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

The next meeting is on 11th November 2009

ADVERTS AND EVENTS

Personalised Hand-made Cards

Can't find the right card for that special occasion? Eunice will make one for you. Ring her on 868646. Proceeds to the Village Hall Project.

Village Hall Bookings

Village Hall bookings are obviously suspended while the extension work is going on. However, contact Eunice Davies on 868646 for hire of tables, crockery, cutlery and the gazebos.

Table Tennis

Interested in playing table tennis in the Village Hall? Contact Dave Sibbert on 868734 for more details.

Charney Bassett and Lyford Educational Trust (CLET)

CLET supports a range of educational projects, with grants awarded both to individuals under the age of 25 and to community groups in 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: fc.rothwell@tiscali.co.uk

The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be held in January 2010. Forms for applications to be considered at this meeting may be obtained from the Clerk and should be returned to her as soon as possible.

Charney Rangers FC

Any children interested in playing, please contact Bernard Townsend on 01235 868181, Mobile: 07747 094351 or Mr D Kitchen on 07823 446757.

Kingston Bagpuize Drama Group

A sixtieth anniversary production: *A Brief Encounter with Noel Coward* (featuring the play *Still Life*) at Southmoor Village Hall, on 26/27/28 November. Tickets for 26 and 27 November (curtain up 7.30pm) from 01865 820375, £8 each.

Tickets for Saturday, 28 November (7pm start) will include a two-course Celebration Supper and cost £12.50 each - please download a booking form from our website at kbdgshow.biz, or ring 01865 736913 for details. Tickets for Saturday 28th must be booked and paid for in advance, by **13 November** at the latest.

In honour of our 60th anniversary our November production will be a mixture of all things Coward - a bit about the man, his life and his writing. We shall be featuring a performance of the play *Still Life*, which was one of the first plays that the Group ever put on. This is the play on which the 1940s film *Brief Encounter* was based - a bittersweet great British romance, very much of its time. In addition on Saturday night we shall be including a Celebration Supper to end our Diamond Jubilee with a bang. Do come and join us!

Deadline for copy for the next edition in January 2010: 20 December 2009

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
It's already international with copies going to France, Australia, Japan and Wales!

VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

I seem to have written quite a few updates on the Village Hall Project in recent years where the start date for building work is planned "in the next few months" or "fairly imminent". Well after quite a few setbacks and disappointments it is very satisfying to be able to report the work has finally started! Ed Hughes, our builder, gave us a start date of 14th September and work began exactly as promised. We have had a team of builders from Malmesbury in Wiltshire working steadily for more than a month now and anyone passing the site can see they have really made progress. The foundations for the extension were dug and back up to ground level in the first few days and they have now reached the stage where all external wall building is complete. The planning department required examples of all the external materials for approval and two brick types were chosen to match those used on the old kitchen extension (LBC Chiltern) and those on the old entrance and toilet block (Ibstock Anglian Beacon Sahara).

The finish date for the project is set for 29th January and unless the weather causes problems (which is obviously a risk as we approach Winter) it is possible the work could actually finish ahead of this date. The only problem we have experienced so far has been the authorisation of our first cheque to pay the builder, which resulted in the payment being made in cash!

The next stages in the building work will be the replacement of the corrugated roof on the old kitchen with an insulated roof and slate tiles to match the main roof plus the construction of pitched roofs on the old and new extensions, also using slate tiles.

Finances have always been a worry but at the moment, due to the generosity of a number of people in the community, we have adequate funds for the work planned. Cashflow was also expected to be a problem because much of the funding is from grants that are paid "in arrears". In particular, our largest grant from TOE (Trust for Oxfordshire Environment) was made to the Parish Council as this allows the Council to commission the work and claim back VAT. However, as the Council does not have large financial resources, CHAFT has transferred most of the money raised for the project to the Parish Council as a short term loan. The Council have already successfully claimed back from the TOE grant the money paid for our first invoice from the builder and postal strikes not withstanding, it looks as if we should be able to keep the "cash flowing" for the time being. We have yet to see how quickly HM Revenue & Customs will refund VAT! - continued on page 2

HEADLINES

- *Village Hall Project on schedule.*
- *Village web site needs a re-build.*
- *Air ambulance has landed.*
- *Charney Rangers start winning.*

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Coffee Hour has resumed and meets at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesdays **in the church.**

For further details contact Eunice (868646), Julie (868738) or Mary (858557).

VILLAGE HALL PROJECT - *continued from front page*

A special thank you to everyone living in Chapel Lane for coping with the inevitable disruption that building work can cause. Also many thanks to everyone who helped with and supported the Feast this year, which has so far added nearly £1,700 to the CHAFT funds, in support of the Hall Project.

