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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 Weds 13th November 2013

Change of Editor

The next edition of Charney Chatter will be in February. It will be the first to be delivered by e-mail. There will also be new editors, Rosemary and David. Contributions should be sent to:-

chatterinbox@btopenworld.com.

By the deadline of **20th January 2014**

Please make sure you are registered at

echatter@btopenworld.com to receive your February edition.

THE VILLAGE DINER and FOODBANK COLLECTION

Your community lunch for £5.00 per person

Buckland Memorial Hall

Do come and enjoy a hearty, hot 2 course lunch in a cheerful village setting on the third Wednesday of each month. Future dates for your diary :-

Weds 15th January 2014 at 12.15pm

Weds 19th February at 12.15pm

Weds 19th March at 12.15pm

The **Foodbank** is a practical, community based project which provides food parcels to those in our immediate area who find themselves temporarily in difficult circumstances. Please bring any gifts of non-perishables dry and tinned goods, after checking that they have at least 6month shelf life.

For any information call Deborah Lewis 01235 868 536.

CHARNEY CHATTER IS CHANGING

If you are on the village e-mail messaging list you will already know that we have plans to update the format and distribution of Charney Chatter.

At present Charney Chatter is delivered to each household by hand as an insert to Seven Voices, but only in the odd months of the year. Experience has shown that a bi-monthly publication with a 10 day editorial deadline does not always lend itself to the timely circulation of local news and forthcoming events.

From January 2014, Charney Chatter will be replaced by a restyled monthly newsletter delivered via the e-mail messaging system. The system will also be used to circulate occasional interim messages which will give even greater flexibility. Households without e-mail facilities will receive a hard copy of the newsletter (only) delivered by hand.

At the same time I will step down as Editor and the new newsletter will be edited jointly by Rosemary McClintock and David Sibbert. John Wright will continue as webmaster for the village web-site www.charneybassett.org.uk. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the contributors for their support over the past two years.

For a smooth transition to take place it is important that **YOU** take one of the following two actions.

- Register your name, address and e-mail address at echatter@btopenworld.com to receive the newsletter by e-mail, starting in January 2014. Please do this before 5th Jan.
- If you are unable to receive the newsletter by e-mail, please complete the form on page 3 of this issue and put it through my door (the address is on the back).

These changes are being coordinated by a Village Communications Group, which reports to the Parish Council. I will continue to be member of the group until the transition is completed. The other members of the group are Jane Fry, Rosemary McClintock, David Sibbert and John Wright. Any of us would welcome your comments or suggestions regarding these proposed changes.

Roger Watson

Editor

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Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour will commence again on Tuesday 14th January and continue until 15th April when we take a break for Easter.

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

Charney Bassett Defibrillator**Volunteers – ‘Come and save a life’**

At our last Parish Council meeting, it was agreed that we supported, in principle, the provision of a village defibrillator.

Are you interested in joining a small group of village based people to take this initiative forward? Awareness training in the use of the machine will be on offer to all at a later date.

Please contact me directly with your name and contact number / email address if you are interested.

David Roberts

Parish Councillor

Email address dabe26@hotmail.co.uk

CHAFT –Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Charney Hall and Field Trust's Management Committee will be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 16th January 2014 at 19:30.

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: 01235 868704,

E-mail: rothwell555@btinternet.com

The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be on Wednesday 15th January 2014. Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her for consideration at this meeting.

CHAFT 100 Club Winners**October 2013 Draw**

First prize £25 Number 49 Adrian Hodges
Second prize £10 Number 23 John Daglish

December 2013 Draw

First Prize £100 Number 95 David Roberts
Second prize £50 Number 122 Yvonne Cox

At the time of going to press, we do not have the November results -Ed

From your MP - Ed Vaizey

Every year Halloween, Bonfire Night and Remembrance Sunday seem to me to form a seasonal boundary: as they passed, we were well into autumn and winter is now here. Over the summer, I wrote in a parish newsletter about opportunities while the sun was shining to make our homes warmer for the winter ahead. In such a rural area as ours, many of my constituents are reliant on oil to heat their homes.

