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Editorial

Summer is nearly over but what a great one it has been. Villagers' crops of fruit and vegetables seem to me to be the best for years. There are local apples in the village shop or in boxes outside houses to 'help yourself' if you don't have a tree of your own. I've just taken a walk through the village orchard which looks fabulous at the moment in the early autumn sunshine. Lovely rosy apples soon ready for picking and I imagine many of them will be taken along by the orchard group to Apple Day on Sunday 21 October for pressing (see more details on page 4).

The nights are drawing in now so it reminds me to take my torch with me when going out in evenings around the village – and don't forget your bike lights!

As we reach the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War, we felt it fitting to feature on our cover the Memorial at the Square with the crosses and poppies for each of the village men who never returned from that supposed 'war to end wars'. Thank you Susanne Tuffey for taking the photo. The memorial was erected by Clive Collett and the poppies made by Jenni Pozzoni; we are grateful to them for their work on this. It's a moving reminder of the sacrifices made by one village, repeated over and over again through the country. Several events are planned to mark the anniversary including an Armistice Supper in the village hall and an Old Time Music Hall, which you can read more about on pages 5 and 6. The Supper will include a talk by the 'Brightwell Remembers' Team who travelled to the graves of the village men who never returned; a fascinating but also emotional journey to hear about.

This is the time of year when you might consider taking up a new sport or activity. There is plenty of evidence about the health benefits from strengthening and balancing activities and moderate aerobic exercise taken regularly. We are lucky to have many activities in the village you can join in on to give such benefits, such as football, tennis, badminton, cricket, circuits, Nordic walking, dance, pilates, yoga and so on. Included in the centre pages of this issue are all the regular clubs and activities that take place in the village. So if you feel like trying something new - sporty, crafty or just for a new hobby - why not have a go.. Some of the clubs would benefit from new members, in particular the bowls and badminton clubs who have articles on page 18. Or if you would like to volunteer to help at any of them, such as toddlers, or at the preschool, they would love to hear from you.

Helen Connor

Parish Council Update

New play area

You will have noticed that works to upgrade the King's Meadow play area are well underway. The need for the Parish Council to improve this facility was identified in the Community Led Parish Plan of 2014. Following much consultation and subsequent fund raising we are hopeful that this fabulous new play area will be ready soon including the much anticipated zip wire!

Consultation and funding continues to improve the play facilities at the Recreation Ground. In addition to the upgrade of the children's facilities, it is proposed to install an adult gym. Fifty per cent of the funding needed for this has been raised so far – volunteers to help raise the rest would be welcomed.

Improving communication

At the last parish meeting, it was suggested that the way in which the Parish Council communicates with parishioners could be improved. In response, we are upgrading our website (www.brightwellcumshotwellpc.org) so that important parish documents, such as minutes and planning applications, can be found easily. We will of course continue to use all methods possible including the parish notice boards, *The Villager*, posters and the community Facebook page to try to reach as many people as possible.

Planning matters

Planning continues to take up much Parish Council time. We are awaiting the decision on where the Ox/Cam Expressway is to go although there seems little anyone is able to do to influence which route it is to take or even if it is needed.

Earlier this summer, the Government asked districts that are included in the Oxford/Cambridge Growth Area to identify sites for development. South Oxfordshire District Council is one of these and has been told to find places for up to 300,000 new homes over the next 30 years – an increase of 70% in the housing stock, the equivalent of three new Oxfords.

At a parish level, we are working on a number of different planning applications. Work is due to start soon on Little Martins; we have been informed that there will be some closure to Waterman's Lane during the works although the developer is committed to keeping any disruption to a minimum.

The Parish Council is also starting to co-ordinate a response to the proposal to cut down further trees along the Wallingford by-pass alongside Site B. This would include more trees towards the Slade End roundabout and alongside the Hithercroft Sports pitches. If this is to go ahead, views to the west from the village would be effected – particularly those at night.

Jason Debney

Apple Day - Sunday 21 October

Clearly an important fixture in the village calendar, this year's Apple Day will be on Sunday 21 October at the Red Lion from 12 noon. We will be pressing masses of apples to make fresh juice, and there will be over 10 different heritage varieties of apples to taste and take home, as well as jams and cakes and more.

As it is the first Sunday of half term, this is the perfect afternoon to bring children along to join in with all the apple themed games, such as 'pin the maggot on the apple' or getting wet with dunking apples.

The main attraction will be Paul Chilton's GIANT display of over 90 different varieties of apples all grown in orchards and gardens in the village. This famous display of apples is the biggest in the whole of Oxfordshire.

Book your Sunday lunch at the Red Lion to make sure you can make the most of the festive day – 01491 83737.

