.30pm – Tickets £8 incl refreshments
St Lawrence Church, Wyck Rissington 01451 820232

Come and celebrate with us

A SPECIAL MORETON IN MARSH COUNTRY MARKET

To mark its 40th Anniversary

Thursday 12th JUNE 10am

JUNE 2008

INFORMATION FROM STOW VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

- To 3rd EXHIBITION Cotswold Art Club, L Slaughter V Hall 10-5.30pm
- 2-29th EXHIBITION Cirencester Art Society, Moreton Area Centre Mon-Sat 01608 650881
- 18-24th EXHIBITION Paintings by Jan Whitton. 10-6pm L Slaughter V Hall

- 1st MACMILLAN CRAFT FAIR 10-5pm Victoria Hall, Bourton on the Water
- 2nd, 20th, 27th Old Campden House Site Open, gate adj St James Ch in Church St. 11-3pm. Landmark Trust. 01608 825925
- 3rd TALK 'Lost Villages' by Eric Williams. Stow Civic Soc. Visitors welcome. 7.30pm Church Room, Church Walk, Stow. 01451 833783
- 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th QUIZ NIGHT 8pm Volunteer Inn, Chipping Campden 01386 840688
- 6th, 13th, 27th COUNTRY MARKET Chipping Campden crafts & produce. 9-11am. Lower Town Hall, High Street. 01386 841206
- 6th SUMMER PARTY Ch Campden Community Trust – music, canapés. 6.30pm Orangery &* Gardens at Sezincote House, Bourton on the Hill. Tickets £15, Campden Information Centre. 01386 841206
- 8th FOLK MUSIC NIGHT Plough Inn, Stretton on Fosse 01608 661053
- 8th GAMES NIGHT poker, crib, cards & darts. 7pm Ebrington Arms, Ch Campden. www.theebringtonarms.co.uk
- 8th MG OWNERS CAR CLUB DISPLAY Batsford Arboretum, Moreton 01386 710441 www.batsarb.co.uk
- 11th FAIR TRADE SALE & COFFEE MORNING in aid of CAFOD 10-12noon. The Old Silk Mill, Ch Campden 01386 840670
- 11th TOUR Head Gardeners Private Tour – Hidcote Manor, Ch Campden. 6.30-9.30pm Followed by two-course supper £30 Booking essential. 01386 438333
- 12th FARMERS MARKET Stow. Local food & drink, award-winning producers, lots of tasters. 01453 758060
- 14th BATTLE OF THE BANDS WINNER 'IRONY' Campden Legion Club 01386 840767
- 15th WALK Pre-History in our Lansdcape – 5 miles, moderate. Starting at Rising Sun pub, L Swell 10am

FULL LISTINGS, MORE INFORMATION, TICKETS:
MORETON Area Centre 01608 650881
STOW Visitor Information Centre 01451 831082

Every THURSDAY at Moreton Area Centre 01608 650881
COTSWOLD WALKERS 30-40min guided walk suitable for new walkers, post injury & Active Lifestyle programme. 2pm. £0.50p inc refreshment

ABLE & ACTIVE – Tai Chi & Falls Prevention classes
£2.80/ session

MORETON-IN-MARSH SHOW

Saturday 6th September 2008

Advance tickets 08700 115007 & www.netaticket.co.uk

ON LINE ENTRY www.moretonshow.co.uk

OFFICE 01608 651908

MORETON TOWN COUNCIL NEXT MEETING Monday 9th June at 7.00pm The Council Office

Residents are welcome to attend meetings. Questions* from the public relating to a proposal in discussion by Cllrs may be taken prior to Council voting on that proposal. General questions are taken at the end of the meeting.

* A max of 3 minutes allowed.

Town Councillors are available before & after the meeting. District & County Cllrs, representatives of Stow Police and the local Press regularly attend.

MORETON TOWN COUNCIL

Notes on the AGM and Moreton Council Meeting for May

Notes from last month's AGM and Council Meeting are printed on p.24. Full Minutes are displayed on the Council's Notice Board in the High Street (on Barklays House). Copies are also available at the Town Council's office, Moreton Library and the CDC Moreton Area Centre.

Office Opening Hours - Monday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9.00 am and 4.00 pm (closed for lunch from 12.30 to 1.30 pm) AND subject to external meetings.

Moreton in Marsh Town Council, Old Town, Moreton in Marsh, Gloucestershire GL56 0LW Tel: 01608 651448. mimtowncouncil@tiscali.co.uk.



Gloucestershire Constabulary
Striving for a Safer Gloucestershire

The North Gloucestershire MOBILE POLICE STATION Schedule of Routes & Locations – MAY 2008

Mon 2nd Bledington (0930-1030); Icomb (1045-1115); Oddington (1130-1200); Adlestrop (1300-1345); Evenlode (1400-1445); Broadwell (1500-1530); Donnington (1545-1615)
Tues 3rd L.Rissington (1030-1115); Gt Rissington (1130-1200); U.Rissington (1300-1400); Westcote (1415-1515); Wyck Rissington (1530-1600)
Weds 4th Temple Guiting (0930-1000); L Slaughter (1315-1345); U Slaughter (1400-1500);
Thurs 5th Condicote (0915-0945); Longborough (1000-1030); Bourton on the Hill (1045-1115); Todenham (1130-1215) Draycott (1400-1430); Blockley (1445-1545).
(full list available at Local Police Station)

C.D.C Committees June 2008

Members of the public are encouraged to attend meetings of the Council and Committees. If you live in the District and are on the Electoral Register you can take part by asking up to two questions per meeting.

Information about your Councillors and committee members are on the website www.cotswold.gov.uk

JUNE

Weds 4th *Planning (Regulatory)*
Mon 9th *Licensing*
Tues 10th *Standards*
Thurs 19th *CABINET*
Weds 25th *Planning (Regulatory)*
Thurs 26th *Audit*

JULY

Tues 1st *Overview and Scrutiny*
Mon 7th *Licensing*

Meetings generally start at 10am. Planning meetings held at Moreton Office start at 9.30am.

Questions must be received by the Head of Democratic Services -

By email no later than 5pm on the prior working day

Nigel.adams@cotswold.gov.uk

By post to CDC at

Trinity Road, Cirencester. GL7 1PX
Tel. 01285 623204/ 201

BROADWELL PARISH COUNCIL PARISH CLERK VACANCY

Duties include • Preparation of agendas for meetings and taking of minutes • Actioning of decisions taken by the Council • Regular circulation of mail to Councillors • Preparation of accounts • Advice to the Council on policy and procedure • Filing and record keeping

The position is for approx 15 hours per month including the monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month and you would work from home using your own computer and office facilities.

For further information or to make an application, please contact Julie Foster on 01451 830821 or email julie@molldoes.fsnet.co.uk

CUTS TO POST OFFICE SERVICES

The decision to press ahead with cuts to Cotswold post offices proves the Government's consultation was a pre-determined sham, according to the leader of Cotswold District Council Cllr Lynden Stowe. The axe will fall on 12 branches, with four closing completely and eight closing in their present form to be served by significantly-reduced outreach services.

"We know now what we had suspected all along – that Post Office Limited's consultation process was a complete and utter travesty. The Post Office should apologise for wasting everybody's time over the past three months.

"Every post office is important to its community but in areas such as the Cotswolds they are a lifeline to many residents. In Longborough, for example, the community showed fantastic spirit in the battle to save their branch – and it's a crying shame that they will now be left with some kind of third-class 'outreach' service.

