



VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD

UPDATE FROM THE TRUSTEES OF THE CHARNEY HALL & FIELD TRUST (CHAFT)

Urgent action is being taken to replace the children's multi-play equipment and provide additional toddler's equipment on the playing field.

Estimates have been obtained and negotiations are taking place with the preferred supplier. The total cost of the project is significant and the trustees of CHAFT, whilst having set aside considerable reserves for this project, acknowledge that substantial additional funding will be required.

A bid for financial assistance under the Vale of White Horse District Council's Capital Community Grants Scheme is being drafted for submission by the 6th May. Plans are in place to approach other local bodies for assistance with funding.

Additionally, there will be ongoing fundraising events to support this project. **Please support the fundraising events advertised in this newsletter.**

More detailed information will be circulated in the near future

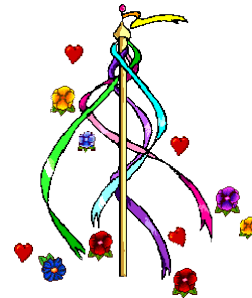
QUIZ NIGHT – SUNDAY 13TH MARCH – THANK YOU

Six teams competed in a lively and close-fought match, displaying a wide range of knowledge from science to the arts, current affairs to geography. They identified mystery roots, seeds and leaves in a touch-and-taste spot the spices and tried to make the connection between cryptic clues in the Marathon round. Scores were doubled by canny use of the team Joker, and lost cause rounds abandoned by playing a Vulture - and when all else failed, players sought to buy some points off the judges with neatly-turned witty alternative answers.

In the end the winning team was Hare Today Gone Tomorrow, beating Tequila Mockingbird and The Eternal Optimists, who tied for second place, by just half a point.

Many thanks to everyone who took part for making this a fun, social event which raised £187.32 for CHAFT towards equipment on the Charney field.

Lucy



Charney Bassett May Day Celebrations 2016

Please join us on The Green, Charney Bassett at 2.30pm on Monday 2nd May 2016. There will be the crowning of the May Queen, Maypole dancing by local children and lots of tea and cake.

Please feel free to bring chairs and picnic blankets, as we are praying for sunshine again.

Any donations of cakes can be taken to the Green on the day and will be most welcome.

Lorraine Ashton

CHAFT and THE CHEQUERS INN

Saturday 9th April

Family Easter Fun and Afternoon Tea

Raising money for children's play area equipment on Charney Field

Programme of the day:

10.30 am - MILES OF SMILES on the Village Green

- Help us to circle the Green with 'batons and bunting' by **SPONSORING A METRE-LENGTH OF WOOD**

(please ask in The Chequers about sponsoring a baton - or contact Jaqui 868642 for further information)

- Fill our **WISH WELLINGTONS** with your loose coins



- **DECORATE EGGS and FAIRY CAKES**
- and then submit your creations for the afternoon art competition for a chance to win a prize

2.00 pm - FUN ON THE FIELD



- **TREASURE HUNT and GAMES**



(suggested donation of £1.50 per child for field activities)

3.30 pm - AFTERNOON TEA in the VILLAGE HALL

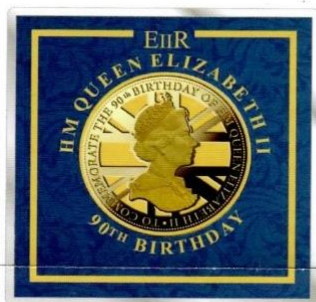


- **RAFFLE** *(tickets on sale throughout the day)*
- **ART COMPETITION** - open to all ages; any media - on the theme of Spring.

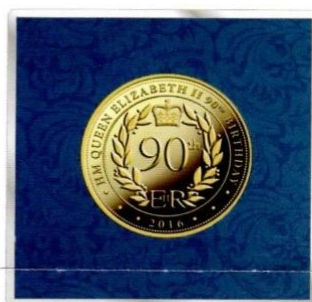


Please hand in your entries at the Miles of Smiles activities in the morning on the village green.

APPLY NOW FOR A COMMEMORATIVE MEDAL FOR THE QUEEN'S 90TH BIRTHDAY



Obverse



Reverse

The Parish Council has agreed to provide one of the commemorative medals to each child (18 years and under) living in the village free of charge. Adults in the village can also purchase one or more medals at £2.40 each.

