



Charney Chatter

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It's quiz time! CHAFT

Family Fun Quiz Night Saturday 27 April

at 6.30 pm

in Charney Bassett Village Hall

When will
you play
your

Joker



8 rounds of team questions
Brain-twisting Marathon round
No individual put on the spot!
Ideal team size 4-6 people.
Adults and children welcome.

**Tickets £6 per person, to include
half-time refreshments.**
Please bring your own drinks.

What will
you need
to

Vulture



For tickets, more information and help
if needed in assembling a team,

contact Lucy on 01235 868782 or
gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com



Join in our raffle!

Peter Davies Memorial Bench

A replacement bench in memory of the late Peter Davies is now in place near the Buckland Road entrance to the playing field.

The bench has been funded by donations from the family, the Parish Council and the Charney Hall & Field Trust.



A big thank you to everyone who came along to the pancake morning at the beginning of March, and to the Greenacres for hosting the event. We had a very tasty morning and raised £197 for St Peter's Church.

Thank you again!



The willow
arbour,
sporting a new
shorter haircut,
courtesy of
Charney Army.

What's New on the History Website

Shelley Hughes from Newberg, Oregon wrote via the History Website:

'I recently discovered your wonderful website on the History of Charney Bassett. My grandmother, Olive Dora Belcher, spent her early years in the village. Her father, Frank Belcher purchased a farm in Charney in about 1913. 'My grandmother always referred to it as the manor farmhouse. The family lived in Charney for about ten years before moving to Great Coxwell. My Grandmother had many fond memories of her time in the village; her grandparents, Elizabeth and Thomas Belcher and uncle Stanley Arthur Belcher are buried at St. Peter's Church.'

Shelley has sent The History Group some fabulous photos and articles and you can see these on the website. If anyone has more information about the Belchers please let us know and we will pass it on.

Other new links on the History Website

- [Belchers at Manor Farm and elsewhere in the village 1913-1923](#)
- [Then and now photos added](#)

The History Group was also contacted by a **descendant of the Fullers** who used to live in the Village. We have supplied some information but they would particularly like to hear if there is anyone in the village related to them or who remembers them.

The Fullers in the eighteenth century were a very prominent part of the Village and the surrounding area, and were a large family occupying a large part of Charney Village, working locally and at Pusey House mostly on the land for local farmers. Two names are also on the WW1 memorial list in Pusey Church.

Any information email charney.history@btinternet.com

Tales of Old

(adapted extract taken from the book 'The Length of the Road' by Maud Ody)

'Now when Alfred first came to the village he was what you would term a casual. That is someone doing seasonal work on the farms. He was a tall thin man with a backward tilt and a wide brimmed hat. When he first came round here he had a moustache but after a while a long flowing beard. At first he would leave the area when the work was finished but as time passed he no longer did any work and made his home in the blackthorn shrubs opposite High Dams shed.

Whenever we met him we'd say "Tell us a tale Alfred" and he would tell us a yarn in a slow drawling voice. He called himself Alfred the Great. His birthday he said was in the year of the siege of Paris when the people who were starving ate dead cats and rats. Well that's what he told us. He used to smoke a stumpy clay pipe so somehow he got tobacco and you could see him in the bushes puffing away. In the winter he slept in High Dams shed – in summer the bushes.

He lived there for many years but became more and more a recluse. As he was getting older he started sleeping in the hay barn at Goosey Wick where he was found ill and taken away by the police to Wantage workhouse (The Spike). He only lived for a few days. Rumour was they **gave him a bath and he never recovered**. Well that's one version.'



The Chequers Inn

Come and join us for:
Our set lunch menu every Wednesday, 12-2 pm

Noodle night on 3rd April
Burger night on 17th April
Tapas night on 1st May

We look forward to welcoming you!
Book a table to avoid disappointment
01235 868642.

News From Thames Valley Police

The [latest update](#) from your Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Team.

