include source better images in the text, we are **Editorial** design including updating the cover – it has not Parish Council anyone would like to help us design a new one, Neighbourhood Plan Housing Needs Survey Colour & Clay Exhibition By the time you read this, you will have received St Agatha's Church Housing Needs Questionnaire. As Jason write: Community Association giving you6 views about housing requirements, Easter Services / Red Box Gallery this Parish? Also, it's not too late for you to sta Allsorts Pre-school and help&Pape your community. Closing date is Village Shop News 10
It is disturbing to hear about the rise of some n Save The Children / Wallingford Art Exhibition the village, mainly damage to house signs ar WI recently in the newly planted community orc **BcS Kings Meadow Tennis Club** burglary in the village has been reported also. It Brightfest & The Red Lion Wallingford Police team will be increasing their Scouting In Brightwell / A Carer's Pack for Free you have any information please contact PCS Environment Group / Village Lunch Criminals target houses and allotments / History of Art classes police non-emergency number 101. More deta page 17. 18 The Bach Centre / Brightwell's Got Talent Wallingford Museum / Sinodun Players We know there is plenty of talent in Brightwell Tatty Bumpkin / Spring Mindfulness Course skills you 20 could share? or have some poetr Easter Bunnytime McGivan Would love to hear from you to take I In Brief - Round & About Concert, **32**e page 18. Or could you help out at **BcS Post Office** good to Rear that they are oversubscribed but Village Diary more boy²⁴ and girls if there were more leaders, More talent will be on display when three pra Secretaryogatherater raise funds for the Church and Th Chairman: Anne Brooker 835109 page 4. This will be in St Agatha's over the end **Editor:** Helen Connor 834754 (thevillagerbcs@gmail.com) Advertising: Trevor Morgan 838920veAddateincD(Sat-Mon), the same Saturday as the Treasurer: Betty Price Distribution: Keith Brooks 839044 Assembly: Shena beeth@3ff@f3art exhibition in the church and I thir Production: Trevor Morgan, Gerard Varley, Angela Lewis, Susanneh Euffahlding and the art. Also, do take a look at

Items for the next edition should be sent to the Editor by 1 May 2015.

you are passing.

a good cross section of the community, so please do not be sbyer the type, location, size, and design of any c But by the time you read this the closure date for nominations to stand for the Parish Council will be imminent - 9 April. So if you and thinking offind out about the housing that is no standing, now is the time for action. If you are still undecided wherehisse weople are. This could be affordable of useful background on the Parish Council website which your an entire to downsize, or upsize as via the parish website at http://www.brightwellcumsotwell.co.weopleineahang to work locally. Others may h http://www.brightwellcumsotwellpc.org. needs to return to the area after living away for housing requirement, let us know about it. Eve Annual Parish Meeting – Wednesday 28 April has been given the opportunity to express an

This year the meeting will be in the Village Hall on 28 April toppersovillesse do fill it in. publicity around the parish and on the websites etc. We will hope to have candidates for the Parish Council there to answer questions and discuss topics of concern, including an update on progress with the Neighbourhood Plan. We are also hoping to take the opportunity for a brief training session on the use of the defibrillators.

Chairman BcS Neigl

So please come along – as usual there will be refreshments

David Fox. Chairman

Colour and Clay Exh

Neighbourhood Plan Housing Needs Survey

The Brightwell-cum-Sotwell Neighbourhood Plan is well under way and most of you should have received your Housing Needs Survey by now. The Housing Needs Survey provides the raw data that helps to infrosemary Greasby what type of housing is needed in the parish over the coming years. It is completely anonymous and confidential. It does not ask for a name or address and your finished forms can even be returned by freepost direct to the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council. This is who the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group has commissioned to undertake this survey.



Marion Symes

St Agatha's Church Brightwell-cum-Sotwe

Saturday 22 May 10-6

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Church Spring Fall

Saturday 23 May 2 -4 pm in the Grounds Church Room, of the importance of travelling together as well as making individual journeys. David Sheppard, cricketer and Anglican Bishop of Liverpool in the 80s, wrote at least two books with his Roman Catholic counterpart Derek Worlock called 'Better Together' and 'Steps along Hope Street' (the street linking their two cathedrals).

