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Meetings are held at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on the second Wednesdays of odd-numbered months.

The next meeting is on 9th November 2005.

CLERK'S CORNER

Dogs

I've managed to avoid mentioning dog fouling for a couple of editions but it hasn't gone away. On a recent walk from the 'phone box to Buckland Road I saw three examples of it - on Main Street pavement, in Chapel Way and on the footpath between Chapel Way and Buckland Road. Julie Rumble our street cleaner, who has the unenviable task of removing the offending material, tells me the footpath is the black spot (or should that be brown spot!) for fouling. Who is responsible for this?

How many more times must this subject be raised before this disgusting practice is outlawed? Responsible dog owners (the vast

majority in this village) remove dog fouling for safe disposal back home but there are clearly some who do not, causing pollution to the environment in which they (and we!) live.

Recycling (are you doing your bit?)

I've been asked to remind you that cardboard is recyclable although the green box doesn't take it at present. There's a special skip for it at Stanford but if you can't get there with it tell me and I'll arrange its collection from you. This offer applies to other recyclable things such as garden rubbish, (which someone has been illegally dumping!).

Planning

Applications to extend Mount Pleasant and 2 Orchard Close have both been approved.

ADVERTISEMENTS

The Chequers

The Chequers is now taking bookings for Christmas Dinner which will be available between 1st and 23rd of December.

Call in and pick up a mouth-watering five course menu of traditional Christmas fare (£21.95 per head) or you can get one by e-mailing: bookings@chequers-charney.com.

Phone 868642 or fax 867413.

Bonfire Night

The traditional bonfire party will be held on Charney Field on Sunday, November 6th. Bonfire lit at 5.15 p.m., fireworks at 5.45 p.m.

Tickets: £6.00 adults, £3.00 children (including supper) available from Kay Adamson (868599) or Julie Rumble (868738)

Get them early to avoid disappointment!!

P.S. Garden clearance (branches etc.) can now be dumped adjacent to the bonfire site - but no rubbish!

VILLAGE ENVIRONMENT

Aircraft

There's no question that the environmental topic of the moment as far as the village is concerned is - aircraft! CPRE appeared on Central ITV News warning us of 28 aircraft an hour flying directly over the village at 10,000 feet and called this a "wake-up" call! This story was repeated in the press. However, the facts do not support this scaremongering. It is not clear why this story has surfaced now when the proposals were published back in February.

There is indeed a proposal to widen the existing air lane from the London airports to the USA and Ireland. The village is currently just outside the northern limit of this air lane which lies between Wantage and Grove. When widened, its northern limit will be to the North of the village. The Civil Aviation Authority needs this extra space to cater for expected traffic growth. The 10,000 ft. figure (actually 10,500) is the minimum altitude of the air lane and allows for a fully laden heavy jet (e.g. 747) climbing on a hot day when engine power is reduced. It is more appropriate to think of it as the altitude

above which aircraft under the air lane cannot fly. In practice, the CAA says, aircraft will be at least 2,000 to 4,000 ft higher than this. This means they would be at similar altitudes to those aircraft already visible (and audible) passing to the South of the village.

The figure of 28 aircraft an hour comes from projected traffic increases and represents the maximum hourly rate of traffic at peak periods (lunchtime and evening) during a busy Summer month in the year 2018. It does not mean there will be 28 aircraft passing over the village every hour of the day any day soon! The projected average increased hourly rate in 2006 is 7, rising to 10 in 2018.

Government rules on aircraft noise apparently do not consider aircraft at these altitudes to constitute a nuisance unless they are over an Area Of Natural Beauty or a National Park. Consultation has therefore been limited to the Cotswolds, the Wye Valley and Brecon Beacons National Park.

This represents the Clerk's interpretation of the CAA proposals which you can find at www.nats.co.uk.

HEADLINES

- Beware high-flying aircraft!
- Root march on Charney Field!
- Sibbert knocks off 104 dolls!
- Watch where you're walking!
- Ping pong anyone?

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Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday, November 19th from 10 to noon in the Village Hall.

Coffee and mince pies to consume and Christmas gifts to buy!

The **Village Coffee Hour** continues on Tuesdays (10.30-11.30) until 13 December.

Deadline for copy for the next edition in January 2006: 20 December 2005

Contributions are welcome, in fact desperately needed! Adverts are free!

Charney Chatter can be e-mailed free to anyone giving their e-mail address to the Editor

VILLAGE COLLEGE

There are still places available on the following courses:

Pilates (Wednesday evening) 3 places and
Yoga (Friday evenings) 2 places, **Flower Arranging** (Thursday afternoons) 2 places .

