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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 8th November 2006.

ADVERTS AND EVENTS

Personalised Home-made Cards

If you can't find the right card for that special occasion, Eunice will make one for you. Ring her on 868646. Proceeds to charity.

Village Diner

The Village Diner provides home-made food from local sources in Buckland Village Hall, every third Wednesday in the month. For £4 you get a splendid meal, tea or coffee and a chat. Next date 15th November, no date in December. First date in 2007 is January 17th.

Piano Teacher

Experienced Piano Teacher qualified to CT ABRSM, recently moved back to the area, available for local lessons. Preparation for exams if desired. Tel: 868318.

CLET

Charney and Lyford Education Trust, CLET, supports a range of activities, with grants awarded both to individuals and to the community in Charney Bassett and Lyford. Applications will be considered by the

Building and Furniture Repairs.

Local experienced craftsman available for maintenance and renovation of buildings and furniture. Small jobs welcome. Security alarms fitted. Steve Ridley, Gilbert's Cottage, East Hanney, Tel: 07999 841520.

Harwell - the Enigma revealed

A new 350-page hardback by Nick Hance lavishly illustrated with over 300 pictures, marking the 60th anniversary of the opening of Britain's nuclear research centre is now published. Copies priced £20 plus £5 P&P are available from Nick at The Vicarage, Buckland SN7 8QN.

Church Christmas Coffee Morning

Saturday, November 18th from 10 to noon in the Village Hall. Coffee and mince pies to consume and Christmas gifts to buy!

Trustees who meet in January, May and September. For further details please contact the Clerk: Mrs Frances Rothwell, "Oldwalls", Buckland Road, Tel: 868704 E-mail: fc.rothwell@tiscali.co.uk.

CHARNEY ARMY

The Charney Army's activities continue apace but work on the Charney Field copse has ceased for the time being. We will therefore no longer be having bonfires so the facility offered to villagers to burn their garden rubbish is no longer available. Any illegal dumping of rubbish on the site will be treated as such!

CHARNEY VILLAGE COLLEGE

There's good news and bad news from the Village College. The bad news is Jackie Cross is giving up; the good news is Jos Bath has agreed to take over. I will continue to administer the College and Elisabeth Dahele will continue as consultant. The "goodbye" and "hello" messages are below:- Peter Davies

During the past few years running the Village College has given me immense pleasure and has allowed me to meet many villagers who share similar interests. I have also made some very good friends along the way which is something I never expected when I took this role on. However, due to the expansion of my Weight Management business (Life In Balance) recently launched nationwide, I am sad to say that I must now devote more time to it and as a result I need to hand over the running of the College. I wish Jos well and hope you will all continue to support the College which provides a valuable source of education and pleasure. Thank you for your support. Jackie Cross

And from Jos:

A new academic year has started well and classes continue in Yoga, Pilates and Flower Arranging. One-day workshops are planned for Card Making, Working with Willow and making Mosaic items; an Art Class is also at the planning stage. All those interested in these or any other classes please contact me on the number below or by e-mail. We need between 6 and 8 people to make these workshops and classes happen! If you have any interests or suggestions for classes or workshops (suggestions so far have been varied and range from Astronomy and French Conversation through to Guitar lessons) please don't be shy, let me know and if enough people are interested we can begin the search for tutors. We will try to fit class dates and times around the majority. After all, it is **your** 'Village College' and we need **you** to make things happen. Jos Bath 01235 868260 Email Villagecollege@aol.com.

CHAFT 100 CLUB

Winners of the September draw were:-

Elisabeth Dahele (45): £25 and Cathy Bartlett (64): £10

HEADLINES

- *Change of Village College management*
- *Village Hall Project up and running.*
- *Beware Cowboys!*
- *Table tennis anyone?*
- *No more bonfires!*

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Village Coffee Hour

A special Coffee Hour on November 7th (10.30 - 11.30 a.m. in the Village Hall) will have Sobell House Hospice Charity Christmas cards on sale.

The normal **Coffee Hour** continues in the Village Hall on Tuesdays (10.30-11.30) until 12th December.

