



# Charney Chatter

E68 September 2019

## **Charney Bassett Village Fete** Traditional fete with stalls, teas and games **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Charney Mill Plaque Unveiling**

On Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 am there will be a gathering in the Mill to unveil a plaque recognising the 40 years that Bruce Hedge and friends from the Vale of White Horse Industrial Archaeology Group have committed to working on and restoring the Mill. All Villagers are welcome to attend and show their appreciation.

It will also be an opportunity to see the work that Steve Champion and Peter Hawkins have carried out over the summer to upgrade the exterior of the building.



## A Productive Village!

Did you know that Charney has a lovely Village orchard from which all can benefit? Rhubarb, soft fruit, fruit trees – help yourself!



In addition, there are allotments available for the more energetic gardeners.



If you are interested in an allotment then please contact the Chair of the Parish Council for more information.

### Remember

Any surplus produce - veg or fruit - you may have,  
will be most welcome for the plant and produce stall  
at the Fête on  
7<sup>th</sup> September.

If you wish to drop off any items in advance please contact Christine  
on 869171.

## Thank you

At the end of July, Lucy Palmer kindly organised and ran an afternoon dance workshop in the Village Hall for children in Charney. About 16 youngsters of all ages and abilities attended.



## Bus Shelter



The Charney Army has now completed Phase One of the Bus Shelter Project. With several coats of paint and varnish, it is already looking much more attractive than before. Phase Two will start shortly, with Ruth Gerring helping the Village children to create their very own art gallery. Do make sure that your budding artists have made themselves known to Ruth or Peter Busby, [charneyarmy@gmail.com](mailto:charneyarmy@gmail.com) so that they can be included.

All materials have been kindly donated by Brewers of Abingdon.





## History Group News

The Charney Bassett History Group has joined the **Oxfordshire Local History Association (OLHA)** and has been welcomed in their [latest e-bulletin](#). The OLHA fosters and promotes the study and publication of local history and acts as an umbrella organisation for local history groups, of which there are more than 80 in Oxfordshire.

We now:

- receive an [e-bulletin](#) every month, full of up-to-date information on what's happening in local history across Oxfordshire, plus a diary of talks and meetings;
- receive the journal once a year, containing articles by Oxfordshire local historians on a wide range of topics;
- have the opportunity to publish research in that journal;
- can attend two OLHA study days a year, each on a specific topic and with several speakers and a guided tour; and
- are kept in touch with other Oxfordshire local historians.

In the previous journal there was an extensive article on the recusant Catholics in this area focussing particularly on the Yate family in Bampton and Lyford. The Yate family came to the Vale as wool merchants. In the mid-1400s, [Richard Yate](#) settled in Charney Bassett. His son John traded from Charney as a highly reputed merchant of the staple at Calais. John Yate owned sheep farms in Wantage and Lambourn; in 1538 he bought the former Abingdon Abbey grange at nearby Lyford and moved there.

Lyford Grange at the time was a moated manor house similar in scale to Baddesley Clinton. It was there that Edward Campion was captured after a protracted search and he was eventually hanged, drawn and quartered. In 1970 he was formally declared a saint by the Pope.

Earlier this year we were contacted by a descendant of the Yate family in America and were able to send them information for their family history.

### Table Tennis in Charney

NOT PLAYED FOR AGES?  
NEVER PLAYED?

#### FREE TASTER SESSION

VILLAGE HALL, MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER  
6.30pm to 7.30pm

Tel. David on 868734 for details or just turn up!



Do you have empty inkjet printer cartridges?

Drop them off in St Peter's Church for recycling. You will be helping the environment and helping this historic village church.

We receive £1 per inkjet cartridge from the Recycle4Charity wanted list: Canon, Dell, HP, Lexmark, Neopost and Samsung.



**Thank you**



*If you prefer, we can give you a postal bag with our St Peter's Church reference code so that you can send your cartridges directly for recycling and still benefit the church.*

## VILLAGE HALL & FIELD

### Addressing the Challenges

Earlier this year the Management Committee announced measures to

- explore what, if any, changes are needed to bring our constitution up to date
- allocate duties more evenly across Trustees to relieve pressure on the secretarial role
- streamline how we operate
- address succession planning and make the organisation more likely to attract volunteers

### What We Have Done So Far

- Two Trustees are currently reviewing the constitution and taking advice from [Community First Oxfordshire](#).
- Lead Trustees have been appointed for the Village Hall, the Field, Fundraising/Events Management, Finance and Management and Administration.
- Introduced a more flexible approach to the allocation of secretarial duties.
- Introduced the idea of shadow appointments so volunteers can find out more about what is involved.

