



CONGRATULATIONS



Clerk of the Chamberlain's Court, Murray Craig with Commander Stephen Higham

Stephen Higham from Charney Bassett was honoured last Tuesday with the Freedom of the City of London – one of the oldest traditional ceremonies in the country, dating back to 1237.

Commander Stephen Higham is the commanding officer of the Royal Navy's ship HMS Defender.

The honour is given to people with strong links to London who are considered a valued member of society and the ceremony was held in the Guildhall, London.

Taken from Oxfordshire Guardian 15th October 2015

Sobell House Coffee Hour

Tuesday 10th November

10.30—11.30am

Village Hall

There will be a sale of Christmas cards and gifts etc in aid of Sobell House

THANK YOU FROM JANE FRY

Thanks to all who turned up on Thursday 22nd October to help dismantle the condemned play equipment and clear the long grass between the children's play area and the footpath.

ST PETER'S CHURCH

CHRISTMAS 'BRING & BUY' BAZAAR & COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 28th November

10 am – 12 noon

Charney Bassett Village Hall

Refreshments – Home-made cakes, jams & preserves
– Crafts – Books – Raffles

Watch out for more details on posters

Offers of help or produce to David & Barbara on 868788, please!

CHEQUERS INN - ADVANCE NOTICE



Annual village Christmas lunch

Monday 14th December 2015

Lunch 12.30 pm or Dinner 7.30 pm

Watch out for the leaflet/order form popping through your door.

SAD NEWS

It is with deep regret we report the death of Geoff Beer. Geoff was a long-time resident of Charney Bassett and had served the village both as a member of the Parish Council and as its Chairman. Our sincere condolences go to Geoff's family and friends.

The funeral arrangements are:

Wednesday 4th November

1 pm

New Crematorium, Garford.

VILLAGE DINER WITH FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Wednesday 18 November

(Please note there is no Diner in December)



VILLAGE DINER – this is a community lunch held in Buckland Memorial Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (excluding December). Lunches are seasonal, country fare cooked by Claire Connolly from the Buckland School. Two courses with tea or coffee is £5 per person.

FOOD BANK COLLECTIONS – please bring any packets and tins of dried and preserved goods to the Diner. These are taken to the Oxford Food Bank www.oxfordfoodbank.org which distributes produce to 60 worthwhile charities throughout Oxford, Didcot and Abingdon. Your contributions are included in the distribution boxes.

VOLUNTEERS - we are always looking for new volunteers. A shift will run from 11.30am to approx 2pm – we set up tables, serve lunch, wash up dishes and clear the hall. It is fun, busy and gives you a chance to meet helpers from other local villages. You may get asked to help a couple of times per year.



If interested, please call Deborah Lewis on 868536 or email cjanlewis@btinternet.com

Thank you.

THANK YOU FROM HELEN ROYAN AND DIANE EWART

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the meeting to learn about options for the new playpark equipment last Saturday or who submitted their views via email. There were some fantastic ideas and very impressive designs from some of our younger residents. We really appreciated all the comments and suggestions and have reviewed them all.

In summary you have requested that:-

The main play structure should contain a slide, climbing wall, wobbly bridge, monkey bars, fireman's pole and include some sort of platform. It is envisioned that this structure would be aimed at the 5 plus age group.

Ideally the 0-5 year age group should have a smaller climbing structure with a slide. In addition you really like the idea of having a car/boat/train/house for smaller children to indulge in imaginative play as well as a roundabout or 'springee' (a ride on vehicle or animal on a large spring).

A chalkboard and an outside safety mirror could be attached to the existing fencing.

Other ideas for outside of the fenced off play area were:-

A table tennis table, assault course, football nets, a concrete base for the basketball hoop, gym equipment and seats in the willow structure.

A zip wire which was an overwhelming hit with most the positive comments.

Taking comments, safety and maintenance into consideration we have decided against a sandpit, cinder track, sensory garden and trampoline so apologies to those of you who championed these.

What next?

Diane and I will formulate proposals based on the above and obtain quotes.