"This decision is just another nail in the coffin of rural life in the 21st Century."

- The four post offices to be completely closed in the Cotswold District are Stratton and Beeches in Cirencester, Meysey Hampton and Weston-sub-Edge.
- Eight others – Colesbourne, Rendcomb, Aldsworth, Guiting Power, Longborough, Blockley, Temple Guiting and Sherborne – will be served by an outreach, hosted or partner service.

Full information from CDC at Tel 01285 623000

ROAD CLOSURES - Tel: 08000 514514

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/roadworks

B4068 Naunton Downs to Brockhill Clump at Temple Guiting
Road closure 23/06 – 27/06 for resurfacing

Local Clubs, Societies, Associations & Charities

CDC Office Cirencester

Trinity Road, Cirencester
01285 623000
www.cotswold.gov.uk

Moreton Area Centre

High St, Moreton 01608 650881
moreton@cotswold.gov.uk

County Cllr. BARRY DARE

Shire Hall, Gloucester GL1 2GT
01452 425000 / 01386 701280
barry.dare@gloucestershire.gov.uk

District Cllr. MERRYL PHILLIPS

01285 623870 / 01608 658822
Merryl.Phillips@cotswold.gov.uk

District Cllr. DAVID PENMAN

01285 623808 / 01451 830479
David.Penman@cotswold.gov.uk

Glos Market Towns Forum

(Main office: 01452 425953)
Roger George - 07791 182458
www.town2town.org.uk

Glos Rural

Community Council

Marilyn Cox - 01452 528491
marilync@grcc.org.uk
glosrcc@grcc.org.uk www.grcc.org.uk

Schools

Blockley Primary 01386 700567
Compton 01608 684654
Dormer House 01608 650758
Longborough 01608 830097
St Davids CoE 01608 650521

MIM Business Association

Moreton Town Council Old Town,
Moreton in Marsh GL56 0LW
01608 651448
mimtowncouncil@tiscali.co.uk

Visitor Information Centre

Moreton Area Centre, High Street,
Moreton in Marsh Tel. 01608 650881
moreton@cotswold.gov.uk

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moreton-times@dial.pipex.com

You can use this space to tell people about your club, association, local charity, sports club, etc....It will take about 50 words, plus Name, Contact Details, etc.

Our contact details are in the box in the left column of this page.
MORETON TIMES P.O.Box 6, Stow, GL54 1WD
Tel. 07789 175002
moreton-times@dial.pipex.com

Adlestrop Cricket Club

Nick 01451 831458 Eric 01451 830793

Bledington Toddler Group

Nicki 01608 658137 Mon 10-11.30am

Campden Music Society

Carol Jackson - concert Mgr
Cra.jackson@virgin.net

Condicote Playgroup & Toddlers

Leader Jo Abrahams 07796 987176

Cotswold Investment Club

1st Tuesday of each month.
Roger Turner 01608 658496

Cotswold Walkers

Jeanette Hughes 01285 623450
Every Thurs 2pm Moreton Area Centre

Cotswold West Gallery Group

Caroline Ungoad-Thomas
01451 830537

Divorce Recovery Workshop

Denise, Peter Allen 01451 830653

Fair Shares

N.Cotswolds Community Time Bank
01608 812338
fairshares@phonecoop.coop

'K' Fitness

Barbara Kay 01386 833133

MIM & District Local History

Contact Margaret Shepard
01451 830531

Moreton Badminton Club

Redesdale Hall, Tues 7.45pm
Joyce & Mike Rees 01608 650825

Moreton Bowling Club

Margaret 01451 821399
Ian 01608 651761

Moreton Flower Club

Mrs N. Dickenson 01451 832199
ja.dickenson@virgin.net

4th Thursday monthly,
Broadwell Village Hall

Moreton Interest & Leisure Club

Meetings, outings & events
Ben Jeffrey 01608 650644

Moreton Probus Club

Allen Lucas 01608 812454
Meets 2nd & 4th Mondays monthly

Moreton Rangers Football

Peter Allen, Chair 01608 650100
Martin Jones, Sec 01608 650955
Clubwebsite.co.uk@moretonrangersfc

Moreton Tennis Club

Cecil Haslam, Chair 01451 830293 Sue
Bull, Sec 01386 853298

North Cotswold Athena Network

Reg. Dir. Nicola Menage 0845 833 9733
www.theathenanetwork.com

North Cotswold Bee-Keepers Assoc.

Julie Edwards 01608 659396
Julia@ncbka.org.uk

North Cotswold Bridge Club

Meets Bourton on the Hill
Tues, Weds, Thurs
Alan Lamb 01386 701603

North Cotswold Disabled Club

Joan M Oughton 01451 830580

N.Cotswold U3A

Contact Peter Akass 01386 853905

North Cotswold Friendship Centre

(Affiliated to Heyday)
01993 842820 / 01386 700656
colman@oxon1939.fsnet.co.uk

North Cotswold National Trust

Sec. Dr. Colin Ellis 01451 822208

N. Cotswold Neighbourhood Watch

Non-Emergency 0845 090 1234
Crime Stoppers 0800 555111
Child Line 0800111
www.northcotswoldsnw.co.uk

Poetry Appreciation Group

Every Thursday 7pm.
In Moreton Miss Swift 07920 164676

Royal British Legion Branch

01451 831550 and 07779 452396
Club at Well Lane, Stow 01451 830242

R.N.L.I. North Cotswold Branch

Chairman Diana Porter 01451 830508

Save the Children Moreton Branch

Joyce Rees 01608 650825

Scottish Country Dance Group

Brenda Parsons 01451 831876

Stow & District Stroke Club

Margaret Peaston 01608 650526
Alternate Mons 10-12, Fisher House Stow

Stow Rugby Club

www.stowrfc.co.uk
Ian Roberts 07775 998551

Tai Chi Todenham

(& other local classes)
Thurs mornings. Val: 01608 652835
www.ThinkingChanges.com

YHA Stow on the Wold

Robert Williams (Mgr) 01451 830497
stow@yha.org.uk / www.yha.org.uk

BLOCKLEY LADIES CHOIR

Practice nights Tuesdays 7.30pm
Little Village Hall, Blockley
Contact:- Sec. Jean 01386 841253

Cotswold Choral Society

David South - 01451 870494
Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm
Upper / Lower Slaughter Village Halls
Sept - June No auditions - all welcome

In the Editor's Opinion...

This month saw a huge influx of email information into the Moreton Times Inbox, most of it community focused in some way. CDC produce a lot of Press Releases and although these are generally useful and interesting, most are well covered by our regular daily or weekly press and not reported here. Leader of CDC, Cllr Lynden Stowe produces a monthly Leader's Update and this month he expressed his frustration with Government for ignoring the needs of rural people for local post offices, and at their wilful dissipation of EU funds intended to support Flood Work (p.20 & 27). He has asked to meet the Chancellor to speak on our behalves on this issue, and I am sure he has massive public support.

CDC news, including the Leader's Update, is designed to be read online. Society as a whole does benefit from not producing masses of unread paper documents and newsletters, although I do have reservations about government consultations being undertaken by email, and decisions being tucked into a folderful of emailed information. 'Government' includes GCC & CDC, and the public tend to assume, I think, that we have a bit more 'say' at local level. So with nearly 50% of our residents (overall) still without regular or any access to the Internet, an online consultation disempowers them.

