

**VILLAGE COLLEGE****Wreath Workshop 15<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

A morning spent making Christmas Wreaths was enjoyed by seven ladies from the village. We were treated to a demonstration of how to make the wreath as well as lots of help with making our own creations. Many thanks to Veronica Sharley for sharing her expertise with us.

**Bridge Workshop 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Ten keen, but complete beginners, attended on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January for an introduction to the complexities of the game of bridge. Ken Castle gave a very comprehensive lecture covering playing, bidding and scoring. We then enjoyed a welcome tea break after which it was our turn to have a go at playing a game. Most struggled with the bidding but were beginning to get the hang of things when it was time to stop. As everyone was keen to learn more a follow up session was arranged for the following Saturday.

Many thanks to Ken for agreeing to impart his knowledge to us and to Mary for the wonderful cakes and tea she provided. Hopefully those who attended will carry on and become competent players.

**VACANCIES IN THE FOLLOWING CLASSES****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 or 1.40 – 2.40pm

Tuesdays 6 – 7pm

Thursdays 7.05 – 8.05pm

**Yoga**

Friday 7pm – 8.30pm.

For an enrolment form for a class please contact Christine Trotman preferably by email [cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com](mailto:cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com) or 01235 869 171.

*Christine Trotman*

## WHAT WAS GOING ON IN CHARNEY? WHAT WERE THEY DOING?



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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 2019

Matters discussed included

- Placement of donated Silent Soldier and Horseshoe Wreath
- Reports from the County and District Councillors
- Proposed Budget for 2019-20
- Planning matters
- Community Infrastructure levy.
- Proposal for installation of White Gates at three village entrance points.
- Timetable for Parish Council elections
- Damage to village green

Read More [Here](#)

### CHARNEY BASSETT 100 CLUB - JANUARY DRAW 2019

The results of the January draw are:

£25 No 141 Veronica Sharley  
£10 No 47 Gordon Campbell

Sally and Evelyn  
Charney 100 Club Organisers



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

- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Update](#)
- [Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> January](#)



### BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

Volunteer Field Safety Officer Bruce Royan visits the Charney Field every week to ensure that the playing field and the equipment, are safe, especially for the children.

Unfortunately Bruce regularly has to collect and dispose of the dog waste that dog owners couldn't be bothered to pick up themselves. The black bags in the photograph contain the waste picked up half way round the field. The final 'haul' was substantially bigger.

**Please SCOOP THE POOP.**

**REPORT OFFENDING DOG OWNERS TO VWHDC  
TEL: 01235 422403**

## STARTING UP A NEW BUSINESS?

From Monday 4 February, a FREE five-day business course will be coming to Faringdon to help people kick start a new business and to support independent businesses grow and succeed.

The intensive course is being sponsored by Vale of White Horse District Council and run by PopUp Business School. The school will be opening at 10am at the Pump House in the town centre and will include lots of practical sessions, advice, one-to-one coaching and builds a support network from everyone attending.

To book your place, go to [www.popupbusinessschool.co.uk/faringdon](http://www.popupbusinessschool.co.uk/faringdon)

## DON'T LET THE SPARKS FLY THIS WINTER



Nearly 50% of all chimney fires in Oxfordshire happen during January, February and March. If you enjoy cosying up in front of a log fire, make sure the sparks don't fly at home this winter.

Have a cosy home not a fire zone

- Get your chimney swept at least once a year, if you regularly have log fires get it swept more frequently
- If you have a 1<sup>st</sup> floor fireplace check that it is clear of debris
- Store logs away from the fireplace

Find out more at: [www.365alive.co.uk](http://www.365alive.co.uk) or to request a safe and well visit

<http://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/request-safe-and-well-visit>

## Funeral of Mahala Nellist

David wishes to thank all who attended the Celebration of Mahala's life. The ceremony was held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at the South Oxfordshire Crematorium.

Although the day proved to be wet and chill the number of friends and relatives attending was overwhelming and filled the gathering hall to capacity with standing room only.

The occasion consisted of music chosen by Mahala herself and with tributes to her, both happy and sad, befitting the occasion admirably, which brought both laughter and tears to all those with their own fond memories of her.

Following the Committal there was a Wake, held at The Chequers in Charney Bassett comprising a delicious warm buffet which found great favour with those arriving from the ceremony. Many reminiscences were discussed over lunch.