### Good News

CHAFT is delighted a volunteer has agreed to provide secretarial support. **More details shortly.**

### Looking to 2020 and Beyond

CHAFT is planning for the possibility that some officials and committee members are likely to stand down and not offer themselves for re-election in 2020.

Is there a role you could fulfil? If so, it would be extremely helpful if you could express your interest now so we can plan ahead with confidence and help ensure our important Village facilities are maintained to a high standard.

### And Finally in Other News

This update would not be complete without brief comment on the woodland area of the field. The preferred contractor has revised the quotation for the felling of the trees. The quotation formed the basis of a contract with the Parish Council. The Management Committee is in discussion with the Parish Council and hope it will be possible for an official announcement to be made in the near future.

On a more positive note plans are well advanced for the Village fete on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Let's hope for a fine day and a good attendance. Thanks go to all those who have already responded to requests for help and assistance.



## Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the August draw are as follows:-

£25 No 134 Barbara Douglas

£10 No 112 Dave Belcher

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

Charney 100 club organisers, Sally or Evelyn at [charney100club@gmail.com](mailto:charney100club@gmail.com)

## Dates For Your Diary

### COFFEE HOUR

Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 10.30 am, Village Hall

### PLAQUE UNVEILING

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 10 am, Charney Mill

### VILLAGE FETE

Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2-4 pm, Village Green

### TABLE TENNIS TASTER NIGHT

Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 6.30 pm, Village Hall

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

### RIDE & STRIDE

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September

### FEELING GOOD NATURALLY

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15 am, Village Hall

### EVENING WITH THE HISTORY GROUP

Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

## Deadline

Please note: The deadline for contributions for the October Chatter will be a week early on **13<sup>th</sup> September**.

## Electric Blanket Testing

Free electric blanket testing is being offered over a two week period during October at different locations around the county. Details available [on line](#).

## Road Closures

During August and September there will be road closures on the approaches to Charney. For further details of closures, timing and diversions see the [Charney website](#).

## Feeling Good Naturally Health and Wellness

Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 9.15 am to 12.30pm, cost £45  
Charney Bassett Village Hall

Join Catherine Bailey and Jane Alexander for a morning of Hatha Yoga (suitable for beginners), a talk on optimising gut health through nutrition and finishing with mindfulness meditation. There is a tea break after yoga with healthy homemade snacks. Yoga mats provided or please bring your own and a blanket. You will leave feeling good - naturally!

## Charney Bassett

# COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH OPERATES HERE

Additional volunteers wanted  
Awareness training provided  
Help to keep our roads safe  
Contact David on 868734

On 23<sup>rd</sup> August, during one hour of speed watch on the Longworth Road, four vehicles were registered travelling at 34mph or over, plus one car travelling south at 37mph met a large tractor coming the other way.....near collision.

## What's New On Charney Website

- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter August 2019](#)
- [Road Closures](#)

## Charney Bassett Village College

### 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

### Yoga

Friday 7pm – 8.30pm.

For an enrolment form for a class please contact Christine Trotman preferably by email [cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com](mailto:cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com) or 869 171



To book your place please contact Christine Trotman [cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com](mailto:cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com)

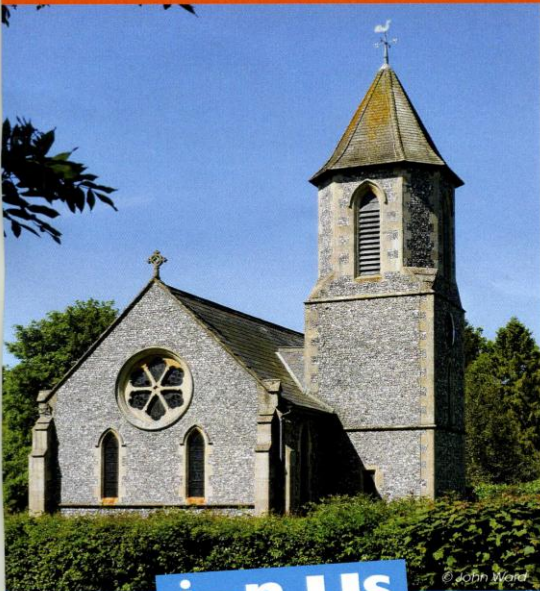


# RIDE+STRIDE

## for Churches

**14<sup>TH</sup> SEPT. 2019**

**Over 500 churches and chapels in Oxfordshire will be open.**



**Join Us**

**Help preserve the history on your doorstep by taking part in a sponsored cycle, walk or horse ride around Oxfordshire's churches.**

**All funds raised go to Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and 50% can be passed on to a church of your choice.**



**Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust**  
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