

Cross Talk

A touch of Mongolia

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THE EXOTIC sights and sounds of the Asian steppe came to the Oxfordshire Cotswolds earlier this month, as part of celebrations for Mongolian New Year.

Visitors to Charlbury were greeted with the unusual spectacle of a traditional Mongolian tent (ger'), the sound of Mongolian music, and a taste of the country's delicious food.



The New Year celebration was staged by Charlbury-based travel company Panoramic Journeys, which specialises in tours of the little-known country - best known for being the homeland of Genghis Khan.

Entertaining curious onlookers at The Corner House, in Sheep Street, was one of the company's Mongolian tour guides, Goyotsetseg Radnaabazar - known as 'Goyo' - who dressed in traditional costume and played a string instrument, called a 'yochin'.

Olly Reston, sales and marketing manager for Panoramic Journeys, said: "The start of the Mongolian new year is a great excuse for us to get together with clients and anyone interested in the country.

"It also gave people a chance to learn a bit of Mongolian, and find out how the people live."