It covers:

- Increased patrols at burglary hot spots
- Increased visibility to detect rural crime and hare coursing in Charney Bassett
- Help for potential victims/already targeted individuals against cyber crime, scams and financial fraud (including telephone banking fraud).

Want to know more about crime in our relatively low crime area?

Go to <https://www.police.uk/> and type in Faringdon under 'Find Your Neighbourhood' to access this interactive map.



National Knife Crime Awareness week in March

Thames Valley Police, along with other forces, took part in a variety of activities designed to challenge and reduce the threat of knife crime.

Wear that seat belt!

Statistics just released show that in the Thames Valley Police area

- 36 drivers were killed in the last six years as a result of not wearing a seat belt
- 880 drivers were prosecuted for not wearing a seat belt

and if you are transporting a child make sure the seat is properly fitted and worn correctlyand in accordance with the instructions.

If you want to keep up to date with local activities and incidents in the area then sign up to [Thames Valley Alert](#).

Charney Hall & Field Trust (CHAFT) Annual Safety Inspection of the Playing Field

In order to comply with legal and insurance requirements, the Management Committee is obliged to arrange for an annual risk assessment to be undertaken.

The results of a recent inspection in February 2019 by specialists, 'The Play Inspection Company', are [available](#).

The Management Committee will address the issues raised in the report at its April meeting. In addition to the yearly risk assessment, weekly checks are undertaken by CHAFT safety officers.



Charney Army Planning Meeting

On 4th April, [Charney Army](#) will hold their annual planning meeting.

If you have any ideas for Village projects that you think the Army could tackle, please let Peter Busby know

charneyarmy@gmail.com 86 8520

If you would like to attend the meeting, you would be most welcome. Please contact Peter.

From the Parish Council Meeting

Village Entrance Gates

An application has been made to the County Councillor's Priority Fund for a grant towards the cost of the installation of white gates at three of the four entrance points to the Village. If a favourable response is received from the County Council the project should go ahead sometime this year.

Consideration of the installation at the Buckland Road entrance has been deferred whilst further information is sought on the possibility of moving the 30 mph sign further out from the Village.

Village Map

The installation of a Village map has been given the go ahead. The map has been financed by donations from the County Councillor's Priority Fund, Charney & Lyford Educational Trust, S. Wright, The Chequers Inn and the Parish Council.

The map will be installed on the land opposite Ock Green. Thanks go to Ruth Gerring for the design and to the History sub group (Ruth, Amanda Graham and Steph Wright for their advice and guidance).

Road Maintenance and Pot Holes

Residents are reminded they can report pot holes on the [Fix My Street website](#).

The County Council is considering a new initiative whereby a trained village champion(s) would be able to order repair and maintenance work direct from approved contractors, cutting out some bureaucracy. The Parish Council has asked to be kept informed.

Planning Matters

The Parish Council has provided some information on planning matters, including its approach to dealing with applications, available on the [Charney website](#).

The Parish Council has decided to back objections raised by the CPRE to the way that growth is being promoted in the Oxfordshire Plan 2050. Anyone considering doing the same can read about the CPRE's points [on line](#).

In its comments, the CPRE is helpfully backing concerns already raised by the Parish Council to the lack of money being made available to rural communities like ours from the Community Infrastructure Levy.

Parish Council Elections

The Parish Council is elected every four years and nominations for the five positions can be submitted between 26th March and 3rd April (see information on Parish Noticeboard and on the [District Council website](#)).

Anyone who wants to know more can speak to the current Chairman (David Roberts 868285) or the Parish Clerk (Trevor Brown 868282).

The full minutes of the meeting are available on the [Charney website](#).

New Magazine 'Village Voices' To Replace 'Seven Voices'

As explained in its last edition ([see page 7](#)), Seven Voices will no longer be published in its current form. A determined attempt led by Longworth residents Lesley Kinch and Karen Coleman is being made to fill the gap with a new community magazine, 'Village Voices'. This will go to all seven villages as before. An Editor and Advertising Manager are urgently required.

