

CHARNEY CHATTER

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April 2015

NEW NOTICE BOARD



Charney Bassett Parish Council has a new notice board to replace the old one on the bus shelter. The notice board was replaced on Friday 27 February by John Daghish, Mike Newman and the Clerk, Stephen Cowlam.

The old notice board had been in place since 1980 or earlier, and when removed revealed an even older one beneath! The Parish Council is grateful to County Councillor Melinda Tilley for the generous provision of a grant from Oxfordshire County Council towards the cost of the new notice board.

Stephen Cowlam

LOCAL VILLAGES MAY PURCHASE PORTABLE SPEED INDICATION DEVICE?

Speeding is a perceived problem in most villages.

As a result, the [Faringdon East Neighbourhood Action Group](#) (covering Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, The Hanneys, Standford in the Vale and surrounding villages) is asking local Parish Councils to give consideration to the joint purchase of a portable speed indication device, as part of a police backed Community Speed Watch initiative.

Under this scheme

- Trained volunteers operate at the roadside in areas with 20, 30 and 40mph limits, monitoring speeds with the aid of a portable speed indication device (SID).
- They record and report the speed and identifying details of vehicles travelling at or above specified speed thresholds.
- The police send letters to the registered keepers advising them of the speed and reminding them of why it is a community concern.



It is a form of education rather than enforcement. However, if problems persist, the information enables the police to target their enforcement activities better.

Parish Councils are being asked if they support the idea in principle. If there is sufficient interest, the Group will then address issues relating to ownership, appointment of a co-ordinator, liaison with the police, insurance, training and an appropriate funding mechanism. Interested villages will also need to identify a pool of volunteers willing to undergo a half day training session and undertake occasional roadside checks. Charney Bassett Parish Council has agreed to await the additional information referred to above and give the matter further consideration at a future meeting.

For further information on 'Community Speed Watch' go to <http://www.traffictchnology.co.uk/road-safety/community-speed-watch>

Michael Cox and David Sibbert (Faringdon East Neighbourhood Action Group)

CHARNEY BASSETT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

When VWHDC produced its draft Local Plan 2026 Charney Bassett was designated in that Plan as a "smaller village". VWHDC had written to the Parish Council to advise that Charney Bassett should have ten new houses. They wrote again to advise that the emerging plan showed that we should have 20 new houses! At roughly the same time Pye Homes prepared a proposal for 13 new houses on Buckland Road, and a separate developer submitted plans for four new houses behind the existing houses on the west side of Longworth Road. At about this time the Charney Bassett Action Group was formed to campaign against what it saw as uncontrolled development.

It was these factors that led us to begin preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

In the event, planning permission was refused on the Longworth Road development, and an appeal failed, too. We pointed out to VWHDC the error in their calculation that designated Charney Bassett as a "smaller village", and that we should be designated "open countryside". They accepted this, and incorporated this into their revised draft Local Plan 2031. This shows no requirement for any housing development. Pye Homes abandoned their proposal without explanation.

Our draft Neighbourhood Plan is not able to designate any sites for building because that would conflict with the draft Local Plan 2031. A Neighbourhood Plan is a land use plan. With no land designated for development that prompted the Parish Council to ask what value a Neighbourhood Plan has if it designates no land for development. That led to a meeting that we had with officers from VWHDC and ORCC in late February.

Their advice was that we do not need a Neighbourhood Plan because we are (soon to be) "open countryside" (when the Local Plan is adopted, possibly in about a year's time). Further, designation of land for development would be counterproductive for our status as "open countryside", because it might alert potential developers. Instead, we were advised that a Community-led Plan is more appropriate for us.

Our Steering Group had the foresight to craft its work well enough to allow either sort of plan to be prepared. So the Neighbourhood Plan work was not abortive. Simply, planning at VWHDC had moved on (partly as a result of some of the things that we in Charney Bassett had said to them). At its March meeting the Parish Council took the decision not to continue work on the Neighbourhood Plan, but instead to focus work on a Community-led Plan. This will consider a wider range of topics than was necessary for a Neighbourhood Plan. It will need further involvement of the various interest groups that contribute to the life of the village. The Steering Group has agreed to progress the Community-led Plan.

The Parish Council is most grateful to the commitment and the quality of the work done by the Steering Group. They are Hugh Brookes, Neil Dobson, Ron Smith, Victoria Smith, Sheila Terry, and Christine Trotman.

The [draft Neighbourhood Plan](#) is available on the village website so that residents can see the results of the work undertaken. If circumstances change in the future we have the confidence that we have a robust draft Neighbourhood Plan that can be brought into play if necessary.

Stephen Cowlam,
On behalf of Charney Bassett Parish Council.

WOULD YOU LIKE AN ALLOTMENT?

Your Parish Council is aware from responses to the Neighbourhood Plan/Community-led Plan that there may be a demand for additional allotment land in Charney Bassett. If you are interested in having an allotment please give your name and contact details to one of your parish councillors or the clerk. You can find their telephone numbers on the village website. If there is sufficient demand, the Parish Council will seek suitable land for use as allotment gardens.

