



Charney Chatter

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Charney in Bloom



Photo Quiz



Where in Charney would you find this 50 foot high rose?
Find the answer at the end of Charney Chatter!

Thank you to...

...all the bakers who provided goodies for the cake sale on 2nd July in aid of CHAFT.

A special thanks to Lorraine Ashton, Bruce Royan and their families for arranging the sale and manning the stall and to their employer, Infineum UK Ltd, who hosted the event and kindly doubled the money from the sale, bringing the total to £326.40.



Police Matters

- For advice on how to keep your property safe during the summer holiday period see the item in the July [Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter](#).
- Vehicle crime at beauty spots increases at this time of year. The police will be increasing patrols in these areas and putting out signage to remind people not to leave anything in their vehicles when they are out walking. However, the police suggest that you think about what you need to take with you when leaving your house. Leave it at home if you don't need it. Take everything with you on your walk if possible. Even a jacket left in the back of a car can tempt thieves to see if there is anything in the pocket. Wipe away any suction marks from sat-navs and double check that your vehicle is locked.
- On a similar note, there has been a spate of vehicle crime in Southmoor. The latest Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter offers advice on crime-prevention measures.
- See the [Neighbourhood Watch e-newsletter](#) for information about initiatives, information, home security device updates and more.
- Thames Valley Police (TVP) will be holding their Open Day on Saturday 10 August at their training centre in Sulhamstead (near Reading, Berkshire, RG7 4DX), between 10am and 4pm.

Over 50 exhibitors who will be attending to showcase their work. Highlights include: dog displays; the force helicopter; talks; and the museum, plus much more.

For more information visit the [TVP facebook page](#).

History Group News

Over the weekend of the 27th & 29th July the Charney Archaeological Group carried out a dig in the grounds of Wick Cottage. This was the third archaeological dig that we have carried out in the Village. Over 20 people participated including four from Littleworth. We dug two 1 m² test pits in an area where two buildings, that no longer exist, were shown on the [1760 Keck map](#).

The dig was supervised by David Ashby of the University of Winchester and we will fully evaluate the findings at a later date. In test pit 9 we found demolition rubble, wall plaster and nails and a variety of artifacts such as Roman, Saxon and medieval pottery, window glass, clay tobacco pipes (one identified as made by S Huggins of Banbury c 1852), metal buttons and other pieces of metal. Possibly, most interestingly, at the bottom, we found a drainage ditch, cut into the natural limestone surface, which appears to be Neolithic in date and contained butchered animal bones and flint including a still razor-sharp flint blade, this is the oldest evidence of occupation within the village so far discovered. Test pit 8, although close by, was very different; it had no rubble and had neolithic and mesolithic flint tools and flakes throughout its depth showing that the site was used for making tools over a long period. We also had a look at one of the old sluice gates which still exists in situ for the mill race.

Thanks go to everybody involved and particularly to David Ashby for supporting our dig. A full report will be given on the website in due course. Particular thanks go to Trevor and Annabel for hosting the dig. If anybody feels that they have a particularly interesting site for next year please get in touch via idigcharney@gmail.com.



Caught!
Speeding
through the
Village



Charney Bassett Village Fete
Traditional fete with stalls, teas and games
Saturday 7th September
The Village Green
2pm until 4pm

We really need your help

We need items for stalls:-

Bottles for the adult tombola – e.g. wine, beer, spirits, sauces, soft drinks, toiletries – use your imagination – we look forward to seeing what you can provide!

Children's prizes for the junior tombola – e.g. toys, games, sweets, books.

Plants and produce e.g. flowers, fruit and vegetables, jams, pickles and chutneys.

Baked goods for the cake stall and to sell with the teas.

Books and DVD's for the ever popular book stall.

Raffle Prizes.

We also need help to set up, run a stall and clear up.

Please think of us if you have any unwanted gifts or see any special offers.

All donations will be gratefully received and can be left with Diane Ewart, Lucy Gildersleeves, Helen Royan or in the Village Hall (clearly labelled for the fete).

Please contact Helen on 868349 or Diane on 868103 with offers of help, ideas or questions.

The fete is being organised by Chaft and St Peter's Church, all proceeds will be split equally.