Alison Bloomfield

Village Stores

As seen on Dragons Den please pop into the shop to stock up on the fabulous Collagin. Locally created in Chalgrove by the imaginatively named company 'Young in Spirits' this beautifully packaged gin not only tastes amazing, it also makes the perfect gift. The bottle can then be reused as a water bottle or fragrant diffuser, or even just as a conversation piece!

TWO dragons agree and are backing the company wholeheartedly. Chin chin

Sam and the team



World War One Commemorations

This is the last 'News from the Front': sadly, during September, October and November we will be adding the final 10 poppies to the memorial in the Square. These are for:- Alfred Brown, John Butcher, Herber Eggleton, Charles Lay, Henry Wells, William Harvey, Thomas Barlow, Hugh Talbot, Frederick Vaughan & John Winfield. The yearlong commemorations end with an Armistice Supper and an Old Time Music Hall in the village hall directed by Chris Baines (see overleaf).

Armistice Supper

As the year of commemorations draw to a close, an Armistice Supper will be held in the village hall on Saturday 10 November. Included with the supper, will be music and a talk by Micky Moore and his team (see below). Tickets will be available in October.

Between 1914 to 1918, men from the village answered the call to fight in foreign lands in the 'War to End Wars'. The men were of all ages and walks of life but the violence of war is indiscriminate and 25 were never to return home again.

In 2018, 100 years after the end of the First World War, a group of villagers visited their resting places in the battlefields of Europe in order to honour their memories and raise funds for the Royal British Legion. Join the 'Brightwell Remembers' Team at the Armistice Supper to hear about their recent journey of remembrance. Their travels took them from the battlefields of Flanders and the Somme on scooters, to the hills of Salonika and as far west as Dublin. Please come and share in their experiences of what was a truly emotional journey and help us ensure we remember those who 'gave their lives for ours tomorrow'.

Old Time Music Hall

To commemorate the hundredth anniversary of the end of World War One, a special Music Hall production will be taking place in the village hall in December, with songs and acts that reflect the period. If you are interested in helping out, either on stage or behind the scenes, we would love to hear from you. The shows will be on the evenings of 14 and 15 December, with a matinee on the 16th. Please contact Clive Collett at collett.c.2@gmail.com if you'd like to be part of the team - and save the dates if you'd like to be in the audience.

Clive Collett

Community Association

Annual General Meeting – Tuesday 25 September, 7.30pm

As I am writing this slightly in advance a big thank you to everybody who came to the AGM of the Community Association in the village hall, more details to follow.

Fun Run - Sunday 23 September

Sadly due to marshalling problems we have had to cancel this event this year. We regret having to disappoint all the keen athletes who supported us in the past by taking part in this event. We hope to stage it next year when we have been able to recruit a larger marshalling team.

Fete funds distribution

I am pleased to report that this year's surplus profits have been distributed to the following organisations in response to their requests for help with capital projects and other funding:

Football Club	£250	Lunch Club	£84
PCC	£500	Tennis Club	£250
Brownies	£150	Pre School Group	£429
Scouts	£800	Village Hall	£300
WI	£250	Cricket Club	£250
WW1 Old Time Music Hall event	£200		
Kings Meadow Playground Appeal	£300		

James Davys, Chairman

The Villager AGM

The Villager AGM, held on 20 July 2018, reported another successful year with no major issues. All of the committee were re-elected for another year.

We have had some intermittent problems with the printer and poor quality of text in some issues, but the engineer had been called in and hopefully these will be seen to have been resolved when the next issue is printed. We welcomed Steve Luck as a new addition to the printing team.

Martin Dix continues as advertising manager liaising with Charlotte Morgan and Angela Lewis. It was good to hear that 45 out of our 48 advertisers renewed this year and the remaining 3 slots were filled from our waiting list plus one new advertiser.

George Birt, our new Treasurer, produced his first end of year accounts ably assisted by Trevor Morgan. Finances are very healthy. Historically we have retained some funds each year (mostly coming from our advertisers) for when we need to purchase a new printer and/or IT equipment but it is now clear we have sufficient excess which could be given back to the community. It was decided to make a donation of £5,000 to the refurbishment of the village hall.

There have been no problems with moving assembly to the morning and Shena Luck manages to fill the slots even on Bank Holidays. However any new volunteers to add to her list would be very welcome (you only need to commit once or twice a year).

The committee were thanked for their continued support and also the various teams that produce and print *The Villager*, not forgetting the scores of assembly and distribution volunteers and Ken Templeton for auditing the books.

Anne Brooker, Chairman

Welcome to new *Villager* distributors

Welcome to Julia Silcock who has taken over from Sarah on Sires Hill; Gill Dexter who has taken some of the houses in Church Lane from Esther Large; and Amanda Potter who has taken over distribution for Datchet Green from Mrs Pollard. Thank you for volunteering to help.

Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Primary School

The summer holidays were a chance for everyone to rest and recharge ahead of a new year. It also afforded me some time to read the comments made by parents on a recent survey of parent and child views, serving as a timely reminder of how far the school has come in such a short time thanks to the hard work of staff, children, parents and the wider community.

‘Brightwell School is a very happy place’

‘The school has made exceptional progress – thank you’

‘The school is so much improved and it has a real buzz to it’

‘Being open on Snow Day summed up the new way at Brightwell Primary School’

‘There is a fab vibe at school’

‘The school has grown from strength to strength’

The comments by our children left us feeling very lucky to work in school like this!

‘This school is the best!!!’ ‘The teachers are lovely’

‘I think school is brilliant’

‘I felt very welcome when I moved to my new house in Brightwell and I’m really happy that I have a nice school’

‘I have lots of fun at school and have got good and funny teachers’

‘I love this school!’

This enthusiasm and excitement was found in abundance this week as we returned to school and the newness that a new academic year can bring; new classes and the re-introduction of Pippin class due to a growing roll; the welcome addition of Miss Edwards and Mrs Callard to our teaching staff and Mrs Prior and Mrs Johnson to our support staff; and plenty of work undertaken over the holiday period thanks to the hard work of the Facilities Team at Wallingford School. But don’t take my word for it - here is what the children say about their experiences over the first week and what they are looking forward to this year.

‘I’m already excited about our next Sports Day’

‘I’m looking forward to learning about our new topics’

‘I’m looking forward to the Discovery Residential’

‘I’m looking forward to taking on more responsibility’

‘I’ve enjoyed getting to know my new teacher’

‘I can’t wait to be part of the school production’

‘I’ve loved being back with my friends’

‘I’m looking forward to all the fun stuff we do in school’

'I love my new topic – Inspirational Women'

If you are looking to get involved in our wonderful community school, we are keen to recruit a community governor. If you would like more information about this position please email our chair of governors, Alastair Wilcox at brightwellchair@gmail.com.

Fin Lewis, Headteacher

Brightwell Art Club



The Art Club had a very good summer term and due to the lovely weather we even managed to paint outside during the last session. During the holiday we had our workshops, in Jane Dix's memory, and they were thoroughly enjoyed by the people who attended. We now look forward to our autumn term when we have some interesting sessions lined up.

You may be surprised to see the leaflet advertising our Annual Exhibition in this issue of *The Villager*. This is because we are holding the Exhibition a little earlier than usual, on Saturday 17 November. It does seem a long time ahead but we hope that you will make a note of the date. As usual we will be having stalls, refreshments and a raffle, as well as exhibiting and selling our work.

If you are interested in the club, pop in and see us on a Saturday morning during term time (we have coffee at about 11am); or you can email me at brightwellartclub@gmail.com for further information, or look at the village website www.brightwellcumsotwell.co.uk under 'Local Services'.

Veronica Wood, Secretary

Brightwell Supporting Refugees

BSR would like to thank everyone for their continued support and in particular to those who have so kindly donated in memory of Sally Dugan. We, and all who benefit, gratefully appreciate your generosity.

The Hope School and Azraq School in Jordan are constantly evolving and going from strength to strength with the teaching of the refugee children there. We have paid for the salaries of two teachers at Hope this term and also the maintenance of the school bus, playground equipment and food and drinks for children at the Summer School there.



Additionally, we have sent money to the Windle Trust in Uganda for the building of a teacher's house at Rhino Camp High School (see photo). We heard from the Windle Trust Director that '*inspired by the example of BSR, a UK trust is funding a further nine houses so we are building ten teachers' houses there*'. Without your generosity we could not have helped with any of this. Thank you.

To help further, please come along to the talk by local resident Peter Adamson about his book '*The Kennedy Moment*' on Friday 12 October in the village hall at 7.30 pm. This is a political thriller set in Oxford, Africa and the USA. Tickets available from the Village Stores or Wallingford Bookshop.

We are also going to be at the Brightwell Apple Day on Sunday 21 October selling cakes outside the Red Lion from 12 noon until around 3 (or until we run out of cakes!), and will be back for a pub quiz on 26 November so hope to see you there too!



Ann Linton, co-chair

*** STOP PRESS *** Little Martin's

Kingerlee (the developer of the Little Martin's site) has informed the Parish Council that works to demolish the barns to the south of Little Martins will begin in mid October. Following this, works to construct the new access road into the site from Grove Cottages across Waterman's Lane will start soon afterwards. Kingerlee has applied for temporary closure of Watermans Lane during the works although it hopes to re-open the footpath whenever it can. Construction of the 31 new houses will continue throughout 2019. The developer will provide the Parish Council with a named site foreman for any concerns to be passed onto. The developer has also put in place a code of conduct for their contractors that includes vehicular access from The Didcot Road only in order to minimise disruption through the village.

