



## **CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL**

### **ROAD SAFETY UPDATE: LATEST NEWS**

On the 16<sup>th</sup> June representatives from the Parish Council undertook a tour of the village with a Senior Officer from OCC and had wide ranging discussions on the results of the previously undertaken traffic volume and speed survey and the outcomes of the public consultation exercise held in April 2018.

At the meeting the County Council representative made a number of key points relating to:

- Traffic volumes and speed
- Chicanes and Speed humps
- New Road Southern Junction
- New Road one-way designation
- New Road - 'Access only' designation
- New Road North Junction
- Buckland Road hedge/new footway
- Longworth Road footways.
- '20 is Plenty' Campaign
- 'Please Drive Safely' signs
- Warning sign 'Pedestrians in Road'
- Road surfaces
- Village Entrances and White gates
- Moving 30mph zones further out
- 'Count down signs' to 30mph zones.
- Vehicle Activated Signage
- Vegetation overhang
- A420 diversion routes
- Buckland Rd./ Longworth Rd. footpaths

### **THE PARISH COUNCIL VIEW**

The Parish Council at its July meeting noted that the County Council has offered to pursue a number of measures to address hedge overhang, potholes, lack of footpaths and safer white lining but is now aware that expenditure on any of the major proposals put forward by the Road Safety Group would need to be borne by the Parish Council.

#### **After detailed consideration the Parish Council resolved**

1. That a sum of £3,500 be 'ring-fenced' for spending on road safety;
2. That the Road Safety Group be advised that the Parish Council's view was that priority be given to providing a Vehicle Activated Sign;
3. That the Road Safety Group be asked to continue its work and report further on suggested actions in the light of the feedback received from OCC and available finance;
4. That the Clerk should notify the Highways Department that the various actions it had offered, including 'pedestrian in the carriageway' warning signs, are supported and should be taken up.

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## **VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNAGE**

Representatives from the Parish Council and the Road Safety Group attended a demonstration of a mobile VAS as this edition went to press...



Photo illustrative purpose only

More information [here](#)

## **NEXT STEPS**

The Road Safety Group will report further on the VAS initiative and other virtually nil cost initiatives (eg the '20 is Plenty' educational initiative) to the September meeting of the Parish Council.

## **AND FINALLY**

The Road Safety Group urgently requires additional volunteers

### **WILL YOU HELP?**

Please contact a member of the Group if you want more information: Ian Graham, David Roberts, Iain McGregor, Evelyn Campbell Steve Chapman or David Sibbert.

## **MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL – JULY 2018**

The Agenda, Papers and Draft Minutes refer to:

- Financial matters
- News from the District Councillor
- Planning Application – Charney Manor
- Terms of reference for the Communications Group, History Group and Archaeology Group.
- Proposed village map
- Data Protection
- Aims and objectives of the Council.

More information available [here](#).

## ***Charney Fruit and Veg Stall.***

The plant stall at Chequers (which has raised over £500) has turned into a Fruit and Veg Stall.

So, if you are potatoed out, have tomatoes growing out of your ears and enough courgettes to go to the moon and back, then Chequers is the place to go.

Likewise, if you're out of stock and need some fresh produce, you may find just what you need. The stall and honesty box will be there throughout the summer until we're out of stock.

Once again, all the proceeds will go towards the fuse box at the church and the upkeep of Charney Village Hall.



***Thank you***



## Harpists Keziah Thomas and Hannah Phillips were back in Charney Bassett

Keziah and Hannah once again delighted us with an engaging and lively repertoire.

The church was full and all the audience were treated to a selection of canapes and wine following the concert.

A total of £345 was raised towards the funds of Charney Church.

## Lead Thefts in Oxfordshire

Lead thefts are on the rise again in Oxfordshire. Thieves often remove a small amount of metal at a time, making repeat visits to clear the site. Alerting police may help them identify and catch such criminals.

Therefore, if you see any suspicious behaviour or unfamiliar vehicles, it is best to note the vehicle registration numbers and a description of the suspicious individuals and alert the police.

Calling 999 on such occasions is best.

## FARINGDON EAST COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

**Would you like to help decide the priorities for policing in an area which covers Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor, The Hanneys, Stanford in the Vale and the surrounding villages, including Charney Bassett?**

I joined the group as one of two village representatives on its inception many years ago and have served as Chairman and until recently, Secretary. I have agreed to act as the Parish Council representative for one more year.

The opportunity exists for another resident to join the Group.

Interested? If so, here is some information supplied by Thames Valley Police.

### What is a Community/Neighbourhood Action Group?

A Community or Neighbourhood Action Group is a group of people with a real interest in helping to improve their local area. They get together to discuss local concerns and how they can all work together to tackle them by proactive problem solving.

### Who can join the Group?

Members should consist of local people who have a real interest in shaping the policing in their area. Partner agencies, Police and key stakeholders also attend meetings but it is chaired independently.

### What is the Police's involvement?

The neighbourhood policing team will be in attendance but not chair the meeting. They will be there to help make decisions and commit to realistic and achievable actions.

Contact David Sibbert on 868734 or email [davidsibbert@btinternet.com](mailto:davidsibbert@btinternet.com) for more information.

