

A selection of what's on locally over Easter and May Bank Holidays

16th April 2019

Sat 6 Apr – Sun 22 April: Cogges Farm

Giant Easter nests have taken over Cogges. Visitors to the farm over the Easter holidays will discover a trail of climb-in, get-involved, & clamber-on nests made with natural materials that you might find in the surrounding fields and forest. Imagine yourselves as woodland creatures, get dressed-up and hunt for eggs in the Easter play barn, ride mini tractors and run free through the beautiful landscape of Cogges looking for signs of spring.

At weekends, you'll be able to join in with meet-the-animal sessions at 11am and 2pm, as well as try tasty treats in the manor house kitchen. The Easter trail is £3 and is redeemable for a prize in the gift shop.

On Tuesday 9th April and 16th April Cogges' Woodland Club will be busy under the trees making their own nests and toasting marshmallows (just drop-in 11am to 3pm). If you're interested in our term-time forest school club for under 5s, click [here](#).

Only one question remains, who could possibly lay giant nests with enormous eggs?

Sat 20 Apr: Three Churches and a River - Cotswold Voluntary Wardens Walk

10.00am starting at the Spendlove Car Park Charlbury

3 hr walk - 7 miles

Please join us for this pleasant 7 mile walk should last about 3 hours. Lots of great views. We leave Charlbury and go past St Mary's Church (Church 1) then along the Evenlode Valley to the small All Saints Church Shorthampton (Church 2) go back down across the Evenlode river and railway to Spelsbury All Saints Church – quite a contrast (Church 3) then back to Charlbury through Wigwell Nature Reserve. The route can be fairly muddy so waterproof walking boots and clothing are advisable.

Walk Leaders

Tony Merry & Harriet Baldwin

There is no charge for walks with the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens but donations to support the work of the wardens are welcome

Sorry no dogs

Sat 20 Apr-Mon 22 Apr: Charlbury Museum reopens for 2019

Founded in 1949, Charlbury Museum will reopen for the 2019 season on Easter Saturday 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, and on Easter Sunday and Monday from 2.30 to 4.30 pm. The exhibition will feature farmers and farming in Charlbury and the newly restored wagon will return in August to the room built for it with the generous donations of Charlbury people and organisations in 2002. Visitors will also see the painting by William Bowly of Duck Shooting in Cornbury Park, repaired and restored in 2018 and memories of Charlbury Women's Institute which was founded a century ago in 1919.

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Sun 21 Apr: Combe Mill Steaming Day - Machinery in Steam and Easter Egg

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We have a Cornish Boiler, Beam Engine and water wheel to name a few of the attractions plus an extraordinary opportunity to have a go at blacksmithing where you can get hands on. There is a find Millie the mill cat trail for the little ones. The volunteers have a wealth of knowledge and experience and are on hand to explain and answer questions. Also there is a bit of shopping, homemade cakes and tea at the tearoom and a lush meadow on the banks of the River Evenlode to picnic, where you might spot our local otter if you are lucky.

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Wed 24 Apr: Film Showing at Charlbury Community Centre, 2pm

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Wed 24 Apr: Quiz at the Charlbury Community Centre

April's quiz will be hosted by Alison Pritchard. Doors open at 7.15pm and the quiz starts at 7.45pm prompt. Tickets are available from the Community Centre reception desk; £5 each. They often sell out as numbers are limited, so please buy them in good time.

Teams of 6, but you don't need a whole team to come - we will put you with others if you come in singles and pairs. (Please be aware that if you have not got a whole table we may sit someone with you as we only have 9 tables).

Bar and all the usual cafe snacks are available.

Thu 25 Apr: The Makers' Monthly Market 5-7.30pm

Tired of Easter? Where is the MMM going to next? Will it be Italy or Indonesia? There's a whisper it will be Bluegrass sounds, Cajun food and the Knights of Mentis. All be clear soon!

It is clear now we are going to America with the Knights of Mentis and blue grass music, gourmet pulled pork burgers and cocktails.

We have a newcomer a wonderful potter - Jeanne Jackson with exotic birds on her pots. Organic cheese from Simon Weaver, Asha Pierces exotic organic chocs.

All the old favourites will be there too, curious bacon, Ellie's Greek Kitchen, the Pie Creator and the Salsa King. Come and support your local makers

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Fri 26 Apr: Flock Comedy Night - Charity Fundraiser for Lawrence Home Nursing

Memorial Hall, Charlbury

Why not get a group of friends together & enjoy an evening of Stand-Up Comedy in aid of your local charity?

Doors & bar open at 7.30 pm and showtime is 8 pm.

Tickets £15 available by phoning Sarah Darnell on 01608 811274 or by email from fundraiser@lawrencehomenursing.org

Pizza available to purchase in the interval.

Learn more about Lawrence Home Nursing at: www.lawrencehomenursing.org

Sat 27 May: Stonesfield Gardening Club Plant Sale

Great quality plants at bargain prices: Annuals, perennials, herbs and vegetables

Be sure to get there early for the 8.30 am start as we normally sell out very quickly!

