



CHARNEY FETE

On 2nd July, after the wettest June on record, we were blessed with a day of sunshine (and one sharp shower) for a truly traditional village fete with lots of cake and cream teas, stalls and games in the gardens of Charney Manor. Reverend Talisker opened the afternoon for us, overcoming a temporary loss of the sound system, and we were treated to a charming troupe of princesses, bumble bees and other characters by the children's fancy dress parade. Wantage Silver Band enhanced the atmosphere with music throughout, and the students of *Retreat to the Harp* rounded the fete off with a lovely performance of a piece they had been working on during their course that morning.



The fete raised a total of £1918 for St Peter's Church, and the PCC is very, very grateful to everyone who helped us achieve this. To put this in context, it costs £13,000 per year to keep St Peter's open as an ongoing place of worship, a quiet space open every day for anyone to drop in and as a grade 1 listed historic part of our heritage - all of which is paid for by what we raise through donations and events.

We would like to thank all those who laboured in advance to prepare for the fete, those who set up gazebos and stalls on the day and then cleared away again, the volunteers who ran stalls and the many people who donated bottles, cakes, plants, goods, sponsorship, and items or services for prizes and the auction. We are most grateful to Charney Manor for hosting us and to *Retreat to the Harp* for letting us run the fete alongside their course. And especially, dear readers, to you for coming along to join in and to help us raise our total. Thank you.

Lucy



Letter to the editors:

OUR CHURCH FETE 2016 AT THE MANOR

In the lovely grounds of Charney Manor on a bright (if showery) Saturday afternoon in July I really enjoyed this year's fete for St. Peter's Church.

There is always so much going on during those three hours, I would like to be several butterflies in several corners of the garden to see the many conversations and games going on between villagers and visitors. So many villagers made this fete possible and worked hard to support this community event which helps our own little church. I wish I could award medals or a CDM (Cadbury's Dairy Milk) to all who helped, before July 2nd, setting up all the equipment, running the show and packing up after. It wouldn't be right to single out special people but I noticed new faces running things and The Loyal Village Brigade of many years' service.

This year I didn't run around organising anything, I was going to help for a gentle hour where you could buy books and hats and then I would have tea watching everyone else. At short notice I helped our Merry Mill Man, Bruce, dressed my trio of granddaughters as flower fairies and became their Granny companion as they chose how to spend their money. Escorting the girls and seeing the fete through their eyes was a real treat for me.

Thank you one and all for a lovely day.

Marian Gardiner

1ST JULY HARP CONCERT

International Harpists Keziah Thomas and Hannah Phillips returned to our lovely Parish Church on 1st July. They performed their 4th Concert to start Retreat to the Harp at Charney Manor.

An enthusiastic audience with many familiar faces filled the church. They were not disappointed! Starting with solo pieces including several new compositions Keziah and Hannah were joined by the renowned composer Stephen Dunstone. He had written a new ensemble which they played to great acclaim.

Keziah then introduced her acoustic harp and played a wonderful medley dedicated to George Gershwin. Both Harpists concluded with a lively Latin American theme which epitomised their truly diverse repertoire. Throughout the Concert they provided an amusing and lucid commentary then stayed to join the audience for refreshments.

Quite apart from the performers I wish to thank all those who worked so hard to make the evening so memorable.

Doug Hughes

FUN BOWLS EVENING, 27TH JUNE

Eighteen Charney Villagers and friends enjoyed a super bowls evening at Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club, ably assisted by the club members. There was some very friendly and competitive games played, with many players showing a high degree of skill. The evening was rounded off with a sumptuous buffet and drinks from the bar, making for a highly successful and enjoyable evening.

Jane Fry

COMMUNITY BUS SERVICE FROM CHARNEY

The service will be withdrawn at the end of September following the withdrawal of funding from the County Council.

A notice giving further details has been posted in the bus shelter.

Sue Dobson

Bosch Dishwasher, 11 years old but in excellent condition

Brother knitting machine Model KH-260, little used

Free, for collection from 6 Orchard Close
868471 or Lynnbrookes@rocketmail.com

DID YOU KNOW?

Last month reference was made to the fact that Charney Bassett Parish Council once held an official referendum under the auspices of the Vale of White Horse District Council. We asked:

When was it?

What was it about?

What was the result?

HERE IS THE ANSWER:

In the mid 1980's the Parish Council were aware some villagers and village organisations believed consideration ought to be given to the provision of a new village hall. Significant grants were readily available for new community buildings linked to the Government's Youth Training Scheme.

In 1987, the Parish Council arranged a public meeting to consider this issue and appointed a sub-committee to undertake a feasibility study into the provision of new or improved Village Hall facilities.

There was a further public meeting in late November 1988 when it became clear not all villagers would be in favour of building a new facility. It was agreed a referendum would be held should a proposal for a new build be forthcoming.

The sub-committee presented their report at a public meeting in November 1989. The possibility of an extension to the existing hall had been ruled out due to planning requirements.

The feasibility study identified an opportunity to build a new hall with parking facilities on land in Charney Bassett. Guidance had been provided by the Oxfordshire Rural Community Service and the County and District Councils and specialist advice obtained from various sources.

The referendum was held later that month, under the auspices of the Vale of White Horse District Council.

The proposal was lost by 62 votes to 55.

(Source: Village Records)

AUNT SALLY AT THE CHEQUERS INN

Promotion to Section B has so far proved to be a step too far with the team now languishing at the bottom of the table.

Perhaps we shall see an improvement in the remaining weeks of the season?

Home Matches in August

Wed. 3rd August v Beringsfield S.C.

Wed. 17th August v College Oak A. Abingdon.

Matches start at 8.15pm

Last

Coffee Hour



**Tuesday 26th July
Starts again**

Tuesday 6th September 2016

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE CONSULTATION 2016

You will recall that last year many residents expressed concern at the possible closure of the Stanford in the Vale Tip. It remains open (at least for the time being).

Oxfordshire County Council is now implementing a new Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) strategy. They would like to know your views on measures that could be taken to make savings and to create income, in order to provide the most affordable service for residents of Oxfordshire.

Questions relate to:

Opening hours

Charging policy

Resale of items etc

If you want to respond to this consultation (before 11 August) go to: [Respond by filling in the online questionnaire](#)

Coming Soon.....
 More Mischief with
 Bill McKinnon



See Bill on YouTube!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJdGcm_OY3E

8 pm

29th October 2016

Charney Church

More Details Next Month

Organiser: Iain McGregor: 01235 868738

CHARNEY 100 CLUB – JULY RESULT

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13 July after the Parish Council Meeting are as follows:-

1 st Prize	£25	No 64	Cath Bartlett
2 nd Prize	£10	No 85	Sue & Steve Champion

Mahala & David
 (100 Club Organisers)



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 17th August

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

FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey

Themes of the July report are:

- The Referendum
- Big Lottery Fund applications



Click [here](#) for full report

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, or email: rothwell555@btinternet.com.

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

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