Hope and a willingness to work together will serve us well as we support our Village School through some difficult times. As my experience of Primary Schools grows, I realise just how much they are greater a throughing this ahead of the Quiz, I cannot sum of their parts, but that they need all these parts; pupils a great of the land a big thank you to parents, Head, and governors to work together for the good of the School questions. We are very grateful to I think it was Woody Allen who said '90% of life is showing up for what the provider of the good of the land with the section of the land to the parts of the land to th

As James hands over to Rob as Chair of Governors (and I thank God for

them both), I believe that we have a Governing Body which it age that Go Saturday 11 July 2015 at14:00 grips with the task before it. We are so much better able to help by using our varied talents together for the good of the School, be that on the roll of the rule.

our varied talents together for the good of the School, be that on the Flower again we are grateful to Jim and Madeline Governing Body or on the two sub-committees or just by being supportively garden. Please book 11 July i parents. We ask you to bear with us and channel any concerns you plans are changed. Look out for mo have through the Governing body with its mix of different governing schedule and entry forms for the Flower thankful for them all making this journey together and all the energy and The Villager.

Fun Run – End of September

Easter is, arguably, centred around a similar table – that of the Last Supper. We'll be remembering this meal, and its roots in the Jewish faithful Association is looking into the pontant on Maundy Thursday evening in St Agatha's with our friends from the delightful account of a second of second

please contact iviargot if you wish to come, tel 820077

Good Friday (3 April) Hour of the Cross 2pm St Agatha's

> Handel's Messiah Part II St Mary's, Wallingford 7pm

Easter Holy Communion Easter Day (5 April)

Easter Day Service

some lambs, a very memorable experience. equally excited by the chance to climb on a trac wheel. Many thanks to the Greasbys for their ho

In early March, the children were out and about weekend with their families for a sponsored w time stomping round the village, ending with sc welly-wanging in the early spring sunshine. The 8am velly walk is going towards our garden project, 9.30am Si Agatha s we mark the 40th year of the Pr article on page 9 about our plans for the new ga

> The children have been putting the new wetp (phase 1 of the project) to good use in the pas

The Red Box Gallery – Spring 2015

We hope you are enjoying the latest collection of art by Marion Symes. They were also in the Marion was inspired to paint the riverine scenes as she walked the reception class for some seriou Thames Path from the Barrier to the Source (against the flow). She found that although the sense of people long gone was almost palpable and the allotment where they have go industries of the river changed, the essential spirit of the river remains the the children went on an impromptu outing to the same. Her work captures this well.

the little mounds and build snowmen. The sno We are always looking for new exhibition and device of winter. Before the flurry love to hear from artists, amateur or hand fession read, playing with pretend snow (flou clubs and individuals who would likerotaepressents, and colouring pictures of pengi some of their activities. The aim of the upside and instruction we have been trialling a ne share the spirit of the village throughouts envaluate the children have really enjoyed.

GALLERY

talents. We have had poetry, painting and photography; but it could easily be a nicely furned with fatty bumpkin. She has been a valued an chair leg, some memories of Scout Camp of a gumpkin. She has been a valued an over the last year, and we wish her the best of factual piece of interest (local history, nature etc.) we are looking for an extra pair of hands for two

Please can you send your suggestion so to would be interested in helping from E thealisonshaw@hotmail.com. I wouldsuartsnoelikteritio, please contact Julie as below.

At Allsorts Preschool we're preparing the ground for the shelves, as well as our regular best sellers the shelves, as well as our regular best sellers are the shelves, as well as our regular best sellers. future – but we need some help from the past

schools.

It's Allsorts' 40th year and as part of the celebrations we are trying to raise to think about ways the Shop car £20,000 to create a new garden where every day is an adventure in the community. We always welcom natural world for our children. At the moment our garden is not up to scratch, failing to meet Ofsted guidelines or compete with other local preneeds everyone's support in order to continue to

We have been trying to raise the funds for the garden for some years that we are happy to take orders However, as a registered charity that receives no government funding meant from the fees we use to pay our staff, and just 30 sets of parents to ask for funds, it has been tough going. Mandy

That's where you come in. We know there are 40 years worth of villagers with connections to Allsorts. We are appealing to you to help us transform the garden so that it will be a place of inspiration and learning for the DAILY NEWS village's children for years to come.

You will find a letter in this issue of The Villager which expl our plans for the future as well as how to donate.