St Agatha's with St James' Church

Autumn – a time to give thanks...

As Christians, we are grateful people. According to Billy Graham, *'Thankfulness is the natural outflowing of a heart that is attuned to God. A spirit of thanksgiving is always the mark of a joyous Christian'*. Our main service each Sunday is a 'Eucharist' which is a Greek word meaning 'giving thanks' (to God) – see Luke 22:19: *And he took bread, and when he had given thanks [eucharistēsas] he broke it and gave it to them.* We celebrate God's gift of himself to us in the life, death and new life of Jesus. Autumn also brings specific reasons for the wider community to join us in giving thanks.

We begin October with our Harvest Festival family service at 9.30am on Sunday 7 October. This is an opportunity to give thanks for the food that we often take for granted in our society and to share a small proportion with those less fortunate than ourselves via the Wallingford Food Bank. Even though our village is surrounded by farms, few of us have any connection with agriculture compared to a hundred years ago when agricultural labourer was still a relatively common profession. Most of us are aware that it has been a glorious summer, and that this meant that animal feed has been in short supply and consequently more expensive, but at least this is manageable, unlike the unknown effects of Brexit on our farming community and what this might mean for crop prices for next year's harvest. So, we pray for stability for our farming community and wisdom for decision makers in government.

November brings the Centenary of the Armistice which also falls on a Sunday this year and so we will have a particularly poignant Remembrance Service - 10.30 for 11am around the War Memorial for our Act of Remembrance, followed by the service in St Agatha's. We hold together our sense of loss for a generation of young men with our gratitude for their self-sacrifice and dedication to their King and country. 1918 was supposed to be the end of the "War to End All Wars". Despite WW2, which would bring even higher loss of life around the world and genocide, in our own country we have managed to avoid a repeat of the hopeless fate of the millions of conscripts who were sent over the top into the no-mans' land of barbed wire, poisonous gas and curtain of machine gun fire. Huge positive social changes would come as class and gender equality also resulted from WW1, and for this we can give thanks.

Rev Kevin Beer
teamvicar@wallingfordcofe.org.uk, 01491 599873

What's On in Brightwell-cum-Sotwell

These are the regular daytime and evening classes and activities taking place in the Village Hall (VH), Jubilee Pavilion (JP) and Church Room (CR). For information, phone relevant contact.

Activity	Time	Venue	Contact
<u>MONDAYS</u>			
Keep Fit	9am	VH	Shena Luck 01491 834543
Brownies	6pm	VH	Tora Hallett 07827 239094
Cubs	6pm	JP	Anne Addison 01235 511018
Pole Fitness	6.30pm	VH	Vicki Hamilton 07733 027217
Badminton	8pm	VH	John Percival 01491 837372
<u>TUESDAYS</u>			
Quilting (alt Tues)	9.30am	VH	Cynthia Hurley 01491 836509
Nordic Walking	9.30am	Check	Annette Kilworth 01491 834050
Yoga	10am	JP	Sanna Ratilainen 07508 178315
Pilates	6.15pm	VH	Claire Saunders 07906 652603
WI (2 nd in month)	7.30pm	VH	Anne Brooker 01491 835109
Rapper Dance	8pm	JP	Angie Cole 01844 3542
<u>WEDNESDAYS</u>			
Tai Chi	9.30am	VH	Mark Preston 07966 253399
Nordic Walking	9.30am	Check	Annette Kilworth 01491 834050
Pilates	10.30am	VH	Claire Saunders 07906 652603
Coffee/Cake	10.30-12 noon	CR	Janice Chilton 01491 863331
Keep Fit	6.45pm	VH	Shena Luck 01491 834543
<u>THURSDAYS</u>			
Toddlers	10am	VH	Saffron 07955 608231
Pilates	6.30pm-7.30pm	VH	Nathan Clayton 07815 735165
Cycling Club (Didcot Phoenix)	7pm-Sep-Mar	JP	Mike Coupar 07801 240898
<u>FRIDAYS</u>			
Art History	10am	VH	Sandra Grainge 01491 839166
Beavers	6pm	JP	Hilary Rogerson 01491 839960
Scouts	7.15pm	JP	Tim Scane 01235 511444
<u>SATURDAYS</u>			
Art Club	10am	VH	Irene Lascelles 01491 837910