Geoff Rumble

CHAFT Treasurer & Parish Council Chairman

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP - OCTOBER REPORT

Firstly I would like to introduce myself as the new Neighbourhood Specialist Officer for your area. I have taken over from Phil Redmond as he has moved over to Wantage. I will be visiting all of the area and look forward to meeting you all and working with you to tackle community issues.

There have been rogue traders in and around the area. Rogue traders are criminals. Do not engage in cold calling services. If rogue traders knock on your door please contact Oxfordshire County Council Trading Standards on 0845 051 0845.

Your neighbourhood priorities remain in the forefront of our daily duties. Speeding is being monitored and enforced with PCSOs Myra

Stokes and Sue Haynes continuing their good work with the Speed Indicating Device (SID) and the Oxfordshire Speed Management Team has also been active in our area.

Myra and Sue have also conducted two police surgeries in Hanney and Stanford. More are planned; they will be advertised closer to the time.

Please remember, that we do remain a very low crime area, both to live in and to work in, let's work together to keep it that way.

For more information about your local neighbourhood team contact us on 0845 8 505 505 or visit www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

Neighbourhood Specialist Officer PC Sean (Del) Delaney.

VILLAGE WEB SITE

Those of you who regularly visit the village web site will have noticed that for the past couple of months, it has been in a bit of a shambles with spurious alpha-numeric characters liberally sprinkled over it (although the contents have been readable) This was due to a disastrous virus attack on the site host.

The good news is that a new host has just

provided the wherewithal to reconstruct the web site, the bad news is it has to be done largely from scratch. This will take time but it is hoped to have a shiny new site up and running in the near future. Don't forget, the site can be used to give news of your organisation which can be read worldwide!

Peter Davies

HANNEY GUIDES

Aged 10 - 15? Hanney Guides meet most Mondays. You do not have to live in Hanney to join us, we already have Guides from Grove, Wantage, Charney Bassett, Goosey, Harwell and Challow and you do not have to have been a brownie

Meetings take place in the War Memorial Hall. If you'd like to come, please ask a parent to contact me on the number given below. I look forward to meeting you.

Sue Clark
01235 76588

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FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY

My constituency work has been as busy as ever. In September, I attended a metal detecting rally in West Hanney as I am the shadow minister for archaeology(!). More than a thousand people turned up, and as you may have read, uncovered a Saxon grave of national importance. It goes well with the opening of the King Alfred exhibition in Wantage, which I also attended. I've also met a group of parents who "home educate" their children. There are some 100,000 parents across the country who do this, and they are opposing Government plans to regulate them more closely. I also met the Wantage Counsellors, amazingly the only counselling office in Oxfordshire, who are also opposing plans to regulate them via the Health Protection Commission.

I've met two sets of doctors - in Wantage and Didcot - to discuss health issues, and was reminded how lucky we are to have such an excellent local GP service, which we must not undermine. I attended the launch of the Wantage Street Pastors, who will engage with young people on the streets of Wantage every Friday night from now on. Two busy surgeries in Wantage and Grove, (Wantage has the new record I think, of 25 cases and three hours

in length), a lively public meeting on the incinerator in Sutton Courtenay, meeting Sustainable Wallingford, and finally I carried an 85lb kerb stone for charity a staggering 240m. That compares with the gentlemen of the Didcot "Thong Rangers", charity fundraisers extraordinaire, who carried their kerb stones in shifts for 12 hours over a distance of 8 miles.

Highlight of the month was my return to the Oxford Union, where we debated the motion "This House has No Confidence in Her Majesty's Government", twenty years after I left Oxford. We lost. Shaun Woodward, who spoke for Labour and is now Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, turned up with four Special Branch officers. One of them was positioned directly in front of the door through which you had to pass to vote for the motion, so it's no wonder Labour won!

You can contact me at the House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, on 0207 219 6350 or at vaizeye@parliament.uk. My website can be found at www.vaizey.com.

AUNT SALLY

With nine wins and seven defeats the Chequers Aunt Sally team finished in a mid-table position in Section E of the Abingdon and District Aunt Sally League.

The season started with five straight defeats but a spirited revival saw the team complete the season in winning fashion. David Sibbert scored the most dolls and finished the season as the highest scorer in Section E. Richard Podd also featured in the list of top ten divisional scorers.

At the end of season get together the Handicap Shield was won by Jade Wilson who held off strong challenges from Richard Podd and Steve Burge.

Thanks go to Roberta and Husnu for their encouragement and excellent refreshments throughout the season.

Anyone interested in playing next year should leave their name behind the bar.

David Sibbert

100 CLUB

First prize (£25) winner in the September draw was Bert Smith (No. 8) and the second prize of £10 went to Mary Dalglish (No. 31).

