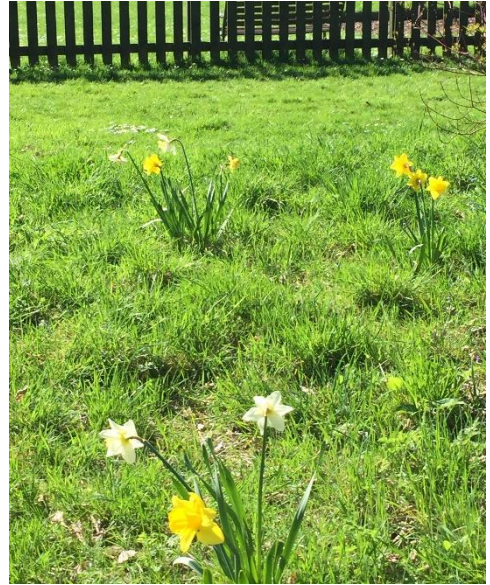




WINTER FINALLY BOWS OUT IN CHARNEY BASSETT



The trough on the Green –
photo by Clive Dunn



Some of the daffodils planted by the
Charney Army on the Field

May Day Charney Bassett 2.30pm Monday 7th May 2018 The Green



See the May Queen crowned and Maypole dancing by local children accompanied by our regular live musicians. Come and enjoy tea and cake in the barn. Cake donations can be dropped off on the day or delivered to Diane or Lorraine. All proceeds are donated to CHAFT.

Dance practices are on Thursday 3rd May at 4.30pm and Saturday 5th May at 10am.

Diane Ewart 868103
Lorraine Ashton 868011

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION

Photography	Wood Carving	Painting
Patchwork & Quilting	Crafting & Needlework	Sculpture
and much more		

**St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett,
OX12 0EJ**

Friday 11th – Monday 14th May

THEME: 'IT'S A WONDERFUL WORLD'

Open

**2-4 Friday
10-4 Saturday and Sunday
10-12 Monday**

Refreshments will be available

Free Entry

Mark it in your diaries now!

Charney Bassett Fête Saturday 30th June

2.00 - 5.00 pm

Charney Manor Gardens



Grand Draw ~ Teas ~ Tombolas ~ Cake stall
Plants & Produce ~ Books etc ~ Bric-a-Brac
Charney History ~ Lots of games and activities

Can you help us by running a stall or games?

What activities would you would like at the Fête?

Can you give us items for prizes or which we can put in the
silent auction or sell?

Please contact:

Books, dvds etc	Lynn	868471
Bottles, prizes, raffle and tombola items	Lucy	868782 gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com
Bric-a-brac	Sheila	868777
Cakes for cake stall	Steph	867418
Plants and produce	Mary and John	868557
Silent Auction items	Lucy	868782 gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com

Thank you very much for all offers of help, ideas and donations.

ROAD SAFETY – CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Last date for comments on the
[Report of Proceedings](#) of the
meeting held in the Village Hall on
the 24th March is

30th April

Comments to
parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk

**Oxfordshire County Council
probes Thames Water
Oxfordshire's reservoir
proposals. Read [here](#).**

CHARNEY BASSETT AND LYFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

CLET supports a range of
educational projects, with grants
awarded both to individuals under the
age of 25 and to community groups in
the villages of Charney Bassett and
Lyford.

Applications will be considered by the
Trustees who meet in January, May
and September. For further details
please contact the Clerk:

Pam Edwards, 26 New Road, Charney
Bassett, OX12 0ER. Tel: 07809250262

Email: cletclerk@gmail.com

CRY HAVOC MORRIS & Vale Islanders at The Chequers



**Thursday 24th May 2018
8pm**

CHARNEY 100 CLUB – APRIL DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on
Tuesday 10 April 2018 during Coffee Hour are as
follows:-

1 st Prize	£25	No 10	Frances Rothwell
2 nd Prize	£10	No 67	Julie Ingram- Johnson

This is the first draw of the new membership
year. CB 100 Club currently has 123 fully paid up
tickets and has raised a total of £901 this year on
behalf of CHAFT.

