



Charney Chatter

E71 December 2019



Welcome to the Haunted Hall

Spooky fun was had by all the mini witches, ghosts, ghouls and mummies of Charney Bassett at the Village Halloween party.

With games, fancy dress and carved pumpkin competition and lots of Halloween themed food the night was topped off by a surprise visit and story by 'Winnie the Witch'.

Thank you to CHAFT for the use of the village hall and to Kate Belcher for arranging for her friend Winnie to make a special appearance.

 The Benefice of
Cherbury with Gainfield
a community working to express Christ's love for all

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

White Christmas

On Thursday 28th November, 35 residents of Charney and neighbouring villages met at the recently decorated bus shelter and travelled by coach to the Dominion Theatre in London to see *White Christmas* - the well-known film starring Bing Crosby with songs by Irving Berlin now brought up to date for stage.

Having completed the traditional quiz (won by Margaret Roberts), the group went their separate ways for lunch, then meeting again at the theatre to enjoy a spectacle of dance, sparkly costumes and all those classic sing along numbers!

Money raised from the Charney Theatre Group trips is spent on improving Village facilities, such as the bus shelter.

What will the next trip will be?



From the Parish Council Meeting

County Councillor's Report

The report included comment on the Council's stance on the proposed Oxford-Cambridge Expressway and confirmation that Cllr Fitzgerald-O'Connor would follow up on concerns expressed at the last meeting about the Parish Council's involvement in discussion on the A420.

Updates regarding current status were given on:

- the Charney field aspens;
- the white entrance gates to the Village;
- the new causeway footpath;
- public benches.

Other items on the agenda included: planning matters, the District Councillor's report and the Clerk's financial report.

The full draft minutes of the meeting held on 13th November are available on the [Charney website](#).

Jacqui

Happy Birthday Jacqui for 24th, and congratulations on achieving the prestigious 5* food hygiene rating. And for your generous purchase of the Village Christmas Tree!



The Village Christmas meal at the Chequers Inn is on Monday 2nd December. Space is limited so ensure that you return your menu choices with your details to the pub as soon as possible, to secure a place.

General Election 2019



On Thursday 12 December 2019 you can vote to elect an MP to represent your local area in parliament. Here is some useful information about the election:

Voter registration

In order to vote on 12 December, you need to be registered by 26 November. If you're not registered at your current address visit [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) to ensure you are eligible to vote.

If you have moved house since you last registered you will need to register again.

Polling cards

If you registered to vote by 4 November, you should receive your poll card by 20 November – if you don't receive it by this date please call the Elections team on 01235 422528 to make sure you are still registered.

If you registered after 4 November you should receive your poll card by 3 December.

Postal and proxy voting

Postal vote applications need to reach the Elections team by 5pm on 26 November – application forms are available at [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/votebypost](https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/votebypost).

If you apply for a postal vote you should receive your ballot pack by 6 December – if it doesn't arrive by this date please contact the Elections team on 01235 422528 to request a replacement.

Important – due to the short timescales involved, there is no guarantee when people will receive their postal ballot pack, therefore if you are likely to be away after 6 December you should consider applying for a proxy vote instead to guarantee you can vote. The deadline to apply for a proxy vote is 5pm on 4 December. To find out more please visit [whitehorsedc.gov.uk/votebyproxy](https://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/votebyproxy).

Who you can vote for

Find out who you can vote for in this election by visiting [general election postcode search](#).

