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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 Wednesday 8th. Sep.**

**ADVERTS AND EVENTS**



**Charney Toddlers.**

**On Mondays from September 6<sup>th</sup> 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 Talk**

Date: 6th Sep Time: 7:45 for 8:00  
Venue: Hanney War Memorial Hall  
Tea and coffee served from 7:45

**“Liven up your garden with Autumn colours”**  
Speaker: Eva Roger

**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.

**Buckland Village Diner**

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 dates are:-  
September 15th.  
October 20th.  
November 17th.

# Charney Chatter

**NUMBER 41**

**SEPTEMBER 2010**

**VILLAGE HALL PROJECT**

We are almost there! The project has cost approximately £120,000 and we still have enough in the bank to be comfortable about running costs for the immediate future. Funds collected originally to give a bench to Peter Davies as a thank you for all his work in the village have not only put a bench on the playing field but have also paid for a bench and table on the new patio at the back of the hall and a new village hall sign and notice board. The front of the hall is now finished, with stone chippings and the metal railings at the side and back have been completely uncovered, straightened and given a coat of black Ham-

merite paint. Inside the hall, we have curtain poles, curtains, a hat stand and with any luck, by the time this issue is distributed, we will have some new chairs that stack flat and can be moved around on a trolley, purchased with this years profit from the 100 club. Also, a cheque is still awaited but we know the **Waitrose** community fund will be giving us £353 from the July collection of green tokens and this is being spent on some new tables to supplement the five aluminium tables we already possess.

Geoff Rumble

**To mark the fact that the hall is back in regular use,**

*The CHAFT Committee is pleased to invite all residents of Charney Bassett to come and help us celebrate the official opening of the refurbished Village Hall on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010**. Drinks and ‘nibbles’ will be available from **7.30 – 9.00 pm.***

*This will also be an opportunity for us to thank the many individuals and organisations who have given so generously of their time and money to enable the project to go ahead.*

**HEADLINES**

- *Waitrose Sponsorship*
- *Chequers Moves Up*

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**Coffee Hour**

The next season will start again in the Village Hall on Tuesday Sept. 7th. at 10:30am 50p. Buys you as much tea or coffee as you can drink —with biscuits too  
Many thanks to those who hosted the Coffee Hour during July and August

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## CHARNEY ARMY

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The Charney Army have devoted a lot of time to the Hall Project in recent months but now this is finally drawing to a close they have been able to tackle some of the other jobs that catch up with you when you are not looking. As the growing season is drawing to a close and the drought has taken its toll, we have been able to start cutting back the weed growth on path edges and more recently on the playing field plantation. Further cutting back and some pruning of trees and shrubs will continue into Autumn and Winter. This will include work for Chaffinch to make sure our waterways are not becoming clogged. We were most grateful to be given several

tons of crushed hardcore by Paul McDonnell and with the help of a tractor and trailer from Charles Dingwall, driven by Richard Clements, plus the subsequent use of cars and smaller trailers, a hard standing is being put down at the side of the mill. This will allow occasional parking for those working on or visiting the mill.

Don't forget, the Charney Army meets on the second and the last Thursday of each month from 10.00 to 12.00 in the morning. New helpers are always welcome and you can automatically be kept informed of what work is planned if you give the editor your email address.

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## AUNT SALLY

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### Chequers shoot up the table.

After languishing at the bottom of the table in the early part of the season recent impressive performances have seen the team rise to third position in the league.

Golfers dream of a hole in one and Richard Podd achieved the Aunt Sally equivalent by clanging off a maximum 'sixer' in an away match at Steventon.

The season ends early in September. Thanks to all who have shown an interest in this traditional Oxfordshire game.

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## TABLE TENNIS

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After the August break sessions will recommence on Monday evenings in September. Members will be emailed dates shortly.

Further information from David Sibbert on 868734

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## 100 CLUB DRAW

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July	Number	Prize	August	Number	Prize
1st prize	47 Gordon Campbell	£25.00	1st prize	95 David Roberts	£25.00
2nd prize	78 Jean King	£10.00	2nd prize	88 Lucy Symons	£10.00

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## CHARNEY BASSETT AND LYFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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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, Char-

ney Bassett, Tel: 868704, E-mail: [fc.rothwell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:fc.rothwell@tiscali.co.uk)

The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 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.

