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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 Nov 10th.**

**ADVERTS AND EVENTS**



**Charney Toddlers.**  
**On Mondays at 10-11.30am**  
**in Charney Bassett Village Hall**  
**during term time.**

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

**Hanney Gardening Club**

Hanney Gardening Club meets in the Hanney War Memorial Hall on the first Monday of the month. The meeting starts at 7:45 with tea and coffee. Members, non members and the curious are welcome.

Our talk for November 1st is:

**"Charles Darwin, Botanist and Gardener"** **Cyril Aydon**

Our website is:  
<http://hanneygardeningclub.org.uk/>

**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 is on **Wednesday November 17th.**

There is **no** Diner in December

**TABLE TENNIS**

in the Village Hall

Monday evenings:-

1st, 15th, 29th November

13th and 20th December

For further information contact David Sibbert on 868734.

# Charney Chatter

**NUMBER 42**

**NOVEMBER 2010**

**VILLAGE HALL PROJECT**

We have one more payment to make to complete our contract with the builder E.C.Hughes & Son and the hall modernisation project will be completed. This is subject to some remedial work in the storeroom where a leaking lead gully damaged the plasterboard. The leak has been fixed but repairs to the plasterboard have been put on hold to allow the area to completely dry out. The hall has now been in operation since June and all the groups who used the "old" hall are back and it seems that the work carried out meets with approval. The official opening was carried out on Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup> and proved very popular. Comments from representatives of the County and District Councils and from Oxfordshire Rural Community Council who attended the official opening were all very positive and we can be thankful that finance for the project was obtained before the cuts that are now likely in the next

few years. The project has been completed without completely draining CHAFT funds and the committee has decided to hold hire charges at the pre-modernisation rates for a year, to see how much the running costs are before considering any change. The old brown plastic chairs from the hall have been given to Lyford Church and we now have forty new blue plastic chairs that fold flat and are stored on an easily moveable trolley. We have also purchased some more lightweight aluminium tables with the hope that we can gradually replace all the heavy wooden tables that are used for the feast and fete. Photographs of the hall before and during the development work have been displayed in the hall since the official opening and will now be placed in a folder that records the project in detail and this will be kept in the hall for future reference.

Geoff Rumble

**HEADLINES**

- *The Big Debate*

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**Summer Time Ends**

Don't forget clocks go **Back** one hour on Saturday night 31st. Oct.

**CHRISTMAS BRING AND BUY**

St. Peters Church invites you to a Bring & Buy Coffee Morning on Saturday 27th. Nov. in the Village Hall from 10.00 to 12.00 noon. Raffles, Bric-a-brac, Cakes and produce.

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Deadline for copy for the January 2011 edition: **20th. December 2010**

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

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**THE BIG DEBATE**


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**The Oxfordshire Big Debate:**

A Contribution from Charney Bassett Parish Council.

In August the Chief Executive and the Leader of Oxfordshire County Council invited Town, District and Parish Councils in the county to give their views and suggestions for ways in which OCC can reduce its budget of £1B by £200M. You may have read the notice about this that was displayed in the village. Your Parish Council discussed reductions at our PC meeting on 8 September 2010. We provide this summary of the ideas that emerged then and in the few days afterwards from the Parish Council and residents who attended the PC meeting.

1 A 25% reduction in budget means shedding staff. One extreme is to shed 25% of staff, the other is to retain all staff but with a 25% pay cut. The reality is somewhere in between. We suggest you invite redundancies/early retirement, get rid of poor performers, freeze pay and cut it by 5% for all earning more than £30,000 pa. Shedding staff at a rate of 5% pa up to 2015 may not be as daunting as it seems; the private sector is quite used to this, and your staff will adapt.

2 Find smarter ways of working that are more cost-effective. De-layer management, push responsibility downwards, hot-desking/shared facilities, stop the annual purchase of furniture and equipment

3 Stop hiring consultants, they are overpriced.

4 Stop the end of year rush to spend the budget. So, reward delivery of service where managers spend down from the budget, not up to it.

