

Charney Chatter

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St Peter's Church Fête, Saturday 1st September

We were blessed with fine weather which really enhanced the setting in the tranquil grounds of Charney Manor. Thanks to enthusiastic team work from the usual "Charney Army" and their recruits supported by some welcome new faces, we started promptly at 1pm.

We were fortunate to enlist Jake, an Olympic Torch Bearer, to open the Fete. He kindly remained for photos and promotion of his cycling for well deserved fund-raising for Paralympics.

This year featured the ever popular stalls with Bric à Brac, Books, Crafts, Home Made Cards, Produce and Teas amongst their numbers.

A new venture though was Charney's own version of "The Great British Bake Off". A delicious variety of pies were expertly judged by our new Landlord of The Chequers, Jackie. Given the excellent fare which she is providing with Ian and George, who better to preside? And how appropriate that our very own Mary DGLISH (Aka Berry) should bake the winning pie. Not a soggy bottom in sight! Wantage Silver Band entertained us from the formal Manor Gardens. Their Repertoire was carefully planned in the vein of a traditional Village Fete.

Normally we settle for snapshots but thanks to Marion Gardiner's commission, the whole event was made into a DVD. Production was through her Daughter-In-Law's Business, Jamodo Media with copies readily available. Yet another first for our Village.

In customary manner we finished celebrations with the Grand Draw. We were indebted as always to those who donated prizes most generously.

We raised a total of £1780 which will provide a much needed boost to Church Funds.

The Fete was a great success and, in common with many others, we continued our celebrations at the now thriving Chequers!

Doug Hughes
Churchwarden

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Coffee Hour

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

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

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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 Nov

Adverts and Events

Village Diner

In November, we are increasing the cost of lunch at the Village Diner to £5.00 for 2 course lunch plus tea or coffee.

This is the first increase since the Diner started five years ago, and is needed to ensure that we cover costs.

However The Diner will still be the best value around for a delicious two course lunch and a chance to catch up with everyone from our seven village benefice.

It happens on every third Wednesday in the month at Buckland Village Hall, from 12 noon.

Future Village Diner dates for your diary

Wednesday 21 November

(No Village Diner in December)

Wednesday 16 January 2013

PERSONALISED HAND-MADE CARDS

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

Ring her on 868646.

Deadline for copy for the January 2013 edition: **20th December 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. roger.watson@tiscali.co.uk

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Oxfordshire LINK - Your voice on local services**Volunteers needed for Oxfordshire Dentistry Survey**

The Oxfordshire LINK is recruiting volunteers to carry out a survey of information provided for patients by NHS Dental Practices. The survey will be looking at information on the range of services offered, the charges relating to those services, and about entitlement to receive certain services on the NHS. LINK volunteers who conduct the survey will find out if the information is clear and helpful to patients and highlight areas of good practice. If you want to help with the survey please contact the LINK. Contact details below.

Oxfordshire Link carries out survey on post-natal maternity services

The Oxfordshire LINK has teamed up with Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee to carry out a survey of post-natal maternity services in Oxfordshire. Post-natal services are those services used after birth including breast feeding clinics, the Newborn Screening Programme, Neonatal Unit, Special Care Baby Unit, Birth Afterthoughts, and Health Visitors. If you have any comments about these services please contact the LINK office. If you have any spare time and would like to be part of the project group to help with research please contact the LINK office.

Oxfordshire LINK: Your voice on health and social care in Oxfordshire

As a member of the public you have a right to be involved in decisions about health and social care services in Oxfordshire. You can influence the way services are run by sharing experiences and ideas with your Local Involvement Network (LINK). The LINK finds out what people like and dislike about their services and feeds this information back to health and social care providers, helping them to plan and deliver better services which reflect the wishes of local people. The more people who get involved in the LINK, the stronger and more influential we are. Please contact the LINK for more information.

Telephone 01865 883488

Email link@oxonrcc.org.uk

Web www.oxfordshirelink.org.uk

CLET: Charney 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: Beverley Cowell, 2 Orchard Close, Charney Bassett, Tel: 202521, E-mail: richpbevc@aol.com.

The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be on Wednesday 16th January 2012. Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her, for consideration at this meeting.

Community Oil Buying Scheme 2012 - 2013**Ordering dates - all orders to be received by 12 noon**

November 21st

January 2013 - **Monday 7th**

December - **No Order**

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POLICE MATTERS - October Update

There has been a noticeable difference in the weather over the past few weeks and it is quite clear that autumn is now upon us. In September we continued with Op Mojito the Anti Social Behaviour operation in an effort to combat ASB across the Faringdon sector. We had some excellent feedback regarding the operation in Southmoor and Kingston Bagpuize where we had a noticeable drop in ASB over the past few weeks. If you need to report ASB in your area the quickest and easiest way to report this to us is to call it in on telephone number 101.

On 1st September we had a burglary in East Hanney. An offender has been arrested in connection with this burglary and is currently on bail. I would take this opportunity to quash any rumours about a series of burglaries in East Hanney as this is the only one we have had.

A house burglary took place on the 25th of September in Coleshill. The offence took place sometime between 1pm and 4pm in the afternoon. If you can provide any information on either of these crimes please telephone us on 101.

On 1st September we had a theft of fuel in Garford. If anyone has noticed anything suspicious or can provide any information please contact us on 101.

On 8th September Longworth Fete was attended by Sue who had a fantastic day and enjoyed meeting the residents.

