



Charney Chatter

E70 November 2019



A word of caution! The causeway, which will be a permissive footpath, has not been walked for some time, and is very uneven in places. Please be extra careful if exploring this new route!

The Causeway

The Footpath Group and the History Group have been asked to research local records to establish whether forgotten footpaths could be revived, and whether a circular walk might be created.

Although the research is ongoing, Hugh Brookes, who leads the Footpath Group, has spoken to owners of the land adjacent to the causeway about opening up this segment of path. For those who don't know, the causeway runs from the bridle path that goes to Stanford, down towards the path that crosses the River Ock, the main footpath then continues past Goosey Wick barns before ending on the Goosey road. The land owners agreed that the Charney Army could undertake some clearance work.

In the middle of October, the Army (along with a new recruit who came armed with sausage rolls and cheese scones) started to clear the undergrowth. A week later, David Godfrey and his trusted JCB cleared the rest – a massive thank you is due to David for sparing the Army many additional hours of labour. And, by the time you read this, the Army will have opened up the path to all. We have a circular (triangular) walk! [Here is the route plan.](#)



Before



After

The Charney Bassett Bus Shelter

Over the last few weeks, the bus shelter in Main Street has been transformed! What used to be a gloomy space full of spiders and old leaves is now a bright gallery featuring paintings by the children of Charney.

So – what happened? Last year, the Charney Theatre Group was waiting by the bus shelter for its coach to arrive, and thought about the children who have to use the shelter every day during the winter, and whether there might be a way to brighten it up. Charney Army made some plans, and contacted local DIY outlets for help with materials. Thanks to Joe Ody, [Brewers of Abingdon](#) were happy to provide everything that was needed. Charney Army set to work, with fillers and brushes to provide the backdrop to the next stage.

It was always the intention that this should be a project by the children for the children, and Ruth Gerring was happy to organise and help the children to create the Bus Shelter Gallery. Using social media (the Charney Facebook page, word of mouth, the Chatter and assorted WhatsApp groups) and ably assisted by Rosemary McClintock, Ruth has spent time with each child, helping them to create their own unique painting.

Only some of their pictures are shown here, but all the paintings with some of the artists are on the [Village website](#).

Well done to everyone! Who knows, we may have another Banksy in the making!



Also, by popular demand, there are two book-swap boxes – one for children and one for adults. Please feel free to have a browse.



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 30th November
10.00 - 12.00

in Charney Bassett village hall

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



If you have any books, jigsaws, pretty soaps, attractive biscuit tins etc which you are happy to donate, or have craft talents and would be willing to make something for the sale, thank you! And we always need cakes!

Please contact Lucy on gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com

Autumn Spruce Up



Following an article in the September Chatter about the orchard and allotments, Hugh Brookes took pity on the Jubilee Orchard sign, expertly crafted back in 2012 by John Daghish. The photo in Chatter showed how the sign has fallen victim to the weather and birds over the last seven years.

Hugh kindly spent time restoring the sign to its former glory. No doubt everyone will agree that he has done a splendid job. Thank you.



Door to Door Service (courtesy of Charney Theatre Group)



For one day only, on Thursday, 28th November at 10 am, a luxury coach will be leaving the bus shelter in Charney for London, returning later that evening.

All tickets to see White Christmas on that day have been sold. Why not indulge in a little Christmas shopping though or just enjoy a day in London visiting the sights. The coach will drop everyone close to the Dominion Theatre on Tottenham Court Road, which is near to Oxford Street and Regent Street.

The coach departs at 10 am, arriving London at about 12.30 pm. It leaves the theatre at approximately 5.30 pm, returning to the Village for about 8.30 pm.

Return tickets are just £10.00. Contact Peter Busby (01235868520 or peterbusby10@gmail.com) to make a reservation. These seats are also advertised elsewhere, so please book early.

Youth Club Reunion

At the end of September, the Charney youth club from the 1960s met again in the Village Hall for a reunion. A lovely afternoon was had by all.



An evening with The History Group

Please join us on the evening of

Saturday 16 November

Starting at 7.30 and finishing by 9.30

This is an informal evening with short light hearted sessions about all things Charney History

Join us for a
glass of wine



Historic
talking heads



CHARNEY MILL
with special
appearance by
Bruce Hedge



Researching
Charney
family trees



The archaeology
of Charney



The (now)
over 100 page
History Website

Children's Halloween Party

Thursday 31st October, 3- 5pm
Charney Bassett Village Hall

Calling all mini witches, wizards, ghosts and ghouls.
Come along and enjoy games, food and Halloween fun.
Bring along your carved pumpkins.

It would be great if everyone could bring some food and think of some games the children could play. The 'mummy game' is always a favourite. There will be a fancy dress and a carved pumpkin competition.

If you would like to help contribute to the decorating of the hall or have any Halloween decorations to donate then CHAFT would be very grateful.

