



Charney Chatter

E75 April 2020



The Chequers

Take-away service

available Monday to Saturday

1800-2000

£10 per meal

fish and chips

sausage and chips

sausage, mash and onion gravy

madras chicken curry with rice

homemade steak puff pastry topped pie and
chips

beef lasagna and chips

Sunday Roast 1200-1500

(book in advance)

Kids menu, plus other options and specials
may be available check when you phone to
order on 868642.

Reminder of the Message from your Parish Council Coronavirus

Charney is a closely knit community and residents have a good track record in keeping an eye on their neighbours, particularly the isolated and more vulnerable.

All will be aware of the potential new challenges the coronavirus might bring, for example, if you or your normal sources of help need to self-isolate.

Your Parish Councillors are keen to ensure that all residents can safely access support services, be given reassurance or perhaps receive help with deliveries.

If you are in need of assistance please contact one of your Councillors by telephone:

David Roberts (Chairman) – 868285

Kay Adamson – 868599

Mary Castle – 868371

David Nellist (Vice Chairman) – 868593

Evelyn Campbell – 868710

Keeping Busy

One minute no one has any time and now some will have too much time on their hands at home. Why not:

- get on with some of those outstanding DIY jobs;
- give yourself or loved ones a manicure and pedicure;
- get on with jobs in the garden or help older neighbours with their garden;
- just sit out and enjoy the garden in the sunshine when we have some;
- go for a walk, walk the dog or walk a neighbour's dog, especially if they have to self-isolate;
- do a jigsaw or if you have spares offer to lend them to others
- play board games with the family or learn a new card game
- bake a cake
- experiment with some new recipes – if you can get the ingredients
- write a poem
- get creative for Easter with a project – loads of ideas on line
- start drawing or painting if you have the materials to hand
- take time to listen to the radio or to your music
- start reading all those books you have never got round to looking at
- spring clean your house and cupboards
- take some photographs around the Village and send them to Chatter or even write an article for Charney Chatter – perhaps let everyone know what is still making you smile in these bleak times

The list is endless. Be creative. And don't forget to support those on their own who might feel particularly isolated.

Snippets from the March meeting of the Parish Council

Road safety

County Council to be asked to install 30mph repeater signs on Lyford Road subject to comment from the Church and the Manor.

The village has a volunteer to act as its pothole 'super user'.

Representations have been made with the County Council re verges on Longworth Road, North of Hunters Moon and the state of the road connecting Fyfield Wick to the Longworth Road.

The village was represented at a meeting on safety of A420 attended by local MP David Johnstone.

Recycling

Stanford in the Vale Recycling Centre will be closed on 21st/22nd April.

Villages benches

VWHDC has approved a grant of 50% towards replacement of Village benches, but this project will have to be put back due to the Covid19 outbreak.

Code of conduct

New code of conduct for Councillors adopted.

Website

Improvements have been made to the website by the Communications Group, in accordance with new accessibility requirements.

Parish Council will agree an accessibility statement later this year.

Clothing bank

In January 2020 alone, income of £55.67 was received from the clothing bank situated at The Chequers. The Parish Council would like to thank all who are using this local facility and in particular the generosity of Ian and Jacqui who have allowed it to be located in the Chequers car park.

Full draft minutes of the meeting are available on the [website](#).

Thank You Charney Army

I wish to sing the praise of Charney Army for all the tough work they do such as trimming overgrown corners of the Village, and opening up long forgotten paths.

As I go round the Village I see the results of their projects and am grateful. Opening up the old causeway off the bridle path makes an interesting additional path for short round walks and reminds me of long ago walking that route with my children when the land use in that area was different. The created footpath where once was a dense unruly hedge at the New Rd – Buckland Rd junction makes that corner so much safer. I was pushing my youngest granddaughter out in her little pram in February this year, and we were safe in the footpath when a van came hurtling round the corner into New Rd, where there is hardly space for vehicles, let alone a pedestrian, on the road. Now the spring bulbs are coming up the new path is delightful. Thank you for all those flowers.

