

NOVEMBER 2018

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER: A day of remembrance and hope

10.50 am Remembrance service in St Peter's Church

12.00 Coffee on the Village Green

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12.15 pm Act of Remembrance on the Village Green

Led by Revd. Richard Whittingdon, MBE, former Chaplain to the Royal Hospital Chelsea.

- At the Act of Remembrance we will lay poppy wreaths in memory of all who have given their lives in war in service for this country, especially those from Charney Bassett and Lyford.
- We will also lay a specially created wreath crafted from horseshoes in recognition of the 8 million horses who died in the First World War and the many animals who have died in military service since then.
- A 'silent soldier' sculpture will be unveiled as a 24-hour commemorative installation to say 'thank you' to the First World War generation who served, sacrificed, rebuilt and changed this nation.
- c.12.45 pm **St Peter's Church bells will be rung** Linking with the People's Procession at the Cenotaph as a national act of thanksgiving.
- 3.00 pm Decorate a candle lantern in the village hall as celebration of peace and hope. Refreshments will be available
 Open to all ages; children to be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

All materials will be provided. (There is a small charge for this event)

5.30 pm **Procession of candle lanterns from the village hall to the village green.** The candle lanterns will be arranged as a lit poppy of remembrance and will burn through the night as a symbol of peace and hope for the future.



7.05 pm St Peter's Church bells will be rung



as part of the *'Battle's Over'* national mark of the centenary of the end of the First World War and as a call for peace in the world today.

Silent Soldier sculpture on the village green

The Parish Council is interested to find out residents' response to the 'Silent Soldier' sculpture which will be on display on the village green on Remembrance Sunday.

The sculptor, Andy Graham, has generously offered to donate the 'Silent Soldier' to Charney Bassett as a permanent installation.

Please do come along on Remembrance Sunday to view it and to give feedback on the proposal, and on preferred locations if the 'Silent Soldier' were to be permanently sited in the village. There will be comments forms available at the coffee table in the barn at 12.00 noon before the Act of Remembrance and in the village hall at 3.00 pm.



CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL ROAD SAFETY UPDATE

The Parish Council, supported by the Road Safety Working Group, continues to place emphasis on the need to improve road safety in the village, taking account of the views of villagers expressed at the public meeting held in March.

YOU TOLD US - FILLING POTHOLES WAS A PRIORITY

In addition to campaigning direct to the County Council, representatives from the Parish Council recently attended forums held by both the County and District Councils which gave Chairman, David Roberts the opportunity to spell out the poor quality of the roads in our village.



Feedback shows a high level of satisfaction with the extensive improvements recently carried out. However there are concerns that some of the road grids are blocked and the roadside gulleys are in need of attention. This is urgent if localised flooding is to be avoided and has been raised with OCC.

<u>YOU TOLD US</u> - A FOOTPATH AT NEW ROAD/BUCKLAND ROAD JUNCTION WAS A PRIORITY

Thanks to the hard work of CHARNEY ARMY volunteers this has now been addressed.



YOU TOLD US - YOU WERE SUPPORTIVE OF OTHER IMPROVEMENTS

The Parish Council has earmarked £3500 out of its reserves for spending on other improvements. So far efforts have been focussed on a moveable 'Vehicle Activated Sign' (flashes 30 mph) but installation costs may be prohibitive. Discussions with the County Council continue on this and other possible alternatives – including white entrance gates.

AND FINALLY

The County Council have agreed to a further meeting with village representatives to discuss a range of outstanding issues resulting from the public forum earlier this year.

SOBELL HOUSE COFFEE HOUR

6th November 10.30-11.30 am Village Hall

We shall be selling Christmas cards and small Gifts in aid of Sobell House hospice

Do come and support this worthy cause

Mary Daglish

Benefice Christmas Appeal 2018

TOYS, TOILETRIES, HATS and SOCKS

for up to 400 guests at the Christmas Day Lunch organised by The King's Centre, Oxford and The Oxford Food Bank



For	Chil	dren
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5 - 10yrs: NEW toys, colouring books, crayons 10 - 15yrs: NEW gifts (not requiring batteries or charging)

For Adults: Toiletries: all sorts NEW hats, gloves, scarves and socks

Drop off points:

- The Chequers Inn, Charney Bassett (Drop off point is the Plant Stall in the rear carpark, not the pub itself)
- Churches, open during the day: Buckland, Charney Bassett, Littleworth, Longworth and Lyford

Tiggy Wildman 01367 870144 Deborah Lewis 01235 868536/

For more information, please call:

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

Charney 100 Club - October 2018 Draw

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 16 October 2018 during Coffee Hour are as follows:-

1st prize £25 No 92 Hugh Brookes 2nd prize £10 No 75 Amanda Graham



Mahala and David Charney 100 Club Organisers

Children's Halloween Party

Monday 29th October

Charney Village Hall



Don't forget

4.30-6.30pm Fancy Dress Games



Bring a plate of spooky Food

Lots of Spooky Fun!