Communication is key in every community, and the quality of communication will effect how people relate to each other and their authorities. We know that poor communication allows a distance to grow between people, it fosters misunderstanding and inevitably results in a loss of respect and trust. It may take time to go wrong but it will take longer to re-establish some of the important values once they have been lost.

Local government in our towns and parishes starts with our local councillors, and it should concern us that so many councillors at this neighbourhood level are not elected...simply, not enough candidates come forward to make an election necessary. This is a shame, as it is only by getting involved that you can make a difference. However our District Councillors do ask for our votes and are sent to Cirencester to be our envoys, our eyes and ears if you like, and to act on our behalves. *Aren't they?* It seems that not all Councillors see it that way. Twice in the last few weeks it was alarming to hear the District Councillors for a neighbouring parish announce that they were not obliged to report back to the council tax-payers about discussions and decisions being made at Cirencester. Then let me ask "So why are you there?" Surely the role is to act as interlocutors, sharing information and facilitating a wider and closer understanding between the community and CDC?

If our District Councillors don't represent us at District Council, attending the appropriate meetings to put forward our local Council decisions, our opinions, doubts and desires, and encouraging involvement with CDC's consultations, sharing District news and explaining decisions, do we assume that they are there to represent themselves?

Let me say here that not all councillors are the same, and many work very hard representing their voters and wider community - however, if the cap fits, as they say, wear it!

One online publication that I looked at recently was CDC's State of the District 2007, and I was interested to see a section titled 'Our Values'. It starts "In everything we do, Councillors and staff will always work with respect and respond to community needs." So come on Councillors, we are all batting on the side of our community, aren't we?

The online address for CDC news by the way, is www.cotswold.gov.uk/go/news

Editor

MORETON TOWN COUNCIL Annual General Meeting & Council Meeting 12th May A brief overview

New Chairman elected – Mr Richard Carroll

New Vice Chairman elected – Ben Jeffery

LETTER from the new Chairman of Moreton Town Council



I am honoured to serve the people of Moreton-in-Marsh for a second time as Chairman of the Town Council.

The obvious priority for the year ahead is to ensure that all possible measures have been taken, and work carried out effectively to avoid a repetition of the devastating floods that damaged our town last July.

The Town Council proposes to set up a new community group or committee to deal with all aspects of any future problems which may affect this town.

Your Council cannot do this without the help of members of the community and I ask for your co-operation.

A public meeting will be convened and I hope that volunteers will come forward and give their expertise for the benefit of our community.

Moreton-in-Marsh is a beautiful Cotswold Market Town. Let's work together for its future

Richard Carroll

- Council heard a complaint about cigarette butts outside the hospital (the building is now a No Smoking zone). MTC will write asking for a trash can to be erected here for staff debris.
- 'The Stones' were discussed at some length. A lady from Kent had written to say how nice the cotswold stones are compared to concrete posts and chains as seen elsewhere. £300 is to be spent on transport to take the bigger blocks back to the quarry where they will be exchanged for smaller ones. The situation will be reviewed in 6 months time.
- Councillors will attend a Resilience/ Emergency Training session organised by CDC's Tim Dowan. Also templates and a tool kit will be provided by CDC. It was mentioned that part of Bourton's resilience planning includes making "road closed" signs. Clearly this is something MTC could also follow.
- Full Minutes from both these meetings are displayed on the Town Notice Board on Barklay House, High Street and are also available at the Council Office.

If you have opinions about any local issues, write to The Editor at Moreton Times, PO Box 6, Stow GL54 1WD, or send an email to moreton-times@dial.pipex.com. We try to include all the contributions received, and require correspondents' names and addresses (although these can be withheld from publication when appropriate). No party politics please! The normal disclaimers about defamation, slander, etc.

THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE COMMUNITY FUND – FLOOD FUND

There is a large sum of money available for community and voluntary organisations who want to deliver flood recovery and prevention work in communities.

A grant of between £500 and £20,000 is available for

- a) Giving additional advice and services to vulnerable households
- b) Supporting new or established community groups to provide mutual support and build resilience
- c) Purchase of equipment etc.

Sue Wright, Grants Development Manager is very keen for this money to be allocated and welcomes applications. **There is a very tight deadline for these grants and I suggest that anyone who wishes to apply contact Sue urgently.**

Although this fund is not directly for Town & Parish Councils, a Sub Group, set up specifically to benefit the community, will be eligible to apply.

This work very much compliments the resilience grants available from Cotswold District Council and I recommend you give an application your earliest consideration.

Sue can be contacted at – sue.wright@british-energy.com or by phoning **01452 656386**

Tim Downan, Community Resilience Liaison Officer
Cotswold District Council

SAFEGUARDING MORETON-IN-MARSH

by Robert Dutton

As in recent months, I am writing to summarise for you and your readers my perception of what has happened over the last month to help safeguard our town from the risk of future avoidable flooding.

A most useful step forward was our receiving the extremely detailed survey of the infant River Evenlode (including technical drawings and photographs) prepared by surveyors for the EA. This covers the uppermost three kilometres of the river and, *inter alia*, clearly shows where the constraints lie and where silt and gravel have built-up. The challenge now is to persuade the EA to act on this survey. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Geoffrey Clifton-Brown, our local M.P. for his help in getting this survey; his ongoing support is much appreciated.

I believe that Richard (“Dick”) Carroll becoming Chairman of Moreton Town Council this month is most timely given this need for us to move into a more “persuasive” mode. Sadly he was a flood victim himself and thus is clearly motivated to tackle Moreton’s continuing flood risk. I welcome his taking office and wish him well in the task ahead. Hopefully my unilateral action may no longer be appropriate but I will continue to monitor progress and to assist MTC as I can in the months ahead.

Currently the main emphasis of the EA is on dealing with the ‘Budgens’ long culvert and they have an impressive engineer working on this and planning a new ‘trash screen’ for Victoria Gardens. Consideration is also being given to the technical implications of lowering the river bed to increase the river’s flow capacity. I have found the EA staff to be very professional but, because they don’t have local accountability and tend to move slowly, I believe sustained encouragement and pressure from MTC is vital. I have also been urging the EA to inspect the river further south (i.e. beyond the uppermost stretch surveyed) and for arrangements to be made to remove obstacles here in the river (including fallen trees) so as to further improve the flow away from Moreton. Last week I met the leader of the EA Operations Team, which did an excellent maintenance job on the infant river last January, and took the opportunity to thank him and his team for what they do to safeguard our town.



CDC is the designated land drainage authority for this district but I find this council and its staff based in Cirencester to be most unresponsive to the real world challenges here in Moreton. I believe that CDC’s current emphasis on ‘resilience planning’ is acting as something of a distraction. Sort out Moreton’s drainage and resilience planning immediately becomes less important. On 16th May, at the suggestion of Bob Austin (the CDC chief executive), I attended the ‘Flood Fair’ in Bourton-on-the-Water organised by the National Flood Forum, a charity for flood sufferers (which is headquartered in Bewdley on the River Severn). This body takes the view that the Government is not devoting sufficient resources to flood prevention and, in line with my own response, is quite critical of the rather unhelpful cabinet office ‘Pitt’ report on the 2007 floods. The Fair was, I understand, attended by many residents from Moreton and some of the flood-prevention products were of interest. We now await with anticipation the report of the consultants hired by CDC (“Hyder Phase 2”). The consultants visited us in Moreton on 23rd April but only spent three hours here. I joined MTC councillors in giving them a tour of the town and explaining our perception of the drainage challenges facing us. Subsequently Hyder have been given more information (including the EA river survey referred to above and my Drainage Memorandum which I refer to below).

