



VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR FUND CHEQUERS INN RAISES £1450+

A glorious afternoon, a full house and generous support from villagers and customers alike was just reward for all the preparatory work undertaken by TEAM CHEQUERS (Jackie, Ian, staff, relations and friends)



(Villagers enjoying cream teas in the sun)



(£293.63 when the counting machine at Sainsbury's packed in)

Cakes were brought and sold, cream teas devoured, raffle tickets snapped up, auction bids made and bags of loose change donated - all in a relaxed community atmosphere.

Jackie and Ian have contacted me to say "The team at the Chequers would like to thank everyone from Charney and other far flung villages for their support on the day. Thanks also to those who made donations or provided cakes and raffle prizes. We are delighted to announce that the amount raised is very close to **£1500**, including approximately £300 from loose change collected in the bottle and bucket on the bar." A fantastic effort and still counting!

THANK YOU JACKIE AND IAN AND ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED THE EVENT IN ANY WAY.

UPDATE ON THE FUND

Our target has been met and surplus funds will be placed in a ring fenced account held by the Parish Council. Maintenance and servicing of the unit will be suitably covered, and any other worthy cause required by the village will be considered.

Further discussions have been held with Julie Ingram-Johnson and it has been agreed that the proceeds of the forthcoming Patchwork and Quilting Exhibition will be added to this account. Our special thanks to Julie for donating the exquisite quilt which raised a lot of money in the silent auction held on the 'cream tea afternoon'.

Advice is being sought from the South Central Ambulance Service NHS Trust to see if the provision of other health related equipment in the village might be appropriate. Fund raising organisers will be consulted should any suggestions come forward for consideration.

AND THE NEXT STEPS

Action is being taken to complete the renovation of the telephone box, prior to installation of the defibrillator unit.

Households will be provided with information on what to do if a cardiac arrest is suspected.

Whilst the defibrillator can be used by untrained persons via automated user instructions provided in spoken and visual format, residents are strongly advised to take advantage of free awareness sessions which will be provided in the near future. These will also cover CPR 'hands on' techniques. Dates to be announced shortly

David Roberts telephone 868285 or email dabe26@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL The [draft Minutes](#) of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 12th March are available by clicking on the link above. Matters relating to Parish Council business should be referred to the Clerk to the Parish Council 868318 stephencowlam194@btinternet.com.

VILLAGE DINER WITH FOOD BANK COLLECTION

At Buckland Memorial Hall 12.15pm

Wednesday 21 May

Come and enjoy a delicious 2 course lunch with coffee or tea for £5.00 per person.

Please bring your friends to the villages' community lunch.

There is also a collection for the local **FOOD BANK**. Donations of non-perishable goods are gratefully received. Any dried or tinned goods with a shelf life of 6 months please eg (pasta, sauces, tinned fruit and vegetables, soups, tea, coffee, biscuits, cereals).

For more information please call Deborah Lewis 868536

CHERBURY YOUTH CLUB

CAR WASH

Saturday morning 7th June

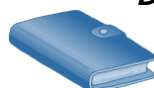
Longworth Village Hall

Just drop in whatever the weather and have a bacon roll and drink whilst you have your car cleaned

Proceeds to African Children's Fund



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FILLING UP FAST!

COFFEE HOUR – Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 10.30-11.30am. £1.00 includes as much tea, coffee and biscuits as you like.

MAY DAY EVENT – Monday 5th May. Come and join us on the Village Green at 2.30pm

PARISH COUNCIL AGM – Wednesday 14th May. Village Hall, 7.30pm. Followed by the general meeting.

PUDDING EVENING – Saturday 17th May. Village Hall, 7.00pm.

VILLAGE BOWLS EVENING - Monday 2nd June. Kingston Bagpuize Bowls Club.

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

CHAFT AGM - Thursday 12th June. Village Hall, 7.30pm.

FAMILY QUIZ AND SUPPER – Saturday 14th June. Village Hall, 6.30pm.

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

CHURCH FETE – Saturday 5th July. Charney Manor.

REMINDER - Monday 26th May last date for ordering oil for June via Community oil buying scheme.

**CHARNEY QUILTERS AND THE
CHALLOW QUILTING GROUP**

**PATCHWORK AND QUILTING
EXHIBITION**



Charney Village Hall
on

SATURDAY 7TH JUNE
10am – 4pm
Entrance £1.50

**IN AID OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR
FUND**

The Ridgeway Day

Saturday, 10th May, at Court Hill Centre, Wantage

10.30 am to 4.00 pm

- Walk The Ridgeway - Britain's oldest road. Guided walks to Segsbury Castle.
- Nature trail and treasure hunt for the kids.
- Relax at Court Hill, and enjoy the gorgeous view.
- Lunches and home-made cakes at the Barn Café.
- Meet the volunteers helping to preserve The Ridgeway and its wildlife
- Admire art inspired by The Ridgeway.
- Birds of prey display
- Live music

Website: www.ridgewayfriends.org.uk. Contact:
ridgewayfriends@googlemail.com

KEEPING OUR VILLAGES SAFE

LATEST CRIME FIGURES

Thames Valley Police have released crime figures for 2013/14 which show that the South Oxfordshire/Vale of White Horse area is the second best performing local police area in the Thames Valley. In the twelve months under review crime has been further reduced and the number of offenders brought to justice increased

Superintendent Andy Boyd points out that whilst the figures show only a modest decrease in crime last year this has to be viewed in the context of a 38% reduction in the last ten years. He believes the overwhelming majority of the public in this area have trust and confidence in the Police and this relationship has contributed to a sustained reduction in crime levels.