I was recently at a study meeting in Longworth and our Associate Priest, Revd. Jim Mynors was recalling a project at a former parish where some local people decided to clean up a small river which ran between their two villages. The result was a better environment and more understanding between the communities. Here we have Charney Army voluntarily making our Village a more pleasant place in which to live and walk and they have been doing so for many years. Well done!

Marian Gardiner



2020 planting blooms



2019 planting blooms

Charney Village Hall closure

Dear residents and Hall user groups,

CHAFT is taking on board the latest Government Covid 19 guidance on social distancing for everyone and protection of older and vulnerable people, and advice from Oxford Community First to village halls. As a result, the Trustees regret that the village hall will be closed to all users with immediate effect for a period of four weeks through to Sunday, 19th April. The Trustees will review any decision to reopen, or extension of the closure, in the light of advice at that time.

The Hall will remain available to the Parish Council for emergency plan needs.

Thank you for your understanding and we wish you all the best of health at this difficult time.

Lucy Gildersleeves, CHAFT Chair

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.

Covid-19 Scams

Sadly there are scams emerging from our current situation, those below, many more and one which looks convincing on an email saying that your TV Licence needs renewing and asking you to click a link. Please think very carefully before answering the door to anyone you don't know, taking action or giving information over the phone to anyone you can't confirm as being authentic, or clicking any link on an email unless you are sure. Ask for help or an opinion, ring a neighbour or one of the Parish Councillors. A scam is the last thing you need right at this time.

A message from the Chartered Institute of Trading Standards

- **Warning about an email scam claiming to be from the Government purporting to offer a tax rebate** to support people through the Coronavirus outbreak. The emails, which look official, inform the recipient of the rebate amount and request that they click a link to receive it. At the link, the recipient is asked to fill in personal details, including their credit card number and address. These details allow the scammer to take money directly from the recipient's bank account.

<https://www.tradingstandards.uk/news-policy/news-room/2020/ctsi-issues-warning-over-new-covid-19-related-scams>

- **Asking the public to be wary of a new emerging scam involving several 'coronavirus update' fake phone apps**, which claim to provide updates on the virus. The fake app contains a form of 'ransomware', named CovidLock, which upon downloading, locks the phone and displays a message demanding that the user pay a sum of money to unlock it.

<https://www.tradingstandards.uk/news-policy/news-room/2020/new-fake-covid-19-coronavirus-update-app>

- **Warning the public not to open their doors to bogus healthcare workers claiming to be offering 'home-testing'** for the COVID-19 coronavirus. Suspicious callers are said to have been knocking on doors of elderly and vulnerable residents in various parts of the UK, saying that they are health officials doing door-to-door testing.

<https://www.tradingstandards.uk/news-policy/news-room/2020/ctsi-issues-warning-over-covid-19-home-testing-scams>

**Benefice of Cherbury with Gainfield
Church Information Update**

Correct as of 18th March 2020

**ALL PUBLIC WORSHIP IS NOW ON HOLD
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

As many of you will now know, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, in line with government advice, have issued guidance that all public worship be put on hold for the time being. This means that there will be no Sunday or weekday church services, including public Morning Prayer, until further notice.

However, the Church of England continues to be a strong presence of prayer and action in our communities. Our ministry team continues to say morning prayer daily at home, and now meets weekly for a private Eucharist on behalf of and to pray for the whole benefice. We are also available for pastoral support, though this may be more by phone and email than in person as the need for social distancing and self-isolation grows, especially among the more vulnerable. The churches in Buckland, Charney Bassett, Longworth, Littleworth and Lyford are also open every day for private prayer. Please do feel free to go in and take some time to be still and reflect and pray, whenever you wish or need to do so.

Please do continue to check the Benefice website <https://www.cherbury-gainfield.org.uk/> for updates; and the clergy team will also continue our Thursday emails. As we are no longer doing public church services, we will instead share messages of hope and faith through the Thursday emails and on our website blog, so please stay in touch. It would presently seem that our website and emails are the best way of staying in touch with the majority of people, as they are regularly updated.

