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

**The next meeting is on Wednesday 14th March**

# Charney Chatter

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## EDITORIAL

Well Hello!

You may remember reading in the last edition of Charney Chatter that this month there would be a new editor. That has happened and I am now have now taken over from John Daghish who did such a splendid job for the last two years. I have had lots of helpful advice from John, and I hope the transition has gone smoothly, but if you have any comments on this edition, or if your article was missed out, please let me know. The e-mail address for all future copy is: - [roger.watson@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:roger.watson@tiscali.co.uk) and my phone number is 868345.

*Roger Watson*

## DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

**4TH. JUNE 2012.**

Please keep the 4th. free for our Village Celebrations.

### Royal Crown Ceremony.

**Picnic on Charney Field - with games for young and old !**

### Jubilee Beacon and Fireworks.

**Dress up in red, white and blue or 1950's style.**

We will be having fund raising events in the Village which we hope you can support.

On May Day there will be a Royal display in the Village Hall as well as the maypole dancing. Teas and cakes will be available, the takings going to the Jubilee fund.

If you have any Royal memorabilia we can display, please contact Joe Ody Tel. 868469 or Jane Fry Tel. 868114.

Gardeners please grow red, white and blue flowers to mark these celebrations.

Diamond Jubilee Committee.

Jane Fry Tel. 868114.

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## ADVERTS

**TABLE TENNIS** Sessions are held twice monthly on Monday evenings in the Village Hall. Dates will be circulated to existing members by e-mail. For further information contact David Sibbert on 868734

### **Personalised Hand-made Cards**

Can't find the right card for that special occasion? Eunice will make one for you.

Ring her on 868646.

### **AND FINALLY -**

### **High Speed Broadband**

Congratulations and thanks to Jan Ganesh for seizing the initiative regarding the woeful performance of the internet in Charney Bassett. In just a few days at the beginning of February Jan organised a village wide petition, requesting the extension of high speed broadband to the village. The petition was sent to BT, OFCOM and Ed Vaisey, our MP, on 14th February.

Look out for further updates in the next issue of **Charney Chatter**.

**Please let the editor know about any forthcoming events or other notices for Charney Bassett. If you don't let me know, I can't put it in the Chatter.**

Deadline for copy for the May2012 edition: 20th April 2012

Contributions are welcome, preferably by e-mail. Adverts are free!

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

## Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour takes place on Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 10.30 - 11.30 am.

The cost of £1.00 per person includes as much tea or coffee as you like and biscuits!

All welcome.

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**COMMUNITY OIL BUYING SCHEME 2012**

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**Ordering dates - all orders to be received by 12 noon.**

For delivery during the month following

|               |                   |
|---------------|-------------------|
| 29 March 2012 | 26 July 2012      |
| 26 April 2012 | 30 August 2012    |
| 24 May 2012   | 27 September 2012 |
| 28 June 2012  | 25 October 2012   |
|               | 29 November 2012  |

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**CHARNEY PANCAKES**

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Many thanks to all who came to the Pancake Party on Sat 18<sup>th</sup>. Feb. Apart from the large Charney Bassett contingent, Lyford, Longworth, Buckland and Stanford-in-the-Vale were also represented and all contributed to the £320 collected on the day. The Gift aid contribution of approximately one third if this total has yet to be added. Special thanks also to the families of Tracey and Lucy who provided some 5L of batter and then tossed approximately 140 excellent pancakes.

On Behalf of the village, very special thanks to Mary and John for hosting this enjoyable event. (Ed.)

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**CHAFT 100 CLUB DRAW**

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**JANUARY 2012 DRAW****FEBRUARY 2012 DRAW**

| Number | Name          | Prize | Number | Name       | Prize |
|--------|---------------|-------|--------|------------|-------|
| 63     | Gildersleeves | £25   | 77     | A Craigen  | £25   |
| 74     | Sue Dobson    | £10   | 74     | Sue Dobson | £10   |

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**LOCAL POLICE REPORT - FEBRUARY 2012**

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Welcome to February's Faringdon East Neighbourhood update from Sgt Chris Ball, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer Dave Bleach and PCSO's Myra Stokes and Susan Haynes.

As you are probably aware the Faringdon East area has been the subject of significant press attention in the past month, with two high profile cases that reached the national press. We have worked hard to ensure we maintain our usual high standards of community reassurance by maintaining a high visible presence and targeted patrols..

Following numerous lengthy and detailed investigations I am pleased to feedback the successful prosecution of William Vinson who was sentenced to 9 years in prison following over 101 distraction burglaries, 19 of which took place in Oxfordshire with 1 in Faringdon and 1 in Southmoor.

On the 31st December 2011, Kingston Bagpuize post office was the subject of a criminal damage. PC 6251 Gorman of the Faringdon community policing team is conducting an investigation into the matter. In response to the criminal damage we conducted reassurance patrols and on the 9th January we conducted a have your say event outside of the post office. No one identified any concerns.

Our local beauty spots and public car parks are still being targeted by thieves who rely on people leaving valuables on display in their vehicles. Please be mindful of this when you next attend a beauty spot and don't leave valuables on display and if at all possible please remove valuables from cars all together.