## CHARNEY 100 CLUB – JULY DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10 July 2018 during Coffee Hour are as follows: -

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No 137	Richard Smith
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No 73	Suzanne Mills

Mahala & David  
Charney 100 Club Organisers

## HEREABOUTS

[Vale and Downland Museum – Lego Expo – 28<sup>th</sup> July – 8<sup>th</sup> September.](#)

## A PLEA FROM THE VALE

Residents in South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse areas are being strongly reminded not to put medical waste in their recycling bins.



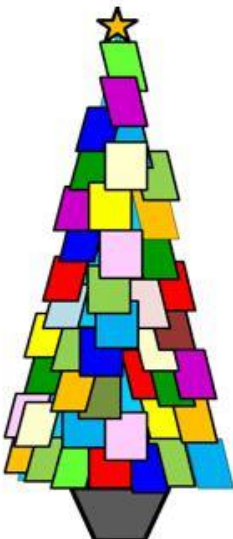
## CHARNEY FETE

Charney Hall and Field Trust and St Peter's Church thank all those involved in helping with the event which raised £1880 which is split on a 50/50 basis.



The Benefice of Cherbury with Gainfield  
A community working to express Christ's love for all

### The Benefice Blanket Trees are coming back!



Will you help us make a difference to women and children in need by knitting or crocheting 8" (20cm) blanket squares this summer? The squares will go to make blankets for women's refuges, women in prison and for AIDS orphans.

We will be collecting the squares on our blanket trees in the churches in Charney Bassett, Littleworth and Longworth during Advent and Christmas, and sending off the squares in January.

Thank you

#### A simple knitting pattern for making your blanket squares

To knit a square, please use double-knit / chunky knit / Aran / worsted wool. (not single-knit / fine weight wool, please)

Cast on a single stitch and then increase by one stitch at the start of each row until your square's sides have reached 8" (20cm). (Your knitting row is the diagonal of the square)

Then decrease by one stitch at the start of each row until you are back down to the single stitch and cast off.

Please leave a tail of wool 20" (50cm) long. This is important as it will be used when the squares are sewn up into blankets.

If you don't knit or crochet yourself, could you give wool to someone else who would enjoy making up squares?



If you would like your squares to be collected, please contact Lucy on 01235 868782 or [gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com](mailto:gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com)

### Charney Village College

#### Pilates

Gentle exercises to improve: overall body strength, flexibility and mobility, posture, balance and coordination. All whilst relaxing and unwinding the body in a friendly environment.

There are places available in the following classes:-

**Mondays 12.30 – 1.30pm.**

**Tuesdays 6-7pm**

**Wednesdays 10am – 11am *Age60-85+***

***Standing and chair work.*** This class is aimed at the older person or those who may have mobility or joint problems. There will be no floor work in these classes

#### Yoga – New Class

Friday 7pm – 8.30pm. Places available.

For enrolment form and further details about any class please contact Christine Trotman preferably by email [cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com](mailto:cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com) or 869171

### WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY BASSETT WEBSITE

[Ed Vaizey's latest newsletter](#)

[Draft Parish Council Minutes of Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July](#)

### NEWS FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

- [Nottingham Knockers are back in the Vale – watch out!](#)
- [Thames Valley Police Open Day, Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August](#)

## HISTORY SITE NEWS

READ THESE FASCINATING EXTRACTS ABOUT LIFE IN CHARNEY BASSETT IN THE 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY. (TAKEN FROM THE [FAMILY TREE OF THE BEESLEY FAMILY.](#))

*Charles Painter, of Charney, servant in husbandry to Mr. Charles Beesley, of the same place, farmer, was brought up on a warrant, on the information of his master, for leaving his service without his consent. Defendant denied that any document was made, but the Bench ordered him to return to his service, and to have 14s deducted from his wages for costs.*

*William Woodbridge, of Charney, labourer, was charged with stealing a quantity of wood, the property of Mr. Charles Beesley, of the same place, farmer, and was committed to Reading Gaol for six weeks.*

### VISITORS TO THE FETE HUNT FOR THE MONKS OF THE MANOR

25 families, adults and children, took part in the Monks in the Manor walking around quiz at the Fete. Information from the history website was spread around the Manor, allowing the question sheet to be completed, and prizes won. Comments from those who took part referred to the need for a longer and slightly more involved game. Others had found the quiz interesting and made discoveries about the history of the village

Thanks to Stephanie Wright for her collaboration.

Amanda Graham



### What's new on the website:

- [Scarecrow photos](#)
- [Beesley - Charles, John, James - The History of Charney Bassett](#)
- [Restoration of St Peter's Church in 1878 and the 'discovery' of the squint](#)

**LAST COFFEE HOUR  
TUESDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY**

**RE-START 4<sup>TH</sup>  
SEPTEMBER**

Do you feel  
connected to  
Charney?

Inspired by  
village life?

Wanting to  
make an  
impact?

*Look out in the next issue of  
Charney Chatter for an opportunity  
to channel your interest*

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20<sup>th</sup> August 2018** Entries to: [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com)

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