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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 12th. Jan. 2011

ADVERTS AND EVENTS



Charney Toddlers.
On Mondays at 10-11.30am
in Charney Bassett Village Hall during
term time, starting on 10th. Jan 2011

We are a small, friendly Mother and Toddler group and welcome parents, grandparents and carers with their pre-school babies and toddlers. Come and play, chat and share a snack. To pay our costs we ask each family to contribute £1.50 per week. For more details contact Marian Gardiner, 01235 868319

Dates For Your Diary

Saturday 22nd. Jan 2011 Pudding Evening in the Village Hall. 6.30pm £5.00 Soup & rolls provided. Offers of puddings and further information from Lucy on 868782

Saturday 5th. Mar. 2011
Pancakes at 1 Barnfield. 10.00am-12.00 noon
Donations to St Peters Church
Lookout for posters

Personalised Hand-made Cards

Can't find the right card for that special occasion?

Eunice will make one for you. Ring her on 868646.

Buckland Village Diner

In the Village Hall

The Village Diner provides home-made food from local sources at 12:15 p.m. every third Wednesday in the month.

For £4 you get a two course lunch followed by tea or coffee.

The next Diner dates are:-
Wednesdays 19th. Jan.
and **16th. Feb.**

TABLE TENNIS

in the Village Hall

Monday evenings:-

For further information contact David Sibbert on 868734.

Charney Chatter

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VWHDC—INFORMATION UPDATES

Environment Agency introduces new flood warning codes

The Environment Agency has changed the codes it uses to warn people about the risk of floods. The new codes are as follows:

– **A Flood Alert** will be used to warn people of the possibility of flooding and encourage them to be alert, stay vigilant and make early preparations for flooding. This will replace the previously issued Flood Watches. A Flood Alert will be issued earlier than a Flood Warning, to give people advance notice that flooding is possible.

– **A Flood Warning** will be used to warn people of expected flooding and encourage them to take action to protect themselves and their property.

– **A Severe Flood Warning** will be used when there is a significant risk to life or significant disruption to communities and people need to take action to protect themselves and to follow the advice of the emergency services.

For more information or to register for the Environment Agency's free floodline warnings service, see www.environment-agency.gov.uk/floodthames

Flood prevention – please clear back ditches and culverts

It would be very helpful if you can remind anyone who lives or owns land in your parish to keep ditches, watercourses and culverts clear of growth and obstructions. Anyone who has a watercourse or culvert that runs across, under or alongside their property, has an obligation to keep this clear of any obstruction. People should also remove leaves that have fallen into ditches and check regularly that these are kept clear. Keeping watercourses and ditches clear is one of the best steps people can take to help prevent flash flooding to their own or neighbours property.

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Coffee Hour

The sessions will start again in the Village Hall on **Tuesday Jan 18th.** at 10:30am

50p. Buys you as much tea or coffee as you can drink — with biscuits too

100 CLUB DRAW

November	No.	Name	Prize	December	No.	Name	Prize
1st prize	4	Diane & Dean Ewart	£25.00	1st prize	136	Roger Watson	£100.00
2nd prize	125	Brian Collins	£10.00	2nd prize	85	Sue Champion	£50.00

CHILDRENS PLAY AREA

Every year RoSPA carries out a safety inspection of the children's play area. This year they have noted that tables and benches have been moved and placed near to the play equipment in such a way that a child could be injured if he or she fell from the equipment. Please do not move the tables and benches on to the area covered with wood chippings, or allow your children to do so. And if you notice that this has been done by somebody else, please take the trouble to move them off the chipping area. You may be doing somebody's son or daughter a favour!

Stephen Cowlam
Clerk to the Parish Council.

NOVEMBER POPPY APPEAL

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the Poppy Appeal in Charney Bassett. The total collected was £216.47, which is slightly less than 2009 but higher than previous years. My apologies to anyone who was missed out but we did call at least once to every house in the village. Also, for those who noted that people on the BBC had been wearing poppies for at least a week before we called, they must have kept them from the previous year because there is a two week period in which the Royal British Legion are licensed to carry out the appeal and we started knocking on doors on the first official day!