Please confirm if you will be attending so we can get a rough idea of numbers. jodie.mcnamara@hotmail.co.uk

With a surprise Special Guest appearance!

Vale of the White Horse District Council Community Awards 2019

Following on from last September's plaque unveiling at Charney Mill, in recognition of 40 Years of dedicated support from Bruce Hedge and his friends Ted Smith, Mike Simmonds, Philip Coldwell, along with Hayden Francis who died some 5 years ago, to both the Vale of White Horse Industrial Archaeology Group and the residents of Charney Bassett, no doubt all will be delighted to hear that Bruce Hedge has scooped a community award from the VWHDC, presented by the Chairman of the District Council.

Although, as time has gone on, the other members of the group have had to leave or retire, Bruce has continued in recent years on his own to ensure that the Mill remains in good shape and he has coordinated visits and educational talks for all those who still cherish such buildings and their history. There is absolutely no doubt that without Bruce's support and dedication and that of his former fellow volunteers over so many years, Charney Mill would not be the fine building it is today.

In further recognition of Bruce Hedge's services, our Parish Council supported by residents (in particular, Steve Champion, who deserves a special thanks for all his efforts) and Councillor Eric Batts nominated Bruce for this year's [Vale Chairman's Community Awards](#).

The nomination was accepted and Bruce, along with his wife Angela, attended the ceremony on Saturday 28th September to receive his much deserved award.



Thank you

Lots of positive comments were received regarding our wonderful musicians, James and Michael, who performed at the fête in September. They got toes tapping, hips jiggling and put smiles on faces.



The fête on 7th September raised a total of £1,712 for CHAFT and St Peter's.
Thank you everyone.

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the October draw are as follows:-

£25 No 10 Frances Rothwell

£10 No 34 Tim Moody

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

THE HISTORY BURIED BENEATH OUR FEET

Sunday 3rd November, Standford in the Vale large Village Hall

COFFEE HOUR IN AID OF SOBELL HOUSE HOSPICE

Tuesday 5th November, 10.30 am, Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday 13th November, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

EVENING WITH THE HISTORY GROUP

Saturday 16th November, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

THEATRE/LONDON TRIP

Thursday 28th November

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (in aid of St Peter's Church)

Saturday 30th November, 10 am – noon, Village Hall

Tuesday Coffee Hour



Come along ...

...and enjoy refreshments and cake, whilst supporting a worthy cause.

On Tuesday, 5th November at 10.30 am in the Village Hall, 'coffee hour' will be hosting the Sobell House hospice sale of Christmas cards, calendars, diaries and more.

Why not take the opportunity to stock up on a few items and support this valuable local resource at the same time.

Aunt Sally: the Chequers team celebrates success

After a slow start to the season, the team's improved form enabled them to finish in second place in Section C of the Abingdon & District Aunt Sally League.

Four members attended the end of season presentations in Abingdon on 18th October. The event was also organised to celebrate 60 years of the League, and was marked by donations to three local charities.



Team members Tony Fitzgibbon, Ian McGregor, Joe Ody and David Sibbert are seen here receiving a plaque showing the average score of each team member. The Chequers also received a runners-up cup.

On return to the Chequers, they were joined by fellow team member, Brian Trotman, to enjoy supper and a celebratory drink kindly provided by Ian and Jackie.

Advance notice

The Charney Bassett Christmas Eve Crib Service in St Peter's Church will take place at 6.00 pm this year.



Ed Vaizey MP

Ed Vaizey's constituency office will be closing on 1st November 2019. The Wantage telephone number has already been suspended. His current contact details are:

postal address: House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA

telephone: 0207 219 6350

email:

vaizeye@parliament.uk

What's New On The Charney Website

- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter October 2019](#)
- [Ed Vaizey Newsletter](#)
- [Important notice about VWHDC yellow electoral registration forms](#)
- [Hanney road closures on Sunday, 10th November](#)
- [Bus Shelter Gallery](#)

The Wantage Independent Advice Centre

The Wantage Independent Advice Centre is based in Wantage but helps and supports lots of people living in villages & towns within the Vale.

We run a Community Transport Scheme, volunteer drivers in their own cars, for elderly and infirm people to enable them to reach vital services such as Doctors, Hospitals, Day Centres & we also take them shopping. Could you offer transport to other people in your community?

Your time commitment is completely decided by you, even one hour a week would be beneficial.

Volunteer drivers are reimbursed at 40p per mile.

If you think you can help, please contact Kathy
recruitment@wantageadvice.org.uk
01235 765348



So it's true then what they say about dogs being unable to spell!

ALL animals need your care, especially at this time of year!

Police and Crime Bulletin October 2019

- 183 new police officers announced
- Introducing Police Horse Viktor
- GPS tagging
- Rural Crime Week
- Thames Valley rated "Good"
- Presentation ceremony for voluntary groups
- Announcements by the Home Secretary
- Join the conversation
- Have your say in the policing and crime survey

The [full bulletin](#) covering all the above is available.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th November

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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