During the Mayday bank holiday week-end I did a visual survey of the drainage in the centre of the town and up the Bourton Road. I wrote a Memorandum addressed to the MTC Chairman expressing my surprise at still finding so many blocked drains and poorly maintained water channels. My Drainage Memorandum contains ten recommendations for action; two annotated maps showing the drainage system and marking the location of the thirty drains visually inspected; and twelve photographs showing blocked drains and overgrown/silted-up watercourses. Cllr. Barry Dare tells me he will be discussing it with his GCC officers. There is not one but two long drainage culverts running from the Bourton Road and down East Street to emerge in an open channel next to St. David’s school (from where the water then flows under the railway to join the river). One of these still requires de-silting; this is a difficult operation which Gloucestershire Highways are planning. GCC fully recognises the need for action and is clearly working hard to make up for the neglect of recent years but nevertheless I have urged MTC to press for a deadline to be given for this work to be completed. This silted-up culvert almost certainly added to the flooding last July and, in my view, the complete unblocking of the Moreton drainage system cannot come too soon.

It really is most unsatisfactory that Moreton today continues to be exposed to the risk of future avoidable flooding. I only became so involved with the flood issue because I felt MTC and the other agencies were being rather ineffectual in their response to the July 2007 flood. It was a big wake-up call and I now wish Cllr. Carroll well as he takes up the challenge of leading the effort to safeguard our nice town. I hope you and your readers have found this summary helpful and end by commenting that the Moreton Times seems to get better every month and provides an excellent channel of communication for the community.

Yours sincerely *Robert W. Dutton*

Flood Control/ curtailment procedures for Moreton in Marsh

"My anxieties on delays in flood alleviation consideration will not go away"

(From two Letters to The Editor) from Mr Dennis Thorneycroft, Moreton in Marsh

I have been in touch with Mr Dutton . He welcomed my information on the Cotswold Line railway banks, especially between here and Kingham, obstructing the movement of flood waters last July. I am a member of the CLPG (Cotswold Line Promotion Group). Their excellent newsletter Cotswold & Malvern Line News, Winter edition no 98, contained a review of line damage last July, with several photographs. Some examples were included of the obstruction of the railway embankments created to the movement of flood water, including the Evenlode. The Network Rail maintenance teams 'inserted' large pipes beneath the tracks (i.e. through the embankment) to enable water to traverse the section of raised ground. This is a similar situation for Moreton, with a culvert already in place, built 150 or so years ago, adjacent to the present Budgens store.

I have explored the need with Mr Dutton for more culverts to be installed top and bottom of the town. He has already established contact with Railway Engineering personnel, who are willing to advise on such matters.

"I switched on the digital Parliament programme (Saturday 10th May) which examined proceedings from the previous week. I was fascinated to hear David Cameron, as principal speaker, addressing a small Select Committee, with opposition Ministers present, on the subject of flood defences. He was speaking as the constituency MP for West Oxfordshire, which included reference to Witney and the River Windrush. He examined the performance of the EA and various local authorities from town councils to district and region in trying to establish a programme of work to improve drainage of the

land and the state of river beds and smaller streams, in an effort to alleviate any future build-up of water during prolonged heavy rainfall, etc. He exposed weaknesses in communication between the several groups and agencies involved with the subject, and emphasized the clear lack of progress. Politics were set aside at this constituency level, so a Minister's response, with admission of shortcomings, was quite frank.

There's much in this special pre-Commons debate that could be applied to our circumstances, bordering as we are on the W. Oxfordshire boundary. The proceedings were being set down in Hansard, and a precis of the analysis could be worth publishing. Our MP, Geoffrey Clifton Brown should be enthusiastic about Cameron's excellent presentation. It did highlight the lack of adequate funding, and the lack of urgency in working on such local problems, factors which abound in our area.

My anxieties on delays in flood alleviation consideration, as highlighted by Robert Dutton, will not go away.

Aside from the above ideas, Mr Dutton feels May could be the month when sufficient evidence of the state of the first 3kms of the infant River Evenlode (from source) is made public by the EA, as the vital information (for Moreton) was missing from the Agency's recently published report 'Upper Cotswold Flood Review, July 2007' - to Mr Dutton's regret. The EA is now being pressed to provide this, and I believe Mr D is aware of the content. You included his letter on this aspect in the recent May edition.

If there is a breakthrough in all such activity and deliberation it will give you the opportunity to stress in your next editorial. I have noted your comments for this month: let's hope the citizens will be focussed by the prominence of your opinions. For myself, I am grateful for the month-by-month publishing of key developments on the flood defence programme, not least of the efforts by Mr Dutton to persuade the authorities to get on with the work.

Sincerely
Dennis Thorneycroft, Moreton in Marsh.

Editor's note -

Memorandum on Moreton Drainage*

Robert Dutton's Report 'Memorandum on Moreton Drainage' dated 3.5.08 comprising cover, five pages, two appendices and twelve photographs, was sent to Moreton Town Council, Cotswold District Council, Gloucestershire County Council (FAO Barry Dare, Leader), and the appropriate people at The Environment Agency.

The document states - "10 months after the July 2007 floods, more work is still needed to restore the town's drainage to an acceptable level - even before making any improvements to cope with climate change. Notwithstanding this memorandum, our main emphasis still has to be on upgrading the infant River Evenlode so that it is fit for the purpose of draining the town. The EA survey (a very detailed survey now received on the infant River Evenlode, carried out by surveyors employed by the EA) is key to achieving this.

Moreton in Marsh looks forward with anticipation to Hyder Phase 2 and action resulting from it. (The Hyder Report, phase 1, was produced by consultants to CDC in May. It summarised the conclusions of their research regarding the July flooding. The second part of their report, due imminently, is expected to be the Action Plan resulting from their research.)

**(prepared to demonstrate that the main drainage system in the town is still not fit for purpose and cannot properly drain the town)*



**Moreton in Marsh
COUNTRY MARKET**

*Celebrate the
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*on
Thursday June 12th
9.30am-11.30am
the W.I.Hall,
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**In 2007 Stow-on-the-Wold
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This is a fantastic effort**

If you feel you could spare just two hours to be a collector for this year's Appeal please tel Joyce on 01451 833668

TODENHAM VILLAGE FETE

on Saturday 19th July 2008
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Booking essential on 01608 674981.

The Cotswold Antiques Study Group

Weds 11th June, 2.00pm Bradwell Village Hall
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'A Feast for your Eyes' talk by Harry Williams, from the British
Museum. Reviewing the Frick Collection in New York.

