



Charney Chatter

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The Mummers Returned!

The evening of 6th January 2020, The Chequers Inn, strange shufflings and shadows at the door, the pub packed with folk from near and far, a squeeze on the squeeze box. Could it be? Yes it could! The Mummers had returned!

A few new faces in the line-up, slightly tweaked dialogue and banter, a different dance routine, same costumes, same magpie and a performance that would have been very recognisable to GWW Minns when he noted it down in 1860. Several Minnses made the pilgrimage to witness the spectacle of this second re-enactment (first was last year), including Alison Minns to whom we owe the debt of gratitude for finding and sharing this historical record.

After much laughter, heckling and general merriment there was more as promised in the previous 'Chatter'. With the clear skies and bright moon, the assembled left the warmth of The Chequers to Wassail outside, down through the village to the Millennium Orchard where there was more singing, toast, honey, cider, the wassail cup and spectacular musket fire; which was then repeated in Diney and David's orchard! If you weren't there then you missed a treat.

And yes, there was more! It was topped off with a wonderful pie night at The Chequers. £68 was raised for The Red Cross who have supported people in the Village, as well as world wide. Thanks to everybody who donated.

Is that the last performance? Or after 12 months rest will the Mummers return yet again? Keep tuned to Charney Chatter!



[Click HERE for the Musket in Action video!](#)

Jacqui and Ian at the Chequers Inn
would like to thank all those who have supported them throughout
2019.

Commissioning of Lucy Gildersleeves as Authorised Lay Worship Leader

On Sunday 16th February at 10am, Bishop Colin of Dorchester will be presiding at the family communion service at St Peter's church in Charney Bassett. During this service, the Bishop will be formally commissioning Lucy as an Authorised Lay Worship Leader in our benefice.

As many of you know, Lucy has been on a long journey discerning her vocation in the Church of England, and it is very exciting that she is now being formally commissioned by Bishop Colin to lead public Services of the Word and to preach as an Authorised Lay Worship Leader.

Lucy will be continuing in her existing role in St Peter's as treasurer, and in the benefice taking a lead with me as Rector on children's ministry as well as all her commitments to Buckland School and to the wider Church through the Deanery.

Please do come along and support Lucy and celebrate together this milestone in her vocation to ministry and leadership within the Church of England. Everyone is most warmly welcome!

If you have any questions, please do contact me (rector@alatheia.org.uk 01865 596224).

Every blessing,

Revd Talisker

From the Parish Council Meeting

Updates were provided on the ongoing matters of:

- the white entrance gates to the Village – to be installed at the end of January;
- dog waste – whether an additional bin should be provided;
- public benches – application to the District Council towards funding;
- installing stones on the perimeter of the Village Green to protect the area from over-riding vehicles.

Of particular note was the progress made regarding the Aspen trees on the bridle path and how they should be dealt with.

Following [advice from a consultant](#), it was agreed that a small number of trees require urgent attention, to be carried out in the current financial year. The recommended and preferred long-term management option is still for clear felling and replanting.

The Parish Council agreed to support CHAFT by contributing 50% of costs for both proposed courses of action based on current quotes provided.

In his financial report the Clerk drew attention to the projections that the Parish Council's balance would reduce in the current and following year. It was suggested and approved that there should be an increase in the precept from £4,900 to £6,900 to help pay for the work needed on the aspen trees and to start a fund for future road safety initiatives.

Other matters discussed included planning and reports from the District and County Councillors.

The full draft minutes of the meeting held on 8th January are available on the [Charney website](#).



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

St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett
invites you to a

PANCAKE MORNING

Saturday, 22nd February

from 10.00am - 12.00 noon

at Gratwick Barn, The Green



Raffle

We do not charge an entrance fee but we would ask you to be generous with your money. If you would gift aid your donation this will increase its value to the Church at no further cost to you. Envelopes will be available on the day.

Parking is limited. For disability access, you may drop off at Gratwick Barn.

Patients urged to help the NHS help them this winter

	Minor cuts and grazes Bruises and minor sprains Coughs and colds	Self Care Stock your medicine cabinet
	Minor illnesses Headache Stomach upsets Bites and stings	Pharmacy
	Feeling unwell? Unsure? Anxious? Need help?	NHS 111
	Persistent symptoms Chronic pain Long term conditions	GP Advice Out of Hours call 111
	Choking Chest pain Blacking out Serious blood loss	A&E or 999 Emergencies only

Winter is traditionally the busiest time of year for the NHS, and so patients are being reminded only to use Emergency Departments in Oxford and Banbury in an emergency.

There are a range of alternative options available for non-emergency situations to ensure you get the appropriate care you need, and save an unnecessary trip to the Emergency Department.

What's available?