David and Mahala Nellist

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HARVEST SUPPER

The traditional Harvest Supper was held in Charney Manor on October 11th. This bring and share meal was a very enjoyable one, with a wide variety of good food and pleasant company. After a hearty meal we were entertained by members of Pandemonium,

who provided an excellent mix of numbers for us to listen to and to join in. This was a most enjoyable evening. After paying expenses, a donation will be sent to the MS Society.

David Douglas

VILLAGE DINER

The Village Diner provides home-made food from local sources in Buckland Village Hall, at 12.15 p.m. every third Wednesday in the month. For £4 you get a two-course meal, tea or coffee. Next date: 18th November.

Attendance has fallen off somewhat lately, threatening the viability of this semi-social event. Mary Daghish, Julie Rumble or Eunice Davies can give you more information and can recommend the quality and variety of the food.

VILLAGE TELEPHONE BOX

As predicted in the last issue, The Parish Council has opted for the cheaper option which BT were offering, namely to purchase the box for the princely sum of £1.00.

There are some legal procedures to go through, including planning and transfer of the electricity metering (we intend to keep the light on in the box) but when the deadline for

transfer arrives on 19th December, it will belong to the Parish Council.

We're still open to suggestion as to what to do with the box, although making it a second village notice board has been suggested more than once. There's still time for you to send in your suggestion.

The Clerk

COFFEE HOUR - CARD SALE

The now traditional sale of charity cards in aid of Sobell House Hospice was held at Coffee Hour on October 20th when over 30 people attended.

Thanks to all who came and bought cards etc. The sum raised was a record £230.00 which the Sobell House representatives were very pleased with.

Eunice Davies

AIR AMBULANCE

Every year your council gets applications for a grant from a variety of charities. Because funds are limited, we only support charities which can demonstrate a direct link to the village. Last year, we had a new application from the Thames and Chiltern Air Ambulance and, recognising the increase in horse riding activities in and around the village we sent them a small donation.

That showed commendable foresight because on 14th October we had a visit from the air ambulance which landed at the Educated Equines stables in Longworth Road where Bryony Jones had been rendered unconscious by a fall off her horse. In the event she missed out on a helicopter ride but it was reassuring to know that it was available had her injuries been more serious.

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CHARNEY RANGERS FC - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Charney Rangers recorded their first Oxford Mail Boys League win at home to Benson United, on Sunday 4th October 2009, with the home side winning 5 - 2. The first half saw an evenly matched game and a goalless scoreline, whereas Rangers dominated the game throughout the second half and after going a goal down replied with three goals in quick succession from T J Moss, Liam Potter and Andrew Kitchen. A further goal from the visitors saw Rangers reply with a goal from Jim Hushin and a second strike from T J Moss. A brilliant overall performance from Charney Rangers saw the 'Man of The Match' trophy

deservedly shared by the whole team on this occasion, and this win against opponents holding third place in the league hopefully bodes well for the future.

Rangers drew 0 - 0 away to Stanford Youth on 11th October, and won 4 - 1 away to Wantage Concorde on the 18th October, which has resulted in the Team rising to 4th place in the Oxford Mail Boys League, D Division.

Rangers now have a web site at www.clubwebsite.co.uk/charneyrangersfc/

Bernard Townsend

For contact details see advert on back page.

PROJECT CHAFFINCH

The Charney Army is still drawing up its shopping list of equipment to help with flood protection work to take advantage of a Vale Council grant.

A resident of Goosey Wick Barns has approached the Vale Council for a grant to build a protective wall which would prevent the River Ock reaching his and adjacent properties. The Vale have insisted that grants are only available to registered flood groups, of which Project Chaffinch is one.

The property in question is actually in the parish of Charney Bassett although those

adjacent are in Goosey parish. The Vale is quite relaxed about parish boundaries so we've helped the resident to prepare his case which, if successful, will be undertaken under the auspices of the Parish Council.

Meanwhile, Diana Martin has been actively leading a team to clear the stretch of the River Ock which runs through her land and this has been spectacularly successful. There are two more stretches to be cleared and then there will be no damming of flow over much of the Ock as it passes to the south of the village.

STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE COMMUNITY MINIBUS

This item appeared in the previous issue but it was felt it could do with a repeat! - Ed

The minutes of the July meeting of the Minibus Committee contain two matters of concern to users. 1. Although the bus is of relatively recent purchase it may in the near future incur additional taxation because it cannot meet the latest low carbon emission

standards and 2. The ever-present need for drivers is now even greater with two recent driver resignations. If you'd like to be considered as a driver, a rewarding activity with little demands on your time, please get in touch with me.

Jim Harper

PC Transport Representative

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