



Charney Chatter

E72 January 2020

The Mummers Return!

Monday, 6th January at 6.30 pm
The Chequers Inn
Charney Bassett

All Welcome



The Charney Bassett Mummers' play is typical of the Christmas plays that were found throughout the upper Thames valley and the Cotswolds. It stands out, however, in two respects. Firstly, it is one of few texts from the mid-19th century that were noted down at the time of performance. Secondly, the sketch is one of the oldest illustrations of a group of mummers, and possibly the oldest drawing made at the time of performance.

Followed by...



Wassailing

The ancient celebration of wassailing involves the blessing of the fruit trees, singing to the health of the trees in the hope that they will provide a bountiful harvest in the year to come. [The version by Ralph Vaughan Williams of the Wassailing Song is given later in this Chatter!]

Followed by (yes there is more)



A homemade pie supper at the Chequers Inn
7.15 - 7.30 pm

(vegetarian option available on request)
Booking essential for the meal, on 01235 868642



Who needs ...

...King's College Cambridge when we have the amazing Carols on the Green Choir.

Despite the poor weather there was a good turnout and carols were sung to the accompaniment of Liz Hughes on the piano. Thanks to Liz (former resident of Charney) for returning to help us out.

During the singing a collection was made in aid of Emmaus Oxford, supporting the homeless.

The proceedings were followed by mulled wine and goodies and then over to the pub for a bit of spicing up in the form of a Chequers chilli.

The lights go on in Charney

In addition to the lovely array of Christmas lights around the Village, we once again have our festive tree on the Green. This is thanks to the Chequers for providing the tree and the Charney Army for manhandling it into place and clambering precariously up ladders to add lights and decorations.



History Picture Quiz

Where in The World, specifically, would you find this and what is it?

Answers on the final page.



On Saturday 25th January, to celebrate Village Halls week, CHAFT will be serving **CREAM TEAS** in the Village Hall from 3pm.

Please do come and join us for a sociable afternoon in our beautiful hall, to celebrate all the activities that currently take place there - you could even suggest some new ones.

We very much look forward to seeing you.

2nd December 2019

The peace and tranquillity of the Village pub is shattered. A big thanks to the Chequers.



Latest News from CHAFT

Expert advice is being taken to deal with the serious problem of rabbits on the playing field and neighbouring land.

It is hoped CHAFT will be in a position to go public on an action plan to deal with the Aspens early in the New Year.

Explanatory guidance on the Charity's Governing Document is in final draft format and will be published on the web in due course.

Work is going on to create an online filing system which can be accessed by all members of the Management Committee.

In February ROSPA will undertake the annual independent risk assessment and safety inspection of the field.

Springtime will see an appeal for volunteers to help replace/top up the bark round the play equipment and paint the surrounding fencing.

Proposed events in 2020

Saturday 25th January - Village Halls Week Celebration

Saturday 21st March - Mother's Day craft session

Friday 8th May - Annual May Day celebrations - VE themed

Saturday 5th September - Charney Bassett Fete

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the December draw are:

£100 No 137 Richard Smith

£50 No 79 Kelly Lea

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 (starts again on 7 January)

MUMMERS' PLAY, WASSAILING AND PIE SUPPER

Monday 6th January

PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 8th January, Village Hall

VILLAGE HALLS' WEEK CREAM TEAS

Saturday 25th January, 3 pm in the Village Hall

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 December 2019](#)

Thank you ...

...to all who helped out at and came along to support the Christmas bazaar on 30th November. A total of £378 was raised in aid of St Peter's Church.

In addition, from an array of wonderful handmade textile and craft items produced by Julie Ingram-Johnson and Kay Adamson, £140 was also raised for Acorns Children's Hospice. The total of £280 was kindly split between the two causes.

Flooding

You may have noticed that it has been very wet recently. If you are at all concerned about potential flooding to your property then why not [sign up on line](#) to receive a flood warning notification via phone, email or text (available only if you are in an at-risk area).

Police and Crime Commissioner, Thames Valley

If you are interested in PCC initiatives and information, why not [sign up on line](#) to receive the PCC newsletter.



Charney Bassett and Lyford Education Trust (CLET)

CLET supports a range of educational projects and activities, with grants awarded to individuals under the age of 25 and to community groups in the villages of Charney Bassett and Lyford.

Online applications are welcomed at any time and forms can be found on the [Charney Bassett village website](#), or contact the Clerk, Ruth Clements for further details at cletclerk@gmail.com.

Applications will be considered by the Trustees who meet in January, May and September.



Wassailing Song (version by Ralph Vaughan Williams)

Wassail, Wassail, all over the town,
Our bread it is white and ale it is brown;
Our bowl it is made of the green maple tree;
In the Wassail bowl we'll drink unto thee.

Here's a health to the ox and to his right eye,
Pray God send our master a good Christmas pie,
A good Christmas pie as e'er I did see.
In the Wassail bowl we'll drink unto thee.

Here's a health to the ox and to his right horn,
Pray God send our master a good crop of corn,
A good crop of corn as e'er I did see,
In the Wassail bowl we'll drink unto thee.

Here's a health to the ox and to his long tail,
Pray God send our master a good cask of ale,
A good cask of ale as e'er I did see,
In the Wassail bowl we'll drink unto thee.

Come, butler, come fill us a bowl of the best;
Then I pray that your soul in heaven may rest;
But if you do bring us a bowl of the small,
May the Devil take butler, bowl and all!

Then here's to the maid in the lily white smock,
Who tripp'd to the door and slipp'd back the lock;
Who tripp'd to the door and pull'd back the pin,
For to let these jolly Wassailers walk in.



Longworth Area Trust

Can the Trust help you or someone in need that you know?

In the distant past, a number of villagers of Longworth and Charney Bassett left money in their wills to be used to help people in those parishes. This money started the Longworth Area Trust.

a) Grants can be made where people find themselves in difficulty through illness, disability or unexpected expenses of various kinds and neither the local authority nor central government can provide adequate assistance.

b) Only people living within the civil parish boundaries of Longworth, Charney Bassett and the old parish of Draycott Moor (now mainly Southmoor) are eligible to benefit.

Within those limits, and so far as funds allow, the Trustees are able to make small grants to help in difficult circumstances. **All applications and payments are strictly confidential.**

For further information, and also to make grant applications:

please contact - Robert Fitchett (01865 821010). Hollycote House, High Street, Longworth, Abingdon, OX13 5EP or r.r.fitchett@btinternet.com.

Grant Applications may also be made to:

the Reverend Talisker Tracey-MacLeod (01865 596224) rector@alatheia.org.uk or
Chair of Trustees, Michael Hodgkins (01865 821537) mjohnhodgkins@gmail.com.

Answers to picture Quiz

It is in the V&A Museum no. M220&A-1938. Gallery location: Silver, room 65, case 8, shelf 3!

It is the end piece of the [Pusey Horn and you can read all about it on our history website](#)



What's new since 2019 December's Charney Chatter?

- [Yate family history](#) updates and additions



A Very Happy New Year to All Our Readers

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