There were several reports of hare coursing in September across the Faringdon sector. I would ask everyone to keep a look out for activity of this nature as it is most prevalent between September and February and we have a zero tolerance policy on dealing with offences of this nature. To get instant messages relating to offences like this and others please go to the Thames Valley Police website or register your interest at <https://>

www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk to receive alerts via text phone or email.

On 12th September we completed a speed operation in Charney Bassett, no one was caught breaking the speed limit. We will be completing Speed Operations throughout October as well and will continue to update you on the success.

Traffic regulation enforcement was carried out in the town centre targeting the bus and taxi lane that has recently had extra signage painted on the road. Five fixed penalty notices have been issued so far. The team will be completing further enforcement in the coming weeks.

With Halloween and fireworks night coming up, the team is busy attending schools around the area completing awareness talks to young people. The talks highlight the correct etiquette that should be used when trick or treating and firework safety. If you would like further information and/or a 'No Trick or Treat' sign for your door, please feel free to contact us on 101.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that you live in a safe low crime area and if you need any help or assistance in any way including crime prevention advice please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Neighbourhood Team who will be more than happy to assist.

If you have an interest in representing your village and would like to play an active role in area priorities at the Neighbourhood Action Group meetings please contact us for more details - FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

We wish you all a safe month and hope to speak to many of you when out and about.

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CHARNEY BASSETT HARVEST SUPPER

This year the Harvest Supper again took place in the Charney Manor in the form of a bring and share event with entertainment provided by villagers. A great evening was had by all with an excellent cold buffet augmented with baked potatoes followed by a variety of high class desserts.

Our thanks must go to Andrew at the Manor for easing the change over to the new conditions created by the recent changes in the regulations for commercial premises. We must also thank Doug and Liz Hughes with Diney, Ruth and Barbara for the musical entertainment and quiz. A small profit from the evening will be sent to the Home Farm Trust at Mil-ton.

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust

Thank you to all those who took part and sponsored the *Ride and Stride* in Charney Bassett. A sum of over £400 was raised which will be shared equally between the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust and St Peter's Church.

Mary Daghish

A Gift From FROGS

Over the next few months children under 11 who live in Grove or the surrounding villages, or who go to school in Grove, will be rewarded with a £5 book token from FROGS -- the Friends of Grove Library -- when they join the library. The Frogs love books and want others to share their enjoyment and have up to 40 tokens to give away. As well as reading for pleasure, books can be useful in providing information to help with school projects and Guide/Scout proficiency badges. If the library hasn't got the title you need, it can be ordered for school children without charge. Pick up a form from the library (near Millbrook School and the Education Centre) and see what we have to offer.

CHAFT 100 CLUB WINNERS August - October 2012

First Prize £25

Second Prize £10

August	No 47 Gordon Campbell	No 126 Tim & Valerie Rose
September	No 14 Marian Gardiner	No 101 Debbie Little
October	No 89 Angie Cox	No 13 Geoff Rumble

Congratulations to all from **Mahala & David** - 100 Club Organisers

From your MP - Ed Vaizey

I am very glad to see that the work to improve Didcot Parkway station is finally underway. Thousands of people from across the constituency travel through the station every day, and the improvements will make their journeys much easier. As the work will take around 15 months to complete, it may get worse before it gets better, but I'm sure that this partnership between the various local councils, Network Rail and First Great Western will eventually be good for everyone.

This summer has been an eclectic couple of months for my office mailbox. As soon as the parliamentary term began again on September 3rd I was flooded with emails and letters. I have continued to receive representations on same-sex marriage; I've had a quite a few emails about the price of petrol; and, more recently, a few submissions for the consultation on internet parental controls. However, by far the largest campaigns have been for the Post Office DVLA contract and the reduction in Air Passenger Duty tax.

Unfortunately, while I very much support the post office bid to run DVLA services, the DVLA is required by EU law to tender the contract competitively and so the Government cannot take sides on this occasion. As for the Air Passenger Duty campaign, it may be the largest one-issue campaign I've ever seen as an MP. In the past few months almost 500 people have got in touch to express their views. I know that my colleagues in the Government have also had their mailbags flooded with similar letters: they have already taken firm steps to limit any rise and will continue not to levy VAT on domestic flights.

As winter approaches, some people may worry about their energy bills. I would urge anyone worried about their bills to contact their local Age UK or Citizens Advice to find out if they can claim free help from the

Warm Front scheme to help them be warm, well and wealthier this winter. The eligibility criteria for help under the Warm Front scheme has widened from September, so even if you have been turned down before you may be able to get help this year. The heating and insulation improvements Warm Front offers could help many households locally to stay warm. You can also find out if you can get free help from Warm Front by calling 0800 316 2805 and further information and an online application form are also available on www.direct.gov.uk/warmfront.

Over the summer, the government introduced new rules on the disclosure of interests and other standards for local councillors. These set out a much more straightforward regime which will be clearer and easier to follow, making sure councillors are open and above board about what needs to be declared, but are not tied up in bureaucracy in the process. You can get more details from the South and Vale Democratic Services Manager, telephone 01491 823049 or email democratic.services@southandvale.gov.uk.

I know lots of people think about becoming parish councillors, but are put off because they think they have to disclose their financial details and those of their family. The rules have now been simplified, so do take a look if you are thinking of serving in some way. There will be elections for some councils next May, and there is always a need for local people to represent their communities. Do talk to a current councillor to find out what is involved – it may not be as bad as you think!

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

Ed Vaizey MP