- Self-care is the best choice for minor illnesses and injuries – a range of common winter ailments can be treated at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet. Having a winter plan – such as keeping stocked up on medicines, keeping your home warm, and looking out for neighbours – can also be beneficial.
- Local pharmacies can give advice on several conditions, such as coughs, headaches, upset stomachs and skin conditions, as well as advise on stopping coughs and colds from getting worse.
- NHS 111 has call handlers who can help you choose the right health services for your needs, as well as a website. NHS 111 can put you in touch with a clinician, a GP, book you an appointment at your nearest minor injuries unit. You can also use NHS 111 online 111.nhs.uk
- [Minor injuries units](#) can treat deep cuts, small burns, sprains, sports injuries and infected wounds. To find your nearest MIU please visit the [Oxford Health website](#).
- Your local GP may offer extended opening hours into the evening or at the weekend.

Most importantly, only attend Emergency Departments when there is a genuine emergency, such as loss of consciousness, suspected heart attack or stroke, severe breathing difficulties, or severe bleeding that cannot be stopped.

VE Day

Can you help? Do you have any recollections, or know anyone that does, of what went on in Charney on VE day? If so please get in touch with charney.history@btinternet.com.

What's new on the History Website since January's Charney Chatter?

- [Mummers January 2020](#)
- [Wassailing](#)

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the January draw are:

£25 No 83 Richard Podd

£10 No 147 Tim Partington

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

CHAFT MEETING

Monday 10th February, 6.30pm, Village Hall

COMMISSIONING OF LUCY GILDERSLEEVES

Sunday 16th February, 10am, St Peter's Church

PANCAKES

Saturday 22nd February, 10am – 12am, Gratwick Barn

VE THEMED MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Friday 8th May

CHARNEY FETE

Saturday 5th September

Get help with home repairs

There are services and funds available to help people (owners and private tenants) stay independent, safe and well in their homes, and Oxfordshire County Council has developed a referral service to help residents (or carers) access the right organisations in their area, to get the help they need.

The type of help that can be provided are services such as new boilers, repairs to boilers, loft or cavity wall insulation, access to a local and trustworthy repairs service and general advice on how to stay safe, well and affordably warm in your home.

For more information or to make a referral visit www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/homerepairs.



Charney's Postie



Charney's postie of many years should return to duties soon, following a long illness.

A letter of thanks was sent by Alan, via Anna Greenacre, to all those who forwarded their good wishes.

Thank you so much for the absolutely wonderful cards I received.

I am overwhelmed by people's good wishes, kindness and generosity. I believe I have you to thank for all of this and if others were involved, please would you thank them too on my behalf.

I am slowly recovering and I can't tell you how much this has cheered me and meant to me. I would like to wish all the contributors a very Happy New Year.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Best wishes,

Alan Moss (Amos)

What's New On The Charney Website

- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter January 2020](#)
- [Parish Council Meeting, January 2020](#)
- [CHAFT meetings](#)
- [River Ock at Charney Bassett](#)

Why not try something new in 2020?

Yoga in the Village Hall

Fridays 7pm – 8.30pm

Suitable for all abilities. If you're unsure then come along and have a trial session before committing.

For an enrolment form for a class please contact Christine Trotman preferably by email cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com or on 869171

Write an article

Why not? For publication in the Chatter! Or send a photo of Village flora, fauna, architecture etc.



Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club

Open Days

4th & 5th April • 11^{am} to 3^{pm}

On our all-weather green at
Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize OX13 5AP
(next to the Millennium Green)

Why not visit us and try your hand at bowls?
We welcome new members of any age.

Bring soft shoes – trainers will do. Bowls provided on the day.
Refreshments and bar. Drop in any time, either day – or both

We offer year-round outdoor bowling, and
short-mat bowls indoors during winter months.
Coaching is always available.

For more information contact Mick 01865 820818

Join the Army

Help to keep the Village looking its best. Charney Army usually meet for a couple of hours in the morning on the 2nd and last Thursday in the month to tackle manageable projects in the Village. If you are interested in coming along please contact Peter at charneyarmy@gmail.com or on 868520.

Church Cleaning

One of our regular cleaners wrote:

"I love being in the Church when my cleaning slot comes up, I light a candle, play some music and treasure the time in this very special building."

Space can be made available on the rota!
Contact Steph on 867418

Participate in a Village Committee

[Parish Council](#)

[Charney Hall and Field Trust](#)

Anyone can play a role either larger or smaller.

Volunteer

For example

- for the Charney speedwatch group – contact David on 868734
- to drive for the [Community Transport Scheme](#) – contact Kathy on 01235 765348 if you wish to help and have your own car
- to help with the [Riding for the Disabled](#) in Southmoor – contact Amanda on 868974

The Vale Islanders

If you are musically inclined or want to dance yourself fit then the [Vale Islanders](#), who meet in Charney village hall, may be for you.

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Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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