Aimed at under 10's but all children big or small are welcome to come along and join in

Bring along a carved pumpkin (candles will be provided)



in **Charney Bassett** Village Hall

Saturday 24th November, 10.00 - 12.00

Come and join us for coffee, Christmas shopping and raffles!



If you bake, make, or have books or interesting goodies which you would be willing to donate for the sale, please contact Lucy on gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com or 01235 868782. Thank you!

ANNUAL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MEAL

AT THE CHEQUERS

Monday 3rd December

7.00pm for 7.30 pm

Put the date in your diary now

Watch out for details popping through your letter box.

07774 245992

NEWS FROM CHARNEY HALL & FIELD TRUST

The Peter Davies Bench

Many of you will have noticed that the bench at the New Road entrance to the Playing Field has been removed for safety reasons. Unfortunately it was beyond repair. The bench was purchased from public donations in recognition of Peter's voluntary work for the local community.

Fear not! You will still have somewhere to rest your legs as the Parish Council, CHAFT and Peter's family have agreed to jointly fund a replacement.

New Road entrance to the playing field

Thanks to the efforts of Lucy and John Gildersleeves and Peter Hawkins the longstanding commitment to block vehicular entrance to the field from the New Road footpath has now been fulfilled.

Date for the Diary

The 2019 Charney Feast will be held on The Green on Saturday 7th Sept.

Policies and Procedures

Now some important but not the most exciting news.

CHAFT is in the final stages of updating its policies and procedures to ensure compliance with legal and insurance requirements

Once completed they will be displayed in the village hall and posted on the website as appropriate.

100 Club

Mahala and David Nellist have given notice they wish to stand down from administrating the 100 Club. They have undertaken this task for several years and raised thousands of pounds for the Trust. CHAFT wish to thank them for all they have done.

The search for a replacement starts now!

RE-ENACTMENT OF THE 1860 CHARNEY MUMMERS PLAY

(click the link for more information)

Join us on **Saturday December 8th** evening for this delightful, fun and educational event which has emerged from the History Group.

There will be some explanations and interpretations of the play (which is all of 10-15 minutes long!), together with insight from the family that found it, how it got from a loft in Brighton to the big stage at Charney Bassett Village Hall. Starring Slasher, and Father Christmas (amongst others) and lovely local musicians, it is suitable for all ages.

At 7pm in the Village Hall for about an hour.

Tickets (with suggested donation of £2 just to cover some of the costs) by ringing the Grahams on 868974 or email <u>charney.history@btinternet.com</u>

HEREABOUTS

Stanford Art Group, 12th November Still Life drawing - or bring your own work along - 7.30pm Stanford in the Vale Village Hall. £2 members £4 non-members

Saturday 17th November 7pm Southmoor Village Hall, Prize Bingo, in aid of Abingdon Riding for the Disabled, more details <u>sharonchowns@aol.com</u> 01235 765981

KBDG Present Sleeping Beauty, 22-24th November, Village Hall, Draycott Rd, Southmoor, OX13 5BY Tickets can be booked by ringing: 01865 820502

WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY BASSETT WEBSITE

Ed Vaizey's latest newsletter

Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Update

GOOD NEIGHBOURS SCHEMES

There are currently over 70 schemes operating in Oxfordshire.

Volunteers provide transport, befriending and many other forms of assistance such as gardening, odd jobs, collecting prescriptions etc for older, vulnerable or lonely people.

Here in Charney Bassett villagers have a good record in providing help and assistance.

Occasionally neighbours, the Church, Wantage Independent Advice Centre, Neighbourhood Watch and Charney Army have acted as a source of advice and assistance.

At the same time there is some evidence of gaps in existing provision – perhaps you have examples.

Is there a case for better co-ordination and publicity?

At its last meeting the Parish Council agreed publicity should be given to see if there is any interest in inviting the Oxfordshire coordinator to explain the Good Neighbours Scheme.

If such a meeting were to be arranged, would you attend?

Please send any comments to the Parish Clerk (Trevor Brown) at <u>parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk</u> before the next Parish Council meeting on 14th November.



Left to right: Terry Hutchins (guitar), Alan Grahame (Vibraphone), Keith Howard (Double Bass)

Thank you to Alan, Terry and Keith for a fabulous evening. A total of £212 was raised for Charney Church. To read all about it see this month's Seven Voices.

Pam Edwards

TIGGER IS HOME



Many thanks to all who responded to the Chatter email and enabled us to get Tigger home.