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The Longborough & Sezincote Country Fete, in aid of St James' Church, Longborough, will be held in the beautiful grounds of Sezincote House, by kind permission of Dr & Mrs Edward Peake, access being opposite Batsford Arboretum. The Fete will be opened at 2pm on 14 June by Tony Kirkham - TV personality/Kew aboriculturist and intrepid explorer. Among the traditional stalls will be a Yard Sale, Plants & Produce, Children's Toys & Clothes, Books, Jewellery (make your own bracelet with silver and beads), Nearly New, etc. etc. There will be a Grand Raffle featuring top class prizes, a Children's Tree Quiz and a Mediaeval Entertainer, who will instruct the children in the art of juggling! Face painting, skittles, coconut shy, tombola, buckets of money, veteran cars, spinners, children's sports, bees making honey and the Chipping Campden Swing Band will all contribute to a wonderful afternoon's entertainment - with Pimms, ice creams, soft drinks and, of course, teas with delicious homemade cakes to refresh everyone. The £4 entrance fee (£1 for children) will include car parking and access to the beautiful water gardens. House Tours will be available for £2.50 and dogs on leads will be welcome. The entrance fee includes car parking and free access to the wonderful water gardens.

Marian Brewer, Secretary
Longborough & Sezincote Country Fair Committee
Tel: 01451 830518



MILL DENE GARDEN IS SEEKING HELP!!

Wendy Dare, owner and Andrew Dennis the gardener are seeking volunteers. They want interested people to join the team to learn more about gardening. Experience is not necessary. This beautiful 2 acre garden is a lovely place in which to work, the team is very friendly and the work is not heavy.

They are also looking for part time Receptionists and Tea Room assistants for holiday cover. This is for someone who really enjoys meeting the public.

More information Wendy 01386 700457 wendy@milldene.co.uk
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"Don't Forget - The Broadwell & Donnington WI Annual Flower Show"

Saturday 26 July. Opening time - 2.30pm
in Broadwell Village Hall.

If you wish to enter the show, a Schedule showing all the details,
can be obtained from Jean Udell, at 4 The Leasowes, Broadwell.

Tel: 01451 831108.

The closing date for entry into any category is Thursday 24 July and all entries must be received at the hall, by 12 noon of Saturday 26th July.
Good Luck to everyone entering the Show.

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BOURTON-ON-THE-HILL OLD SCHOOL HALL

Renovated and regenerated



Richard Paice carrying out the opening ceremony, with new chairman Marina Dunn



Children and parents listening to a storyteller in part of the new lower floor facility



The Old School Hall, Bourton-on-the-Hill

For over a hundred years the Old School Hall in Bourton-on-the-Hill was the village school, closing in 1965. In the late 1980s a charitable trust was established to enable the building to be used as a hall for the benefit of the local community. This initiative, involving an enormous amount of voluntary effort, significantly adapted the building and established an administrative and management framework. It was a major community success.

Many local community social events are run at the hall and all are well-attended. The hall hosts the North Cotswold Bridge Club, a Scottish Dance group, the Toddlers Group and the rural cinema, and is used by the Parochial Church Council and Parish Council for meetings.

Improvements in recent years have included resurfacing the car park, installing a disabled toilet and a new central heating boiler. However, the major development just completed has transformed the lower floor of the hall into a self-contained area for younger members of the community, comprising a main open-plan space with its own kitchen, a small meeting room, and a toilet with baby-changing facilities. The project also completely refurbished the main kitchen on the upper floor of the hall.

The project was managed by the Old School Hall Committee, with a high degree of voluntary work committed to the planning, fund-raising, fitting-out and decorating. The funding of the main building works and provision of equipment, costing nearly £35,000, included a £10,000 grant from CDC under their Community Projects scheme, with generous donations from the Parochial Church Council, the local Educational Trust, the Parish Council, the North Cotswold Bridge Club, the Horse and Groom pub, and several individuals. The balance of the funding was provided by the Hall Committee from its own funds, largely raised from local events. The new facilities in the hall have made it a very attractive venue for local events. It is available for hire at reasonable rates.

The new facilities were officially opened by Richard Paice, Trustee and Chairman of the Educational Trust, on Saturday 10th May, when further funding from an event organised by the Horse and Groom and Warner's Budgens was presented to the Committee.

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They opened the wide bright shop in Church Street about a month ago, and already it's an Aladdin's Cave for modellers of all ages. The ranges have grown and now include dolls houses, playmobiles and Schleich animals... and Warhammer 40,000.



"The aim of every person who plays Warhammer 40,000 is to pit their force of miniatures against other players across war-torn futuristic battlefields. Build your army, and play the game. Win or lose, all battles are entertaining challenges in which you try to out-think and out-play your opponent, taking advantage of what good luck comes your way, but ultimately relying upon sound tactics to win the day."

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WARNING: Be on your guard against bogus charities

CDC has become aware that an organisation claiming to be a charity is leafleting homes in the District in a bid to collect unwanted goods such as clothes, perfumes and other household items. Concerns have been raised about the legitimacy of the charity, the Children's Welfare Foundation, and the parent companies which prop it up.

The Council's Portfolio holder for Safe and Strong Communities, Cllr Clive Bennett became suspicious after CWF leaflets were delivered to houses in South Cerney. The Council's Licensing Team informed him that the organisation was operating without the required licence for door to door collections. Enquiries revealed that the Charities Commission had begun an investigation into the charity earlier this year, after complaints from around the country about its fund-raising methods.

A house to house collection licence issued by the Council's Licensing team allows charity organisations to collect goods from resident's homes. The licence is free, providing CDC with a means of regulating collectors.

Cllr Bennett, Portfolio holder for Safe and Strong Communities, also warned residents to be on their guard against bogus callers. Bogus callers and conmen use a range of ruses to carry out their crimes, including pretending to be from one of the utility companies – such as the Water Board, gas or electricity – or from an official body such as a Council. One person will usually distract the homeowner at the front door, while an accomplice will gain access via another entrance and search for valuables such as money, jewellery or credit cards.

North Cotswold Rotary are providing residents with **BOGUS & COLD CALLER CARDS**, with a list of Emergency and Important Telephone Numbers & Addresses that can be completed and kept to a front door for quickly checking the identity of official callers. Their message is **IF IN DOUBT, DON'T LET HIM IN!**

EU flood funding has 'slipped down the plughole'

Several months ago the European Commission approved payment to the UK of around £110 million from the European Union Solidarity Fund, as a contribution to the costs of recovery from last July's extreme weather. But the Department for Communities and Local Government has only now announced the sum destined for a Restoration Fund for local authorities to help affected communities is £31 million.

Cllr Stowe said: "For once, the EU had come up with some funding to help this country. Now we learn that the actual value of this award is to be only £31 million. It seems to me that the other £79 million has simply disappeared into HM Treasury's black hole".

Cllr Stowe is requesting an urgent meeting with Chancellor Alistair Darling. "The Government's Restoration Fund is to be made available to local authorities, police authorities and fire and rescue authorities on the basis of costs incurred in dealing with the problems since the summer. We must insist that Gloucestershire, where more than 5,000 homes and businesses were flooded in July last year, sees its fair share of this money."

CDC Parking Revenue across the District

2006/2007 – The last full year before the introduction of CPE in October 2007

Expenditure	£729,331
Income	£1,889,659
Surplus	£1,160,328

2007/2008

Expenditure	£741,351
Income	£1,861,463
Surplus	£1,120,112

Any surplus from this service is kept within the revenue budget and is not specifically allocated. This income is used to support services that CDC do not charge for (such as public conveniences 2006/207 cost £336,400), or are unable to charge for.

The car park income and expenditure is kept separate from CPE (parking tickets and fines).

CPE. There were considerable set-up costs including a new computer system, new staff, new legal paperwork, training etc. Between Nov 07 and Mar 08 the income has met the ongoing running costs.

