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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 11th July 2007.

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 from the sale of these cards go to charity and this has resulted in the sum of £100 being donated to the Village Hall Project in May.

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 18th July.

Piano Teacher

Liz Cowlam, experienced Piano Teacher qualified to CT ABRSM, has recently moved back to the area and is available for local

lessons. Preparation for exams if desired. Tel: 868318.

Village Hall Bookings

Village Hall bookings are now managed by Eunice Davies. Contact her on 868646 for a booking form and conditions of hire, both for the hall itself and the crockery and cutlery.

Battle of Newbridge - 21st and 22nd July

To raise money for the Southmoor and Kingston Bagpuize pre-school premises, several hundred authentically-dressed civil war soldiers will recreate events of 1644 on the banks of the Thames by The Maybush. Military displays, children's puppet shows, funfair, craft marquee. Opens at 11 a.m. Entry £6 for adults and £4 for children.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee Hour has closed for the Summer and will resume on September 4th. Profits from the charging of 50p per person per session resulted in the sum of £200 being available to donate to a suitable charity. Regulars were

asked in a secret ballot to choose their charity. The outcome of this ballot was a hands-down victory for the Village Hall Project (not surprising as it's our base!) and the sum has been handed over.

CLET

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

Applications will be considered by the 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 FEAST

Hopefully, as Cherbury News has full coverage, there's no need to remind you that Charney Feast will be held on Saturday 7th July on the Village Green from 1 to 4 p.m. with all the usual attractions and some unusual ones too! More information from Lucy (868782), Frances (868704) or Sally (868958).

LOCAL BOBBY APPOINTED

The gap in local policing the area from Faringdon to following the retirement of PC Tubney and including the Martyn Holder and the Hanneys and Charney Bassett. resignation of PC Kevin Salway. It's a large area and Phil has to cover 24 villages but he is part of a larger team which includes two Police Community Support Officers (one of whom has been seen strolling through the village recently!). NAG2 is in the process of formation and more news on this will be available fairly shortly and will appear on the village web site and in the Chatter.

He can be contacted by ringing the non-emergency police number (which I'm sure you all know!) 0845 8 505 505 and asking for him by name. If he is on duty he will be called and, if not, you can leave a voicemail message. He has an e-mail address in the Thames Valley Police system and accesses his e-mails every day he is on duty. Phil is a member of NAG2 - Neighbourhood Action Group 2 which is being formed to cover

He met Neighbourhood Co-ordinators on 14th June at a meeting set up by Margaret Roberts, Village Co-ordinator. He is working on a steep learning curve, getting to know the layout of the area and the villages he covers. His e-mail address is phil.redmond@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

PAVEMENTS

The Parish Council asks you, on the pavement. It is unnecessary and forces those with baby buggies or in wheelchairs to use the road and put themselves in danger from motor vehicles. Also, please do not park

HEADLINES

- *We've got a local bobby!*
- *Please keep pavements clear!*
- *There's a lot going on in Charney!*
- *On your bike for St Peter's.*

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Coffee Hour has closed for the Summer and sessions in the Village Hall on Tuesdays (10.30-11.30) will resume on September 4th. Call in and chat. 50p buys you as much tea or coffee as you can drink - with biscuits too!

Deadline for copy for the next edition in September 2007: 20 August 2007

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

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CHAFT UPDATE

Your CHAFT Committee this year is

Elisabeth Dahele -Chair/Village College
 Lucy Gildersleeves - Vice Chair/Youth Group
 Geoff Rumble - Treasurer/PC/Charney
 Army/Minutes Secretary pro tem
 Frances Rothwell - Gen Sec/Village Rep.
 Kay Adamson - Village Representative
 Sally Anderson - Village Representative
 Eunice Davies -Hall Bookings/Coffee Hour
 Peter Davies - Parish Council liaison
 David Douglas - Parochial Church Council
 Anna Greenacre - Village Representative
 Colin McGuire - Riding Club

CHAFT has working parties managing and developing the Village Hall, Charney Field and major events in Charney. These working parties welcome the participation and ideas of all residents. If you want to find out more, please contact Elisabeth (868673) or Frances (868704).