To mark our 40th year a magical midsummer garden party w 20 June. Tickets will be available from the shop and pub from details are available at www.allsortspreschool.org/40-vears-or

In this special year, we are also appealing for your memories. Did your children go to the pre-school? Are you a former pupil? Or have you worked there? We would love to hear your memories and have teamed up with the village website to create a memory bank. Simply go **Easter**i **Opening** website (www.brightwellcumsotwell.co.uk) and follow the link from the Good Friday homepage or email allsortsmemories@amx.com.

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Truffles and the Wessex Mill Strong White flou

With the fifth anniversary of the Shop's opening

From Sunda able to magazines All existing before.

THE Plant Stall will be neld on Saturday to May III the Square horthy datter and some stall be needed. 12 noon. If our wonderful supporters have any orphan plants nooking forus part of the meeting was the Resolutions for this year with which the Nation good home we will very happy to find them one. draw attention to important social issues. One

In my last article I reported on the Ebola crisis. I am pleased to separte that the AGM later in the year. the schools in Liberia have welcomed back students more than six months after they were forced to close due to the Ebola outbreakentakentaken came along in February with Children is playing a key role in helping schools re-open, including har helps provide dogs trained teachers at 932 schools on a range of infection prevention estimate the videos that accompanied his learning environment remains safe. This and many other properting their nattention can be. It really is increased legged friends can do for us as well as she be achieved through continued fund raising. devotion.

Lastly, we will be running the tea tent at Brightfest on 13 June, last year we had over four trestle tables full of cakes and sold every brained welfay when we visited Welford House 12 noon and 11pm. We hope, weather permitting, to do the same our enjoyment of the incredible sl year. A plea to all "bake off" fans, we would be very gratefubifryphogralisme for the rest of the year prom consider baking a cake for us. interesting as last year so do come along. In Ap

Many thanks.

Celia Collett New members are always welcome.

demonstration from Beat Street Jive. Watch ou

Annual Spring Art Exhibition in Wallingford

Artists and photographers from Brightwell have been among those whose work has been displayed at Wallingford's annual Spring E year, Eric Dore's photo of Anne Brooker's old bike, pho Brightwell, gained the most visitor votes in the photographic s

This year's 5th Exhibition opens with a preview evening on F from 6.30 - 9.30 pm and continues between 10.30 am and Saturday 25th. It takes place at Wallingford Methodist Church

Welcome Packs

If you know of a newcomer to the village, plea address for a Welcome Pack to Bill He wthorsfield@yahoo.com and/or Andy andylewis10@talktalk.net.

JOO KININGO MICANGOM TOLLING CIND diames now. All the usual live music, 1000, par. details in next issue. We are approaching the second season of the resurrected club with 150

members which includes 57 juniors. 147 members have been suppedituate funding, there will be a Quiz nig by the club, as members of LTA Britain, and among agonombeartof on Saturday 25 April at the Red Li advantages, offers members the opportunity to participate in the annual Club Wimbledon Ticket Ballet. The LTA changed the system this wear and it was necessary to "Opt-in" to the Club Wimbledon Ballot via the LTA Web Site. By the deadline of the 14th February 2015, 80 of the 127 eligible members had opted-in. It is this figure that will be used to allocate pairs of Wimbledon Tickets, unlike previous years, when the Total Membership

At the Red Lion in April and May

Coaching

Qualified LTA Tennis Coaching is back, delivered by Ed Nieburg at the Kings Mosday Control of the Nieburg at the Kings Meadow Courts every Friday starting at 3.15pm to 4pm for th 5 April Open Mic Ni Tots 3 to 5 years followed by a Mini Reds Class 5 to 8 years froi 12 April and 10 May -Al Jenkins 5pm. Coaching for older juniors 8 to 10 and 11 to 14 years will start 12 April and 10 May = 10th April. Make contact to book via http://www.ctatennis.org/ to book 19 April and 17 May = 10th April an Jazz Jam

26 April and 31 May –

Live jazz froi

Open day

After a very successful open day at Kings Meadow Courts planned to run a similar event this year on Sunday 3 May 20 Friday Fish nights

There will be fun for all the family plus the Ballot for Wimblec 17 April and 22 May – enjoy fresh fi please put the date in your diary.

Subscriptions

Monday Village Ouiz night

Annual subs are due on the 1st April 2015. Please use the online "Renewal Form" on the clubs web site. New members can regist 27 April for Pre-school pay also online via the BCSKMTC website 25 May for St Agatha www.bcskingsmeadowtennisclub.org.uk.