The Gloucestershire Community Flood Fund



They have a large sum of money available for community and voluntary organisations who want to deliver flood recovery and prevention work in communities.

A grant of between £500 and £20,000 is available for

- Giving additional advice and services to vulnerable households
- Supporting new or established community groups to provide mutual support and build resilience
- Purchase of equipment etc.

Sue Wright, the Grants Development Manager, is very keen for this money to be allocated and welcomes applications. There is a very tight deadline for these grants and I suggest that anyone who wishes to apply contact Sue urgently.

Although this fund is not directly for Town & Parish Councils, Sue is happy that a Sub Group set up specifically to benefit the community will be eligible to apply. This Flood Fund compliments the resilience grants available from Cotswold District Council.

Sue can be contacted at – sue.wright@british-energy.com or by phoning 01452 656386



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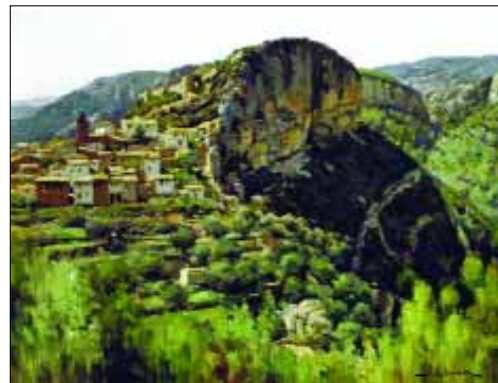
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LA BARQUERA
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PAISAJE CHULILLA
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COTSWOLD BEADERS – BEADWORK EXHIBITION

The Church Rooms,
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MUSIC FOR ALL AT THE SHIPSTON PROMS



Jazz, blues, folk, rock and classical performers are among the acts that have been confirmed to play this year's Shipston Proms music festival, which will be opened by Lord Geoffrey Howe at Edward Sheldon Wine Merchants on Saturday 14th June at 1pm.

FAME CONTEST

in the Townsend Hall – Sat 14th at 7.30pm
To enter call 01608 661511 Prize money £50 & an opportunity to perform live on stage in the open air concert on 28th June

POT POURRI CONCERT

Thursday 19th June at Townsend Hall
Incl Stringbeans Quartet from Bath

LIVE PUB MUSIC

at The Cherington Arms – Mon 23rd June at 7.30pm

CONCERT

at St Edmunds Church, Shipston
Tuesday 24th June at 7.30pm – Shipston's Cantamus choir

SONGS FROM THE SHOWS

Fri 27th June at 7.30pm – with local singers & musicians

OPEN AIR CONCERT

Sat 28th June – jump jive band The Zoltans & rock band Mr Ben

CONCERT

at Townsend Hall Sunday 29th at 7.30pm
Award Winning Shipston Town Band & Avonbank Brass

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For further comment/information please contact
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Second flood fair 'a resounding success'

The second Flood Protection Products Fair was held at Bourton on the Water on Friday 16th May. It was jointly hosted by Cotswold District Council, the Environment Agency and the National Flood Forum, and offered residents practical advice and information to tackle flooding and build resilience. The event followed on from the first event at Cirencester's Bingham Hall on March 28th.

Representatives from 16 companies, selling products including synthetic sandbags, pumping systems, flood doors and air bricks, were on hand to discuss their products. Practical advice was also offered by the three Cotswold District Council staff who attended the event, as well as the EA and the National Flood Forum. The companies exhibiting and discussing their products were:-

A & P Home Maintenance Ltd –
“Floodbuddy” UPVC door guard
Aqua-Sac – S.O.S bags
Aquabarrier Systems Ltd –
a community based Flood Alleviation scheme
Caro Flood Defence System – “Waterwall”
Eco Sound Home Products Ltd –
“Defender” flood defence kits
Flexible Reinforcements Ltd – water barrier bags
Flood Ark Ltd – flexible protection system
Flood Fix UK – flood defence system
Floodgate Ltd – flood protection door barriers
Floodguards Systems Ltd – floodguard protection system
Floodwall International Ltd – total flood protection
Maintainet Cotswolds Ltd –
flood damage mitigation products
Mission Rubber (UK) Ltd –
range of non-return valves, flap valves and flexible couplings
W.Robinson and Son – pumps, hoses and generators
Total Flood Solutions – flood alleviation schemes
UK Flood Barriers Ltd – “fit and forget” flood defence
system UK Flood Control Ltd –
dams, water bunds and chemical containment units

The event attracted over 200 visitors and was well received by Cotswold residents, most of whom felt that the Fair had been a useful source of information. Geoffrey Clifton Brown, MP for the Cotswolds, meet representatives from the Environment Agency and the National Flood Forum as well as a number of local people, discussing the research that has been done on the flooding as well as flood defence planning.

A comprehensive list of the businesses attending can be obtained by email from Tim Dowan, County Resilience Liaison Officer at CDC – tim.dowan:Cotswold.gov.uk

Organised by: The Environment Agency, The National Flood Forum & Cotswold District Council



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From the whistle blower

Do you ever think about how you sit when you are driving your car and where you put your hands on the wheel?

I didn't until I was sent on a driving course to learn to drive my new car (OK it was quicker than average; nevertheless I was surprised to learn such a course existed). We were treated to a lecture by an ex formula one driver (remember Leytonhouse?). The first thing he did was sit us each in the car and then immediately pointed out that the distance of feet from the pedals, the gap between the wheel and our bodies were all wrong and we were not comfortable when addressing the wheel. Try it sometime and make sure you are adequately supported with your backside into the back of the seat and with the elbows parallel to the ground and ensure you are not skewed in the seat.

Take a look at people driving as they pass you on the road; apart from lolling, drinking, using their phones as pointed out the other day in a letter to Stow Times, note where they hold the wheel (always assuming they do!). You will see:

Hands on top (favourite with young women and the fashion conscious presumably so that mirrors, lipstick, combs are easy to reach?).

Hands on the bottom of the wheel. Presumably they are tired or don't want to be tempted to grab drink, food, lipstick, combs etc.

Single hands – well you must be able to get to the phone, pick up the drink or sandwich, move the dog over, turn the page of the newspaper as you go along.

Elbows on the rim of the wheel so that you can rest those tired hands (we saw a large truck being driven by such a person on the M74; it was snowing at the time with strong cross winds and very busy so I assume it was to get stuck into hyper relax mode?).

Hands crossed over – especially useful on motorways when you might be dropping off and it helps to get the maximum scare as you try to work out which way to move the wretched thing when something dramatic happens.

Hands hooked into the body of the wheel – vital in a tight sharp corner if you want to break something.

Relatively rarely, you will see the hands in the ten to two position with thumbs pointing upright and fingers curved around behind the rim of the wheel. There are several reasons for adopting this position; one is so that in a slide, controlled or otherwise, you will always know which direction your tyres are pointing from the two thumbs. If you need to countersteer (steer into the corner) you have no problem which way to turn the wheel. The other very good reason was pointed out by our driving instructor who did us a favour by causing the air bag to explode whilst we were all watching. He pointed out that if our hands had been in any other position than the recommended one, wrists or arms would be broken or seriously injured! No-one seems to take note of this on our roads today!

So next time you get in to drive the car 'think on' will you?

