

Churchill and Sarsden

ROUNDAABOUT

JUNE 2026

In their 16th season at **SARSDEN GLEBE**, the Oxford School of Drama will be performing William Shakespeare's play, **THE TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA**. The Director this year will be Federay Holmes, Associate Director at The Globe Theatre.



Friday 3rd July 2026

Doors open at 5pm for drinks on the lawn and kitchen garden perambulation, ready for a **5.45pm** performance.

Saturday 4th July 2026

Doors open at 4pm for tea on the lawn and kitchen garden walks, ready for a **4.45pm** performance.

The performances are 'OpenAir' so please wear warm clothes and bring rugs, suncream or hats as the weather requires. You are welcome to bring a picnic to have in the garden after the performances.

Tickets are £25.00. All proceeds go to the Oxford School of Drama Hardship Fund. RSVP to glebeeevents@hotmail.com with your name, ticket requests and the day you would like to attend. Confirmation will be sent to you via email.

For further information, please contact the Oxford School of Drama on 01993 812883 www.oxforddrama.ac.uk

VILLAGE HALL TEAS AT THE CAR SHOW

Sunday 14th June 12.00 - 4pm

The Village Hall is pleased to be providing tea and cakes during the Car Show. We are really looking forward to a fabulous event. Helen will already have been in touch with our wonderful bakers to ask for cake donations but please contact her if you are able to make a cake or help on the day to serve teas. Email: helencheckley25@gmail.com.

CAFE AND VILLAGE HALL ACTIVITIES

The Cafe has now returned and runs every Tuesday from 10 to 12. The Cafe will be closed on Tuesday 16th June. Other regular activities such as the Crafting Group and Table Tennis have restarted.

There will be a **Pilates class** starting on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm. Please contact Sarah on 07892 687673 or sarah@propilatestudio.co.uk

I'm pleased to say the **Post Office** is due to restart in June but they need to check all the systems first. I will use the Churchill&Sarsden women WhatsApp group to confirm the date to restart and would be grateful for help in ensuring this is passed on to all villagers not on the platform.

REFURBISHMENT

Phase 1 of the refurbishment is completed (barring snagging issues), and depending how future fundraising progresses we may need to prioritise some works such as decoration and do planned work in separate chunks. We will let you all know of plans as we go along.

TEAS ON THE GREEN

Many thanks to everyone for their support in helping make Teas on the Green and the reopening of the hall such a success. We raised £2,100.

Time to Say Goodbye

Simon Springett, previous editor of *Roundabout*, and his wife Linda are moving to Northumberland - for health and family reasons - after almost eighteen very happy years living at Lower School House.

They would like to thank all those good friends who have made their life in Churchill really enjoyable, always interesting and great fun.

How lucky to have lived in this wonderful village, so many special memories, so much to miss. With our very best wishes.

CHURCHILL CAR SHOW

The Car Show will showcase a curated collection of classic, rare and high-performance vehicles displayed on our beautiful village green. There will be a barbecue with meat from Hook Norton butchers, afternoon tea with a fabulous selection of homemade cakes, Honeydale ice cream and local beers.

Stalls, a jazz band, children's play area and more ...

Adults: £10, Children: £5, Family: £20 (up to three children)

The biennial Churchill Car Show is our biggest fund raiser supporting local charities and our village amenities. The main beneficiary this year will be the Village Hall and we are also delighted to welcome and support Thrive OX7,

Chipping Norton Theatre, the Lido and the 6th Chipping Norton Scout

Group amongst others (details in our free show programme). We are expecting a large number of visitors. There is free parking - entrance by the war memorial. We kindly ask you not to park on the road or verges.

THE BIG BASH

Saturday 13 June, 7 - 11 pm

Come and join us for our biennial Village Party in the marquee on the Green. Live band, pig roast, or (pre-booked) vegan option and bar offering wine, soft drinks, cider, draught and local beers.

Tickets (in advance only): Adult £15, Child £5 from Caroline Earley 07484

275801/ caroline_earley@icloud.com

or Dan Field: 07817 079496

STOW COTTAGE ARBORETUM AND GARDEN, CHURCHILL OX7 6NP

will be open on **Saturday 20 June** from 1.00pm to 5.30pm

for the National Garden Scheme Charities - ngs.org.uk

The Arboretum was begun in 2009 and there are now around 200 different oaks, 40 different sorbus and 25 different limes as well as magnolias, dogwoods, walnuts, birches and liquidambar. The Arboretum has cut paths for easy walking, albeit not always even. Stow Cottage is surrounded by a garden with deep borders with many rare shrubs as well as roses and daphnes.

There are beautiful views towards Stow and beyond. Entry fee £5 (children free). Delicious teas and cakes to raise funds for All Saints, Churchill. Parking will be signposted from William Smith Close. Unfortunately not suitable for wheelchairs due to uneven ground and gravel paths. Dogs on leads please.

A huge thank you to those who joined us for the **Churchill and Sarsden Annual General Meeting** on 7th May. It was wonderful to hear all the progress the groups in our village had made during the year and heartening to reflect on the efforts of so many that make our community brilliant. There were many highlights but to capture a few...

- Our Village Hall team have made great progress with the refurbishment works. Teas on the Green was very well attended and coffee mornings and craft groups have continued at All Saints during the closure.

- The Village Ride scheme continues to be well used and valued.

- Thrive OX7 helped 1176 young people with many different types of support (such as vouchers for food, shoes, uniforms and essential household items).

- Our Heritage Centre has welcomed over 200 visitors and now has a new exhibition about the village's connection with Jane Austen.

- Lunch Club continues to be popular, sociable and delicious.

- Roundabout has kept us engaged and informed all year, both online and in print and is hand delivered to 279 households.

The Villager Bus has sustained good ridership with connections to Witney, Carterton and Chipping Norton.

All Saints was packed at Easter, work has been completed on the clock and the Old Churchyard is looking beautiful.

The Walter & Langston Charitable Trust and the Churchill & Sarsden Religious Education Fund have supported young people in our community to study and access educational resources.

Churchill & Sarsden Parish Council were pleased with the positive responses to the traffic calming.

Liz Leffman from the Oxfordshire County Council shared a progress update which included improvements in SEND services in the county and ongoing efforts to address highways issues.

Full minutes of the meeting will be agreed at the next Parish Council meeting on 11th June and will then be available online. Thank you to you all for the many and varied contributions which make our community so special.

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Kingham Singers will be singing music from around the British Isles at their summer concert on **Saturday June 6th 7pm** at All Saints Church. Do come and join us. Tickets £5 available at Kingham Village Shop and on the door.

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The next **Churchill & Sarsden Luncheon Club** will be on Tuesday 23rd June.

A home-cooked lunch, glass of sherry with coffee/chocolates all for £4. All over 65s welcome. To book please call Pam Wickham 07706 156002 /

pam@repton-house.co.uk.