In addition at **The BCS Recreation Ground:**

BCS Cricket Club Senior Section Games Net Practice	Apr – Sept Sunday PM April - June	Tony Windsor 07909 848098
BCS Cricket Club Junior Section U16	May – July Friday Practice 6.30pm Mid-Week 6pm Sunday Games 10.30am	Alan Jenkins 07803 940463
All Stars Cricket (4-8 Yrs)	May - July Saturday 10-11am	Tony Windsor 08909 848098
BCSCC Dev. Group (8-13Yrs)	May - July Friday 5.30-6.30pm	Tony Windsor 07909 848098
AFC Brightwell Youth Junior Football U16 Junior Football (4 to 10Yrs)	Sept - May Sunday AM Saturday 10-11am	Ian Bacon 07789 000499
Cholsey FC Reserves Senior Football	Sept - May Saturday 2-4pm	Wayne Mangan 07403 333322
Fitness Training Circuit Training 'One to One Training' at times to be agreed	Sundays 9am	H Harrison 07769 645069

The Red Lion (01491 837 373)

1 st Monday of the month:	charity quiz night	7.30pm
2 nd Sunday of the month:	Al Jenkins live music	5pm-7pm
Last Sunday of the month:	Stanley Moon Trio live music	5pm-7pm

Stewart Village Hall

In our last update we mentioned that we were looking into upgrading our projector and speakers. We are absolutely delighted to say that we are now able to go ahead with this project because of a very generous donation to the village hall from *The Villager*.

The trustees are very grateful for this donation and will be working to install the new equipment in the very near future. With this in place we hope to be able to put on regular film shows over the autumn and winter months.

If you would like to know more about the events and activities held at the hall then please look on our website at <http://stewartvillagehall.btck.co.uk/>

Finally, thank you for your support through buying lottery tickets from South Oxfordshire Charitable lottery. Go to <https://www.socharitable.co.uk/> and select Stewart Village Hall as the cause you would like to support.

Annette Kilworth

New Year's Eve Party

Village Hall

in aid of the Village Hall

Monday 31 December 2018

Good food, good music and good company - what a brilliant way to welcome in the New Year.

Save the date in your diary, more information to follow nearer the time.

If you would like to be involved or help in any way please contact

Anne Brooker; anniebrooker10@gmail.com

or on 01491 835109

Allsorts Preschool

Allsorts Preschool sits tucked away behind Brightwell School, a hide-away for our little ones. Despite our quiet location we continue to be a hive of activity, more so in our busy summer term.

Much of the summer term continued to incorporate our much loved activities, such as yoga, French club, and PE in the school hall or grounds, with the main emphasis on those transitioning to school this year. With the help of Mrs Lewis at Brightwell School, the children have experienced an unrivalled transition programme, including mornings at school, teacher visits, Sports Day with reception class and an evening for parents to find out more about the school day and meet the teachers. We finished with a successful graduation, where families were invited to enjoy singing and a presentation, followed by a picnic in the park. The children also enjoyed an end-of-term water party to make the most of the sunshine.

The children have been out and about in the village, enjoying ice-pops from the Village Stores, exploring the seasons in the park making leaf rubbings, collecting sticks, bug hunting and splashing in the stream, but most of all having little adventures with their friends. The highlight of the summer term was a trip to Sherwood Farm, when Mark picked the children up on a trailer from the Red Lion, took them down to the farm to meet the cows and admire the farm machinery. They certainly had a wonderful time, as did the staff, so a really big thank you to Mark, Julie and the team for organising the trip.

The children made hand and foot print paintings for the summer fete, thank you to Helen Satchell for working with us to organise suitable activities for the children to enter and displaying their many pictures in the tent on such a hot day.

The autumn term has seen some new faces joining us and a change of committee. A big thank you to those who have stepped up and helped the preschool continue to be a safe place for children to learn and play. Again, we call out for volunteers from our community to come and read with the children, do activities that could be arts and craft, gardening, games, baking or helping to prepare snacks. Please don't be shy, it can be very rewarding for both volunteer and child.

Natasha Hillier

BcS Environment Group

Millennium Wood

As reported in July, we have received over 40 completed questionnaires relating to the use of the Millennium Wood. Nearly all the respondents very highly rated living in a village with woodland features (average score 9/10) and most people were reasonably happy with the condition of the Millennium Wood with an average score of 6.8/10. When asked about features they would like to see there was good support for most items including creating a pond, having a seating area and also space for an outdoor classroom. There was also good support for bird and bat boxes, and improved management for wildlife. We have prepared a ten year plan which we will be submitting to the Parish Council for their consideration as landowner. We would hope to be able to carry out the improvements over the coming months and years to make the wood a better place for wildlife and visitors.