Deadline for copy for the next edition in January 2007: 20 December 2006

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

FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY

Strange as it may seem, Parliament, at the time of writing, has only just returned from the long summer recess. And even now, we are somewhat in limbo. The first few weeks, from the beginning of October until the middle of November, are taken up with the tail end of many bills. For example, as I am writing this, we are debating the Companies Bill, which, despite being in Committee for many weeks, still has more than a thousand amendments to be considered (in two days!). Parliament will really return with the Queen's Speech, which is in November. This sets out the Government's agenda for the coming year. With luck, I will have time to report on its contents in the next column, so that if any Bill catches your attention, you can write to me about it. And I am always happy to send people copies of Hansard (parliamentary debates) on any issue that interests them.

On a personal note, many thanks to everyone

CHAFT NEWS - THE VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

Planning Approval for our project means we are now making every effort to raise the necessary funds - applications are being sent to the Big Lottery Community Fund with the hope they will resource the major part of the building costs. We are also applying to the Trust for Oxfordshire Environment who supported the Parish Council so generously with the Charney Field project and the Doris Field Trust who helped fund the restoration of the Village Hall roof and redecoration some years ago. Other local grants will be sought wherever we can.

BUT, WE ARE ALSO LOOKING TO INVOLVE YOU ALL and so far you have responded enthusiastically to Geoff and Julie

who wrote to us about the birth of our first child, Joseph; he is wonderful. Also, I have been nominated for a parliamentary award for my work with Children and Young People, by a mental health charity called Young Minds.

Finally, I am going to trek across the Arctic to raise money for small local groups. If you'd like to sponsor me, please visit www.justgiving.com/edvaizey or send a cheque to the House of Commons.

My website is www.vaizey.com, and I have just started a blog; just follow the link from my homepage.

Write to me at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or vaizeye@parliament.uk.

Next surgeries in the Charney area are at the Old Mill Hall, Grove on 8th December and The Corn Exchange, Faringdon on 15th December, both from 5.30 – 7.00 p.m.

Rumble's '100 Club'; there was a really good turnout at the Quiz Night at the pub earlier this year and at the May Day celebrations (refreshments organised by CHAFT) and the Garden Party at the Manor in August. Thank you for your generous support.

A 'Curry Supper' is planned for 30th November at Charney Manor (details will be circulated soon) and next year's Feast money will go towards the project. So far we have raised some £7,000 from previous and ongoing efforts. There will be an Open Evening early in the New Year when we hope you will join us to plan other events for us all to enjoy and boost funds.

Elisabeth Dahele

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A recent Ringmaster message contained a reminder from the police to householders that it is unwise to employ workmen who call at the door offering a cheap, quick deal. They recommend that written quotes should always be requested and even more preferable is only to use workmen recommended by friends or neighbours.

Connected to this the police have had concerns raised by the local authorities and Trading

Standards that can link this type of contracting to illegal fly-tipping. If a contractor is removing waste from your property, ask them for their Waste Carrier Registration number. This can be checked at www.environment-agency.gov.uk. Failure to use a licensed carrier could result in you, the householder, being prosecuted.

If you encounter a bogus tradesman, please contact Trading Standards on 0845 051 0845.

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Oxfordshire Ambulance NHS Trust has almost 200 Community first responders operating in 38 villages and towns across the county. Community first responders are unpaid volunteers that are trained by the ambulance service and because they respond within 2 or 3 miles from home can arrive at the incident before an ambulance.

In case of a cardiac arrest occurring in a village where there is a community first responder, ambulance control will immediately deploy an ambulance and possibly a rapid response paramedic as well.

They will also ask the duty community first responder to attend and treat the patient with an Automated External Defibrillator. Breathing difficulties and severe bleeding are also conditions that would benefit from early treatment.

If you are interested in providing this life-saving service to your community, e-mail Richard Tracey, Community Defibrillation Officer for Oxfordshire Ambulance NHS Trust at Richard.tracey@oxoamb.nhs.uk or telephone 07967 017169

PLANNING

A planning application has been received for conversion of an existing outbuilding at Gratwick Barn to include a family room. The Council has raised no objection to this.

There have been comments about the new

entrance to the Pusey bridle path off Buckland Road. This is a planning requirement associated with the building of a new house at Bushy Barns. The bridle path remains open despite a confusing "Private" sign.

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

Interested in playing table tennis? Come and join us in the Village Hall between 7.30pm and 9.30pm on Wednesdays 1st, 15th and 29th

November. It's informal and all standards are welcome. For further information contact David Sibbert on 868734

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