Tracey

WHAT'S NEW ON THE HISTORY WEBSITE

Elizabeth Dewe, family and will

A History of Charney Manor by Harriet Salisbury. 1989

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE HOUR - Every Tuesday 10.30am, Village Hall, £1pp Coffee and Biscuits ABINGDON TRADITIONAL MORRIS DANCERS -Saturday 3rd November, 1.30pm, The Green, Charney **SOBELL HOUSE COFFEE MORNING –** Tuesday 6th November, 10.30-11.30am, Village Hall ARMISTICE DAY EVENT - Sunday 11th November PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 14th November, 7.30pm Village Hall. ST PETERS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Saturday 24th November, 10.00-12.00 noon, Village Hall. **VILLAGE THEATRE TRIP** – Wednesday 28th November **MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS FOR BEGINNERS –** Saturday 1st December 9.30am-12.30pm, Village Hall. VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MEAL – Monday 3rd December, 7.00 for 7.30pm The Chequers MUMMERS PLAY – Saturday 8th December, 7.00pm Village Hall. CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE GREEN - Wednesday 12th December, 7.30pm, The Green. CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP - Saturday 15th December 10.00am-12.30pm, Village Hall

CHARNEY VILLAGE COLLEGE

CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP - Saturday 15th December 10am – 12.30pm

Come along and spend a morning making a festive wreath for your door.

Cost £12 which will include the oasis ring base some embellishments and refreshments. Further details on booking. Families (one adult one child) welcome.

BRIDGE WORKSHOP - Saturday 12th January 2 – 5pm. Cost £5 per person to include refreshments.

Nothing to do in January? Would you like to play Bridge? Then join us for a workshop in the Village Hall and learn the basics from an expert.

MEDITATION AND MINDFULNESS FOR BEGINNERS - Saturday 1st December 09.30am – 12.30pm Cost £35 per person

Learn how to meditate to relieve stress and anxiety, relax the mind and body, and bring more peace and calm into your life. You will receive meditation recordings from the morning and notes to support your practise

PILATES

Gentle exercises to improve: overall body strength, flexibility and mobility, posture, balance and coordination. All whilst relaxing and unwinding the body in a friendly environment. There are places available in the following classes:-

Mondays 12.30 – 1.30pm Mondays 1.40 – 2.40pm Tuesdays 6 – 7pm Wednesdays 10 – 11am *Standing and chair work.* This class is aimed at the older person or those who may have mobility or joint problems. There is no floor work in these classes

YOGA - Friday 7pm – 8.30pm

To reserve a place on a workshop or for an enrolment form for a class please contact Christine Trotman preferably by email <u>cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com</u> or 01235 869 171.

ABINGDON TRADITIONAL MORRIS DANCERS

SATURDAY 3RD NOVEMBER

1.30PM ON THE GREEN

CHARNEY BASSETT

Meditation and Mindfulness for Beginners with Catherine Bailey

Charney Bassett Village Hall

Saturday 1st December - 09.30am – 12.30pm Cost £35

MEDITATION

BEGINNERS

During the morning we will look at Meditation and Mindfulness, what is the difference between them? what are the benefits? You will learn how to meditate and be guided in a meditation. Meditation helps to relieve stress and anxiety, relax the mind and body, and bring more peace and calm.

After a tea break we will look at Mindfulness, looking at key mindfulness components and experience a step by step guided mindfulness meditation. Bringing meditation and mindfulness into your life as a life style, so you can receive the many benefits it offers. You will receive meditation recordings from the morning and notes to support your practise.

To book a place contact cbwillagecollege@btinternet.com or 01235 896171

For further information about the day contact nurturinginnerpeace@gmail.com or text 07825771154

FANCY AN AFTERNOON SHOPPING IN LONDON FOR ONLY £10??

A bigger coach has been arranged for the theatre trip on Wednesday 28th November, so there are 10 'seat only' tickets available for £10 each.

The coach leaves Charney at 1000 to arrive in London at 1230. Pick up is at 1730.

So if you would like to join the theatre goers, and do some Christmas shopping for just £10.00, please let Peter Busby know.

First come - first served!

01235.868520 or peterbusby10@gmail.com



Happy Fireworks and Keeping the Animals Safe

We hope everyone enjoys this period of fireworks, AND we would add a plea!

Please spare a thought for the animals and livestock in and around the village, who can get very frightened and disturbed. It is expected that there may be fireworks around 5th November but If you are having fireworks OUTSIDE the week and weekends surrounding the 5th November, and the animal's carers know in advance, then appropriate action can be taken to protect them.

It would be great if you could let your neighbours know, or even use the Village Facebook page (<u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/157190041630386/</u>) to let people know (appreciating that not everybody uses Facebook), or let Charney Chatter (chatterinbox@<u>btopenworld.com</u>) know and they will send a little note out on the email system. You can stay anonymous if you wish by just telling us the approximate location in the village.

Thank you Published on behalf of the animals and animal owners

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