A national campaign has been launched urging people to Buy Oil Early. In past severe or prolonged winters there has been significant increased demand for heating oil, and weather conditions have had a negative impact on supplies reaching customers. Since 2010, the Government has worked with the industry and consumer representatives to help them co-ordinate their Buy Oil Early campaign messages, and to provide guidance on setting up or joining consumer buying groups. In Oxfordshire, we are particularly lucky to have Oxfordshire Rural Community Council's bulk oil buying scheme, which has been very successful indeed in getting the best possible price for heating oil for many local residents. You can see details at the ORCC websites,

www.oxonrcc.org.uk or call them on 01865 733214. To help with the impact of cold weather more generally, I am pleased that extra money is now being given to help the NHS deal with the increased pressure the cold weather brings, that 'Cold Weather Payments' have been increased to from £8.50 to

£25, and the Warm Home Discount scheme has already ensured that over one million of the poorest pensioners have received £130 off their electricity bill. If you think you might be eligible please ensure you log onto Gov.uk and find out.

The past month has been a varied one for my mailbag. I've received emails and letters about women's rights in Afghanistan, Scottish independence, abandoning horses (known as fly grazing), inheritance tax, medical marijuana, dementia research, deafness in children and World Toilet Day, which aims to highlight the 1 in 3 people around the world who don't have a safe or private place to go to the toilet - leading to horrible disease and even systematic sexual assault.

As the festive season approaches, may I wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and a prosperous new year.

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

TAKING CONTROL

The Neighbourhood Planning Group held an open session on Saturday 14th December in the village hall. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a drop in session so that residents of the Charney Bassett Parish could understand how we can take control concerning further development in our village.

The process is dictated by the Localism Act and there are defined stages we need to go through. The process is quite drawn out but we hope to have the plan adopted by VoWH DC by April 2015.

A big thank you for the 42 residents who attended the meeting. I hope everyone who did attend will pass on the message. The next stage will start in January 2014 but in the short term we hope to summarise the stages and timeline on the Charney Bassett village website.

Neil Dobson, Hugh Brookes, Sheila Terry & Ron Smith

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Well done to all of those who braved appalling weather, on Wednesday 18th December, to sing carols on the green. Over £100 was raised. £25 went to the Wantage Silver Band and £90.87 was sent to Sobell House.

Chequers Inn Aunt Sally Team

Congratulations to the Chequers Aunt Sally Team, who won promotion for the second year running at the Final Awards evening at Drayton Golf Club, in November.

Charney Chatter on Paper Request

When you have filled out the details on the reverse, please cut out and return to: -

Charney Chatter

c/o Roger Watson

Timings

7 Main Street

Charney Bassett

CHARNEY BASSETT VILLAGE COLLEGE

Would you be interested in attending a half-day Saturday workshop in the Spring? Possibilities include:

Exploring Drawing

Dancing to Latin Music (no partner necessary!)

If you would like to join one or both of these, please could you let me know by 25th January.

Dates and cost will depend on the availability of tutors, and numbers involved.

Also if you have any ideas for other workshops or courses you would like the Village College to organize, do please let me know.

Lynn Brookes, email: village.college@yahoo.com, or Tel: 01235 868471

CHOOSING WELL FOR YOUR HEALTH

Your local NHS in Oxfordshire has launched a “Choose Well” campaign .

Here is some information below about the campaign.

By Choosing Well -

- You get the right care, first time
- You will often be treated more quickly than at A&E
- It helps free up the emergency departments to treat people with life threatening conditions.

There are lots of different ways people can access the right NHS service and make sure they get the right treatment, at the right time and a place that is convenient for them. **By choosing well you will get the right treatment and help busy NHS services care for the people who really need them.**

For more information go to www.nhs.uk.

Charney Chatter on Paper Request

When Charney Chatter begins e-mail distribution, I will still require a paper copy.

Name:.....

Address:.....

Charney Bassett

Signed.....