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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

ADVERTISEMENTS

Hanney Film Night

1st Friday from September - May

7.30 at Hanney Village Hall

1st November - "The Artist" - 6th December - "Hugo"

Enquiries to bobwilson300@hotmail.com

Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group presents

The O'Connor Girls by Katie Forgette

The O'Connor story takes place in 1997 over the Christmas holiday. Tom O'Connor has passed away, and his wife (Sarah) and children (Liz, Martha and Matt) have reunited to excavate his mountain of personal effects. As the family sifts through boxes of papers and bags of clothing, clues to the quiet patriarch's life are discovered, prompting the usual heated arguments and some unusual revelations. As the story of Tom and Sarah's marriage unfolds, the children are forced to reconsider their long-held opinions of their parents. In the midst of this emotional afternoon, a long-lost neighbour pays an unexpected visit. Also on the agenda for this day of upheaval is Catholicism, World War II, old films, old love, new love, oversleeping, overdrinking, and large purple hats.

Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall. Draycott Road, KBS

28-30 November, 7.30pm curtain up. Licensed bar available.

Tickets: £8 each. Available on-line from <http://www.wegotickets.com/KingstonBagpuizeDramaGroup> or telephone 01865 821812

Website: www.kbdgshow.biz

Deadline for copy for the January 2014 edition: **20th December 2013**

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

Visit www.charneybassett.org.uk for the very latest village news

Christmas Is Coming!

Special Tuesday Coffee Hour

Tuesday 12th. Nov. 10.30am-11.30

There will be a sale of Christmas Cards, Gifts etc from Sobell House and also cards made by Eunice Davies and given by her family to be sold in aid of Sobell House Hospice in the Village Hall

St Peter's Church

Christmas 'Bring & Buy Coffee Morning

You are warmly invited to our Coffee Morning on

Saturday 23rd Nov.

From 10am to 12 midday in Charney Bassett Village Hall, to help raise money for St Peter's Church.

Refreshments – Homemade cakes & Produce- Crafts- Bric-brac-Raffles

All offers of help gratefully received!

Please contact David and Barbara Douglas (01235 868788)

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHEQUERS

Christmas Lunch or Dinner available daily from

Mon 2nd to Tues 24th December

Mon-Sat 12.00 to 2.00pm, Sundays 12.00 to 8.00pm

Exciting Seasonal Menu

Booking essential

To book your table pick up a menu and booking form at The Chequers.

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Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour every Tuesday in the Village Hall from 10.30 to 11.30 am.

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

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TAKING A PRIDE IN OUR VILLAGE

At the last Parish Council meeting a number of residents commented on the state of the gutters and pavements in the village. The Charney Army looks after many of our public areas, but cannot do all of it. Charney Bassett no longer has a street cleaner, unless somebody would like to volunteer for this. The Parish Council respectfully requests, therefore, that residents clear the weeds that grow in the gutters in front of their own properties. Now that the dark evenings are approaching residents are also requested to make sure that branches and bushes that overhang the pavements are cut back in order to avoid inconvenience and accident. Finally, the perennial problem of dog fouling was mentioned. If you are walking a dog, and it makes a mess, please bag it and bin it.

Stephen Cowlam,

Clerk to the Parish Council.

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.

CHARNEY BASSETT HARVEST SUPPER

I would like to thank the helpers and all those who came to the Harvest Supper for making it such an enjoyable evening. This was held in the Village Hall for the first time in recent years. After expenses were deducted there was a surplus which has been sent to the Mercy Ships charity in memory of Doris Venn who was involved with the Harvest Supper on many occasions.

Mary Daghish

CHAFT 100 Club Winners - September

First prize £25 Number 115 Colin McGuire

Second prize £10 Number 20 Mary Castle

Mahala & David

Charney 100 Club Organisers

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From your MP - Ed Vaizey

As we are now approaching the first anniversary of the Localism Act, it's worth remembering the range of powers and programmes which communities can use to shape their areas. The Government has published a guide which can be accessed at this website:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/youve-got-the-power-a-quick-and-simple-guide-to-community-rights

It's described as quick and simple, and as it runs to just 23 pages it is a model of brevity compared to many documents produced by civil servants. There's concise guidance on the options that might be available in different sets of circumstances and then advice on what each process will involve as well as examples of how each of the powers has been used by a different community. It's well worth a look.