Harp Concert

How fortunate Charney was on 5th July to enjoy a wonderful harp concert in St Peter's Church, with the award-winning Scottish harpist and vocalist, Rachel Newton, and internationally recognised concert harpist, Keziah Thomas. In addition to a specially composed piece written and performed by Stephen Dunstone, a wide range of music was performed, from haunting Celtic melodies, to Satie, Frankie Valli, Dolly Parton and an amazing interpretation, by Keziah, of part of Vivaldi's The Four Seasons. Her arrangement of the Summer and Autumn concerti for the solo harp are eagerly awaited – perhaps ready in time for next year's concert on Friday 3rd July 2020.

The concert raised £153 for St Peter's.



Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the July draw are as follows:-

£25 No 125 Brian Collins
£10 No 135 David Douglas

If anyone would like a number or extra numbers please contact:

Charney 100 club organisers, Sally or Evelyn at charney100club@gmail.com

Dates For Your Diary

CHAFT MEETING

Monday, 12th August, Village Hall

COFFEE HOUR

No coffee hour in August, resume in September

VILLAGE FETE

Saturday, 7th September

What's New On The Charney Website

- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter July 2019](#)
- [Parish Council draft minutes](#)

Tuesday Coffee Hour

There will be no coffee hour in August. The last gathering of the summer will be on 30th July. Coffee hour will then resume in the Village Hall at 10.30 am on Tuesday, 3rd September.

Abingdon & District Aunt Sally League

'You know it's good when you hear the wood'
Chequers Inn Move Into 3rd Place In Division C

Home games

31st July Wheatsheaf Didcot

14th August Eight Bells Eaton

21st August Plum Pudding

All games commence at 8.30pm

Bin Lorry Nearly Catches Fire in Woodstock

The moral of this story is do not mistakenly put electricals or chemical waste in your refuse bins. Small electricals can be bagged and put out with but not in the grey bins, and check with the local recycling centre regarding the disposal of paints, solvents etc.

From the Parish Council Meeting

Recent electricity outages

Southern Electric had been approached for an explanation for the recent local outages. They advised that major tree maintenance work and a significant programme of investment was planned, which might reduce the problem.

Refuse collection problems

Reports regarding non-collection of refuse in the Village are being investigated. Supposed access difficulties encountered by the refuse trucks will be looked into, with the District Council's Technical Officer due to inspect the areas in question. The Parish Council would like to have a representative present when this visit takes place.

White entrance gates

The application to OCC for funding for the Village entrance gates had been approved. Height and ownership of the gates was discussed.

Aspens on the playing field

Due to a revised quote from the preferred contractor set on to undertake the felling and removal of the aspen trees, further planning work would be necessary, which would almost certainly delay the expected start date for felling.

Replacement of Village benches

With funding from the Parish Council, the Theatre Group and a potential award from the District Council (application to be pursued), it should be possible to replace five Village benches, a more cost-effective approach than replacing benches in a piecemeal fashion.

Other items raised included: planning matters, the bus shelter project and lost footpaths.

The full minutes of the meeting are available on the [Charney website](#).

Plant Stall

The plant stall at the Chequers Pub is now closed for the summer. Thank you to all who provided plants. In total £100 was raised to be shared between CHAFT and St Peter's.

If you have any more surplus plants, cuttings or seedlings please save them for the plant and produce stall at the Village Fete on 7th September.

Table Tennis in Charney

Not played for a long time?
Never played?
Fancy playing?

Come along to a taster session.

A Monday evening in September.
Date tbc.
Bat and balls provided.

For more information contact:
david.sibbert@btinternet.com
(Charney Table Tennis Group)

Review of Polling Stations

The [Vale of the White Horse District Council](#) is undertaking a review of polling stations to ensure that they meet the needs of voters.

All views are welcome, and the council is especially keen to hear from disabled residents and those who have experience of assisting disabled people with access requirements.

Margaret Reed, Returning Officer for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils said: "It's important that all our polling stations are in suitable locations and that everyone can go and vote without having to worry about whether they will have problems getting in and out of the building."

The council would like to hear from people about their experience of using polling stations during recent elections - whether there are any changes to the location or building that voters would like the council to make or suggest any alternative places that may be used as a polling station.

Comments may be made direct to the VWHDC – [details available on line](#). Charney Parish Council PC will be considering any comments at its next meeting on 10th September.

Charney Field

It has been noticed that some residents are leaving their garden rubbish on Charney Field. The wood chips, which are used for the bridle/footpaths, have been contaminated, and rubbish piled up against the bug sanctuary. Whilst a blind eye may have been turned on the odd occasion in the past, it is adding to a growing workload for volunteers, so please help and find another way to deal with your garden waste.

And the answer to the photo quiz....

In the garden of The Well House, New Road

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th August

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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