



DISRUPTION TO WATER SUPPLY

Many of you will have received notification from Thames Water of forthcoming maintenance work on the water supply in the village. Clive Dunn of New Road has been in contact with Thames Water to find out more.

Apparently the planned work involves flushing of the water mains in the village. This will be achieved by bleeding relatively large amounts of water out of the fire hydrants in a set order, the objective being to purge any fine sediments which may have settled in the pipework. This is a routine operation for areas where the pipework is mainly composed of cast iron or ductile steel. When a particular section of the water main is being flushed in this way, it is not normally necessary to isolate the adjacent sections.

However, whilst it is not expected that the water supply will be temporarily lost to properties, a drop in pressure, and hence flow, is likely to occur at times. As the flushing will disturb sediments, it is possible that traces may enter supply pipes to properties and cause the water to become discoloured (brown taint due to oxides of iron).

According to Thames Water, water in this condition is harmless although the taste will be affected to some degree. It is recommended that the tap which is closest to the point that the service pipe enters the property (normally the kitchen sink tap) is opened and the water allowed to run until it becomes colourless.

The work will not involve any excavations and will not be scheduled to take place until the risks posed by flooding and wintry weather have passed.

Clive Dunn

CHAFT - NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS WANTED

The Charney Village Hall and Field Trust need two new committee members from June 2014. The positions are not onerous. The Trust has three meetings a year to discuss and administer the running and maintenance of the village hall, children's play equipment and field. Biannually they organise the village feast and occasionally other fundraising events.

If you are interested please ring Jane 868114 or Mahala 868593.

CHARNEY BASSETT PANCAKE PARTY



Raffle

**Saturday 1st March
2014**

10.00 - 12 noon
at

**1 Barnfield
Charney Bassett**

Donations to St. Peter's
Church

WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY WEBSITE?

[Broadband latest](#)

[Aunt Sally – What's it all about](#)

[Neighbourhood Action Group](#)

[The Vale Islanders](#)

[Neighbourhood Plan latest](#)

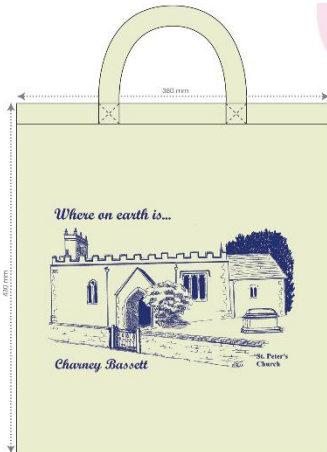
FROM YOUR MP – **Ed Vaizey**

Themes of the report are:

- National Lottery grants across the constituency
- A thank you to all volunteers
- The plight of Syrian refugees

Full report can be found on the [Charney Bassett Website](#)

Where on earth
is... Charney Bassett



(380mm wide x 430mm long
approx.)

There are still a few of these
bags left @ £3 each

Ring Mary or John on 868557
before the end of March

CHAFT 100 CLUB WINNERS

February 2014:

First Prize £25; No 40 – Sally Alexander
Second Prize £10; No 121 – Andrea & Graham James



Subscriptions for the next 12 months become due on the 1st April and we will be calling on all members during March to collect £12 from those wishing to continue their membership.

The money collected by the Club pays for the prizes (of course) and the surplus goes into Charney Hall and Field Trust (CHAFT) funds. This helps to pay the costs of running the Hall and keep the hire charges down. It also pays the costs associated with the Millennium Field; a significant cost at the moment is maintenance of the children's play equipment which was installed over 10 years ago and requires some renovation. The Field does not generate any income for CHAFT and any expense must be paid from general funds.

We hope you will continue to support CHAFT in providing these facilities for the Village.

Mahala & David
Charney 100 Club Organisers

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

The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be on Wednesday 7th May 2014. Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form. which should be returned to her for consideration at this meeting



JANUARY LADIES WALK

Sixteen ladies enjoyed a rain free walk on 30th January from East Hagbourne Village hall car park, following the old railway line to Upton and then on to Blewbury. Lunch in Styleacres Cafe, Savages Garden Centre was enjoyed by all before the return walk back to East Hagbourne. Look out for the next walk and come and join us.

jane.e.fry@btinternet.com

St Peter's Church Fete Charney Manor 5th July
Our theme is "Charney Bassett 1914"

It seems fitting in this Centenary Year that not only do we remember the fallen from this village but celebrate as our forebears may have done. Wantage Silver Band will play some lovely "sing-along tunes" as you enjoy traditional tea and cakes, join in games and visit the stalls. Jo Ody will provide a Historical Exhibition of this period which is certain to educate and interest us all.