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## TELEPHONE KIOSK

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Our Telephone box has been cleaned up, an integral lock fitted by John Daghish who has also kindly updated and expanded the village map showing the location of all properties in and around Charney Bassett, this can be read from

outside now by day . . . and by night !

Do keep an eye on the Box as Lucy will be taking it over for the Fete . . . but for what exactly ?????

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## FROM COUNCILLOR JIM

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Thanks to all those who have now taken up Jim's suggestion to check security lighting that it does not cause distress to neighbours near or far.

Also to those who have cleaned the path/gutter adjacent to their property in

the light that we currently have no village cleaner.

With our annual Festivity standing at the door now would be as good a time as any to do this if possible.

**FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY**

“My last column set out how some of my national responsibilities might affect the constituency. These included things such as broadband roll out and libraries. I forgot to put in the most controversial of all – digital radio switchover. My speech on this generated a huge amount of correspondence, such that my Department missed all its response targets for the month.

As usual, the papers have misrepresented it, so let me set out what I actually have said. Europe is moving towards digital radio, so I have put in place plan to make it easier for people to get radio stations on digital radios – this means increasing coverage and lowering the prices of digital radios. But given that most people still listen to FM, we have not set a date to switchover to digital, and will only do so when most people are listening to digital, and when coverage is as good as FM. Some people think this could be as soon as 2015 but I have made it clear we won't go ahead unless the listening public are with us.

There you have it – please feel free to get in touch on any specific concerns you have.

In terms of a surreal experience, I got to announce the winner of the UK City of Culture (the first such award) on a roof top in Liverpool, live on the *One Show* (a lot of people seem to have seen it). I then flew to visit the winning city, which is Derry/Londonderry, a beautiful but of course troubled place on the western shore of Northern Ireland. I have never been involved in a media scrum before, but there were lots of cameras and reporters. Nor have I ever enjoyed, if that is the

right word, armed protection. I hope the city is able to make the most of this new and unique opportunity. Locally, I remain as busy as ever. I have visited the new Thames Valley Housing Development at St Mary's **Wantage**; had a briefing on the amazing anglo-saxon burial find at **West Hanney** (including a brooch of which there are only nine examples in the country); been to various fetes including **Buckland** and **Milton**; been to Oxford Instruments to celebrate their Queen's Award for Industry; visited Didcot Power Station, which incidentally may close as early as 2013; visited the television transmitter at Beckley which burnt down and affected all our television coverage; visited the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory and the Diamond Synchrotron; had a meeting with Didcot First; been to a school concert in **Wantage**; and opened the excellent **Faringdon** Arts Festival and the **Wallingford** Rugfest.

I continue to seek a meeting with the Department for Transport to progress the Wantage Road station proposal. Housing development is continuing to cause concern, with many people disappointed by the quality of the proposals put forward for both **Wallingford** and **Grove**. Sadly developers do not in my view put in enough work to make their proposals special or exciting and I will be seeking meetings with them to hear more about what their plans are.

I can be contacted as always on [vaizeye@parliament.uk](mailto:vaizeye@parliament.uk); House of Commons London SW1A 0AA; 020 7219 6350

**Correction to Charney Chatter Page 3****CHARNEY BASSETT FETE & DOG SHOW****Charney Bassett Church Fête**

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, from 1.00 – 4.00 pm**

**in Charney Manor Gardens**

*Irish Dancing Display*

*Wantage Silver Band*

Cream teas, BBQ, Cakes Stall,

Grand Draw, Tombolas

Bric-a-brac, Plants & Produce, Books, CDs and DVDs

10-pin bowling, Milk the Cow ... and other games and stalls!

***Join in with our 'Going Potty' garden creations!***

Thames Valley Police

An opportunity to speak to your Neighbourhood Officers to discuss any issues of concern.

Please come along. No appointment necessary

**Dog Show**

**Saturday September 11**

**Judge: Miss Pat Harris ('Stonyfleet')**

*All dogs welcome!*

**4 pedigree and 8 novelty classes.**

Trophies and Rosettes

Best in Show (pedigree)

Reserve Best in Show (pedigree)

Best novelty

Reserve novelty

**Registration from 1.00 pm**

**Judging of classes from 2.00 pm**

**Home-baked cakes and teas all afternoon**

All enquiries to Mrs Y. Hobbs 01235 868428 Licensed by The Kennel Club