Stephen Cowlam,
On behalf of Charney Bassett PC

40 YEARS AGO

In 1975 Charney Bassett was featured on Radio Oxford in a local version of 'Down Your Way'. Taking part were May Hodgkins, Cicily Axford, George Bungay and John Anderson. If anyone would like to listen to the recording they may borrow a copy from Joe Ody 868469

NEW RECTOR

The Benefice is still looking for a suitable new Rector. One candidate applied but decided not to accept this commitment.

Fortunately we are led by Bishop Colin who is actively engaged in seeking new clergy. He has placed extensive advertising with a view to attracting the right applicant without delay. Meanwhile St Peter's and the other Churches are providing regular worship ably assisted by our Visiting Clergy Michael O'Connor, Tony Lynn and Licensed Lay Minister Richard Waterhouse. An active team of volunteers throughout the Benefice ensures unstinted support as well. Without such a great "team effort" we would not enjoy our lovely Churches nor their place in our Community.

St Peter's is open daily and welcomes you to 3 Services during Holy Week:

31st March 12 pm Holy Communion

3rd April 12pm Good Friday An hour before the Cross

5th April 9am Easter Sunday Holy Communion

Doug Hughes
Church Warden

FORMATION OF CHARNEY GOLF SOCIETY?

This was the subject of recent 'over the bar' discussions at The Chequers Inn.

Bacon butties, 18 holes of golf and then whatever follows?

INTERESTED in attending an inaugural meeting?
Email info@chequerscharney.co.uk or telephone Ian on 868642

CONGRATULATIONS GO TO JACKIE A FORMER RESIDENT OF CHARNEY BASSETT AND ONE-TIME ORGANISER OF THE VILLAGE COLLEGE



Oxfordshire based Jacqueline Cross Photography has been crowned the "Most Loved" business in the Oxford area as part of a national competition, the Local & Loved Awards 2015 as voted for by local people. The awards showcase those great local and loved independent businesses that Oxford wouldn't be without. The business was also voted the 3rd most popular photographer in the whole of the UK via the national Local and Loved Awards run by the "Bestof UK".

FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey

Themes of the March report are based on three Charities which Ed Vaizey is involved with:

- SUDEP (sudden unexpected death in epilepsy)
- OSCAR (helps children and families when they are diagnosed with brain or spinal tumours)
- Mission Motorsport (recovery and rehabilitation of those affected by military operations)

Click [here](#) for full report



VILLAGE DINER

Held in Buckland Memorial Hall

12.15 pm

Two course lunch with tea and coffee

£5 per person

Wednesday 15th April

Wednesday 20th May

Wednesday 17th June

For more information please call
Deborah Lewis 868536

SAD NEWS

Older residents will be sorry to hear that Don Robertson, a well-known figure around the village, recently passed away.

GOLF BALLS

Residents in New Road whose houses back on to Charney Field have mentioned to the Parish Council that they are finding golf balls in their gardens. If somebody is using Charney Field to drive golf balls, would they please do it elsewhere more appropriate? Using Charney Field for this purpose is hazardous. There may be people out of sight in the gardens who are at risk of being hurt, and windows and greenhouses are at risk of being broken.

Stephen Cowlam,
On behalf of Charney Bassett PC

WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY WEBSITE?

- [Parish Council draft minutes of meeting held on 11th March](#)
- [Village Map](#)
- [Draft Neighbourhood Plan and Plan update from Parish Council Clerk](#)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

At the moment The Riding for the Disabled stables at Southmoor are short of volunteers for sessions with children aged 5-6 on Mondays at 5.30 and Thursdays at 5.00. No previous experience with horses is necessary. People are required to walk beside the horses to prevent the riders falling off and to provide encouragement and support to the riders. Also people are needed to lead the horses and groom them etc and if you have experience or would like to learn, please could you contact Ann Barlow by emailing annps.barlow@googlemail.com

CHARNEY 100 CLUB MARCH DRAW

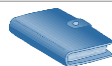
The results of the draw held on the 3rd March are as follows:-

1st Prize (£25) No 4 - Diane and Dean Ewart
2nd Prize (£10) No 38 - Pam Edwards



This is the last draw of the 2014/2015 year. Please let us have your subscription (£12 per number) if you wish to continue your membership for another twelve months. We will try to catch up with everyone before the next draw in April.

Mahala and David
Charney 100 Club Organisers



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.

Saturday 6th June – Charney Quilters and the Challow Quilting Group Patchwork & Quilting Exhibition, Charney Village Hall 10.00-4.00pm. Entrance £1.50

Saturday 4th July, Charney Goes West, Playing Field, afternoon and evening.

REMINDER Community Oil Buying Scheme. More details from John Ingram-Johnson ijsinuk@yahoo.co.uk

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.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th April 2014. Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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