By the way congratulations to male driver of car SJ57 OAE – on the 14th April you were driving about 40 miles North of Birmingham towards the South in the fast lane doing at least 80mph whilst expertly using one hand on the wheel (top of same of course) and on the phone (in your right hand) for at least ten minutes whilst tailgating anyone who got in your way. What a star! Call the boys in blue to collect your prize!

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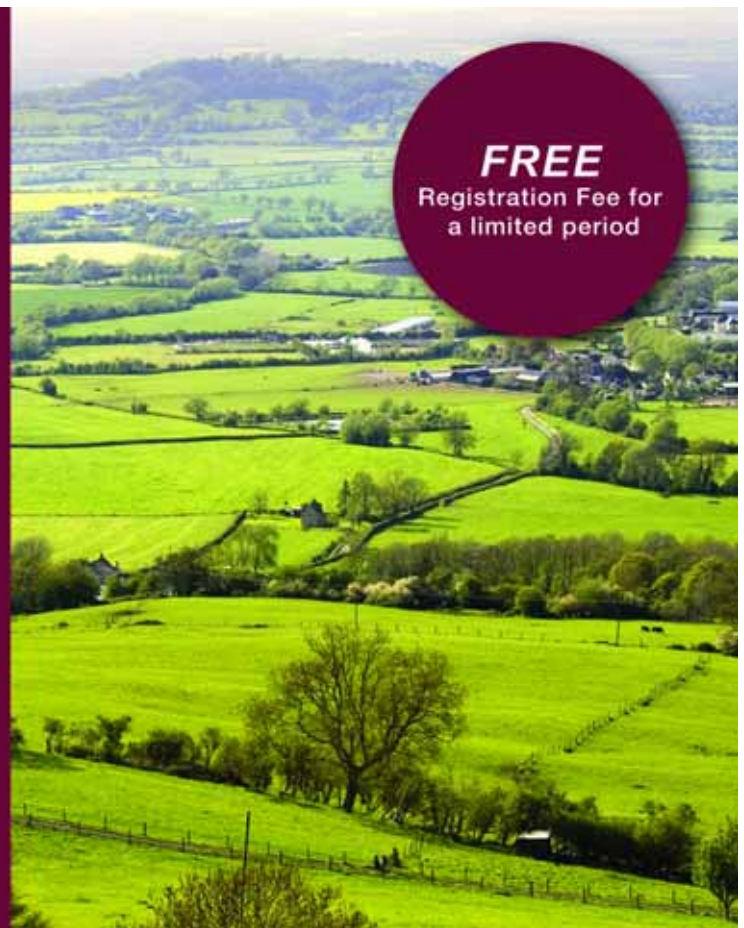
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Laura's Film Review from Laura Pickford

Forgetting Sarah Marshall (Certificate 15)

I was surprised at how good this film turned out to be. Lacking the appeal of well known actors, it still managed to do well. A couple of faces you may recognise are Mila Kunis from "That 70's Show" who plays Rachel Jansen, and Russell Brand who plays a fantastic part as the womanising, self centred, yet successful band musician Aldous Snow.

What I loved was the content ... it may have the same humour as the recent successful movie "Knocked Up" but it still manages to show us a difference. This film is about a regular guy called Peter Bretter (Jason Segel) who falls in love with a beautiful but self-centred actress called Sarah Marshall (Kristen Bell). Sarah breaks up with Peter because her career is going so well. Being famous and in the limelight she feels she doesn't need him, to her he is just a low key music producer that works for the TV series she stars in. The series gets cut and he is left with a Frankenstein musical he wrote himself. Peter is depressed and low, the only friends he has are his brother Bill Hader (Brian Bretter) and a dog bowl full of colourful cereal. He tries to cure his heartache by dating a number of women, but this doesn't help, in fact it makes him even more depressed. His brother decides to cheer him up, deciding that Peter should go away on holiday, by himself. Peter decides to go to Hawaii, Sarah's favourite holiday destination - and guess who he sees when he gets there? You guessed it - Sarah. To make matters worse she's with another guy, self centred, arrogant Aldous (Russell Brand).

While in Hawaii Peter meets Rachel (Mila Kunis) a beautiful receptionist, and out of pity she gives Peter a free

villa to stay in at the hotel, where he wallows about on his own. Over time Peter really likes Rachel and decides to get to know her. The two grow close, but Peter can't get over his ex, Sarah, and it doesn't help that he sees her every day with Aldous. Peter now has a dilemma over two women, what will he do?

There are some hilarious moments throughout this film; in the cinema my friends and I found ourselves laughing out loud - very loud!!!

I definitely give this film 9/10. A good date movie and a good movie to cheer you up.

I thought I'd let you know, if you didn't already, that Sex and the City and Indiana Jones are coming to cinemas soon. Look out for them! I will be going to see them and letting you know what I think!!



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Girls on Top!

By Ben Eddols, our Motoring Correspondent

"Doing anything Saturday?" asked my friend David. I pondered. Jobs at home, wash the car, cut the hedge, mow the lawn, paper work, yes Saturday would be a very busy day. "Why?" I ask. "Fancy coming to the skid pan at Castle Coombe" he replies. Slowly cogs whirr in my brain. A very difficult decision has to be made and I need time....slowly I weigh the options and after a full two seconds I confirm, its skid pans on Saturday!

8.07 Saturday morning, enter Castle Coombe into the Sat Nav, I guessed at an hour's trip, but Tom Tom indicates an extra 22 minutes, I need to get a move on. Recently my driving has been quite sedate, partly to conserve fuel, partly to maintain my licence and partly because there is usually so much traffic, it's hopeless trying to go fast.

My luck is in, the roads are pretty clear and I maintain a rapid rate getting to my destination sooner than expected, but Sat Nav being what Sat Nav is, it's not the destination I need! Nine more frantic miles down single track roads and I'm there, phew!

Of the twelve participants I arrive last and the others, having had a briefing, are getting into cars on the skid pan area. Death-defying

Marshalls are spraying water onto the tarmac surface and sprinkling silicone powder to make it more slippery.

Two cars circulate, each with three people in, one an old white BMW, has rear wheel drive, whilst the other, a British racing green Rover, is a front driver. Engines rev and wheels spin as the cars career round – it appeared the lunatics had taken over the asylum, there were some complete nutters on board. I anticipate being lumped in with a couple of other dim-witts – wrong! I'm with two very pleasant young ladies, Caroline and Joanne. Oh well, I'll just have to show them my driving prowess in as chivalrous a manner as possible.

We each have a go at sliding round the course, at times totally out of control but these girls seem to be able to get to grips with it, twirling the steering wheel and not giving it too much welly.

After a session at the wheel of each car it's back inside for instruction and explanation of what we should be doing. 'Steer into the skid, don't brake, dip the clutch, wiggle the steering wheel'. Did anyone take it in, do they understand? We also discussed braking, steering and the benefits' of ABS – this



would be put to the test later.

Back into the cars. Joanne is quite petite and has problems with the seat position and lack of power steering on the BMW but they both seem to have taken it all in and are now steering, declutching and wiggling the wheel like experts. It's quite interesting that all three of us have benefitted from the instruction we have received but in friend David's car, with the lads on board, the red mist drops when they take the wheel and they continue to charge round like lunatics.