This may be the last time we are able to carry out the Poppy Appeal as we are hoping to move to Devon in 2011. If anyone would like to take over the collection, please let us know, so we can put you in contact with the local organiser.

Geoff & Julie Rumble

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Halloween now seems a long time ago. The party held in our newly refurbished Village Hall was greatly enjoyed by all, even the organising witches !! Twenty local children arrived in scary costumes to a spookily decorated hall and threw themselves into the games and food. Hopefully it will become an annual event. Thanks to all the helpers for giving their time to make the party a success.

Jane Fry.

SOUTHMOOR & KINGSTON BAGUIZE GARDENING CLUB

"The first meeting in the New Year of the Southmoor & Kingston Bagpuize Gardening Club is on **Friday, 7th January** when GORDON COTTIS from Bath will give us a talk on the varieties of cyclamen species suitable for garden cultivation and on some of the snowdrop species and cultivars. The meeting is in the village hall in Draycott Road, Southmoor and starts at 7.30 pm. Membership fees for 2011 are now due – these are £6.00 per year, with £1.50 payable per meeting attended, which covers the cost of coffee/tea and biscuits. Visitors are always welcome at a cost of £2.00 per meeting. We look forward to seeing you in 2011 – programmes for the year will be available in January.

Doreen Cowan, P.R. (01865 821520)

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH – A WARNING MESSAGE

There have recently been reports of a phone caller asking about "your computer", and usually asking you to 'turn it on'. The scam always starts the same way: the phone rings at someone's home, and the caller – usually with an Indian accent – asks for the householder, quoting their name and address before saying "I'm calling for Microsoft. We've had a report from your internet service provider of serious virus problems from your computer." Dire forecasts are made that if the problem is not solved, the computer will become unusable. The puzzled owner is then directed to their computer, and asked to open a program called "Windows Event Viewer". Its contents are, to the average user, worrying: they look like a long list of errors, some labelled "critical". "Yes, that's it," says the caller. "Now let me guide you through the steps to fixing it." The computer owner is directed to a website and told to download a program that hands over remote control of the computer, and the caller "installs" various "fixes" for the problem. And then it's time to pay a fee: £185 for a "subscription" to the "preventative service". The only catch: there was never anything wrong with the computer, the caller is not working for Microsoft or the internet service provider, and the owner has given a complete stranger access to every piece of data on their machine. Fuller details can be read at the website below, and many others. You DO know what to do, don't you? Don't chat at all - just put the phone down!

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2010/jul/18/phone-scam-india-call-centres>

CHARNEY RANGERS FC

Newly promoted Charney Rangers got off to a slow start at the beginning of the new season with a 1 – 1 draw at home to Chalgrove Cavaliers, followed by a 2 – 1 defeat at Rotherfield United and a 3 – 5 Cup defeat at home to Abingdon Town from the division above. Finally the boys began to turn things around, starting with a 3 – 1 win away to Benson United and followed by a 4 – 4 draw at home to top team Kennington Athletic, a 10 – 0 away win against local rivals Wantage Concorde and a 4 – 0 win at home against the then league leaders Rotherfield United. As things stand at the moment Charney Rangers are 3rd in their league and could possibly have been higher, but for the cancellation of three consecutive home matches due to weather conditions during December. The team resume their league fixtures away to Chalgrove Cavaliers on Sunday 16th January 2011. The mid-term Report suggests the future looks bright for the Rangers in the higher division, particularly as the squad has increased from the 10 to 12 players available last season to 14 regular team members for 2010/2011.