Thanking you all for your continued support.

Mahala and David
Charney 100 Club Organisers



CHARNEY BASSETT HISTORY WEBSITE

In 1860 the curate in the village was GWW Minns. In 2018 a relative, Alison Minns, came across a notebook of his containing a sketch and the script of a Mummers play held in Charney in 1860. Alison (wife of his great grandson, the late Christopher Colvile (sic) Minns), got in touch with us by finding the history group on the web and has kindly let us publish his work. After quite a bit of research by Alison, Peter Millington and ourselves we now have an almost fully transcribed version with explanatory notes and candidates for the players who gave the performance.



Contemporary sketch of the Mummers

Peter researches English Folk Plays and other folklore has a [web site](#) which records his findings.

The play makes fascinating reading and gives a snapshot into the social history at that time, please do take a look. Huge thanks to all involved and especially Alison, Peter and Ian. We may well hold a re-enactment this Christmas, 158 years on from the original note book!

What's new

- [Flint flakes and tools](#)
- [Ock/Millstream bridge then and now](#)
- Ock/Millstream bridge photo – [River Ock](#)
- [The Vale Islanders](#)
- [Unimportant Charney!, Parish Council \(re\) starts 1955 \(?\)](#), [Inspection of the Sewage Plant](#)
- [Cripps & Son Vehicle](#)
- [Memories of Vic Hodgkins between 1919 and 1939 and two poems](#)
- [Mummers](#)

BUSY CARRYING OUT SAFETY RELATED TREE WORK ON THE BRIDLE PATH



FARINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

LATEST NEWS

Rural Crime – Witness Appeals – Site Watch – Burglary Non-dwelling in Hanney – Telephone On-line Fraud – Thefts from Vehicles – Burglary in the Faringdon Area – **READ THE NEWSLETTER [HERE](#)**

****VOLUNTEERS WANTED FOR THE FARINGDON EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP****

letter from PC Robert Maris below

Dear Sir/Madam,

Your community needs you!

I regret to inform you that without volunteers your area stands to lose the Faringdon East Neighbourhood Action Group.

We require volunteers for the positions of both Chair and Secretary. If you have the time to commit to four meetings a year leading a group of people from across the area to support the police defining and dealing with neighbourhood priorities then please contact Robert.maris@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk . If you are aware of anyone else who may be able to assist please forward this email on to them.

Regrettably there are no further meetings of the group scheduled whilst these positions remain vacant. The only foreseeable option without these positions being filled would be to seek permission from the Faringdon West action group to amalgamate with them.

As well as being an important community forum with the police the group have been pivotal in obtaining “Smartwater Village” status for 3 villages, reducing burglaries in the areas and for the Speedwatch initiative providing important data to target police enforcement activity.

I am extremely grateful to Pamela Mitchell and David Sibbert for their hard work over the years and their continued support provided to the Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing team.

Neighbourhood Police Inspector Ade Hall has endorsed the following terms of reference for the group.

The Group is a police backed ad hoc working group covering Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, The Hanneys, Stanford in the Vale and surrounding villages.

The purpose of the group is to support neighbourhood policing and to help keep our villages safe and low crime areas by:

- providing effective two way liaison between local communities and the Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Team.
- assisting the Neighbourhood Policing team to define neighbourhood priorities
- taking action, where appropriate, to resolve local community safety issues in partnership with the police, residents, Neighbourhood Watch, Councils and other partner agencies.
- supporting local crime prevention initiatives with special emphasis on ensuring advice and support is available to the most vulnerable.
- actively promoting group activities to local communities and Parish Councils (and Parishes).
- The group is intended to be representative of the area it covers and consists of volunteers who meets four times a year at venues throughout the area. Additional meetings are organised when necessary.
- The Chairman and Secretary are normally elected for a period of three years. Nominees require the support of the police.