Village Hall Project

We have just heard we have **not** been successful in our application for funding from the Lottery. On the last day of the initial stage of the process we were told there had been an overwhelming demand and insufficient funds to meet the requests. This is a major disappointment but we will review how this affects the project and keep everyone informed. In the meanwhile, we still have outstanding applications with Trust for Oxfordshire Environment, nPower and Oxfordshire County Council.

Musical Soiree

A huge thank you to the Greenacre family for hosting and sponsoring the Musical Soiree in May, and to Sally, Sarah, Josh, Stephen and the 'harpies' for their wonderful music - a real treat for all who attended. As well as being a great evening, the event raised over £1400 for the village hall project - a tremendous result.

Thanks also to all who helped before, during and after the event.

Charney Field

Your ideas for developing the field have been collated and will be publicised at the Feast on July 7th, followed by a public meeting on Monday 16 July at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Our aim is to have a plan ready for autumn planting. A special thank you to Tim Fitzgerald O'Connor who has cut the grass on Charney Field over the past five years, at no cost. This has been a very generous contribution of time and effort and all who use the field will know what a huge difference his efforts have made.

Charney Feast and Meal on the Green

The CHAFT team has been busy selling raffle tickets, quiz sheets and publicising the Feast and Meal on the Green - this is one of our major fundraising events and proceeds will go towards the Village Hall Project. If you have items for the various stalls, want tickets or have offers of help, details are given in this month's Cherbury News. The Feast is from 1 to 4 p.m. and the meal in the evening has home-cooked food and a live band.

CHAFT works on behalf of everyone in the village both to maintain the hall and field, and also to encourage participation in events and activities which add to village life. We often hear feedback that "there's a lot going on in Charney" - so please help us keep it that way and protect our facilities by supporting CHAFT now and in the future.

Thank you to the many people who have supported CHAFT over the past year. We look forward to seeing you on the Feast Day and welcome you to all our events and activities.

Elisabeth Dahele

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FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY

For MPs, the long summer recess is just around the corner. It is the one time of the year when we are not tied to Westminster village and so I will be able to spend a lot more time in the constituency. I could not be happier about this – not because I dislike the rigour of day to day life in Parliament, but I will have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and tranquillity of the Oxfordshire countryside.

Oxfordshire, I recently learnt, has over 2,600 miles of footpaths open for the public to enjoy. In fact there is a group called the Countryside Access Forum, who help to improve and extend access to the countryside for residents, visitors and tourists for generations to come. The Ridgeway is now closed to 4x4s, and so there are huge opportunities to enjoy the peace and the spectacular views. I recently met with the Oxfordshire Nature Conservation Trust, who showed me how much work is going on in local farms to ensure that nature has the chance to thrive.

The countryside is the great natural resource of our area. In addition to providing tourist

income from day visitors to local attractions such as the Ridgeway and the Didcot Railway Museum (the most popular tourist site in Oxfordshire apart from Blenheim Palace), tourism also supports many independent businesses – from B&B's to Farms. However, the countryside is coming under threat from development. I met with the local branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England, who expressed their concerns - shared by many people - about the reservoir, increased housing development and mineral extraction. I am very alive to all these issues. I am committed to ensuring that the countryside is not thrown away, like so much is in the modern world. And I am glad to see that many other MPs are equally concerned. I hope everyone will enjoy the countryside over the summer, but do so with respect.

Nearest local July surgery is at Faringdon Corn Exchange on the 20th, 5.30 – 7.00 p.m.

I can be contacted at any time at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, 0207 219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk.

ST PETER'S CHURCH

The Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust's annual sponsored Ride or Stride will take place this year on **Saturday 8th September**. Participants cycle or walk round several churches in the Diocese and any monies they raise are equally divided between the Trust and their own Church.

This Trust is responsible for grants to historic churches for repairs etc and our church has benefited in the past from generous grants from it. There will be several people from the

village taking part again this year and if anyone would like to sponsor any of them we would be very pleased.

If you prefer it, maybe you would like to take part and enjoy a very pleasant cycle ride or walk yourself. For full information and details, including names of those who would welcome sponsorship, please contact Mary Daghish (868557) or David Douglas (868788).

Barbara Douglas

CHAFT 100 CLUB

May winners (drawn at Coffee Hour on 29th May):- Angie Cox (89) £25 and Bill Lindsey (111) £10. Contact Geoff and Julie Rumble (868738) to join.

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