5 Be clear about what services you need to deliver. As an example, a few years ago OCC had a breast-feeding advisor. (This post may not exist now, though). But why? Leave that to the NHS. Dispense with the post and the post holder. Disband the Oxford Parking Shop.

6 As you reduce staff numbers, consolidate into fewer buildings and sell off some property. (But at the market rate.)

7 All services should take cuts, some more than others, and without exposing the weak and vulnerable in the community.

8 Stop the glossy publications (and abolish the posts responsible for them). Use your PRO to communicate by providing copy to the local media, and publicise on your website

9 Stop "away-days", junkets and jollies. Provide your training in-house, senior managers training junior managers. (This will have the added benefit of promoting teambuilding).

10 Reduce hospitality expenditure. No first class travel. Pay expenses at cost, not an allowance.

11 Reduce energy costs. Switch off lights and equipment overnight and when not in use. Turn down your thermostats by 1-2 degrees.

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**THAMES VALLEY POLICE**


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**Littleworth / Shellingford / Hanneys  
neighbourhood update**

Welcome to the neighbourhood update for October for the Faringdon East area. I am pleased to report that we remain the best performing team on the Vale of the White Horse. On Friday the 10 of September 2010 there was a burglary at a house in Shellingford where approximately £11,500's worth of paintings were stolen. Thanks to the vigilance of the neighbours within the community of Shellingford, a car registration number was recorded and a description of some suspicious males seen in the area at the time of the burglary. This case has been handed onto the Abingdon burglary team and these leads are being investigated. If anyone has any information about this incident please contact DC Leach of Abingdon's Priority Crime Team. I would like to thank the residents of Tubney and Tubney Woods who participated in the "Have Your Say" door-to-door survey on the 19 – 21 August. We got some great feedback. The primary concern for residents is speeding in the village. The Roads Policing department have been fully briefed to this and a tasking has been set up for them to attend in order to conduct high visibility patrols and speeding enforcement. In addition to this the Neighbourhood Team have made plans to attend with the Speed Indication Device (SID) and educate drivers to their excess speed. This will take place throughout the month. On the 9 and 10 of August a Have Your Say door-to-door survey was conducted and I am pleased to hear that the residents of Garford feel very safe and few had any concerns to report. Hare coursing is a growing problem in the neighbourhood and I am hearing reports on a daily basis from worried members of the public. To combat this, Operation Migrate has been initiated in order to dedicate resources in all terrain vehicles to

target hare coursing. Historically this has been very successful in the identification and prosecution of prolific offenders. Please keep an eye out for hare coursing or any other suspicious behaviour and then report this to the police on 0845 8 505 505 so that it can be circulated on ringmaster and community messaging or in an emergency call 999. Community Messaging is a free service that provides information to subscribers about crime and police activity in their area via phone or email. It also includes information on what we and our partner services are doing to bring offenders to justice or combat anti-social behaviour, and information on opportunities for local residents to raise concerns with their local policing teams. More information can be obtained via our website

<http://www.tvpcommunitymessaging.org/rmwebportal/startup.aspx> (opens new window)

The school holidays have finished now and I would like to thank all of the younger members of the community that enjoyed themselves responsibly this summer break. It was pleasing to see that there were fewer calls this summer regarding anti-social behaviour from youths. Keep up the good work.

We have had some interest from within the community from members wanting to volunteer to join the police as special constables. We are still very interested to hear from anyone who wishes to work alongside us and if you are interested full details can be obtained from the specials' recruitment page <http://www.youdrawtheline.co.uk/> (opens new window)

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## FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY

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### Extracts from the monthly News letters:

The summer is now over and the usual hurly burly is resuming, though I spent most of August at my desk, so the pace of life has not changed very much. There are one or two decisions from central government which can cause concern locally. When this happens, my priority is still to represent my constituents, and do the best that I can for them. For example, the future refurbishment of Grove pre-school has been put in doubt because of funding decisions. It is still my responsibility to my constituents to make representations as best I can to central government, which is what I have done.

