



Charney Chatter

E66 July 2019

Could you play a role in our Village Community?

CHAFT runs the field where you walk your dogs, kick a ball, fly a kite or just sit on a bench and watch the world go by.

CHAFT runs the playground where you take the children (or the grandchildren) to help them let off steam in a safe place.

CHAFT runs the Village Hall where you take part in a wide variety of classes and activities.

Volunteer for CHAFT wanted Can you help?

Duties to include agendas and minutes, correspondence, coordination and liaison.

Additional secretarial duties subject to discussion and agreement.

Co-option as a Trustee a possibility.

For an informal chat please contact:

David Sibbert email davidsibbert@btinternet.com (868734)

Christine Trotman email christine.trotman@btinternet.com

If you are reading your
Chatter early then there
is still just about time to

Get Baking!



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

Contributions of cakes,
biscuits, etc will be greatly
received. Please include a
list of ingredients on your
labelling. All contributions
should please be left with the
Royans, 868349 or the
Ashtons, 868011 by
Monday, 1st July.

Charney Went Wicked!

The June theatre trip to see *Wicked* in London, organised by Peter Busby, was another enjoyable day out. Despite the rather wet weather, the door-to-door service from Charney meant the rain was of little consequence. In total, 38 theatre goers and two passengers travelled to London. Through its activities, the Charney Theatre Group continues to raise funds to be spent on enhancing the environment in which we live. Many thanks to Peter for all his efforts in organising these outings.



Not everything arrives in time to make it into the Chatter. So remember to check regularly the 'latest news from Charney' on the Web.

Charney Hall and Field Trust (CHAFT)

Important issues addressed at the AGM

Twenty six residents attended the Annual General Meeting on 5th June.



A busy year!

The Year in Retrospect

Lucy Gildersleeves presented her Chair's report and referred to essential time-consuming infrastructure activities which had made it a busy year:


- policy statements updated to meet legal and insurance requirements;
- improvements carried out to the hall and playing field;
- additional information now available on the Village website;
- dialogue with the Parish Council on respective responsibilities relating to the playing field, the woodland area and the bridleway.

She thanked the Trustees (paying tribute to the work undertaken by Peter Busby during his year as Secretary) and all the volunteers who help CHAFT to run the hall and the field for the community at large.

Challenging Times Ahead?

David Sibbert (Vice Chair) referred to a recent emergency meeting called following the

- Secretary's decision to stand down as Secretary and Trustee
- Chair questioning whether she should stand down
- Three trustees indicating this might be their last year.



Challenging times ahead

He explained that the Chair had now agreed to carry on for one more year but CHAFT was without a Secretary.

The meeting agreed urgently to address three outstanding initiatives which would help the organisation to 'GET ON TO THE FRONT FOOT':

- commitment to address succession planning;
- commitment to review CHAFT's outdated governing document;
- commitment to change how the management committee undertakes its business to reduce the workload of the Secretary.

The need for secretarial support was seen as the most urgent issue.



Secretarial support needed urgently

Finance

Christine Trotman (Treasurer) reported on the accounts:

- income was down on the previous year mainly due to the cancellation of the patchwork & quilting classes;
- the annual Fete organised with St Peter's Church had brought in just under £1000;
- expenditure had increased due to £802 being spent on remedial electrical work in the hall;
- looking ahead a contribution of £2,500 would be made to the Parish Council towards the cost of removing the Aspen trees on the field.

More information on the meeting and election of the management committee and officers can be found on the [website](#).

Village Table Tennis Group Goes Modern



A table tennis table has been available in the Village Hall for many years. It was regularly used by the Youth Club until it closed in 1995.

It came back into regular use in 2005 when a group of villagers began to play on an occasional basis. This was the forerunner to the formation of the current Charney Table Tennis Group who purchased a second-hand table when the Hall was modernised in 2010.

Last month saw the arrival of a brand new table which is safer and easier to move, erect and store. It has been funded by the Group and helped by a grant of £100 from the Charney & Lyford Educational Trust.

The Club meets twice a month and caters for all ages.

Want to know more about the group or enquire about private family use?

Contact davidsibbert@btinternet.com.



(photos courtesy of Mike Newman)

Free to a Good Home

Four-drawer filing cabinet in Charney Village Hall.

Surplus to requirements.

Contact: David on 868734.



Classical and Celtic Harp and Vocal Concert

Friday 5th July, 8.00 pm

St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett OX12 0EJ

followed by refreshments

We welcome Rachel Newton, award winning Scottish harpist and vocalist

*"Haunting and compelling" ****
The Guardian*

*Top of the World
Editor's Pick
Songlines
Magazine*



and welcome back Keziah Thomas, award winning concert harp soloist and chamber musician

*"Stupendous ... totally original and engaging"
New York
Concert Review*

**Please reserve your seats via Steph Wright
(867418) or chatterinbox@btopenworld.com**

Payment for tickets will be by collection at the concert

- suggested donation of £10 per adult; children free.

If you can gift-aid your donation, it is worth 25% more to us! Many thanks.

