

## News from Cornbury Park

This year, Cornbury estate has delivered a bumper harvest, whilst still preserving the environment for our bird population. Surveys show that Cornbury is a haven for songbirds, owls, woodpeckers, kingfishers, hawks and bats.

### Matchwood to Oaks

There has been some interest in our recent tree clearing near the Evenlode by North Lodge and at Southill. The trees are predominately poplars, planted as an industrial crop some 50 years ago to supply wood to a match manufacturer. In consultation with Natural England, the trees have been felled, both to restore the flood plains and to make way for a more characteristic plantation of trees. The removal of the poplars will also go some way to preventing the build-up of woody debris which has blocked bridges during recent floods. The wood has been sold as bio fuel; to date 100 oak trees have been planted on the banks above the flood plains, and sheep are grazing the area once more.

### Outdoor Adventures for Children

The Bushcraft Company is one of the great successes at Cornbury Park. For nearly three years they've been organising real outdoor adventures for schoolchildren in the forest at Cornbury; during 2011 they've taken over 11,000 children into the Cornbury woods. Working with around 250 schools, they also do extensive work with charities and children with special needs. With exciting and educational activity programmes that harness the energy and imagination of students, they help them become fully immersed in the environment and develop an affinity with the natural world (see [www.thebushcraftcompany.com](http://www.thebushcraftcompany.com) for more details).

We are always happy to answer any questions that you might have about Cornbury - please get in touch by emailing us at [estate@cpark.co.uk](mailto:estate@cpark.co.uk) or phoning on: 01608 811 276.

**Alison Wright**  
**The Cornbury Park Team**

## Bridge Drive for St Mary's Church

### Calling all local bridge players and their partners

St Mary the Virgin, Shipton-under-Wychwood, Events Committee cordially invite you to a Bridge Drive in aid of Church Funds on **Wednesday 15th February 2012** at **The New Beaconsfield Village Hall**. Coffee will be served from 10.00 a.m. with play commencing at 10.30 a.m.

The ticket price of £16 also includes a delicious hot lunch, glass of wine and of course prizes! We shall be advertising this event to a wide audience of bridge players

so apply for tickets quickly so as not to be disappointed. Please send a stamped addressed envelope with your cheque made payable to Shipton P.C.C. to Penny Campbell, 1 Langland Cottages, Fiddlers Hill, Shipton under Wychwood OX7 6DS, by **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012**. Cheques will be banked and tickets sent out by the end of January. For details please contact:

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**Penny Campbell**