

Parish News – June 2017

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Hats off to Charlie Bader, Annabella Scott's son-in-law, for organising an adventurous drive to Mongolia in July. Many fellow parishioners will be green with envy at the thrill in store which involves driving a 13-year-old van from Goodwood through Eastern Europe, Ukraine, Russia and Kazakhstan ending in Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia. One can only pray that the Ukraine/Russia border is peaceful at the time of crossing. The costs of the trip, which should take about four weeks, will be met by Charlie and his co-driver but they are seeking donations to support Médecins Sans Frontiers, Mary's Meals and Coolearth. As well as individual donations Charlie is happy to advertise small or large businesses on his van with stickers.

For more information go to <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/CharlesBarder> Best of luck to Charlie. Hopefully our joint parishes can contribute generously to these very worthwhile charities.

Charlie has not announced how he intends to return to Lasborough but shoe leather is probably not involved and the van will undoubtedly be too tired.

Congratulations are also due to Andy Clarke and Clive Halsey who have now completed the restoration of the phone box on the Village Street. The large sign inviting drivers to curb their speed with soon be installed permanently inside the box: we can but hope that attention is paid to the plea.

A reminder to all prospective members of the Westonbirt Society that on Wednesday, 7th June at 7pm. Angela Potter will be giving a talk on the history of Westonbirt. As a local resident and a 'former pupil' of Westonbirt School (don't forget that the term 'old girl' should never be used!) she will have much to impart. The meeting in Woodlands Lodge next to the Leisure Centre will also be an opportunity for members to pay their annual subscription of £15 per person.

The organ in Lasborough Church recently decided to run out of puff leaving the congregation to do their best unaccompanied. The first conclusion to be drawn from this demise is that Val Marriott and her back up organist Nat Hewett have been bashing the ivories too vigorously. However, further enquiries revealed that it has achieved 50% more service than might otherwise have been expected and consequently congratulations are due to Val and Nat for their enchanted playing. Val has now sourced a brand new replacement in time for several upcoming weddings and the newlyweds can now leave with lovely, well played music ringing in their ears.

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