More information: <https://stonesfieldgardening.info>

Fri 3 May: A Charlbury Festival Fundraising Event

Juliet Heslewood's talk, 'England's Green and Pleasant Land' will explore landscape painting.

Memorial Hall 7.30 p.m.

£5 on the door

Sat 4 May – Mon 27 May: Oxfordshire Artweeks

This year Oxfordshire will have lots venues full of art and artists. Look out for the Artweeks guides, which will appear at the end of March. A trail map will be provided.

More details: <https://www.artweeks.org>

Sat 4 May – Mon 6 May: Jousting at Bleheim

A weekend packed with action and entertainment, with knights on horseback charging in traditional tilt and battling on foot with the mighty mace and quarterstaff! Highlights include... Medieval Fire Archery Display – Falconry Displays – Medieval Blacksmith – Children's Archery Range – Jesters – Dragon Puppet Shows
<https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/spring-jousting.html>

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Mon 6 May: The Kingham Plough Market

Time: 10.30am

Join us at our annual Farmers Market – a fantastic, fun-filled family event boasting a selection of food stalls, bars, hog roast and a bouncy castle for the kids. Kicking off at 10:30, it's always a great day out.

- Fresh fruit, juices and wines
- Cotswold honey & flour
- Local pressed oils
- Hand raised pies
- Local cheeses
- Cured Cotswold game meats and lots more

<https://www.thekinghamplough.co.uk>

Mon 6 May: Cogges Farm Spring Craft Market

10.00am – 4.00 pm

The Cogges Spring Craft Market will be welcoming over 30 stalls to the market, held in the 17th Century barns, selling all manner of different crafts and handmade gifts from the local area.

Shoppers will also be able to see demonstrations from makers and workshops featuring a variety of crafting skills.

Usual entry fees apply or free for season ticket holders. Entry to Craft Market only is £2.

Enquires to Jess on events@cogges.org.uk.

Fri 10 May: The Charlbury Speakeasy

This Speakeasy brings you the chance to hear acclaimed Canadian performance poet **Rose Condo** and her hugely entertaining take on life. (Check her out on YouTube or Google.)

The music of the award-winning **Mingus Tree** may be familiar to Speakeasy regulars in many contexts but here's a chance to hear the compositions and lyrics of **Alan Fraser** and **John Lanyon** as they were meant to be performed.

It'll be mischievous musical lyricism all the way. Don't miss it!

As always, we'll be at The Shed, Nine Acres Lane, Charlbury with doors open from 8pm. Eight quid will get you in but bring your own drinks.

Sat 11 May: Charlbury Garden Society Plant Sale

Good quality, reasonably priced plants.

These include annuals, vegetables and fruits, hanging baskets and donations from local gardens.

Be sure to get there early for the 9.30 am start as we normally sell out very quickly!

If you have any spare plants you would like to donate then please bring them along before 9.30 am.

Enquiries: secretary@charlburygardensociety.org.uk

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Sat 11 May: May 11th 6.30pm Fab Cooks pop up Italian Banquet

In the Green Room, elegantly decorated in Italian theme. A vegetarian taster menu to titillate your palate with matching wine. 6.30 for 7pm.

One long u-shaped banquet table (meet new people, make new friends)

starter Aubergine alla Parmigiana Pecorino wine

main Porcini and truffle oil ravioli, side salad monte pulciano

pudding Pear, Gorgonzola, honey & walnut tart. passito

£25 with a bar

Book by email thefreemancollective@gmail.com

Sun 12 May: Tea Concert: Flute and Harpsichord Recital

Rachel Beckett (flute and recorder) and Alastair Ross (harpsichord)

The last of this season's ever popular CRAG concerts will feature a recital by the baroque flute and recorder player Rachel Beckett, accompanied by the harpsichord player Alastair Ross. The latter makes his third appearance at the CRAG tea concerts.

Rachel Beckett is principal flute and recorder with Sir John Eliot Gardiner's English Baroque Soloists, principal recorder with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and regular guest principal with other period orchestras such as the Academy of Ancient Music.

She is a frequent soloist on the legendary English Baroque Soloists Bach Cantata Pilgrimage recordings, made during Bach's anniversary year. More recent recordings include Monteverdi's opera Il Ritorno d'Ulisse, Bach's B Minor Mass, St Matthew Passion, and Cantata 151 Süßer Trost.

The programme will include:

Sonata in F major op 1 no 4 for recorder and continuo - Handel

Sonata in a minor for solo flute Wq 132 - CPE Bach

Sonata in C major op 1 no 3 for recorder and continuo - Handel

Sonata in b minor BWV for flute and obbligato harpsichord - JS Bach

'Rachel Beckett's solo which she played almost senza vibrato, was purest joy. She played her melodies with the most wonderful intimacy and calmness.' Hamburger Abendblatt

In the Memorial Hall at 3pm, followed by free tea and cake. Doors open at 2.30 and seating will be strictly first come, first seated.

