



Charney Chatter

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Charney's On The Map

A map showing places of historic interest and local wildlife in Charney Bassett by resident artist Ruth Gerring was unveiled by Parish Council Chairman, David Roberts, on Monday, 20th May. The map can be seen on the small green area next to St Peter's Church.

The unveiling ceremony was attended by over 20 villagers and the county and district councilors - Anda Fitzgerald O'Connor and Eric Batts.

The idea for the map emerged at a meeting of the Village history group, and was paid for by contributions, including from the Parish Council, the Charney and Lyford Education Trust, the County Councillor's Priority Fund and The Chequers.



May Day 2019



May Day in Charney Bassett was once again celebrated in style. The weather was kind to us, pleasantly dry and most importantly no wind.

Our Queen this year was Erin Royan, attended by Isobel Jacobs and Sophia Villiers. The dancers, wearing the traditional pinafores, along with the band of musicians paraded down to The Green where they were eagerly awaited by the gathered villagers and visitors. Erin was duly crowned Queen of May by Ruth Gerring and then the entertainment began. The assembled dancers performed the Barber's pole, Spider's web, The Plait and The Chrysanthemum around the May pole, making each intricate dance look so easy and creating stunning patterns with the ribbons. Very well done girls! All that was then left was to indulge in the abundance of cake and tea being served from the barn.



We would like to say a big thank you to all that helped with the day. We are so pleased that we can continue this tradition in our lovely Village and all due to the support we receive each year.

Diane and Lorraine

It should be added that Charney's fantastic May Day celebration is entirely due to the continued hard work of Diane Ewart and Lorraine Ashton who organise and run the event. Thanks to you both! Also thank you to the musicians and dancers for making the event so joyful and to John, Natalie and James for serving us with much needed cups of tea and slices of cake. As Diane and Lorraine said, this is a wonderful tradition for the Village to maintain, long may it continue.

For the Green Fingered

Please note that the plant stall in the Chequers car park is now open for you to bring along your surplus plants or, for a donation, to stock your garden and greenhouse.

Proceeds will be split equally between CHAFT and St Peter's.



Cry Havoc Morris
at
The Chequers,
Charney Bassett

Thursday,
20th June 2019
8pm

Calling All Bakers

On Tuesday 2nd July, a fund raising cake stall will be run at Infineum UK Ltd, Milton Hill, Oxfordshire to raise funds for the Charney Field and Hall Trust.

Villagers are kindly asked to contribute cakes, biscuits, cupcakes or savoury bakes, e.g. cheese straws. Please include a list of ingredients on your labelling.

All contributions should please be left with the Royans, tel. 868349 or the Ashtons, tel. 868011 by Monday, 1st July.

Archaeological Dig

For the last two years we have carried out some archaeological test pits and geophys. surveys on The Green, at Mill Cottage and in the grounds of Charney Manor.

This year we are planning to carry out some more test pits in the Village over the weekend of 27/28th July. If you would like to join in please contact ldigcharney@gmail.com There are lots of different things to do and learn, e.g. dig, record, draw, wash finds, organise, interpret. All the work will be overseen by our supervising archaeologist David Ashby from the University of Winchester.

What's new on the History Website since May 2019's Charney Chatter?

- ['War Penny' photos for William and Frederick Franklin](#)
- [Then and Now](#) images added

CHARNEY HALL AND FIELD TRUST (CHAFT)

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 5th June 2019, Village Hall, 7.30 pm

ALL WELCOME!

The CHAFT AGM is an opportunity for all members of the Charney community to come and hear what the Managing Trustees have been doing over the last year to enhance and care for the Village Hall and Charney Field – two vital community assets managed by CHAFT on your behalf.

The Chair – Lucy Gildersleeves – and the Treasurer – Christine Trotman – will provide brief summaries of the activities and finances of the Trust. This is your chance to ask questions and tell us what you think, and to participate in the election of three Elected Village Trustees. If YOU are interested in becoming a Trustee and involved in the management of the hall and the field, please contact Peter Busby – the Secretary. We will also be welcoming the five Representative Trustees appointed by Village organisations.

There are two important changes to the format this year.

Firstly, we will present an update on the tree project and our re-planting plans, with, hopefully, a representative from our contractor to answer your questions. We would like the children in the Village to be involved in the re-planting, so if they're still awake, they would be most welcome.

Secondly, and most importantly, we will spend a moment to thank, and share a glass of wine with, the many volunteers who help to make Charney the special place it is today.

We hope that you will make the time to join us, and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 5th June.

Exercising the Little Grey Cells

On Saturday 27th April Charney Bassett Village Hall was buzzing as teams competed in the annual CHAFT quiz. Points were scored for knowledge across a range of subjects from science and sport to history, geography, food and literature. Where knowledge failed, bonus points were gained with witty answers and ambitious guesses which caused much amusement. After half-time fortification of cottage pie and plum crumble, judicious playing of jokers and vultures, marathon art recognition and creative spotting of odd-ones-out, the final winners were the Holiday Associates. A total of £207 was raised for Charney Hall & Field Trust. Thank you to all who took part. Also a big thanks goes to Lucy Gildersleeves, question setter and organiser, and Kay Adamson, quizmaster for the evening.

Seven Voices e-Newsletter

May saw the first issue of the new Seven Voices e-Newsletter, published on the [Benefice website](#). A small number of hardcopies are available in the local churches. This publication replaces the previously printed version of Seven Voices but is in addition to the recently set up Village Voices magazine, which is distributed to each household.



For anyone who wishes to receive the monthly newsletter direct into their email and regular news for St Peter's Church, please either email beneficecg@gmail.com or use the online contact form (<https://cherbury-gainfield.org.uk/contact>) to sign up.