Residents are asked to e-mail Stephen Cowlam, Clerk of the Parish Council at: stephencowlam194@btinternet.com with the names of their children requiring a free medal and, if appropriate, indicate the number of additional medals they wish to purchase at a cost of £2.40 each.

Closing date for applications 15th April



The Tour de Vale Bike Ride is WheelPower's largest annual fundraising event and is taking place on:

SUNDAY 26TH JUNE

The three routes have been designed to cover all abilities from children and families to an advanced ride for experienced cyclists. The longest route is 100k and passes through some of Buckinghamshire's most scenic villages.

Funds raised will help disabled children and adults take part in sport at Stoke Mandeville Stadium, the birthplace of the Paralympic movement.

Enter Online: [Click Here](#) for the full information and entry form.

ANYONE FOR RUBBISH?

Message from Alexandra Pyle, Waste Recycling Officer

Have you ever wondered what happens to your rubbish after it's collected from your black bin?

Come for a tour at Ardley ERF (that big building on the M40 by Banbury) and find out how your waste creates enough energy for 38,000 homes! The tour is booked in at 10am 12 April 2016 for all South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse residents.

Please email Alexandra.pyle@southandvale.gov.uk or call 01235 540566 to book a space or reserve a spot when more dates become available.

KINGSTON BAGPUIZE DRAMA GROUP

Presents

A 1920S 'WHODUNNIT?'

THOROUGHLY MURDERED MILLIE

SATURDAY 23RD APRIL

Southmoor Village Hall

Doors open at 6.30 pm

The murder mystery evening includes a fish and chip supper, dessert, teas and coffees and a fully licensed bar.

There will be a chance to quiz the suspects and decide who the culprit is.

Tickets £15

(**MUST** be pre-booked before 12th April)

Telephone 01865 821816

DON'T LEAVE IT TO SOMEONE ELSE!

USE FIX MY STREET TO REPORT A ROAD OR STREET PROBLEM TO OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Go to <http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

1. Enter an Oxfordshire postcode, or street name and area
2. Locate the problem on a map of the area
3. Enter details of the problem
4. Confirm the report and Oxfordshire County Council will investigate
5. Track progress

For urgent/emergency matters telephone: 0845 310 111

CHARNEY HISTORY GROUP - UPDATE

'History' has now been added to the front page of the village website. This is 'work in progress'.

Plans are well advanced to provide a list of relevant books, documents and information on village maps.

An article on village artifacts appeared in the last edition of the Chatter

Information on village buildings (history, photographs, newspaper cuttings etc) is being collated.

Information on now defunct village organisations (history, photographs, newspaper cuttings etc) is being collated

Next meeting 11.00am on the 1st April 2016 at The Chequers Inn

FROM YOUR MP – *Ed Vaizey*

Themes of the March report are:

- Didcot Power Station disaster
- Easter events across the constituency
- Superfast broadband in Pusey and Gainfield



Click [here](#) for full report

WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY WEBSITE?

- [Update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team](#)
- [Parish Council Draft Minutes of Meeting held on the 9th March](#)
- [St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett – Annual Report for 2015](#)

ADD THESE DATES TO YOUR DIARY!

SATURDAY 11TH JUNE

CHARNEY BASSETT CELEBRATION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S 90TH BIRTHDAY

Decorate a gold and silver floral 'giant cake' and join in a bring-and-share picnic tea.

This is a whole-village celebration and we hope as many as possible will join in.

11.00 am Come to the Village Green to help decorate our 'giant cake' framework in a theme of silver and gold.

Start collecting now: tinsel, kitchen foil or any weather-proof gold and silver material to bring along to weave into the framework.

Bring along a pot of outdoor flowers to place in the framework (please put your name on your pot of flowers if you want it returned to you when the 'cake' is dismantled)

3.00 pm Bring and share picnic tea on the Village Green.

St Peter's Church Fête

SATURDAY 2ND JULY

2.00-5.00 pm

in Charney Manor Gardens

Come along and enjoy this traditional village fête with teas, a band, a grand draw, tombolas, auction, bouncy castle, stalls and games.

- Get those green fingers working now to grow plants for the plants and produce stall.
- Start looking out items for the bric-a-brac stall, and books, CDs and DVDs.
- Have you got something interesting to go in the auction, or could you offer a service for it – maybe a carwash or an hour of ironing or some gardening?
- Please would you help us on the day by staffing a stall, serving teas, or helping set up and take down gazebos and tables etc.?

