



## Report to Town Council

<b>Subject:</b>	Annual Boundary Walk - commemoration
<b>From:</b>	LW
<b>Date:</b>	12.2.24
<b>For information only</b>	
<b>Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing):</b> <b>Permission to hold event (as detailed below) including cost of refreshments is requested.</b> <b>Permission to temporarily move bier to the church for display purposes is requested.</b>	
<b>Financial implications: provision of refreshments</b>	
<b>Communications: usual channels. Photographer required. Also notify press and local TV/radio.</b>	

2024 is the centenary of the tragedy at the Annual Boundary Walk where 3 children died crossing the river. The walk this year falls on 5<sup>th</sup> May and will start as usual at 10am by the old oak tree at the top of the hill on Forest Road (B4437 to Burford).

To commemorate this tragedy, PK and LW are working with Fergus, the vicar of St Mary's, the Charlbury Society, Charlbury Museum and local historian Rob Stepney to set up a co-ordinated series of events:

- Charlbury Museum are setting up a display.
- Charlbury Society have a talk planned for 6<sup>th</sup> June (nearer the actual date of the tragedy)
- Charlbury Museum and Fergus are arranging a display at the church with the bier and photos of the funerals of the children (with the bier in the photos) (dependent on consent from the TC)
- St Mary's church is holding drinks etc after Evensong on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Proposed TC commemoration event:**

Following the boundary walk at 4pm a short ceremony will be held.

This will be sited at the near end of Mill Field (just through the gate) and all will be welcome.

Scouts will set up gazebos and serve refreshments.

Rob Stepney (local historian/journalist) will speak for 5/10 minutes on the history of the event/tragedy.

Fergus will say a few words and 3 children will drop white flowers into the river to signify the 3 children who lost their lives.