**Community Messaging**

Community Messaging is a free service which provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour. More information can be obtained via our website, and you can sign up by following this link: <http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx> (opens new window)

**Contact us**

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. You can also contact us via email:

[LittleworthShellingfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:LittleworthShellingfordNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) - please note this email address cannot be used to contact Thames Valley Police to report crimes or for any urgent matters. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call Crime stoppers on 0800 555111

**Have Your Say dates**

**•Sunday 11th March 3pm-5pm Charney Bassett (door to door).**

The Neighbourhood Policing team will be visiting the village as above.

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**NHS MATTERS**


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**The way we manage your health records is changing**

The NHS in England is introducing the NHS Care Records Service to improve the safety and quality of patient care. These secure electronic records will give healthcare professionals faster, easier access to reliable information about you to help with your care - particularly in an emergency, or if you see a doctor out-of-hours when your GP practice is closed.

Your care records will be made up of two parts;

**The national Summary Care Record** – this record is held nationally and will be available across England to support emergency care and will contain three things: your allergies; your medications; and any adverse reactions to medicines that you have.

**The local Oxfordshire Care Summary** – this is 'view only' and will contain more detailed information than the national Summary Care Record. It will only be available to local healthcare professionals involved in your treatment in Oxfordshire.

Every individual in Oxfordshire aged 16 years old and over\* will receive a patient letter at the beginning of April 2012, asking them to choose whether they want these care records. If you are a parent or guardian, you will need to make this choice on behalf of your child, or support them in making their own decision if you feel they are mature enough to do so.

(\*or who will be 16 by the end of June 2012)

For more information visit [www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords](http://www.oxfordshirepct.nhs.uk/healthrecords) or contact the information lines at:

Summary Care Records telephone  
0300 123 3020

Oxfordshire Care Summary telephone  
01865 428886

**Better access to reliable patient information means safer, quicker decisions to support your care**

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**VOLUNTEERS WANTED**


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Your local Air Ambulance needs new volunteers to help us with our busy events calendar. If you like meeting new people, trying new things and joining a fantastic social network – why not volunteer a few hours per week for the Air Ambulance? We do not receive any Central Government or National Lottery funding so without volunteers we would not be able to continue saving lives in your community, 365 days of the year.

TVACAA needs YOUR help to ensure the Air Ambulance can continue to provide a life saving emergency service in Oxfordshire. Can you help us make a difference? Contact: Eleanor Green, Oxfordshire Fundraising Manager at [eleanor@tvacaa.org](mailto:eleanor@tvacaa.org) or 0300 999 0135.

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**FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY**


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As many of you will know, the Great Western Rail Franchise is going to be renewed in 2013. This means that the current provider of our rail services, First Great Western, will compete against other train companies to run the service for the next few years. Theresa Villiers (Minister for Transport) has begun a consultation process, asking passengers and stakeholders in the Thames Valley and Southwest regions how their services could be improved. This gives all of us who use the railway an opportunity to demand a few changes. In particular, I was pleased to see that the County Council is endorsing the idea of re-opening Wantage & Grove station, and this is something that passengers could call for if they respond to the consultation. The more that do so, the more likely bidders will include plans in their proposals. The focus of the consultation will also be on increasing service and retail quality but will also look at ways to improve the information to customers, particularly when there are delays or disruptions. If you'd like to respond to the consultation please visit [www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2011-36](http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2011-36).

Not many of us would think that scrap metal would have a big impact on our lives. But in recent years the theft of metal to be sold for scrap has reached epidemic proportions. Most often, it involves thieves digging up copper cables, which means disrupting telephone services and railway signals. So I was delighted when the Government announced that it will bring in new laws to help curb the problem. Scrap metal dealers who are linked their vehicle registrations to metal theft of any kind will have their licences torn up, and also anyone caught transporting stolen metal will have confiscated. The Government has also announced a £5m fund that will be used to establish a specialised metal theft task force. I hope that this will make a difference

to many people's lives in the constituency and throughout Britain.

I was also pleased to hear that the Government will spend £2.17bn to fund flood defences over the next three years. We all remember the devastating impact of the floods in this constituency in 2007, and I hope that this spending will make us safer from a repeat. The Government says that 145,000 homes that will be better protected by 2015.

The continuing rise in unemployment is concerning. But in this context it's worth remembering that we live in one of the most economically dynamic parts of the country. Out of 650 UK constituencies we rank 609th for unemployment with only 1,206 people seeking work. While I by no means wish to overlook the tough times these job-seekers are facing, it means that the unemployment rate locally is 2.3%, and has only risen by 50 in the past year.

I have also been recently contacted Robert Stiles Almshouse, located in Styles Court just off Newbury Street in Wantage. Although Robert Stiles died in 1680, his legacy has lived on for over three centuries, as these almshouses still provide a home for the elderly today and they are inviting new applications. The sheep's knuckles embedded into the pathway are very archaic and presumably, left over after the eventual slaughter of all the sheep kept on the downs for wool. They prevent people from slipping and are seen as a very historic attraction in Wantage. If you or someone you know are interested in applying please pay them a visit.

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk). Surgery details can be found at [www.vaizey.com](http://www.vaizey.com).