This has been a busy two month in politics. The major parties have all had their conferences and Parliament has returned for the autumn. With all the issues that have arisen and the policies that have been discussed in recent weeks, it's no surprise that my mailbox has also been keeping me busy.

Firstly, there is a campaign to speed up the approval of a Royal Charter to regulate the press. I can assure you that the Government and I are committed to implementing a tough new system of press self-regulation, and a royal charter with cross party agreement was agreed to earlier this year. This is now being fully considered, to ensure that the process of implementing the Leveson recommendations is as robust as possible. While I understand the desire to see changes made as soon as possible, given the importance of these measures I would be reluctant to see the process rushed in any way.

I've also been getting your emails and letters thick and fast, on Syria, bovine TB and the Transparency of Lobbying, Non-Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Bill.

On Syria, Parliament, reflecting the view of the British people, has made it clear that they do not want to see military action. I respect this opinion and the way it has been put. We must, however, ensure the continued taboo around the use of chemical weapons, so I support the Government's move to work with all the organisations we are members of, NATO, the EU, the G8 or the G20, to address what happened in Syria.

On Bovine TB, pilot badger culls are proceeding in Somerset and Gloucestershire. The monitoring of their effectiveness, humaneness and safety will be overseen and evaluated by an independent panel of experts who will report their findings to Ministers. I will be carefully looking at their findings.

On The Lobbying Bill, my view is that Government must keep the lines of information open from all parts of society. However, we must also bring transparency to the way third parties interact with the political system and reduce the undue influence of "Big Money" in politics. In my view the bill will achieve these aims.

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

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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 20th November 12.15pm, then

Weds 15th January 2014 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'

The following are needed: -

Soup - tins or packets	Tinned fish and meat	Tinned vegetables	Rice and Pasta
Potatoes, tinned or dried	Baked beans or spaghetti	Small packets of sugar	Hot chocolate - the one that mixes with water
Jars of pasta sauce - preferably tomato	Tinned fruit	Puddings - cartons, tins or packets	Treats and Biscuits
Tea and Coffee	Cereal	UHT milk and Longlife Juice	Jam

All food needs to be tinned or packets with a shelf life of 3-6 months.

Please bring any goods to the Village Diner.

For any information call Deborah Lewis 01235 868 536.

POLICE REPORT - MID-YEAR UPDATE

The Thames Valley Police (South Oxon and Vale Policing Area) Mid-year update from Superintendent Andy Boyd (October 2013) has been published.

It has been posted on the Village Website.

To read it visit www.charneybassett.org.uk

CHARNEY BASSETT VILLAGE COLLEGE**PILATES**

In Charney Bassett Village Hall — Mondays, 1.30 – 2.30

Would you like to improve your flexibility, strength and posture?

Come and join our friendly group and enjoy this low-impact activity.

It's never too late to start!

Please contact:

Lynn Brookes : Tel: 01235 868471, or

Email: village.college@yahoo.com

Oxfordshire Woodfuel Programme

Be smart when you buy firewood. Please buy from a local supplier, as this minimises 'fuel miles' and supports local businesses. Ask your supplier whether they provide OxLogs (www.oxlogs.com), which are the Oxford quality standard for woodfuel. Otherwise ask 1. what the moisture content of the wood is (it should be 25% or less), 2. what volume of wood you are getting (you should know what weight or volume you are getting, not just 'a load'), 3. whether it is soft or hardwood (a hardwood log has more energy than a softwood log of the same size), and 4. how long the logs are.

Wood with a high moisture content will burn badly, since much of its energy will first go into turning that moisture into steam before it can heat your house. Last summer was terrible for drying wood, but this year has been much better. You can buy a moisture meter for about £15 online. For more information see www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/our-community-wants-to.

Join Logs for Labour. L4L matches up woodland owners whose woodlands need managing ('log offers') with people who are willing to help out in return for logs ('labour offers'). The woodfuel programme is organising a series of L4L events for the autumn and winter. If you would like to make either or log or a labour offer, contact manager@oxonwoodfuel.org.uk or 'like' www.facebook.com/oxonwood to get updates on log offers.

Attention woodfuel boiler owners: If you own a chip, pellet, log batch or wood burning stove with back boiler – please could you fill out a short survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/9SZBD9T? The results will help others who are thinking about installing similar boilers.

Ash die-back. The Forestry Commission has a very good website in case you are worried that an ash tree has chalara (ash die-back): www.forestry.gov.uk/chalara.