Pondlife

The pond we have in mind will be for wildlife and subject to changing water levels according to rainfall. This is part of the normal cycle for these types of pond that most probably wouldn't support fish! Ponds in gardens have gone a little out of fashion but they can easily be constructed and will readily find occupants such as frogs, newts and a myriad of pond insects. They don't have to be large or deep – in fact a maximum depth of 30cm is fine as shallows provide a very good habitat. Sloping sides to make it easier for creatures to enter or leave ponds are important. In a garden a water supply from a downpipe using a flow splitter (as used to feed water butts) avoids the need for tap water except in extreme droughts (such as this summer!). Indeed water butts are a good secondary source.

Not only do ponds greatly help aquatic life but also many plants and birds which love to drink and bathe. They provide a good focus for a garden and give many hours of interest. There is much information available especially from the Freshwater Habitats Trust which can be searched for on-line.

Autumn talk

We will be having a talk this autumn and I am pleased to say that Richard Fortey who had a long career with the Natural History Museum has agreed in principle to give us a talk. He has presented several TV series as well as writing many books including *The Wood for The Trees: The Long View of Nature from a Small Wood*. This book, which is a very good read, is based on

a small wood he acquired near Greys Court and provides a fascinating insight to the history and life of the thousands of types of flora and fauna that he has observed. The talk will be very relevant and interesting although we have yet to fix the date which we will announce as soon as known.

Weatherwatch

The rainfall at Highlands Farm was 13.6mm and 46.9mm for July and August. The Met Office indicate that rainfall for this area was generally less than 50% in July but average for August.

Steve Capel-Davies

Save the Children

With autumn fast approaching, thoughts start turning to Christmas. Please remember, as usual, we will have available a stock of Christmas cards and wrapping paper. On Saturday 3 November we will be holding a coffee morning in Sue Butt's barn, South Cottage, Sotwell Street from 10-12 noon, so do come along for coffee and cake with a chance to purchase some Christmas goodies.

In December we are helping with the Old Time Music Hall, which marks the end of the yearlong commemorations of the 100th anniversary of WW1 (see page 6). Save the Children committee are really pleased to be involved with this event, as Save the Children was born out of the plight of refugees at the end of the WW1. Britain's blockade left children in cities like Berlin and Vienna starving; malnutrition was common and rickets were rife.

Two sisters, Eglantyne Jebb and her sister Dorothy Brown were part of the 'Fight the Famine' movement. In 1919 they set up Save the Children, with a vision to achieve and protect the rights of children and that, almost 100 years later, still guides all Save the Children's work. Sadly, children are still suffering and in great need in war torn countries in 2018, making it essential that our work carries on.

As 2019 will be Save the Children's centenary year, we will be marking this achievement in a special event here in Brightwell; there will be more information in future editions of *The Villager*.

Celia Collett
Chairman

Save the Children Wallingford & District Branch

Short Mat Bowls Club

The bowls club was formed in 1991 with a starting membership of over 40 and has continued until last spring. Our numbers, however, have dropped steadily for various reasons over the years and we sometimes only have 3-4, which is not enough to pay for the hall hire.

We have a Wednesday evening session from 7.45 to 9.30pm and Thursday afternoon from 2-4.30pm with a cup of tea midway. We would like to have up to 8 members at each session to restart in January 2019, so anyone interested should phone one of the following numbers. It doesn't matter if you have never played before, it's a good social time and a chance to try out a new skill, so do come and try it out.

Adrian Collett 837617, Brian Smith 824667, Roger Symes 837175.

Adrian Collett

Badminton

The Brightwell Badminton Club started back on 3 September and we would love to have some new players this season! If you fancy a few games of doubles in a relaxed and friendly environment, please come along to the village hall on Monday nights at 8pm. If you require any more information please contact me by email johnp1125@gmail.com.

John Percival

Health Walks

Health walks are starting again on Saturday mornings - the next one is 6 October 2018. These walks are being arranged through Wallingford Medical Centre Patient Participation Group; they are relatively easy and generally take about an hour. The pace will be slightly more than a gentle stroll. You don't need any special equipment or clothing - trainers, and a waterproof if it's raining. Please note, the walks will now start at the Riverside car park on the Crowmarsh side of the river at 10.30 am.

If you would like further information email gigong_fran@yahoo.com or search the website www.walkingforhealth.org.uk for other walk schemes nearby at Didcot and Benson.

Thirty WI members, partners and friends set off by coach from the village to Kew Gardens for our August outing. We were dropped off at the gate and after a quick coffee stop divided up for a guided tour of the recently re-opened Temperate House and surrounding garden area. It's huge – actually the largest Victorian glasshouse in the world, twice the size of the Palm House – with many rare and threatened plants from different world temperate zones. It's well worth a return visit as it's hard to take it all in at one go. Some of the more energetic climbed up to the top of the newly opened Great Pagoda and also up the treetop walkway to take in the spectacular views of the gardens and beyond. Others enjoyed wandering around in the warm sunshine admiring the planting in the Great Broad Walk borders or took a trip on the Explorer train to see more of the gardens. A great day out.

