

CHURCHILL AND SARSDEN

Roundabout

JULY 2025



From the Glebe attics

The local policeman standing to attention between the Sarsden pillars.

YOUR DOG'S TIME TO SHINE

Woofers assemble! Put your best paw forward and bring your family along for a wagtastic afternoon of fun. To celebrate 25 years in business caring for our wonderful canine friends in Churchill and Sarsden, Annie &

Boo are happy to bring back our popular **VILLAGE DOG SHOW**

Proceeds to the Village Hall Refurbishment Fund.

All are welcome – great and small. Scamper to the show at
Sarsden Glebe's Open Gardens, 14th September at 2pm.

For details, contact Anne Batchelor on 07814 186784.

Village Hall News

Village BBQ on the Green

Saturday 30th August - 5pm start

After having a great time at the village BBQ last year, we're doing it again! We have started it slightly earlier so hopefully younger children can join the fun. Tickets will be available next month. See posters for details in July.

Autumn colours at Sarsden Glebe plus a dog show!

Sunday 14th September 1 - 4.30pm

This is an opportunity to view the garden in a different season to that of the recent spring opening, and see the ample produce of the kitchen garden along with the differing trees and the beautiful landscapes. There will be a children's trail around the garden which will no doubt take in a visit to the pigs.

Anne Bachelor is organising a fabulous dog show which will take place at 2pm.

Village Hall AGM

The AGM will take place on [Monday 28th July at 4pm](#) in the Village Hall. Residents are very welcome to attend. Anyone wishing to stand for membership of the committee should please contact the Secretary, Paul Branch, on [07771 624578](tel:07771624578) or email pnbranch@icloud.com.

Fundraising Campaign

We are pleased to say we have just reached our target on the Westhive fundraising portal and will be receiving just over £11,000 with £4000 from the community infrastructure fund, £6000 from West Oxfordshire District Council and the remainder from our fantastic supporters. This takes the funds raised so far to £65,000 and we are very grateful for the continued support we receive from all those in the village.

Churchill Countrystyle calendar 2026

We are looking forward to receiving your photos of what Churchill & Sarsden means to you so please keep taking photos over the coming months and don't forget to submit them to the Churchill Calendar 2026 project website.

churchillsarsden.com/churchill-calendar-2026-project/

Community Cafe

The cafe will run every week until Tuesday July 29th and then take its summer break. It will restart at the beginning of September.

MARTIN CLARK BRADSHAW

1935 –2025



Martin Bradshaw has sadly left us after thirty years as a resident of Churchill. He was much loved and respected by his extended family; to his friends and to those who knew him during his time here he was a true gentleman in all senses of the word – kind, courteous and generous. His support of village activities could always be counted upon, along with his thoughtfulness in publicly thanking the organisers at the end.

Born in Cheshire and brought up in Marple, Lytham St Anne's and Wilmslow, Martin studied geography at St John's Cambridge and did his National Service at the Military School of Surveying in Newbury. He then worked as a surveyor in Uganda from 1958, returning to England to work in Manchester's county borough planning department, then off abroad again as Assistant Director of Toronto's City Planning Board. There followed several senior planning positions in Cheshire, Leicestershire and West Yorkshire, appointment as a voluntary Commissioner for Income Tax, then Director of the Civic Trust in London, honorary member of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and President of the Royal Town Planning Institute in which capacity he had several speaking engagements abroad. In Churchill he became a consultant planning inspector until 2005, when he reluctantly retired.

Martin and Gill married in 1984 and arrived in Churchill in 1995. He was elected onto the Parish Council and then served as chairman for eight years, always trying to do his best to improve the local amenities and stay abreast of the myriad planning and health & safety requirements that needed attention. Martin's other talents and interests were many and varied: accomplished artist and painter, keen golfer, fascinated by politics, lover of art, theatre, architecture, classical music and jazz, gardening (including tending our war memorial) and many others besides.

Gill and her children Joanna, Nick, Andrew and Jonathan, Martin's children Mark, Catherine and Michael, and Martin's sisters Nina and Jane greatly appreciate all the kind messages and support – Martin will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

If you would like to put anything in *Roundabout*, please send it to francescahobart@outlook.com by the 15th of the month.

The Walter and Langston Charitable Trust **~ Applications are Invited ~**

The object of the Trust is to promote the further education, training or apprenticeships of students after leaving College or Sixth Form. In order to be eligible for funds you need to be 25 years old or below, a resident in the parishes of Churchill and Sarsden, or your parents need to reside in the parishes of Churchill and Sarsden. The trust is able to give financial assistance in the following ways:

1. award maintenance allowances at any school, university, college or institution of further education (including professional and technical) approved by the Trustees;
2. provide financial assistance towards outfits, clothing, tools, instruments or books connected with their study or travel, to enable preparation for an entry to any professional, trade, occupation or service on leaving school, university or other educational establishment.

Grants are normally made in October/November for the following academic year. Grants will not be made in place of public funds.

All applications must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation from either your current Head Teacher, Head of Sixth form / College, Apprenticeship employer or University Tutor and submitted by 1st September 2024.

Applications unaccompanied by a letter of recommendation will not be considered. Letters of application should be sent to the clerk, Stuart Bassett, walterandlangstontrust@outlook.com / The Granary, Chipping Norton Road, Churchill OX7 6NG and should include the following information as a minimum: Name, address, date of birth, place of study, course being studied, description of what the funds are for, future aspirations and how the funds will help you achieve this.

FIFIELD FAMILY FUN RUN

10 am, Sunday 29th June

All ages, all stages and medals for all. Breakfast barbecue

Two routes: 1-2K and 5-6K

Register at fifieldfunrun@gmail.com