We need help with baking cakes, making jam and preserves, flowers, plants, produce and prizes together with costumes - so please help us make this a great day for Charney Bassett.

AND to start the weekend -

St Peter's Church 4th July 8pm Keziah Thomas international Harpist is returning to perform another Concert for us. Those of you who attended last year will recall her comprehensive repertoire and informality which appealed to all ages from 6 years to 3 score and 10 - judging from the enthusiastic audience!

Further details to follow but please keep your Diaries clear as you won't be disappointed! Please contact myself or any PCC Member with offers to help and/or any suggestions. We look forward to hearing from you.

Doug Hughes Church Warden 868438 or email doug.hughes@live.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall, 7.30pm on Wednesday 12th March. Matters relating to Parish Council business should be referred to the Clerk to the Parish Council 868318 stephencowlam194@btinternet.com.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SEARCH OUT AND SAVE NOW!!! Loose change needed to fill the container at the Chequers – in aid of the Defibrillator fund.

COFFEE HOUR – Every Tuesday in the Village Hall from 10.30-11.30 am. The cost is £1.00 per person and includes as much tea, coffee and biscuits as you like.

PANCAKE PARTY – 1 Barnfield, Saturday 1st March, 10-12 noon. Donations to St Peter's Church

CONCERT - "A bit of nonsense with Bill Mckinnon", St Peter's Church, Friday 4th April 8-10pm. Tickets £6 adults, £2 children. (In aid of Defibrillator fund).

CHARNEY QUILTERS AND THE CHALLOW QUILTING GROUP – Exhibition in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th June, 10am-4pm. Entrance £1.50 (Proceeds to Defibrillator fund).

CONCERT – Keziah Thomas, International Harpist – St Peter's Church on Friday 4th July, 8pm.

CHURCH FETE – Charney Manor, Saturday 5th July

KEEP OUR VILLAGE A LOW CRIME AREA - THE POLICE NEED YOUR HELP

NON-DWELLING DOMESTIC BURGLARIES

Outbuildings, sheds and garages are a current target. There have been recent incidents in Charney Bassett, Denchworth, Lyford, Buckland and Hinton Waldrist.

STOP PRESS Additional burglaries have just been reported in Hinton Waldrist, East Hanney and Southmoor

If you require crime prevention advice ring 101 and ask to speak to one of the Neighbourhood Policing Team.

ILLEGAL HARE COURSING

Several sightings in neighbouring villages. 11 arrests made in the South Oxon and Vale area in a four week period over Christmas and the New year. Vehicles, dogs and mobile phones were seized. There have been more arrests recently.

TEL. 999 IMMEDIATELY IF YOU SEE A CRIME IN PROGRESS.

TEL 101 FOR NON EMERGENCIES OR TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE - FUNDING TARGET NOW £1000

Charney Bassett PC is in the throes of purchasing the defibrillator with the help of a grant of **£1000** from Oxfordshire County Council and a generous donation of **£300** from the Jubilee Fund.



Location of the equipment has been agreed in the existing telephone kiosk on Main Street.

Our fund raising target remains for an additional **£1000 (minimum)** to cover the full cost of equipment including installation and ongoing maintenance.

To help us reach the target, the following fundraising events have been announced.

CONCERT

St Peter's Church

on

FRIDAY 4TH APRIL

8pm – 10pm

“A bit of nonsense with Bill Mckinnon”

Songs and Stories with a folky flavour

Light refreshments and Raffle

Book your tickets now from:

Ruth Gerring 869083 or
Lynn Brookes 868471

£6.00 adults
£2.00 children

CHARNEY QUILTERS AND THE CHALLOW QUILTING GROUP

PATCHWORK AND QUILTING EXHIBITION



Charney Village Hall

on

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE

10am – 4pm

Entrance £1.50

CHEQUERS CHALLENGE

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YOUR COPPERS
NOW!



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Chequers

The Village is taking advice from the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust, and next month's edition will cover issues relating to placement, security, ease of use, awareness training and maintenance arrangements.

To date we have 11 people who have put their names forward for awareness training. Do you want to join them? Please contact me directly.

David Roberts

Email – dabe26@hotmail.co.uk

Telephone: 868285

If you want to know more, go to the FAQ at www.communityheartbeat.org.uk

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

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