We returned to the hall for our September meeting where we heard from Nick Brasil about the wonders of train travel to the Balkans, taking in Munich, Ljubljana, Zagreb and Split. Some interesting places to visit. Next month's meeting will be about Creative Paper Cutting (9 October). More information on our website brightwellcumshotwellwi.com.

Helen Connor, President

Congratulations

Two young people who grew up in the village were married at St Agatha's in August. Congratulations to Luke Rogerson who married Lisa Zhang. They will be returning to work in China; and to Emily Finn who married Mark Way, and now live in Reading.

Wassail 2019

Wassail 2019 will be on Saturday 5 January, meeting at 2.45 for a 3pm start at the Red Lion pub and finishing with food and drinks in the village hall. Wassail Dance to follow in the village hall. More details next time.

Jason Debney

The Red Lion

Apple Day at the Red Lion

Come and celebrate Brightwell-cum-Sotwell's Apple Day on Sunday 21 October. Enjoy everything apple – toffee apples, a display of all the local apple varieties, local jams and cakes on sale and apple bobbing! The village apple press will be in the car park – bring your apples to be juiced and enjoy some local ciders and pulled pork with apple sauce baps followed by apple crumble or a delicious traditional Sunday lunch in the pub

Autumn Menu

The Red Lion is moving to an autumnal menu with lots of delicious homemade pies, stews and curries. See our Facebook page for menus and weekly specials.

Artist of the Month

Local Brightwell artist Flick Whitehead is our Artist of the Month in October, keep an eye on our Facebook page for details of the preview night and November's artist. <https://www.facebook.com/Red-Lion-Brightwell-cum-Sotwell-157223677652321/>



Halloween Specials

The Red Lion will be opening early on Wednesday 31 October so you can meet up to start your Trick or Treating and enjoy dinner afterwards. Enjoy the special Spooky Halloween Menu!

Email Newsletter

Keep up to date with all the goings on at The Red Lion by signing up to the weekly email – send us your email address to mark@theredlion.biz.

Christmas Bookings

Bookings for Christmas parties are now being taken, book early to avoid disappointment. Our Christmas Menu is available on the website. www.redlion.biz.

SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PUB – USE IT OR LOSE IT!

Mark Brock

The Wheelyboat

The Wallingford Accessible Boat Club is a voluntary, community organisation where able-bodied and disabled folk are encouraged to get involved. In the summer it launched its appeal for funds to help make the Wheelyboat vision for Wallingford become a reality. This is a wheelchair-accessible powerboat, the Coulam Wheelyboat V20, which has been proven on other waterways around the UK, notably the one on the Thames run by the Bisham Accessible Boat Club near Marlow. The Wheelyboat offers a drop-down bow facility that enables wheelchair users to simply roll on to the flat bottom of the boat.

The objective is to enable disabled people the opportunity to participate independently in river-borne experiences, such as picnicking, fishing and boating on the Wallingford stretch of the Thames.

If you wish to find out more or donate, go to www.wabc.org.uk or contact me on andrew.risk@wabc.org.uk or tel 01491 835989 or 07976 297835.

John Jenkins MBE

Science Exchange

After 10 years the Science Exchange in Wallingford is closing down. It has brought more than 60 world-class scientists to speak in Wallingford.

It was started with the support, encouragement and quiet wisdom of Ann Grand. Ann is the volunteer web host for the national and international Café Scientifique network. Through the website, she supports and mentors new and existing volunteer café organisers around the world. If you would like to launch a new Café Scientifique for this area, then take a look at the website www.cafescientifique.org/. It has lots of information about how to go about it along with an enquiries contact email address for Ann. It also includes details of other Café Scientifique events, so you can find out what our neighbouring cafés are offering.

With thanks for a fabulous decade!

*Amanda and Alison
Science Exchange Wallingford*

Watt car?

Have you bought an all-electric car yet? There is a growing number to choose from: Nissan, BMW, Tesla, Jaguar, Renault and others. Mine replaces the earlier model I bought 2 years ago which could travel 80 miles when fully charged. This one has a range of some 200 miles, which varies between summer and winter. It plugs into the charge point in my garage installed free as part of the deal on the car. It was supplied by one of the companies that run networks of charge points across Britain. The cost of my car was reduced by a £4,500 UK government grant.