There will be another meeting prior to Christmas so please come and show us your support, date to follow.

What can you do to help?

Please do get involved, we would love your support and input as we go through this process. You can contact us via helenroyan@btinternet.com or dianeewart818@btinternet.com

OXFORDSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

RIDE AND STRIDE

Thank you very much to all the people who sponsored Charney Bassett's only St/Rider, Jacqui Harrison, who raised the amazing sum of £525, over three quarters of which was gift-aided.

The money raised will be shared between the OHCT and St Peter's Church. OHCT makes grants to churches in Oxfordshire towards the cost of major fabric repairs and we hope to make use of this in the future to preserve our church in Charney Bassett.

Thirty-five St/Riders visited St. Peter's who were very grateful to those who welcomed them and provided the refreshments.

Mary Daghish
Church Co-ordinator for OHCT

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS WITH A DIFFERENCE

Amanda (from Barnfield) has come up with an interesting suggestion for anyone who wants to send personal greeting(s) by electronic mail and make an optional donation to their favourite charity. No other costs are involved. See below for Amanda's offer.

Contact Amanda direct if you require further information.

Forward Christmas Thinking

save trees save ££££ donate to charity

Surprise your loved ones with a video greeting this Christmas. Personalise a festive scribe to create a visual treat that no one will forget.

It's easy, costs just what you would like to donate to your chosen charity, and makes a big impression.

You could share one on Facebook to greet all your friends at once. Or send the link to your relatives who live overseas.

Save a tree. Save time. Save a little money. Support your own Charity. Send a scribe.

Choose from the three designs below. Click to watch.

Add your own message, and even a photograph.



Contact me for further information or just send your message and photos with your chosen design from the three above. Then make your own donation, if you so wish, and I will create your scribe and send you your own personal link to it which you can then e-mail or use however you want to.

<mailto:amanda@amandacreates.co.uk>

FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey

Themes of the October report are:

- Some of the charities who attended the Conservative Party Conference in Manchester
- Adding mothers' names onto marriage certificates

Click [here](#) for full report



WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY WEBSITE?

- [CHAFT Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October](#)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



COFFEE HOUR – Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 10.30-11.30am. £1 pp, including as much tea, coffee and biscuits as you like.

MOBILE LIBRARY – Thursday 5th, 19th November 11.35am, Bus Shelter, Orchard Close.

SOBELL HOUSE COFFEE HOUR – Tuesday 10th November 10.30-11.30am, Village Hall.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 11th November, 7.30 pm, Village Hall.

ST PETER'S CHURCH CHRISTMAS 'BRING & BUY BAZAAR & COFFEE MORNING – Saturday 28th November 10am-12.00noon, Village Hall.

ANNUAL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MEAL - Monday 14th December 12.30 pm, or 7.30 pm.



Please be a responsible dog owner and pick up after your dog!!!!

Remember, it is not only dog walkers that use the paths around our village.

Sue Dobson
Path Warden

CHARNEY 100 CLUB OCTOBER DRAW

The results of the draw which took place on the 15th October are as follows:-

1 st Prize (£25)	–	No 133	Ingrid Rolington
2 nd Prize (£10)	–	No 44	Derek McClintock

Mahala and David
Charney 100 Club Organisers



CHARNEY BASSETT AND LYFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

CLET supports a range of educational projects, with grants awarded both to individuals under the age of 25 and to community groups in the villages of 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, Charney Bassett, Tel: 868704, E-mail: rothwell555@btinternet.com.

Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her for consideration at the meeting.

KINGSTON BAGUIZE DRAMA GROUP

Presents

THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES'

at

Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor Village Hall
Draycott Road, OX13 5BY

26th-28th November inclusive
(matinee and evening performance on Saturday 28th November)

Doors open at 7 pm for 7.30 pm start

Bar and Refreshments

Tickets £8.50 adults £5.50 for children
Family Tickets (two adults and two children) £25
but must be booked in advance

Please ring 01865 821812 to reserve seats.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th November 2015. Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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