Neither of these posts would take longer than a day a month. There is training available from a previous Editor and Advertiser.

If you would like more information please ring Lesley on 01865 820237 or Karen on 01865 821795, who would be delighted to hear from you.

You would not be expected to provide articles yourself (unless you wanted to). The intention is for all the articles and news to be received from others and then assembled into a magazine. Lots of assistance available. Please help.

The deadline for contributions to the first issue is 10th April to villagevoicesmag@gmail.com.

Charney Bassett Village College

Vacancies in the following classes are open to everyone.

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

Yoga

Friday 7pm – 8.30pm.

For an enrolment form for a class please contact

Christine Trotman preferably by email

cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com or 869171.

What's New On The Charney Website

[PC minutes](#)

[PC planning policy](#)

[Charney & Lyford Educational Trust on line application form](#)

[Charney Village Hall & Field Trust policies](#)

[Ed Vaizey Newsletter](#)

Charney 100 Club (March) Draw

The results of the draw on the 12th March are as follows:-

1st Prize (£25) No 108 Helen and Bruce Royan

2nd Prize (£10) No 149 Kate Belcher

If anyone would like a number or extra numbers please contact:

Charney 100 club organisers, Sally or Evelyn at

charney100club@gmail.com

Dates For Your Diary

COFFEE HOUR

Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 10.30-11.30 am. £1 pp, including unlimited tea, coffee and biscuits.

QUIZ NIGHT

27th April, Village Hall

WHITE HORSE HARRIERS HALF MARATHON

7th April, approx. 10.00 am through Charney

MUSIC IN THE VALE CONCERT

14th April, 3.00 pm, St Peter's Church

CHAFT MEETING

25th April, 8.00 pm, Village Hall

HISTORY GROUP

26th April, 10.15 am, The Chequers

VILLAGE FETE

Saturday, 7th September

CHARNEY ARMY

1st and last Thursday of the month

CHARNEY ARMY

Annual planning meeting 4th April

Music in the Vale



Launching the 2019 season, the next Music in the Vale concert will be at 3.00 pm on Sunday, 14th April 2019 in Saint Peter's Church, Charney Bassett and features cellist Jehanne Bastoni and classical guitarist Manus Noble in a musical journey "Across Time and Continent" with composers ranging from Boccherini to Hisaishi.

Concert tickets price £12.00 are available from Lucy Gildersleeves 01235 868782 gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com or David Pedder 01367 718420 djpedderdpa@btinternet.com. For information see [Music in the Vale](#).

Refreshments will be available after the concert.

Voter Registration

In order to vote on 2 May, residents need to be registered by Friday, 12 April. Anyone who is not registered at their current address should visit gov.uk/register-to-vote to ensure they are eligible to vote.



Keep Up to Date with a Click

For the latest news from Charney and other items of interest check the posts on the Charney [homepage](#).

Spring Comes to New Road



We need your help! Charney Bassett Village Fete



Saturday 7th September 2-4 pm

On the Village Green

Save the date

Fete to be followed by a picnic barbecue - more details soon.

We need to collect items for tombolas, bookstall and hampers.

Can you offer a raffle prize? Can you help set up, run a stall, clear up?

Do you have an idea for a stall? Can you face paint?

Can you make a cake to sell?

Please think of us if you have any unwanted gifts or see any special offers.

All donations will be gratefully received and can be left with Diane Ewart, Helen Royan or in the Village Hall (clearly labelled as for the fete).

Please contact Helen on 868349 or Diane on 868103 with offers of help, ideas or questions.

The fete is being organised by Chaft and St Peter's Church, all proceeds will be split equally between these organisations.

Thank you



Have you ever thought of becoming an On-call Firefighter?

It's easier than you think, find out more here:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/oncallfirefighters>.

On-call Firefighters are the backbone of the fire service and anyone can be one. If you're employed full-time, are a parent, out of employment or just have some spare time, you can respond to emergency calls. It is a rewarding way to earn extra money, serve your community and save lives.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th April

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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