Please note Fixtures, Match Reports, Club and Player information can be found on the club website at <http://www.clubwebsite.co.uk/charneyrangersfc/>

Bernie Townsend

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CHRISTMAS WASTE COLLECTION FROM THE VWHDC WEBSITE

Normal collection day	Will be collected on	Which bin
Monday 27 December	Wednesday 29 December	Grey bin
Tuesday 28 December	Thursday 30 December	Grey bin
Wednesday 29 December	Friday 31 December	Grey bin
Thursday 30 December	Tuesday 4 January	Grey bin
Friday 31 December	Wednesday 5 January	Grey bin
Monday 3 January	Thursday 6 January	Green bin
Tuesday 4 January	Friday 7 January	Green bin
Wednesday 5 January	Saturday 8 January	Green bin
Thursday 6 January	Monday 10 January	Green bin
Friday 7 January	Tuesday 11 January	Green bin
Monday 10 January	Wednesday 12 January	Grey bin
Tuesday 11 January	Thursday 13 January	Grey bin
Wednesday 12 January	Friday 14 January	Grey bin
Thursday 13 January	Saturday 15 January	Grey bin
Friday 14 January	Monday 17 January	Grey bin
Monday 17 January	Tuesday 18 January	Green bin
Tuesday 18 January	Wednesday 19 January	Green bin
Wednesday 19 January	Thursday 20 January	Green bin
Thursday 20 January	Friday 21 January	Green bin
Friday 21 January	Saturday 22 January	Green bin

Important – in order to minimise the disruption, **there will be no catch up for collections that are missed.** If your collection is missed, please (where safe to do so) return your bins to their normal (non-collection day) position. Your next collection will then revert (weather permitting) to the [Christmas recycling and collections](#)

We would like to apologise to any residents who have been affected by the collection cancellations. As you will appreciate, with the conditions as they are, there is currently a potential danger of damage being caused to property by collection vehicles, as well as other health and safety considerations.

THAMES VALLEY POLICE**Hare Coursing**

At 12:48 on Saturday 27th November the Police received a report of hare coursing in the Charney Bassett area. The caller mentioned 5 cars, several dogs and around 8 people. The Police attended and 5 males were arrested. They had a total

of 7 dogs. Please continue to be extra vigilant and if you see any suspicious people or vehicles in your area, please contact the Police on 0845 8 505 505 or if there is a crime in progress dial 999.

Thank you

FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY

I'm delighted to wish readers a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's been an interesting few months, slotting in my ministerial responsibilities with my on-going commitment to you as your constituency MP. In the constituency the main issue of concern remains housing, with vigorous debates taking place in Wantage, Grove, Didcot and the surrounding villages, and Wallingford, about the amount of housing and where it should be built. No one is ever going to be happy when new homes are built near where they live, and I do not envy our local councils having to make these decisions. In the coming months, Parliament may pass a Bill to give villages and towns the right to apply for additional housing where they want it, which may change the nature of the debate.

Despite the recession, this area

continues to do well economically. The huge investment in science at Harwell and Culham is being maintained, which means more businesses will open at Milton Park, and the new business park at Harwell. I visit a lot of the businesses at Milton Park, and am constantly amazed at the innovation which is taking place on our doorstep.

The war is never far away, and in Didcot a plaque has been dedicated at the war memorial for the bomb disposal regiment based there, as well as an express train run by First Great Western. It was a privilege for me to visit one of our local soldiers who had been injured in Birmingham recently.

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

CHARNEY CHRISTMAS POST

Thank you to everyone who used the Charney Christmas Post. We raised £30 for Make-A-Wish Foundation® UK, which grants magical wishes to children and young people fighting life-threatening illnesses. *Sarah & Katie Burge*

CHARNEY BASSETT HARVEST SUPPER

Thank you to all those who attended the Charney Bassett Harvest Supper in the Manor. We made a small profit of £50 which has been donated to The October Club Day Centre for Alzheimers & other dementias in Wantage *Mary Daghish*

CAROLS ON THE GREEN

Thank you to everyone who came along to Carols on the Green in Charney Bassett. £120 was raised for The Gatehouse, an Oxford-based charity providing food, shelter and company to Oxford's homeless and poorly housed population. Thank you, too, to the Gildersleeves for kind use of their barn and scrumptious refreshments. *Tracey Burge*