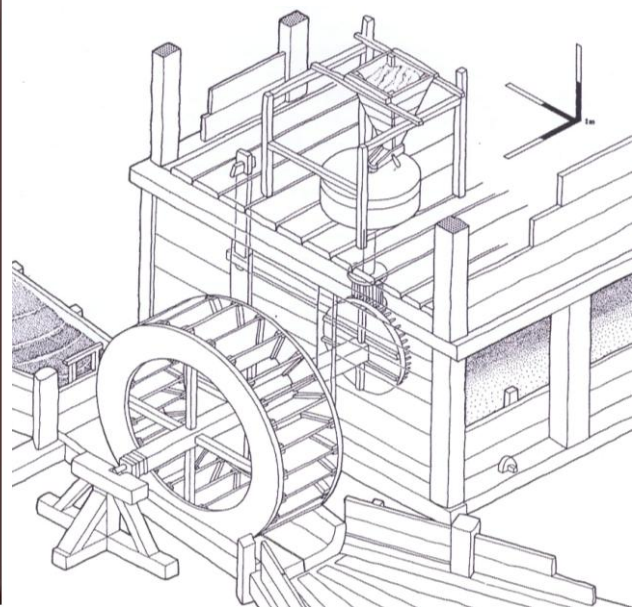
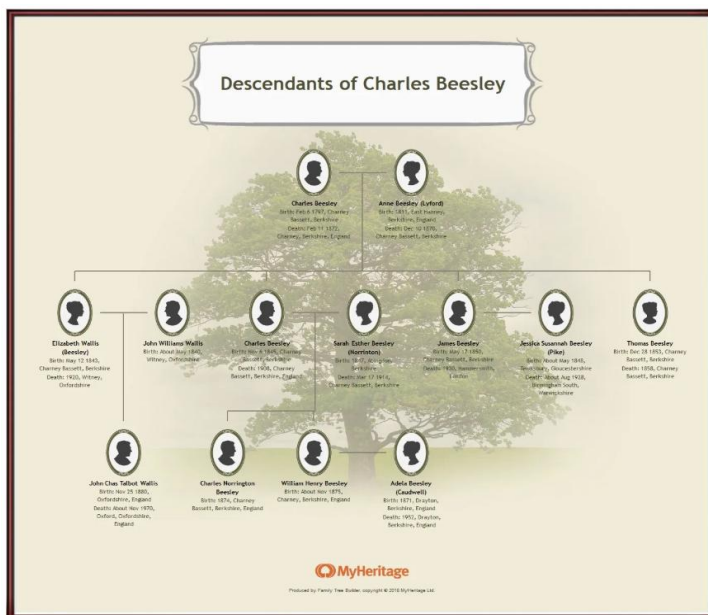
An Evening with the History Group

Some 35 villagers enjoyed '*An Evening with the History Group*' in the Village Hall on Sat 16th November. The evening commenced with a brief and light hearted look at how and why the group was formed some four years ago. This was followed by a short talk on the history of **The Mill** and an interesting update on the many initiatives undertaken by the **archaeological group**.

Unsurprisingly the interval brought with it a [short history quiz, which is now on-line](#).

A look at examples of **local family histories** followed, before a '**Talking Heads**' session recounted tales from the past, purposely held back until after the 9.00pm watershed. The evening finished with a review of the excellent [village history website](#) and a run through of the many excellent initiatives undertaken by the group over the past four years.

Thanks go to all those involved in the organisation of the event and for donations on the night which enabled those present to relax with a glass of wine and nibbles in hand as they enjoyed this free, non-profit making event.



What's new since 2019 October and November's Charney Chatter?

- [Mini Quiz](#) – an evening with the History Group 16th Nov 2019
- Manor Farm Aerial photo added to [Memories of Manor Farm](#) and [Aerial Photos](#) pages
- Additions to the [Beesley's family history page](#) including Charles' Will
- [Aunt Sally 2019](#)



1914-1918

Robert Brant
William Franklin
Frederick Franklin
Albert Haines
William Read
George Wheeler

1939-1945
David Whiting



Poppy Appeal 2019

£455.71 was collected in Charney.
A big thank you to you all.

Joe Ody

Christmas Waist

Why not get ready for Christmas, or walk off those Christmas trimmings with a postprandial stroll through the countryside?

Don't forget your wellies (or perhaps waders!).

A new page has been added to the Village Website listing some of the **walks around Charney**, short and long. Why not send your visitors off on an adventure?

<https://charneybassett.org.uk/walks-around-charney/>

If your favourite perambulation route is not here then let us know, here's an example:

Causeway (circular From Telephone Box)

o.8 miles

Starting from the telephone box. A pleasant short off-road walk along a bridleway and footpaths.



Christmas Waste

Over Christmas and New Year bank holidays, bins will be emptied on a different day. Please see the changes [here](#).

Garden waste will not be collected over Christmas. However, extra recycling, which will not fit in the green bin, can be put out in clear bags or cardboard boxes beside the bin. Also extra food recycling that won't fit in your food bin will be collected if put in a bag on top of the food bin.

In the New Year, Christmas trees will be collected from garden waste customers. Please put the tree out with your brown bin –cut to 6ft lengths or less. For more information see whitehorsedc.gov.uk/christmastrees.

The Mummers Return

Keep the evening of Monday, 6th January available in your diaries, as the celebrated Charney mummers' play will be resurrected for one evening only. In addition to the play, there will be Wassailing and a Village supper in the Chequers. Watch this space ...

The mummer's play has two roles available if anyone would like to be part of the spectacle. One role has just 24 lines to learn and the other a mere 9. Only a couple of rehearsals needed. Please email the chatterinbox@bopenworld.com by latest 9th December if interested.