He praises the work of local [Neighbourhood Watch](#) and [Neighbourhood Action](#) Groups and promises continued support in the year ahead.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CRIME IN CHARNEY BASSETT AND THE SURROUNDING VILLAGES?

Go to www.police.uk enter the word 'Faringdon' under 'Find Your Neighbourhood' and explore the map. You will find there were 95 reported crimes in the Faringdon area in February 2014

Further investigation provides a detailed breakdown of the number and type of crime for the villages' e.g.

Charney Bassett area	3
Lyford area	1
Southmoor area	7
Hinton Waldrist area	7
Littleworth area	4
Hanney area	2

Crime figures vary from month to month and care must be taken not to draw firm conclusions from the statistics quoted above

REMEMBER THIS REMAINS A LOW CRIME AREA

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

TEL 101 FOR NON EMERGENCIES OR TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

SUMMER IS COMING



HAVING A FAMILY CELEBRATION OR FUNDRAISING EVENT?

Did you know?

Residents can hire tables, chairs, crockery or a tea urn from the Village Hall.

Large garden gazebos (10m x 3m) are available for hire for use within Charney Bassett.

An appropriate donation may be required.

For further information contact the Bookings Co-ordinator John Wright on 867418 or download the [equipment loan form](#).

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN "TAKING BACK CONTROL" YOUR VILLAGE YOUR PLAN YOUR SAY

Your Neighbourhood Planning Group would like to thank those that attended the update meeting.

The purpose of this meeting was to demonstrate how we identified the subjects that are important to our Village. The analysis of the survey will now form the basis of the full Charney Bassett questionnaire.

The second part of this questionnaire will identify the future housing need and how our housing stock needs to adapt/grow so we maintain a sustainable community.

In order to write the final Neighbourhood plan we need to build a lot of background information. Please watch this space as we will be asking for help on brain storming ideas.

The [minutes of the meeting](#) held on the 28th March are now available on the web.

Neil Dobson

WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY WEBSITE?

[Welcome to Charney Bassett Guide](#).

A guide to welcome new-comers to Charney Bassett has been revised and updated. It is now available by clicking on the link above.

CHAFT 100 CLUB WINNERS

April 2014:

First Prize £25; No 107 Lisa Knowles
Second Prize £10; No 146 Joanna George



CHARNEY BASSETT MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS



**Come along and join us
on the Green from 2.30pm
Monday 5th May.**

Witness the crowning of this year's May Queen - Phoebe Alexander, attended by Gabby and Isabelle. Following the crowning there will be a display of traditional Maypole dancing by local children and then – if you are brave enough – an opportunity for ALL to join in.

Tea and Coffee will be served and donations of cakes to be consumed gratefully received!

Diane Ewart
Lorraine Ashton



FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey

I can be contacted by email, at vaizeye@parliament.uk, by telephone at 01491 838816 or, or by post at Ed Vaizey MP, Wallingford Town Hall, Wallingford OX10 0EG. The quickest way to get in touch with me is by email.

All these details, surgery times and locations and other information can be found at www.vaizey.com.

Themes of the April report are:

- New Housing figure concerns
- Electrification of railway lines
- The Care Bill

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



Abingdon Aunt Sally League

Wed 7th May Chequers Inn v Vine A, Cumnor

Wed 4th June Chequers Inn v Spread Eagle B, Abingdon

Matches commence 8.15pm Spectators welcome

'You know it's good when you hear the wood'

TO ALL DOG WALKERS AND WALKERS **- WATCH OUT FOR NOTICES**

Please note that Pusey Manor now own the land to the left of the Bridle Path leading to Cherbury Camp. The Head Gamekeeper has asked that people must stay on the designated footpaths and **MUST NOT** trespass on the tracks/fields to the left that cross to Pusey.

The land will be used for crops and there will be some shoots - traps will also be laid. He is intending to put signs up in due course.

REMINDER:

Please pick up after your dog and take the bag home with you. Not doing so is dangerous and unpleasant.



Oxford Canal Heritage

Open Day

Saturday 3 May
11.30am – 5pm

Old Fire Station,
George Street, Oxford



For further details go to www.oxfordcanalheritage.org

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

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

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