My electric car is a five-seater, with no gears, it accelerates rapidly up to 30 mph and can reach 60 easily. It is virtually silent, except that it emits a sound to warn errant pedestrians up to a speed of 18mph. It has a reversing camera and tyre pressure monitoring, while the air conditioning is quite efficient. The car marks your driving skills after each journey, such as anticipation and braking. It tells you how many watts have been consumed, and how many miles are remaining in the battery. You pay no Road Tax and the charge for a service is about £100. Running costs work out at between 3 and 4 pence per mile, where petrol or diesel cars cost upwards of 10p a mile. Of course, there are no emissions compared to about 80 to 120g of CO₂ a mile from compact petrol vehicles, no emissions of NO_x and no particulates. My electricity comes from one of those companies supplying power from wind farms and solar farms and not from fossil fuels.

All-electric and hybrid vehicles are helping to lessen the release of carbon to the atmosphere and to lower levels of other forms of atmospheric pollution. On 22 May 2018, there were 410 parts per million of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, a rapid rise from the 400ppm reached on 10 May 2013. The UN Paris Agreement, involving some 200 nations, aims to reduce emissions to slow and halt the rise in the global temperature towards the 2°C that climatologists consider to be the tipping point when processes in the atmosphere will become much more volatile and unpredictable. The UK Government has the target of an 80% reduction in carbon emissions by 2050 with the intention that Britain becomes a carbon neutral country by 2100. All cars must be electric by 2040. These are very ambitious but welcome aims. However, they must be in doubt when viewed against many recent negative actions by the Government, such as the proposed Oxford Cambridge Expressway and the 300,000 houses that will surround it.

John Rodda

In Brief - round and about

Pandemonium concert

An entertaining evening is in store when talented and amusing folk group Pandemonium appear in a charity concert at Wallingford Methodist Church Centre on Saturday 20 October at 7.30 pm. Tickets, costing £10 and including light refreshments are available from Nicky Lidstone on 836648, emailing artatwmc@gmail.com or the Wallingford Information Office.

Photographic club

Wallingford Photographic Club meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm for 8pm in Crowmarsh Pavilion and welcomes new members at all levels. Next meeting is 4 October, a presentation by Steve Reynolds, Travels in India. This is followed on the 11th by a critique evening hosted by longstanding club member and respected judge, Gordon Roberts. More information, including how to find the venue, can be seen on the club website <http://www.wallingfordphoto.club/>

A Night at the Museum

Wallingford Museum will have a special one-off evening opening at half price (adults £2.50, accompanied children free as usual), on Friday 26 October 6pm to 9pm, offering a chance to see our current exhibitions and also take a look 'behind the scenes' at a time when we are usually closed. www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Talking Science

Bookings are being taken for the following talks: Friday 19 October 13:30/19:00 - How the Universe will end, by Professor Brad Gibson (12+); Friday 16 November 13:30/19:00 - B is for Belladonna, by Dr Kathryn Harkup (12+). Details of each talk (and a downloadable brochure) are available online at www.stfc.ac.uk/rltalkingscience. Booking is essential as they are often full and run a waiting list, to book visit <https://raltalkingscience2018-19.eventbrite.co.uk>

The Sinodun Players

Agatha Christie's 'A Murder is Announced': Wed to Sat 17-20 October at Corn Exchange, Wallingford at 7.45pm. Tickets £10 from www.cornexchange.org.uk/whats-on/a-murder-is-announced/ or phone 01491 825000 or on door.

VILLAGE DIARY

October

7	Harvest Festival family service	St Ag Ch	9.30am
9	WI talk 'Creative Paper Cutting'	VH	7.30pm
12	BSR Talk Peter Adamson 'The Kennedy Moment'	VH	7.30pm
21	Brightwell Apple Day	Red Lion	12noon
31	Red Lion early opening for Halloween	Red Lion	6.45pm

November

3	Save the Children coffee morning (South Cottage barn)		10am
10	Armistice Supper	VH	7.30pm
11	Armistice Service starting at the war memorial	St Ag Ch	10.30am
13	WI talk 'The Art of the Magician'	VH	7.30pm
17	Art Club Exhibition	VH	10am
26	BSR Pub Quiz	Red Lion	7.30pm

Advance Notice

14, 15 & 16 December	Old Time Music Hall show, VH
31 December	New Year's Eve Party, VH
5 January	Wassail

Refuse Collection (Food waste each week)

Grey bins	Thursdays 4 & 18 October Thursdays 1, 15 & 29 November
Green (& brown) bins	Thursdays 11 & 25 October (+ extra garden waste for brown bin users 25th) Thursdays 8 & 22 November

Village website

For more information about Brightwell-cum-Sotwell visit the village website: www.brightwellcumshotwell.co.uk