



THE CHEQUERS INN

Ian and Jacqui would like to thank village residents for all their support throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS

Christmas Eve

Food served 12.00 noon to 6.00pm
Bar open all day from 12.00 noon

Christmas Day

Bar open for drinks 12.00 noon to 2.00pm

Boxing day

Food served 12.00 noon to 2.30pm
Bar open 12.00 noon to 5.00pm

New Year's Eve

Bar open all day from 12.00 noon

Lunchtime

12.00 noon to 3.00pm Normal Sunday Menu

Evening

Join us and celebrate the New Year
Food served 6.00pm to 8.30pm
Hot buffet & cheeseboard £18.50 per head
Please book in advance if food required.

New Year's Day

Closed all day



CHRISTMAS TREE

Thanks to The Chequers for the beautiful 'big' Christmas tree and to all those involved in making it such a great feature over the Christmas period.



CHARNEY VILLAGE COLLEGE

Vacancies available in the following classes:

Pilates

Tuesday 6 – 7pm.
Thursdays 7.05 – 8.05pm

Yoga Teacher

Regrettably our yoga teacher is leaving us after 15 years. So far we have been unsuccessful in finding a replacement. If you know of a Yoga teacher who might be interested in taking a class in Charney Bassett we would love to hear from you with their details

For enrolment form and further details about any class please contact Christine Trotman, 869171 or email cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com

OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH – SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2017



**Coffee Hour
Starts again**

Tuesday 9th January 2018

RURAL CRIME UPDATE FROM ASSISTANT CHIEF CONSTABLE NIKKI ROSS

Reports of rural crime in the Thames Valley have increased by five percent between October 2016 and September 2017.

I would like to reassure members of our rural communities of my commitment to investigating reports of rural crime. We rely on information from our local communities and take such reports very seriously. Incidents are robustly investigated by our local policing teams who have dedicated Rural Crime and Wildlife Officers based across the Thames Valley.

Rural crime can take many different forms including burglary, robbery, theft, criminal damage, fly tipping, poaching and hare coursing. We are continuing to work with local residents, businesses and partners to raise awareness of crime prevention techniques while developing problem solving solutions to tackle rural crime.

There are often fewer witnesses to rural crimes and greater opportunities for criminals to target isolated properties and businesses. The impact of these crimes can also be greater, with people feeling more vulnerable due to their remote location.

You can reduce the risk of becoming a victim of rural crime by taking a few simple steps including:

- Keeping the boundaries of your land and property well-maintained and secure
- Fitting strong locks to sheds, garages and outbuildings
- Checking security equipment regularly to ensure it is working properly
- Locking equipment away in a secure building when it's not in use
- Security marking your tools and equipment

For more crime prevention advice, and to see details of your local Rural Crime Officers, visit the Rural Crime page on the Thames Valley Police website at:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice/protecting-your-business/rural-crime/>

If you become a victim of rural crime or suspect that a crime has taken place, you should always report it to police by calling the non-emergency number, 101. If an incident is in progress, or there is an immediate threat to life, you should call 999.

You can receive the latest rural crime news from Thames Valley Police and their partners directly to your phone or inbox by signing up to CountryWatch at: <http://www.thamesvalleycountrywatch.co.uk/>

THE LADIES STRIDE FORTH



On 13th December, a band of eleven ladies plus one dog once again intrepidly set forth on a cross-country adventure, braving the snow and ice under foot and the rain from above. Muddy fields were traversed and several stiles 'vaulted', before arriving to a friendly welcome at The Boar's Head in Ardington.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE HOUR – Every Tuesday 10.30am, Village Hall, £1pp Coffee and Biscuits. Restarts 9th January 2018.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 10th January, 2018, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

CHAFT MEETING – Thursday 18th January, 8.00pm, Village Hall.

FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY

Themes of the December report:

- The Budget
- Overall of the rail network
- Didcot Concert Orchestra

Click [here](#) for full report.

CHARNEY 100 CLUB – DECEMBER 2017 DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 5 December 2017 during Coffee Hour are as follows:-

1st Prize £100 No 91 Jody McNamara

2nd Prize £50 No 142 Mr & Mrs J Daghish

This is the Christmas Draw with higher prizes, the January 2018 Draw will pay the usual amounts of £25 and £10.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mahala and 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:

Pam Edwards, 26 New Road, Charney Bassett, OX12 0ER. Tel: 07809250262

Email: cletclerk@gmail.com

BRACELET AND CARD FOUND ON THE BRIDLE PATH



If you can identify these please contact Peter Busby on:

868520 or peterbusby10@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

All information regarding Christmas and New Year collections can be found on the VWHDC website: www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/christmaswaste.

Garden waste collections will be suspended over the Christmas period. Garden waste customers will receive an extra collection in the spring to make up for this.

In the event of adverse weather it may not be possible for collection crews to make all their scheduled collections. If districts are affected by bad weather, all the latest information about bin collections will be posted on the website.

HISTORY WEBSITE NEWS

ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG FINDS IDENTIFICATION:

Despite the snow, 15 people came on Sunday 10th December afternoon to help with the sorting, recording and identification of the finds from the Archaeological Dig.

We achieved this in a little under 2 hours and David Ashby (our guiding Archaeologist) gave a short summary of what we had found and indeed not found. When asked if anything came up that was surprising, David said possibly the one or two Roman, Saxon and prehistoric finds which could be interpreted as an indication of occupation at Charney for a very long time. Also when asked about the lack of pre-medieval finds on the Village Green, surprising because it was a supposed marketplace he said this may indicate that the location of the village may have moved around more than was thought, and cited the separation between Charney Bassett now and Charney Wick (located in the fields to the east).

ST PETER'S GRAVEYARD PLAN:

One of the recent big History Group projects came to a conclusion this month. Joe Ody had, some years ago, created a plan of the graveyard and together with Mike Newman decided to enhance and digitise the information so that it can be searched. With Iain McGregor's help this complex and time consuming work has now been completed and can be seen at <http://history.charneybassett.org.uk/buildings/churches/st-peters-church/thegraveyardandburials/> Both Joe and Iain will now be able to more easily help the quite numerous people who visit the churchyard searching for the graves of their family. When Revd. Talisker had a look she was very impressed, sent huge thanks for the Village's continued support of the Church and even asked for the plan to be enhanced even further to become a working document for the Church. Onwards and upwards!

RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE WEBSITE ARE:

- [Longworth Parish Magazine](#) – 1892 when Charney was included for the first time
- [Reading Room](#)
- [Thiepval Memorial](#)
- [The Graveyard and Burials](#)
- [Never absent, never late, August 1907](#)

ST PETER'S CHURCH PRE-CHRISTMAS CLEAN



NB – No animals were harmed during the course of these activities.

On the first weekend in December the Church underwent a deep clean in advance of the Christmas celebrations. All traces of the bats summer activities were obliterated and spiders were sent running for cover. Mulled wine was consumed to keep up the workers' spirits, as they vacuumed, scrubbed and polished.



CHRISTMAS FAMILY CHALLENGE – Did you live in Charney in the late 80s early 90s?

How many members and adult helpers of Charney Youth Club can you name? Answers to chatterinbox@btopenworld.com



Photo – courtesy of Joe Ody, Leader of Charney Youth Club

WHAT'S NEW ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE?

- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Watch Policing Newsletter, December 2017](#)



DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th January 2018 Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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