Senior Club Sessions are on a Tuesday and Thursday eve Pudding Night Dusk plus Sunday morning – 9am to 12noon, starting on the 1st April Tuesday 5 May three sections. You will see us round the village, from time textuingenmentation have been following this a helping in the Millennium Wood, supporting the Village Fete wers inpuly around the trees when they were pla exploring and getting muddy! along with the stakes. They have both been star

We are in urgent need of additional leaders, to support our routine where asked about recyclic activities events and activities. As you might expect, we need a minimum and activities. As you might expect, we need a minimum and activities are the safety of the young people in suggested Grundons might help. Grundons were number of adults to ensure the safety of the young people in our care and plastic but, regrettably, they were this number increases when we go outdoors. Time pressures mean that the guards can be burned in our current leadership team is stretched. waste programme. Now we await the delivery of

So, if you enjoy working with young people, please get in cortage and load the guards into it. us a try – we are very flexible over time commitments and your assistance in the Wood is to thin the trees. needn't involve 'going into uniform', if you are unsure as to the time volume will have plenty of space. We have available. from the Woodland Group to carry out this wc

Please call to discuss - Hilary Rogerson (on 01491 839960) thrived scanne of the more open parts of the W will be cleared. (01235 511448).

> Tim Scane, Scout Leader Spring Talk

> > By the time this issue of the Villager has been pr Power Station will have occurred, and, at the I new committee will be in place. Some critical facing us and the Group is hoping to be able to I

Are you looking after someone at home? Maybe your husband or wife, a

The Carer's Pack contains all the leaflets and helpful advice from Carers Oxfordshire and could be a lifeline for you. The easiest way to obtain this is to come along to the PiP Carers' monthly meeting in St Mary's Church, Wallingford between 2.00 – 3.00 pm on the second Tuesday in the month. Fiona Macpherson from Carers Oxfordshire will be there to Vallage volunch too. Our next meeting is on TUESDAY 14 APRIL and we'll have a cup of

> The summer Village Lunch will be held on Tue Hall 12 15nm Contact Jacqui 836018 or Belinc

A Carer's Pack for FREE

friend or neighbour...

tea ready for you.

the allotments. The Wallingford Neighbourhood Policing Treaved Wille Student toilet block; and that gave us increasing their patrols of the village. However if any of a cilithes s form of isabled visitors by building a whee information regarding this matter could you please contacte RC200e9825n the bridle path. And our garde Sue Harris on the police non-emergency number 101. Antwick foot it be although the seminar room. given will be treated in confidence. If you see anybody committing these. In the house itself we've had some much-neede

Have you considered joining Thames Valley Alert system? Thiselfwill enable you to receive a message via email, phone or text updating you of any incidents in your area. Join by logging onto www.thamesvallevalert.co.uk to a minimum. If you'll be pleased when it's ov Many thanks for any help with this matter. we.

PCSO 9825 Sue Harris – Wallingford Police Station

History of Art Classes 2015-2016

offences please dial 999 immediately.

Brightwell's got talent!

brickwork and the front porch, and the decorat

A new series of History of Art classes is planned to start this Autumn In the Summer Concert will take place on Village Hall and it is an opportunity for new members to join. These have the country for many years by Mary Acton, BA (Hons), FE Diploma Who is the village. So pleas lives in the village, and have have in the village. lives in the village, and have been very popular and enjoyable a really enjoyable evening. I am sure however held on Fridays. 10 00am – 12 noon talents in the village yet to be revealed on the su are held on Fridays, 10.00am – 12 noon. you'd like to take part please do contact me (a

The Programme for 2015-16 will start with the Early Renaissance in Europe and its background in the Classical Tradition covering the period approximately 1250-1450, with an earlier look at the origins. The first term covers aspects of Western Sculpture and then work of artists including with poetry readings and sketches Pisano, Giotto and Duccio, in Florence and Siena. The second her William Choir If you fancy singing a begins in Florence in the early 15th Century to look at the work of Brunelleschi, Donatello and Masaccio, then moves to Northern Europe to Brunelleschi, Donatello and Masaccio, then moves to Northern Europe Europe to Northern Europe Europe to Northern Europe Europe

vvaiiingioru iviuseum is pieaseu to present an extra event tiils year - ahange.org.uk 'Living History' display of the range of equipment Roman legions used for body armour, weapons, pottery, clothing, boots and even the skin cleaning Strigil tool. Run by expert John Smith, it will include short talks, displays, and opportunity for lots of questions. All children will receive a Latin Tatty Bumpkin Yoga diploma!