Let Barbara Douglas know what you can offer – 868788 or bdoug98@aol.com

Thank you!

STANFORD IN THE VALE COMMUNITY BUS



The service links Charney Bassett with Wantage and neighbouring villages on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Bus times are shown in the bus shelter.

Annual Parish Church Meeting at St Peter's, Charney Bassett

Our APCM this year was held on Wednesday 16th March, where we all thanked Doug Hughes for his dedicated and tireless service as Church Warden for many years, as he now steps down from this post and from the PCC, as does Liz Hughes. We also thanked Tracey Burge who has done an incredible job as PCC Secretary for the last ten years, and who now wishes to hand on the baton to someone new. I would personally like to thank them all for holding the fort over the long interregnum before my arrival. Doug, Liz and Tracey have done so much for St Peter's Church and the community of Charney Bassett in their time serving on the PCC, and I am sure that we will all miss their hard work and enthusiasm at meetings.

However, I am delighted to welcome Ian McGregor and Jackie Harrison as our new Church Wardens, and Pam Edwards as our new PCC Secretary. We all hope they will enjoy these new roles, and I look forward to working with them and the rest of the PCC as we explore a church vision that puts St Peter's firmly at the heart of the village community, and welcomes everyone to services and events.

From May, one change to the church calendar will be the moving of All Age Worship, which is currently at 10am on Fourth Sundays of each month. As of May, this service will move to 4pm on Third Sundays. Lucy Gildersleeves and I very much welcome you all to what will be an inclusive and joyful monthly family celebration.

Every blessing, Reverend Talisker

CHARNEY 100 CLUB MARCH DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 1 March during Coffee Hour are as follows:-

First Prize	£25	Number 17	Jackie Jezzard
Second Prize	£10	Number 95	David Roberts



The Draw is run by CHAFT to help pay operating and maintenance costs of the Village Hall and Millennium Field. The subscriptions for the year to March 2016 raised £1410 of which £575 was paid as prizes leaving £835 for CHAFT funds.

We are in the process of collecting subscriptions for the next 12 months (April 2016 to March 2017). You will be aware that the children's play equipment on Millennium Field is to be replaced and so the new money collected will provide a valuable assistance for this purpose.

Thank you for your support.

Mahala and David
Charney 100 Club Organisers

REMINDER TO ALL DOG WALKERS



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: 868704, E-mail: rothwell555@btinternet.com.

Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her for consideration at the meeting.

VILLAGE DINER WITH FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Please come and enjoy our Benefice villages' community lunch which is served in Buckland Memorial Hall from 12.15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (excluding December).

A 2 course lunch cooked by Claire Connolly with tea or coffee at £5 per person. Next date:

Wednesday 20th April

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help occasionally, please call Deborah Lewis on 868 536 or email cjanlewis@btinternet.com

Eggs for sale:

from free-range local Charney Bassett hens:

£1.50 / half-dozen

Also duck eggs:

£2.40 / half-dozen



Delivered to your door in and around Charney Bassett.

To buy: call me on 01235 868782 or email me on gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com or simply leave an egg box on my doormat with your name and contact and how many eggs you want, on a piece of paper inside the box.

COMMUNITY LED PLAN

Don't forget to provide feedback on the draft plan that can be viewed [here](#) and send your comments to:

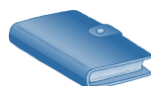
cbclpfeedback@gmail.com

Don't forget to come along to the meeting on the draft plan on:

Saturday 23rd April in the village hall.

Come along and participate in finalising our plan. New ideas still welcome. Details to follow soon.

Charney Bassett Community Led Plan Steering Group



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE HOUR – Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 10.30-11.30am. £1 pp, including as much tea, coffee and biscuits as you like.

FAMILY EASTER FUN AND AFTERNOON TEA - Saturday 9th April, from 10.30am. Village Green and Hall.

COMMUNITY LED PLAN PRESENTATION – Saturday 23rd April, 2-4pm, Village Hall.

CHARNEY BASSETT MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS – Monday 2nd May, 2.30pm, Village Green.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS – Saturday 11th June, from 11.00am, Village Green.

CHAFT AGM – Thursday 9th June, 7.30pm, Village Hall

HARP CONCERT – Friday 1st July

VILLAGE FETE – Saturday 2nd July, Charney Manor

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th April 2016 Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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