Other courses coming:-

Basket Making: (1 day) Date to be confirmed

Christmas Decorations (Willow): (1-day) 17th November.

Table Tennis

Thursday night is now table tennis night. Six locals have formed the Charney Ping Pong Club!! Interested? Contact David Sibbert on 868734 for further information..

College contacts:

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FROM YOUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The Council has plans for free parking at its Park & Ride sites and will, in early-December 2005, implement a pilot scheme for free evening and Sunday parking in Oxford.

After two decades of no overall control the new administration has introduced more robust procedures for the replacement or recruitment of staff with a view to stopping the inexorable rise towards 20,000 Council employees. Efforts to improve efficiency include seminars for new Councillors conducted by the Council's senior officers. Through the 'Achievement Matters' campaign, the Council aims to raise the aspirations and expectations of its young employees. Being on the Children's Services Committee I am

heavily involved in this and find it very challenging and enjoyable.

I have reported all the problems in the Division concerning roads, overhanging foliage, potholes, gulleys etc. I have been assured that all my concerns have been logged and will be done during the Winter.

If you have any problems, don't hesitate to contact me. (please note my new e-mail address).

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FROM YOUR MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT

Since the last issue of Charney Chatter I have got married and enjoyed a wonderful honeymoon, but despite this, the return of Parliament has meant that the past few weeks have been especially busy. I have had meetings with a range of groups from Oxfordshire County Council to the local Health Authority, the Police and local businesses in order to better understand the range of issues that affect us in the

constituency. If you need my assistance, please contact me at The House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, 0207 219 3000 or e-mail vaizeye@parliament.uk.

My next local surgery date is Friday 25 November at the Old Mill Hall in Grove from 5.30 to 7.00 p.m.

Ed Vaizey MP

SPORT'S REPORT - BY OUR AUNT SALLY CORRESPONDENT

Last year The Chequers Aunt Sally team finished second in Section E of the Abingdon and District League and was promoted to Section D. This year we finished second to last so next year we'll be back in Section E! Dave Sibbert was "Man of the Season", scoring 104 dolls.

The players would like to thank The Chequers who provide food free of charge.

If you'd like to play this unusual game, virtually unique to Oxfordshire, we'll be signing on in January 2006. Wednesday evening is Aunt Sally evening!

Joe Ody

CHARNEY ARMY AND CHARNEY FIELD

The Army has continued with clearing out the copse on Charney Field and excellent progress has been made. The trees which have been removed have contributed to what looks like a record-size bonfire this year!

A visit from Richard Ballard of the Vale Council Parks Department confirmed that we're doing the right thing by removing many of the grey poplars which are threatening to take over the whole Field! They are suckers from the very tall trees bordering the bridle path and spring up from a root system which we have discovered has even gone beyond the

confines of the play area. Acting on his advice we have cleared five areas among these trees in which the Vale Council will plant native trees as part of the Amenity Tree Planting Scheme. These trees, which include hawthorn and blackthorn, will be more bushy in style and will begin to fill out the copse and restore it to a denser appearance. They should be planted early in the New Year.

We meet regularly at 10.00 a.m. on the last Thursday of each month. If you'd like to join, please e-mail the Editor, or just turn up!

BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER

Debbie Little has sent me a lot of information on the Breakthrough Breast Cancer campaign (details on www.breakthrough.org.uk) but unfortunately space limitations mean I can only mention the highlights and the timing of the issue falls between events - Ed.

around £35,000 from sponsorship and the total raised by all who took part in the walk - 2500 men and women - is a fantastic £5.1M to date, which should rise significantly after all the pledges have been collected.

The Chequers raised almost £1000 in one evening in September with a Pink Party including pink-dyed hair, a barrel of beer donated by the brewery and non-stop Aunt Sally run by Joe Ody. By the time you read this, another evening will have been held. In the July issue you will have read about Debbie's intention to walk 60km through London, starting and finishing in Greenwich. Well, I'm delighted to say she did it, despite her doubts of her capability. Her team raised

Debbie writes: "Please send the people of this beautiful little village a HUGE THANK YOU for the wave or a hello when I was walking in the past months. It is little things like this which really lift your spirits when you really want to be at home with coffee and biscuits..! It was when people started to shout "keep it up we know you can do it" that, my own doubts started to disappear and I began to believe perhaps I could actually complete this walk and now I have!"