Friday 10 April from 2pm to 5pm. Entry is by Museum ticket at the classes for babies and pre-schoolers £4 per adult (which gives unlimited entry until November term 13th April - 20 May at Cholsey, The Gre accompanied children are FREE. www.wallingfordmuseum.org.uk

Plus two new special exhibitions

Tatty Bumpkin Yoga – Pre-schoolers (2-5 yr

Why not immerse yourself in the town's fascinating local history for the whole day and also visit the new 'Wallingford's Royal Castle by Region Explorer - active babies 10.1 and 'Magna Carta and All That' exhibitions at the Museum ognesade entures incorporate some stretches for along or contact Judy Dewey for more details tel. 01491- 651 1727 vement and lots of fun (including relaxation a

And a Night at the Museum with a medieval flavour! - 15 Maby Bumpkin Yoga - younger babies (8 wks Sessions combine baby massage, baby yo mums/dads with music and rhymes to help pro Back by popular demand - Historic Guided Town Walks

On Saturday 11 April, two historic guided walks will be led by Judy Dewey (local historian and Museum curator). The Castle History walk at the 13 am will a 0794163121 for more information be a followed by a Town History walk at 2.30pm. Each walk lasts about 2 hours, and start at the Museum, £5 for each walk, [unsuitable for dogs!]

Stu Derby, P Sopring Mindfulness Course

Wednesday Evenings 7 – 9 pm 22 April – 10

Sinodun Players – 'Life of Riley'

Find out how mindfulness can enrich your life in of the Yurt at Haddon Acre, Sires Hill. (www.haa

Sinodun Players' spring production is 'Life of Riley' by Alan Ayckhourneais an 8 week training programm dark comedy set in three nardens, a farmyard and finally in a cemetery



prized for flowers, leaves, berries and bark. Also, Plant Sale Saturday 9 May in Wallingfor information contact Isabelle Darby 01491-83686

10k run for Treehouse School

Hunt for Easter Treasure at Didcot Railway Centre on family fundays mixture of on and off-road trails a from 3-6 April 01296 670444.

Easter Outdoor Fun at the Earth Trust, Sunday 5 April 10-2007 we in east one couraging runners to persua Easter bunny hunt plus bring an egg to boil and roll down the Witterbarmand enter as a team. In addition Clumps, £3 donation, accompanying adult free.

Come out and Play at Mowbray Fields (Didcot) on Wednesdaytreeheuse10k.org.uk to register and if you and Abbey Fishponds (Abingdon) on Tuesday 7 April, both Ract Salf Eccleston on 07837009774 or Free. More details on where to meet from the Earth Trust at http://www.earthtrust.org.uk/explore/whatson

Family Bushcraft, Friday 10 April 10-4pm. Bring the whole family weekly 5k timed Run. 9am every Satu wild - explore woods, make shelters, learn how to use a knisowafelyt and water, off Avon Way, Didcol light a fire. We'll be cooking on the fire but bring a packed lynch to register before yo adults. £15 children: booking essential: 01865 admin@earthtrust.org.uk.

Eggstraordinary Easter Eggventure at the Museum of Natural Historystunning location of Dorchester Al and Pitt Rivers Museum Oxford, 28 March - 19 April. Egg-henters Thail Big Bash, comedy theatre, come Suitable for all ages, drop in during opening hours, www.pumpexances by the Tallis Scholars, an Oxfordand www.prm.ox.ac.uk.

Easter Cracked Holiday Club with Easter Crafts for children aged 5+, Wed 1 April, St Mary's Wallingford, 10-2pm, £2, contant neftotel U3A 07748983348

26 April at 10.00am, starting at Cholsey Re includes a free T-shirt and handmade wooden I popular Bunny Run again for under 16 year olds butties for all supporters and their families. If voi

info@thetreehouseschool.org.uk.

Didcot Park Run

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Dorchester Festival 1-10 May 2015

Tickets are now on sale for this year's Dorchest Britain's Got Talent finalists Out Of The Blue information, visit the festival website Festival@c

Next Meeting is 6 May Dr. Gillian White: 'Chat Family 1550-1850' Our Programme of talk

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