Yours faithfully,
PC6862 Robert MARIS | Faringdon NHPT | Neighbourhood Supervisor | [@TVPSouthandVale](#)



By popular demand the plant stall is coming back to Chequers in Charney.

Thanks to the money raised last year and the help of John Dagglish, Stephanie Wright and Iain McGregor (Thank you) we now have a lovely new stall which simply needs filling ready for the grand opening on:

Monday, 7th May



Please, as you plant your seeds plant a few extra for the stall.

We already know there will be tomatoes, courgettes and butternut squash but any spare plants you have will be much appreciated.

The proceeds will be divided between CHAFT and Charney Church to help towards the upkeep of the buildings.



Any queries please call Pam on: 07809 250262

USEFUL ADVICE FOR DOG OWNERS

The warm weather seems to have prompted a mass hatch of Ticks (which for anyone unaware, are small blood feeding parasites), in the last week we have found ticks on lambs and this morning I have removed two from our dog (please note they will also attach to humans!).

It may be wise to check pets particularly in areas such as armpits and ears, and since Ticks can be carriers of disease it may be worth talking to your vet about "spot on" tick treatments. If you do have to remove a Tick it is best to use some Tick removal pliers (I have some if anyone gets stuck), and watch out as ticks come in a range of sizes from 1mm to 1cm. The below site has a few pictures and more information.

<https://www.bluecross.org.uk/pet-advice/dogs-and-ticks>

Ruth Clements
Rectory Farmhouse

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE HOUR – Every Tuesday 10.30am, Village Hall, £1pp Coffee and Biscuits.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – 9th May, 7.30, Village Hall.

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION – 11th-14th May, St Peter's Church.

CRY HAVOC MORRIS AND VALE ISLANDERS – Thursday 24th May, 8.00pm, Chequers.

CHAFT AGM – Wednesday 30th May, 7.30pm Village Hall.

HISTORY MEETING – Friday 15th June, 10.15am, The Chequers.

HARP CONCERT – Friday 29th June, 8.00pm, St Peter's Church.

CHARNEY FETE – Saturday 30th June, pm, Charney Manor Gardens

ILLEGAL SCRAP METAL COLLECTING IN SOUTH OXFORDSHIRE AND VALE OF WHITE HORSE

Message Sent By

J Williams (Police, Neighbourhood Policing Admin, South Oxon and Vale)

We have received an increase in reports of illegal scrap metal collections from homes in our area.

The reports say that the vehicle seen is a white transit van. Please remain vigilant and report any suspicious looking people or vehicles, taking down detailed descriptions of the people, the vehicle and registration plates.

Call 101 and quote reference **43180116539** with any information or 999 if a crime is occurring at that time.

Alternatively if you have information but wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online by visiting www.crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

If you would like any further advice or information please call us via the 24 hour non-emergency telephone number 101 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk

WHATS NEW ON THE CHARNEY BASSETT WEBSITE

[Ed Vaizey's latest newsletter](#)
[Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter, April 2018](#)

THE WAR MEMORIAL

The History Group have a task force to give the War Memorial a bit of a spring clean ready for the centenary of the end of the First World War. Ian Graham found a product that was being used to clean memorial stones in America, and Jo Ody and Peter Busby have got hold of a sample. There was enough to clean one face of the stonework, and the results are more than satisfactory. The rest of the Memorial will be spruced up later.



Before



After



Unlike other parts of the county,
South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse
District Councils
are

not having an election on 3 May 2018

So we won't be sending out any voting cards or
postal votes to residents in our district.

South Oxfordshire & Vale of White Horse
District Councils next scheduled elections are
in May 2019

If you'd like further information on elections
please visit our website

[http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-
advice/local-democracy](http://www.southoxon.gov.uk/services-and-advice/local-democracy)

[http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-
advice/local-democracy](http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/local-democracy)



DATA PROTECTION

The Parish Council are looking at the implications of the new data protection requirements coming into force in May and this will be further considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

In the meantime recipients of this newsletter are reminded that they can opt out at any time by emailing echatter@btopenworld.com.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th May 2018 Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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