Tickets £12 from Cotswold Frames or Larcum's nearer the date,

Reserve by emailing charlburyrefugee@gmail.com

All proceeds to Charlbury Refugee Action Group. This concert will raise money for the Asylum Welcome hardship fund. Asylum Welcome helps resettle refugees and asylum seekers in Oxford, and the hardship fund supports the increasing number of vulnerable asylum seekers in the city, many of whom are homeless and destitute when they lose all support and accommodation on turning eighteen.

Sun 12 May: Blenheim Palace will welcome over 1000 Jaguars from all eras.

Presented by the Jaguar Enthusiasts' Club The Great Court will welcome a specially curated 'Jaguars On Film' collection, a prestigious display of Concours cars, and a live parade around the splendid Queen's Pool. Supported by Jaguar Land Rover Classic, alongside SNG Barratt and other club partners.

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Sun 12 May: Pond Dipping at Blenheim Farm Nature Reserve

2.30-4pm Come along for an afternoon of wildlife discovery in the underwater world of [Porters Pond](#) Dip into the pond with Andy from [BBOWT](#) and help to record all the species that have made this habitat their home.

Family friendly but no dogs please.

Blenheim Farm Nature Reserve is accessed either by the footpath heading east from the dip at the bottom of the Slade, or from Centenary Woodland.

[Contact Christine](#) for more information.

Wed 15 May: Behind Closed Doors - A Charlbury Festival Fundraising Event

Behind Closed Doors The arts and crafts of Charlbury past
Exploring creative lives: from Quaker clockmakers to the 20th century paintings of Edwin Glasgow.
Illustrated talk by Sue Rangeley referencing artefacts exhibited in Charlbury Museum.

The Corner House Morris Room 7.30p.m.

Tickets £5 from Charlbury Deli & Cafe from 1st May or on the door

Sun 19 May: The Old Man & The Gun - ChOC Film of the Month

Memorial Hall, Charlbury at 7.30pm

Cert 12A / 1hr 33 mins

Tucker (**Robert Redford**) is a gentleman bank robber who carries out his crimes in a low-key manner, never resorting to violence or histrionics. Detective John Hunt (**Casey Affleck**) is on the scene when Tucker pulls his next bank job. But as he is unaware that a crime has been committed, he has his leg pulled ruthlessly by his colleagues. Stung into action by their barbs, Hunt becomes intrigued by Tucker's antics and resolves to track him down and bring him to justice.

Based on a true story, and widely reputed to be the last movie of Redford's illustrious career, The Old Man & the Gun is a warm and charming film. It features a masterful central performance by Redford and acts as a fitting swansong for the great Hollywood star.

Admission: Adults, £5 / U15s £3.

Doors and licensed bar from 6.45pm

Sun 19 May: Combe Mill Steaming Day – Barn Engines and Horticultural Machinery

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Charlbury Community Centre is proud to announce that we will be showing this new documentary about a fascinating woman, who lived a long and interesting life in Great Tew. She was a celebrated archeologist and writer, a poet, and she also played an important role in the war as a dispatch rider and then as part of the WRNS top secret 'Y Service', listening in to German wireless traffic and feeding the information to military intelligence at Bletchley Park. The film will be followed by a question and answer session with its makers Mike Tomlinson and Rebecca Huxley, who is Nancy's god-daughter and the narrator of the film.

To find out more about Nancy Sandars and the film: <http://www.nancysandars.org.uk/>

Tickets are available from reception and cost £5 to include tea and cake. There will be limited availability, so please buy tickets in advance.

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Sat 25 May – Mon 27 May: Blenheim Food Festival

Fantastic British Food Festivals host the sixth annual Blenheim Palace Food Festival. The festival promises regional food and drinks from 130 stallholders, including artisan bakers, craft brewers, gourmet burgers, international cuisine, traditional ice creams, and handmade sweets.

<https://www.blenheimpalace.com/whats-on/events/food-festival.html>

Mon 27 May: Cogges Farm Family Festival

10.00am – 5.00pm Cogges' own festival of simple family fun on the farm.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy in the beautiful surroundings of Cogges. It's all about jumping in with both welly boots, trying new things and waving your hands in the air, including a special performance by local children's musician, [David Gibb](#).

Other activities and performances include:

- Live music
- Ducklington Morris dancers
- Crafts for kids
- Woodland club - 11am - 3pm
- Ukulele taster workshop - bring your own ukulele and have a go at making beautiful music!
- Teddy Bears Picnic
- Puppet show
- Story corner with Waterstones of Witney
- Giant lawn games, space hoppers, obstacle course, circus skills & dressing up
- Scarecrow competition
- Butter making demonstrations
- Meet the Animals handling sessions at 11am and 2pm

Usual Cogges entry fees apply or free for season ticket holders. Tickets available to buy online or on the day

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