If you or someone you know would appreciate prayers or clergy support, please contact us via beneficecg@gmail.com, or rector@alatheia.org.uk. You can also phone or email any of the ministry team using the contacts listed in Village Voices.

Although we cannot for the time being meet together publicly on Sundays for worship and prayer, we do have resources for those who wish to follow the Church service of morning prayer, and these can be posted out to you on request, along with a list of bible readings references for each day. If you would like this, please email or phone the benefice office and this will be arranged for you as quickly as possible.

With prayers and blessings to you & all your families during this very difficult time,

Revd. Talisker, Revd. Jim, Revd. Tim & Lucy Gildersleeves

Will you be Bear Hunting (or displaying)?

For everyone stuck at home, there seems to be an emergence of teddy bears appearing in house windows. So we can all (not just children!) go out on a lovely village walk and spot them.

If you send me the location of one, I will make a list and put it on the village website, so you can check you got them all.

amanda.graham@btinternet.com

This one is already waiting to wave at you!



Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the March draw are:

£25 No 33 Ian Crayford

£10 No 101 Jo Garner

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

Charney 100 club organisers, Sally or Evelyn at charney100club@gmail.com

Thanks to all those who have already paid their dues for this year. A reminder to those yet to pay that this can be done via bank transfer.

Charney Field Lost and Found

Lost – Over the years villagers have, by arrangement, taken logs left over from tree surgery on the Field. We also leave some logs in place to provide sanctuary for small animals and insects. Just so there is no confusion, CHAFT is asking that timber on the ground is left there. If any timber is available for villagers, you will be advised through the usual channels.

Found - CHAFT and the Charney Army are developing a policy for the management of bonfires on the field, in an effort to reduce them. This is not helped by some people treating the site as a dump for garden rubbish. Can you please take your garden rubbish to the local tips? And to whoever left the iron bands (from a barrel), they won't burn! This applies to the Millennium Orchard as well.

Plant Stall

The plant stall at the Chequers will **return** again in May.

Any surplus flower or veg seedlings would be greatly appreciated. Please plant a few extras for the stall.

All proceeds from sales will be shared equally between CHAFT and St Peter's.

Village Hall Cleaning Rota



Could you spare less than an hour each week in the month of September to clean the Village Hall?
For further information please contact Lynn Brookes, 868471.

History Group Update

There are no new items on the history website this month and the David Ashby **ARCHAEOLOGY IN CHARNEY** talk will be rearranged for a later date.

If you have any items or photos for the history website please email charney.history@btinternet.com

What's New On The Charney Website

- [Police and Crime Bulletin, March 2020](#)
- [Parish Council Minutes, March 2020](#)



OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC REGULATION NOTICE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, that the Oxfordshire County Council

TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS THE USE OF AND WAITING ON THE HIGHWAY BY ALL MOTOR VEHICLES

LOCATION: Charney Bassett, Charney Road

REASON: To facilitate carriageway crack / join sealing work

DURATION: Starting on 30 March 2020

This will operate between 09:00am and 05:00pm (09:00 and 17:00) hours (Traffic Regulation Notices cover a maximum of 5 consecutive days.)

ACCESS: Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works

The "No Waiting" restriction means that wherever there are in place yellow "No Waiting" cones, you will not be able to park vehicles on the highway.

SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: via Northmead Lane, Hyde Road, Main Street, Winter Lane, Unnamed Road and vice versa

AND

LOCATION: Wantage, Buckland Road ALSO Wantage, New Road, Charney Bassett

REASON: To facilitate carriageway resurfacing works

DURATION: Starting on 14 April 2020

The anticipated completion date is 19 April 2020 (date included). This will operate between 04:00am and 06:00 (04:00 and 18:00) hours.

(Traffic Regulation Notices cover a maximum of 5 consecutive days.)

ACCESS: Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works

The "No Waiting" restriction means that wherever there are in place yellow "No Waiting" cones, you will not be able to park vehicles on the highway.

SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: via Longworth Road, Charney Road, A420, B4508 and vice versa

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th April

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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