I hope that one of my responsibilities - the roll out of broadband - will have a positive impact locally. In fact I spoke recently at a conference in Oxfordshire organised to discuss the roll out of superfast broadband, and I hope that Oxfordshire will benefit from the increasing focus on ensuring that we get broadband out to as many areas as possible as quickly as possible. (I have also been to conferences in Herefordshire and Cumbria on this subject in case people think I am giving Oxfordshire special treatment.)

Housing developments remain a concern, and I continue to meet with local developers and local people to express my own

concerns and hear those of others. On a related matter, the opening of a new Tesco in Faringdon is also raising concerns about the effect it could have on shops in the town. The desire for local communities to have a strong say in how their area develops remains as strong as ever, and it is something we should respect and support. The reservoir issue is reaching a conclusion. The independent enquiry is due to report quite soon, and it will then be up to the Government to decide whether to allow it to go ahead or not. I think campaigners have done a brilliant job in showing that there are real viable alternatives to the scheme. I also continue to take an interest in plans to build a waste treatment centre in Sutton Courtenay, which remain controversial.

I was delighted to attend the refurbishment of Steventon pre-school and the annual Grove parish council drinks, as well as the re-opening of the Island Farm Donkey Sanctuary, which I was closely involved with through its troubles last year. I also went to the opening of the new village shop in Brightwell, which is run by the community - very Big Society! (It was opened by a Guardian journalist, which made it even more ecumenical.) As always, I can be contacted at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350, [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk)

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## WASTE RECYCLING AT STANFORD-IN-THE-VALE

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After the chaos of the introduction of the new waste collection system there is one aspect that has been overlooked for some people. Those people who use the Stanford-in-the-Vale tip ought to note that from 1Nov. 2010 some vehicles will require a permit, but private cars with small trailers under 1.8m will not. I suggest that when you next visit the waste recycling centre you collect a leaflet for more details. Ed.

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12 Roads. There is much talk of removing roadside furniture. But it will cost more to remove than to leave it alone. Simply do not add more! Do the essential, mend the roads. Why are there so many traffic surveys.

13 All of this will be difficult, and your biggest hurdle will be to change the attitudes and culture of your staff, particularly as you are expecting them to do more for less and with fewer of them. So you need to find new ways of working that do not add burden, and provide help to re-employ those whose services you no longer require.

OCC arranged a series of public meetings in September, and one of our Parish Councillors attended the one in Abingdon. We were thanked at that meeting by the Leader of OCC, Keith Mitchell, for the method and content of our contribution, and this leads us to hope that our views will receive serious consideration. Ideas offered by other councils include collecting outstanding council tax, withdrawal of bus passes, tighter control of contractor performance and remuneration, transfer of some care responsibilities to charities, and Abingdon Lodge four-way interchange.

Stephen Cowlam, Clerk to the PC.

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## REPORT FROM THE COUNTY COUNCIL

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The budget problems are still upon us and massive savings need to be made in this budget year and every other for the foreseeable future.

We need to find new ways of working that will still deliver the services, give value for money, but cut out all waste and inefficiency. We shall also probably have to make cuts to none-statutory services. I will be sending round a briefing note to all who express interest in the debates.

The Council is organising "BIG DEBATES" around the County to try to get the views of people about where the cuts should be made.

I am organising a "Little" Big Debate in the near future, probably in Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Village Hall.

The Application for sand and gravel extraction at Pinewoods has not come forward yet. I will keep you informed.

I am on a campaign to cut road furniture, if you see any signs you think could be safely removed - please let me know.

Melinda Tilley  
County Councillor  
Kingston Bagpuize Division

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## 100 CLUB DRAW

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| September | Number           | Prize  | October   | Number             | Prize  |
|-----------|------------------|--------|-----------|--------------------|--------|
| 1st prize | 95 David Roberts | £25.00 | 1st prize | 14 Marian Gardiner | £25.00 |
| 2nd prize | 81 Annabel Brown | £10.00 | 2nd prize | 55 Gordon Rothwell | £10.00 |

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