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the November draw are as follows:-

£25 No 147 Tim Partington

£10 No 44 Derek McClintock

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

COFFEE HOUR

Tuesdays, 10.30 am, Village Hall. (Last one on 17th December, commences again 7th January)

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

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

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MEAL

Monday 2nd December, 7.30 pm, Chequers Inn

CHAFT MEETING

Monday 9th December, 6.30 pm, Village Hall.

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Wednesday 18th December, 7 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SERVICE

St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett, 6pm

MUMMERS' PLAY, WASSAILING AND VILLAGE SUPPER

Monday 6th January, The Chequers.

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

Tuesdays 6 – 7pm

Yoga

Fridays 7pm – 8.30pm.

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

cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com or 01235 869 171.

What's New On The Charney Website

- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter November 2019](#)
- [Parish Council draft minutes](#)
- [Walks around Charney](#)

Family Christmas Carol Service

The Charney Bassett Christmas Eve Carol Service in St Peter's Church will take place at **6.00 pm** this year. **(Note change of time from last year)**

Chequers Opening Hours

The Chequers is open:

1230-1430 and then again from 1730, Mondays to Thursdays.

All day on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Seasonal Opening Hours

24th December

public bar 1200 till late

food 1200-1400

25th December

public bar 1200-1400

26th December

public bar 1200-1700

food 1200-1430

31st December

public bar 1200 till late

food 1200-1400

Fully booked for food in the evening.

1st and 2nd January CLOSED

Tuesday Coffee Hour



Thank you for your support

Together with the £100 donation from Tuesday Coffee Hour funds, a total of £280 was raised in aid of Sobell House Hospice at the sale held in the Village Hall on 5th November.

Did you know?

Before the age of flat screen tvs, Michael Sobell, who together with the friends of Sobell House donated funds to build the hospice on the Churchill Hospital site in Oxford, was one of the largest manufacturers of televisions in the country. David Douglas, resident of Charney, remembers repairing these sets back in the 60s.



LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Dear Editors,

In between walks and eating, I have been spending my downtime reading through some old Charney Parish Council minutes. I am writing here on behalf of my fellow canines, as we are incensed to discover that, in the minutes I perused, there are 45 references related to dogs and fouling.

My canine compatriots and I are feeling hounded and persecuted. We should like to point out that, as we are not in a position to pick up our own mess, we have taken time to train our human pack members to do so on our behalf. The deal is that we won't squat in the middle of the living-room carpet and ruin your Saturday night *Strictly* experience if, when we courteously do our business out of doors, you clear up after us and don't leave mess on pavements, the middle of footpaths, private gardens and grass verges.

Moreover, we are not immune to the environmental issues of using plastic bags but cheap biodegradable alternatives are available OR at the very least flick the mess into the undergrowth where no one will step in it and where it will not be offensive.

We would not like to see your Christmas ruined with a prosecution and fine of possibly hundreds of pounds (the dog cams will be watching you) OR you or your children in hospital with, for instance, Toxocariasis or Leptospirosis (yes dogs can spell – ref November Chatter).

So please be considerate and remember, don't pick on us dogs but on the badly trained humans.

From a concerned canine

Free parking in the run up to Christmas

Drivers in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse can benefit from free parking in district council car parks on certain days in December.

The annual free parking tradition is provided by South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse district councils to encourage people to shop locally and socialise in the local pubs, cafés and restaurants during the festive period.

Drivers will be able to park without paying for a ticket in Vale and South car parks on the following days next month:

Vale of White Horse

- Abingdon – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)
- Faringdon – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)
- Wantage – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)

South Oxfordshire

- Didcot – Mondays (9, 16, 23 December)
- Goring – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)
- Henley – Tuesdays (3, 10, 17 December)
- Thame – Saturdays (7, 14, 21 December)
- Wallingford -Thursdays (5, 12, 19 December)

On the above days there is no need to display a ticket.

Parking is also free on a Sunday in many of the council-owned town centre car parks in South and Vale - please check the tariff boards in car parks for further details.

For details on parking in southern Oxfordshire visit:

southoxon.gov.uk/parking
whitehorsedc.gov.uk/parking

From Neighbourhood Watch to Cyberhood Watch

[Find out about](#) the new Cyberhood Watch initiative drawing attention to cybercrime. This initiative has been launched in collaboration between Neighbourhood Watch and [Avast](#).



A Very Merry Christmas to All Our Readers

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 17th December

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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