This session done we get into the BMW to test braking and steering without ABS. Full throttle then brake hard and try to turn until the brakes are released – the car careers straight on, even with the front wheels turned hard over. Next full throttle heading for a cone representing a Granny crossing the road – brakes hard on, skid, turn, straight on until the brakes are released, then the car turns. Phew! the cone remains in place (not the case with all participants)

Next is an old Vectra with ABS. Again we drive full-chat towards the cone, brake hard, the ABS judders then we turn. Because the ABS is doing it's stuff the wheels get grip and steer us away from granny showing how ABS can help in an emergency braking situation.

Finally we all have to drive off against the clock. It's twice around the course and

reverse into a cone box, to see who has learnt the most and can control the car the best. The young lads are still on another planet and seem to have learnt nothing as they spin, skid, hit cones and career uncontrollably all over the place. I wonder how they passed their driving test and am very glad they don't live near us – surely they shouldn't be driving on public roads? The competition builds. The secret is to go gently using all the skills we have learnt. It's going to be difficult to win this one I think. The ladies seem to have done well and I'm the last one to go. Can I do it? I charge off but temper my driving as I get onto the slippery stuff – concentrate, go close to the cones, don't skid, dip the clutch, steer gently, easy on the throttle. We have to do a full circle around a cone and then do the course in reverse; I lose time here but am reasonably pleased with my round as I reverse into the box.

Back in the viewing area and we receive the results of our endeavours. Third place went to a chap who did a good time but was penalised for hitting a cone, my efforts put me in second and Caroline (who had complained that as she was at University she hadn't driven since Christmas) won, proving I fear, that women can make better drivers than men!

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Bourton Vale Cricket Club

A new season is underway – by Mark Arthurs

It's all change this year! Not only new captains, new chairman, lots of new children registering for Friday evening training but most incredibly a change in the rules of our senior league cricket! I won't bore you with the detail but we are now playing under HCPL (Home Counties Premier League) rules and they are complicated... but where would we be if we didn't have any rules... yes... France and too many rules? Yes... Germany (apologies to our continental readers!)

NEW NETS IN OPERATION

After finally finishing the new nets area late on in the season last year we have now been using them since the start of the season and they are fabulous! They will help with practice and coaching with the Junior and Senior teams, and mean that our coaches are able to work more closely with the players in a safe environment. Head coach of our U12 team, Mat Walton (see picture) has taken up the challenge to improve cricket in the local area.

A fantastic turnout on the first Friday evening for juniors saw 60 families register, which equates to about 100 children at the ground! Luckily we have enough coaches with level 2 to have a coach in each age group, and with help from the players we just about manage.

Lots going on at the pavilion with the BBQ in full operation and we are now selling 'Chilly Billy' ice-lollies... lets hope the weather holds out.

The number of Juniors has already started producing some great results with the U13 team (mostly made up of last years U11 team!) winning away at their first outing and the U11 narrowly losing but looking good in many areas.

Results

The League teams have had an indifferent start with the 1st XI drawing against Challow & Childrey (Hamza, our Ugandan International is back for another year and opened his account with a 117 not out) and Tiddington. The 2nd XI narrowly lost their first match with Thame Town 2nd, falling foul of the new rules and an ex HCPL opening bowler. They were subsequently rained off away at Oxford.

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10 Marathons in 10 Days World Record Challenge

A number of local people can tell you that running one marathon is hard enough, however Steve Edwards, a member of the Bourton Road Runners Club, took up the challenge to go for a new world record by attempting to run the fastest ever aggregate time for 10 marathons in 10 days on the accurately measured UK Athletics certified Windermere marathon course.

Steve's running career spans almost 27 years and he has broken many records. At age 28, he was the youngest person in the world to complete 100 marathons and two years later, he set another world record when he ran 87 marathons in a one year period. To date he has completed 453 marathons and he hopes to become the first person in the world to run 500 marathons in an average finish time of under 3 hours 20 minutes (Sub 200 Minutes). All being well, he hopes to accomplish this feat in 2012, his 50th birthday year and of course, the year of the GB Olympics.

The Brathay 10 Marathons in 10 Days Challenge was undoubtedly one of Steve's stiffest tests yet. The course itself is a challenging one around Lake Windermere which boasts many hills, so running it 10 times in succession equates to a total of 262 exhausting miles in all. A stern test of not only physical, but also mental endurance.

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From Allen Firth



Runners-up at the 2002 Fairford tournament

The current Moreton Rangers Under 15 team completed their last league fixture on Sunday May 11th, having played together very successfully for the last 6 seasons.

The squad was brought together by manager Paul Luker in the autumn of 2001, joining the Witney & District Youth League as Under 10s in the 2002-3 season. Some of the players were still under 9, and have continued to play in the age-group a year ahead of themselves through to 2008.



Moreton tournament winners in 2004

A bright future for the team was obvious from the start, competing at a 6-a-side tournament at Fairford and surviving some difficult early matches to reach the final, eventually only losing 2-1 to an excellent Cirencester Town team. Other 6-a-side tournaments have since brought two cup victories, at Charlbury (2003), and as hosts at Moreton (2004), as well as a string of other close attempts.

The team has had considerable success in their main league competitions, twice winning promotion into the Witney & District A league, as league runners-up (2002-3) and champions (2004-5). The 2005-6 season saw them

retain their A league status with some fine results against teams from Witney, Banbury and Bicester. That same season they reached the semi-final of the cup competition, being extremely unlucky to be knocked out after a very tight match, cruelly losing the penalty shoot-out.

From its grounds in Moreton the team has been on four national and international tours, to Blackpool (2005), Eemhof, Holland (2006), Great Yarmouth (2007), and Newquay (2008), thanks to the excellent organisation skills of Carole Whitehouse. At Blackpool the team went all the way to the final, eventually losing to a more streetwise outfit from Liverpool. When collecting their runners-up trophies at the formal presentation evening, the players, manager, coaches and supporters were delighted to be awarded the tournament's Fair Play trophy. The awards were presented by the Premier League player Jason Roberts (then at Wigan Athletic, now Blackburn Rovers).

At Great Yarmouth the team again performed well, and once again they were awarded the tournament Fair Play award (presented by Paul Merson, ex-Arsenal and England). This recognition of sporting behaviour reflects the way the team has played its football throughout their 6 seasons together. There has been a close-knit team spirit, and a core of 7 or 8 players have been part of the squad throughout.

The enormous commitment of Paul Luker and his wife Theresa deserve particular recognition, and anyone involved with voluntary organisations will appreciate just how much work



The team collecting their Runners-up and Fair Play awards at the Blackpool tournament (2005)

goes on behind the scenes. As well as the support of his assistant manager Paul Keyte and several committed coaches, Paul has appreciated the help of many parents and friends.

Overall, the team has enjoyed great success. Equally importantly, the players have been exemplary in their attitude to the game and despite occasional frustrations along the way, they have enjoyed themselves immensely.

Unfortunately there is no Under 16 age-group in the Witney & District Youth League, and the team is therefore disbanding. However, with 2 adult and 5 youth teams, the Moreton club as a whole continues to thrive, and it is hoped that some of this Under 15 team will be seen playing for the Moreton adult teams in the years to come.



The West Country Tournament, Newquay, 2008.

Back row - Paul Luker (Manager), Ryan Woskett, Harry Peters, Tim Firth, James Hicks, Paul Whitehouse, Josh Keyte, David Evans, Tom Newbold (Coach)

Front row - James Maul, Kyle Ellery, Zac Fagg, Sam John son, Gary Luker, Tom Macauley, Josh Burford