History Group News

We have had a request from descendant of Alfred Frank & Matilda Sheppard who ran [The Chequers](#) in the '20s. His great granddaughter Sheila Sheppard spent many happy holidays as a child in the village but unfortunately she no longer has any photographs of Alfred.

We have been able to give them some information from the website and Maud Ody's book and they would greatly appreciate if anybody could help them further with their search. They will visit the village in due course. Please send anything you may have to charney.history@btinternet.com

What's New on the Website

- [Operation Infatuate](#) – William Miles WWII
- The Chequers – [1960s photo](#)
- [Lavatory Bucket Contents Disposal, 1950s Bouverie Pusey school](#)

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the June draw are as follows:-

1st Prize (£50) No 14 Marian Gardiner

2nd Prize (£25) No 132 Karen Rapley

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.

Points of Interest

In June, Citizens Advice ran a Scams Awareness Campaign. Advice about recognising a scam can be found on their [website](#).

[News](#) from your local Police and Crime Commissioner. For regular updates, sign up for the regular bulletins.

Remember that if you want to keep up to date with the latest Police news from the area then sign up to [Thames Valley Alert](#).

Stop Press! -Tool Marking Event

The Faringdon Neighbourhood Team is holding a tool marking event on Saturday, 29th June.

Please come along with your tools to be security marked or just come along to speak to someone about any local concerns.

When: Sat 29th June, 10am - 1pm

Where: Outside Screw Fix, Old Sawmills Road, Faringdon.

Julia Williams
(Neighbourhood Policing Admin, South Oxon and Vale)

Aunt Sally at The Chequers Inn

The team have had a very moderate start to the season but with four home games in July they are looking to rapidly climb up the table.

Home games in July:

3rd July v RAL

10th July v FLEUR DE LYS Hagbourne

17th July v THE PLOUGH Long Wittenham

31st July v WHEATSHEAF Didcot

All games commence at 8.15 pm and are played whatever the weather.

Dates For Your Diary

COFFEE HOUR

Every Tuesday, 10.30 am, Village Hall, £1pp coffee and biscuits

CAKE SALE

1st July, deadline for delivery of cakes

ITALIAN NIGHT

3rd July, The Chequers (to book phone 868642)

HARP AND VOCAL CONCERT

5th July, 8.00 pm, St Peter's Church

CHAFT MEETING

8th July 7.30pm, Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10th July, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

HISTORY GROUP

12th July, 10.30, The Chequers

VILLAGE FETE

Saturday, 7th September

What's New On The Charney Website

- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter June 2019](#)
- [CHAFT draft minutes](#)

Hanney Scouts Relunched

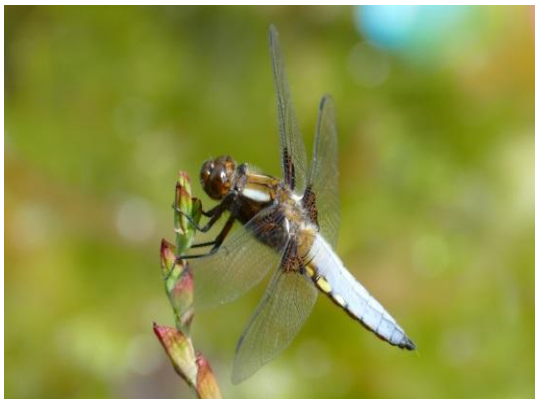
The youngest scout section, Beaver Scouts (6-8 year olds), meets on a Tuesday evening from 4.15 - 5.15 pm at St. James Primary School, The Causeway, East Hanney.

Cub Scouts (8-10 year olds) meet on a Friday evening from 6.00 – 7.15 pm at The Royal British Legion, Mill Orchard, East Hanney.

A Scout section for 10-14 year olds will be considered as and when there is sufficient demand.

Children from all local villages are welcome.

Enquiries to: Janet@thegreensonline.me.uk



Libellula depressa (Broad-Bodied Chaser) photographed in Charney June 2019

This dragonfly is usually found at ponds and may be the first to colonise new ponds. It regularly returns to the same low perch after swift flights along the pond margins. Widespread and common throughout southern England and Wales, its broad appearance separates it from the other Chaser and Skimmer dragonflies. The male is powder blue, female yellow-brown



Councils are asking drivers to 'Turn it off' if they are stopped for a minute or more



Just one minute of sitting with your car engine running and the vehicle not moving produces the equivalent of 150 balloons of harmful pollutants into the air.

This is why South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils have launched a joint campaign to help improve air quality across southern Oxfordshire.

The campaign called '[Turn it Off](#)' has been endorsed by Public Health England and is aimed at drivers who leave their engine running even when the vehicle is not moving. This often happens when a vehicle is parked but the driver is still inside, waiting for someone outside a school or a shop.



Thanks...

to Charney Army and the Council for their combined efforts in clearing the overgrown Bridle Path

But

where has the metal gate gone?



Contributions

Chatter is always happy to receive contributions from Villagers, about life, nature and activities in Charney. Photographs are particularly welcome. In the past we have included articles on, for example, cleaning bird feeders and the goldcrest. So whether you're a budding journalist, photographer or simply want to let us know about something relevant to the Village, please email chatterinbox@btopenworld.com.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th July

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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