Happy and Fond Memories of Mahala were definitely the order of the day.

*Jeanette Knight*

## FREE POLICE HOME SECURITY ADVICE AVAILABLE

Do you or do you know someone who might require a free home security check by a Police Community Support Officer?

Tel 101 or email [FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FaringdonNHPT@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk)

## HELP THE POLICE FIGHT CRIME

Join the Thames Valley Police Alert Community Messaging system

<https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/>



## FANCY A MIDWEEK LUNCH?

Come and try out our new set menu

**EVERY WEDNESDAY**

**12-2pm**

**Starts 6<sup>th</sup> February with traditional English dishes!**

**1 Course £11.00**

**2 Courses £16.00**

**3 Courses £20.00**

**Please book a table to avoid disappointment  
01235868642**

*Menu is subject to change*

*Please note our food is cooked fresh and takes time to cook. All our dishes come with a choice of fresh vegetables or salad and a potato choice. More menu options for diets such as gluten free and vegan are available - please ask a member of staff.*

### ALSO AT THE CHEQUERS

#### Special Valentine's Menu

13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> February

*Click the link above or call in for a copy of the menu*

*Book a table: 868642*



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**COFFEE HOUR** - Every Tuesday 10.30am, Village Hall, £1pp Coffee and Biscuits. .

**PANCAKE EVENT** – Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 10.00am-12.00noon, Gratwick Barn.

**CHEQUERS SPECIAL WEDNESDAY MENU**, throughout February

**CHEQUERS VALENTINE MENU**, 13-15 February.

**VILLAGE FETE** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September

### NEWS FROM CHAFT

The Charney Hall & Field Trust are grateful to Sally Hawkins and Evelyn Campbell for taking over the organisation of the 100 Club.

Thanks go to David and the late Mahala Nellist who ran the 100 Club for many years and raised thousands of pounds for the Trust.

CHAFT wishes to express their appreciation of Mahala for all her hard work and support as an active member of the Management Committee over many years.

### WHAT'S NEW ON THE HISTORY WEBSITE

- [Apotropic Marks – taper burns](#)
- [Register of Electors 1919](#)
- [Installation of the Willow Spiral](#)
- [Floods of 1993](#)
- [John Hobson delivers papers on his scooter](#)
- [The Chapel in Charney Manor](#)
- [World Wars](#) – additional pictures and text
- [1860 Mummers Play Re-enactment](#)
- [House Numbers](#)

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### GIGABIT BROADBAND VOUCHER SCHEME

Get the **fastest and most reliable speeds for your business** with help from the gigabit broadband voucher scheme.



For more information on the voucher scheme go to [gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk](http://gigabitvoucher.culture.gov.uk).

St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett

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

invites you to a

**PANCAKE MORNING**

**Saturday, 2nd March**

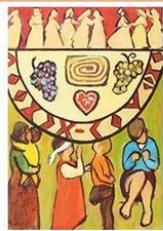
from 10.00am - 12.00 noon

at Gratwick Barn, The Green



**Raffle**

*We do not charge an entrance fee but we would ask you to be generous with your money. If you would gift aid your donation this will increase its value to the Church at no further cost to you. Envelopes will be available on the day.*



*All round the world, from sunrise in the island of Samoa, to sunset in American Samoa, people will be coming together in prayer on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March.*

*The service this year has been put together by Christian women of Slovenia, on the theme "Come – Everything is Ready"*

**So please do come and join us in  
St Mary's Church, Buckland at 2.00pm**

*If you need assistance with transport we are happy to help - phone Dee on 01865 820570 or email [deektyrer@hotmail.com](mailto:deektyrer@hotmail.com)*

Thanks to the Charney Army for bulb planting throughout the village on the 24<sup>th</sup> January with a special mention to Peter Hawkins for obtaining the bulbs and finishing the job on New Road after the 'Army' had gone to lunch!



## Answer to the query posed on page 2

The photographs show the Wassail being celebrated in Charney Bassett on Saturday 5th January.

Wassailers gathered at The Chequers at 6.00pm and sang as they proceeded with lanterns down Main Street to the Millennium Community Orchard (opposite the Church). There the gathering sang to the apple trees! before moving on to Brook Cottage Farm to anoint the trees with toast and cider and salute the trees with gun

After socialising at Brook Cottage Farm some found their way back to The Chequers to complete the evening!

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019** Entries to: [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com)

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