

CHURCHILL AND SARSDEN

Roundabout

OCTOBER 2025



CHURCHILL DOG SHOW

Many thanks to everyone who braved the abominable weather to support the Show.

We were welcomed so warmly by our hosts, Rupert and Amanda, and were blessed to have been able to hold it in such a beautiful setting, so thanks very much to them.

We had a wonderful array of gorgeous dogs so our fantastic judge Lucie had her work cut out. Congratulations to our worthy winners including our very own **Poppy** who won Reserve Best In Show with proud Mummy Liz as well as catching the judge's eye and having a very Waggy Tail. **Alfie** and **Tippy** for being Adorable Puppies, **Robin** and **Tiggy** for being such Worthy Rescues and to Pingu (at nearly 15yrs old) who was very Wise and Wonderful!

Otti won the heart of our judge getting placed first and **Rudi** for being such a Fabulous Fella! **Arlo** had a very Waggy Tail and was beautifully handled by Ada and also won a rosette for being a Fabulous Fella with handler Isla. **Rupert** was small but very wonderfully in charge of **Simba**, winning first place, as were Casper and Oliver handling Plum so well. **Herbie** won rosettes for being a Fabulous Fella and for being one of the judge's favourites. **Lola** was a firm favourite and did a fantastic Paw Shake for our celebrity guest **Jeremy Clarkson** with **Casper** and **Oliver** getting high fives from him too! Best Decorated Lead went to **Amy** with a beautiful autumnal theme which was worn so fashionably by **Poppy**. Best In Show went to lovely **Alice** who was awarded the Edward and Annette Batchelor Memorial Cup.

Many thanks to our generous local sponsor and to our **Celebrity Guest, Jeremy Clarkson**, who kept us entertained in the rain. Warm thanks also to **Tania** and **Tyler** for all their help and ongoing support and for the wonderful creative signs. To **Sue, Sarah, Pam** and **Liz** for helping take entries. Thanks also to **Peter** for kindly donating his bales to sit on and to **Pella** and family as well as **Rick** for coming up trumps at very short notice to help keep us dry.

On a personal note I would like to dedicate this Dog Show to all we the dogs we have sadly lost in Churchill recently. You are sorely missed and this one was for you!

Anne Batchelor

Village Hall News

AUTUMN COLOURS AT SARSDEN GLEBE AND THE DOG SHOW

What a wonderful day we all had and as someone said, it takes more than a spot of rain to keep us at home! Huge thanks to everyone who came and entered their dogs or wondered around the gardens which did look fabulous.

Many congratulations to Anne Bachelor and her team and celebrity guest, Jeremy Clarkson.

The dogs seemed to have a great time despite the rain.

Thank you to all the bakers in the village who contributed cake and also their time to help at the event which ensured we had a great choice of cakes and drinks for everyone.

Lastly, our grateful thanks to Amanda and Rupert Ponsonby for hosting us and their continued support for the Village Hall.

VILLAGE BBQ IN THE RAIN

What a lovely evening we had at our village BBQ which in spite of the rain did not dampen our spirits! Eighty friends and neighbours came to enjoy the great food prepared once again by

Richard and Jackie Charman, ably assisted by Caroline Earle and Di Webb.

Many thanks to all who came to eat, drink and chat and those who helped on the night.

COUNTRYSTYLE CALENDAR 2026

We are looking forward to receiving even more photo entries for the Churchill calendar and have a closing date for entries of 5th October. We have had quite a few entries but there is still time for others to participate - and we'd love to hear from younger villagers too.

Please have a look at the Churchill Calendar 2026 project website for further details:

<https://churchillsarsden.com/churchill-calendar-2026-project/>

~ Dates for the Diary ~

QUIZ NIGHT AT THE CHEQUERS

Sunday 2nd November 6 - 9pm

Come and join us for an evening of quizzing with our fabulous Quiz Master, Matt Hall! Bar food will be available to order along with happy hour prices for wine & beer.

Teams of up to 6 people welcome with an entry of £5 per person.

To reserve a table, please contact John Arnott on 07795388261 or email arnottjohn@aol.com.

CRAFTERS COFFEE MORNING AND CHRISTMAS CRAFTING SALE

Saturday 22nd November 10.00 - 12 midday

The crafters have been busy preparing an even greater variety of Christmas items to sell at the coffee morning and at the following two community cafes. You'll be able to get ahead with your Christmas shopping with some very individual gifts available.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Friday 5th December at 7 - 9pm

ST ANDREWS, KINGHAM

Our fundraising efforts for St Andrews Church in Kingham are ongoing, and we hope to begin work in early October. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended the Dog Service on 6th September. Looking ahead, we have two more exciting events:

- 11th October: Quiz Night at 7pm in Kingham Village Hall. Gather a team up to six, enjoy some light refreshments, and join us for £10 per person.
- 25th October: Cheese and Wine Evening at 7pm, also in Kingham Village Hall. Tickets are £25 per person.

Everyone is welcome - come along and be part of our community!

You can support us by donating a raffle prize for our Quiz Night. . Please contact Standrewschurckingham@gmail.com or visit our website www.kinghamchurches.com

A polite reminder: the field directly behind Hastings Hill, over which the public footpath (the D'Arcy Dalton Way) runs, is private land. Please remain on the designated path, and ensure that dogs are kept on a lead at all times. Unfortunately, signs put up to inform the public of this have repeatedly been removed or vandalised. This has been reported.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

FORGE GARAGE

As most people are aware, a proposal to shut down the garage and build two new houses on the site is currently under consideration. Most villagers feel strongly that closing down a thriving business that employs local people, has over 1300 customers and provides a valuable community service would be an enormous loss to the village. It may not be too late to have your say, so if you wish to comment, please go to the council website or contact planning@westoxon.gov.uk.

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

Visit our village website <https://churchillsarsden.com/> or simply scan this QR code with your mobile device.

Any comments or suggestions for content are very welcome. Contact john@johnfordhamdesign.com



HOME CAR BOOT SALE

Weather permitting we are calling all residents of Churchill & Sarsden to participate in our last Home Car Boot Sale of 2025 on Sunday 28 September.

How it works:

Park your car on your drive or outside your house. Fill your boot with items to give away or sell. Mark each item as FREE or add a suggested donation.

Wander around the village in search of treasures

The next one will be in Spring 2026.

CHURCHILL & SARSDEN VILLAGE HALL REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

Thanks to our many generous local residents with their personal donations, to the parish council with its financial contributions, to events organisers and local trusts, our refurbishment kitty has reached £65,000 which is real progress towards the total of £220,000 needed for a complete overhaul of the Hall's facilities. Our request for proposals for carrying out the refurb received three excellent responses, from which we have a chosen contractor in local builder Clarke Construction. Initial work on the heating and lighting is planned to start in the new year.

We can also now submit a significant grant application to the National Lottery, something which has been held up for some time by two major impediments – firstly the Village Hall's charitable constitution dating back to 1954 was not appropriate for such applications, and we also had a major problem in actually proving our ownership of the Hall based on a conveyance from the Sarsden estate made in 1922. Both obstacles have finally been overcome: we are now a modern Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission and our local solicitor, Georg at Bradley Saul in Chippenham, has managed to obtain full and permanent title to the property and site for us with the Land Registry. Georg also worked wonders in sorting out the parish council's title to the village green including the Langston memorial fountain.

There may well be more troubles ahead, and our application for a grant from the National Lottery is still in its early stages with no certainty of success, but the Village Hall refurb project is now well and truly on its way.

Watch for further updates in due course.

Paul Branch