Charney Mill Open Day

Bruce Hedge hosted the [Charney Mill](#) Open day on Sunday 12th May as part of the annual [National Mills Weekend](#). It was very gratifying to have a steady stream of both local visitors and some from much further away to view our lovely mill and to hear of its history and operation. The Mill has been preserved, partially restored and maintained by Bruce and many others over the years. One of the visitors has offered to join the team looking after the mill. We are very lucky to still have this historic building and if you would like to help and support the mill please get in touch via [Chatter](#).



The Chequers Inn

Come and join us for:

Tapas night
Wednesday 12th June
Italian night
Wednesday 3rd July
We look forward to
welcoming you

Please book a table to avoid
disappointment
Tel: 01235 868642



Reminder to spring clean those wardrobes

A Salvation Army clothing bank is now available in the Chequers car park. Please deposit good quality clothing and accessories, shoes, including trainers. Your Parish Council will receive a donation for every tonne of clothing collected.

Music In The Vale Concert

Saturday, 1st June, 7.30 pm
St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett

The concert entitled 'The Advent of the Baroque' features music by Monteverdi and his contemporaries, performed by Emma Murphy – soprano and recorder, and Lynda Sayce – lute and theorbo.

Tickets, price £12.00, are available from Lucy Gildersleeves 01235 868782 gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com or David Pedder 01367 718420 djpedderpa@btinternet.com.

Door Stickers

The Parish Clerk has a number of official stickers from Able Community Care to help ward off unwanted callers. Contact Trevor Brown, parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk or 868282 and he will arrange for you to have one.



Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the May draw are:

£25 No 67 Julie Ingram-Johnson

£10 No 19 Joe Ody

If anyone would like a number or extra numbers please contact: Charney 100 club organisers, Sally or Evelyn at:

charney100club@gmail.com

Charney Bassett Village College

Vacancies in the following classes are open to everyone.

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 or 1.40 – 2.40pm

Tuesdays 6 – 7pm

For an enrolment form for a class please contact Christine Trotman preferably by email

cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com or 869171.

Dates For Your Diary

MUSIC IN THE VALE CONCERT

1st June, 7.30 pm St Peter's Church

CHAFT AGM

5th June in the Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm,

THEATRE AND LONDON COACH TRIP

12th June, places still available on coach, £12.50 return, contact Peter Busby, 868520

CRY HAVOC MORRIS DANCERS

20th June, 8 pm, The Chequers

CAKE SALE

1st July, deadline for delivery of cakes

VILLAGE FETE

Saturday, 7th September

What's New On The Charney Website

- [May 2019 Parish Council and Annual Parish Assembly minutes](#)
- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter May 2019](#)
- [Ed Vaizey Newsletter](#)

Charney Bassett Village Fete We need raffle prizes!

Could you make up a hamper?

Can you or do you know someone who could donate a prize, tickets or an experience?

All suggestions and donations will be gratefully received.

Please contact Helen 868349 or Diane 868103 for information.

Thank you!

AUNT SALLY

at The Chequers Inn

Home matches in June.

Wednesday, 5th June v Harwellian

Wednesday 26th June v Wagon & Horses, Southmoor

Matches are played whatever the weather and start at 8.15 pm.

For more information on the game go to the [Village website](#) and the [Abingdon & District Aunt Sally League](#).

Thank You

David Nellist thanks everyone for the help and messages of sympathy that he has received after Mahala's death. The response from the Village has been fantastic. It would have been difficult to cope without assistance.

The Chequers Summer Is Here

Jacqui and Ian invite you to come down to The Chequers for a 'Charney Natter' on Monday, 17th June and a Ploughman's Lunch, £12.50 per head, 12.30 to 1.00 pm.

Thank you for your continued custom and support.

Free to a good home

Canon Pixma MX535 printer/scanner, Epson V100 scanner/photo copier and a wireless modem router. If interested please contact John Daglish, tel 868557.

News From Parish Meetings on 8th May

Parish Council Annual Meeting

Election of Officers

Cllr David Roberts continues as Chair

Cllr David Nellist continues as Vice-Chair

Trevor Brown continues as Clerk to the Parish Council

Kay Adamson and Mary Castle continue as Parish Councillors

Evelyn Campbell was appointed Parish Councillor following the resignation of Iain McGregor

Appointments

Specific responsibilities of Parish Councillors and volunteers can be viewed [online](#).

In addition, amongst others the following matters were presented and discussed:

- financial report from the Parish Clerk
- District Council Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Strategy
- emergency plan update

Annual Parish Assembly

Chairman's Report

In his annual report for 2018/19 David Roberts made specific reference to:

- *housing pressures from the VWHDC Local plan 2031 part 2 and the Oxford/Cambridge Expressway*
- *all those who volunteered their time in helping look after the Village and running local activities*

County Councillor's Report

A number of items were discussed, in particular the approval of funding for the white gates at three of the entrances to the Village.

Reports from Village Groups and Organisations

Ten reports were presented at the meeting, providing information about or the status of activities during the year.

The full reports for all the above can be read on the [village website](#), as well as minutes of both meetings.

Cats Lost and Found



SEB, the ginger cat, has been missing from Lyford (near the church) for 1 week.

He usually stays very close to home but has been known to climb into cars.



This lovely little cat was found in Denchworth. Is s/he yours?

If you know anything about either cat then please contact chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

Beware of Phone Scams

Scams are a common fact of modern life, be they on the phone, computer or the doorstep. Be alert and cautious if you receive any unsolicited contact. Recently there has been a spate of BT phone scams. If in any doubt at all put the phone down.

[Age UK](#) and the [Met](#) provide practical advice on how to deal with scams and fraudsters.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th June

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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