



Charney Chatter

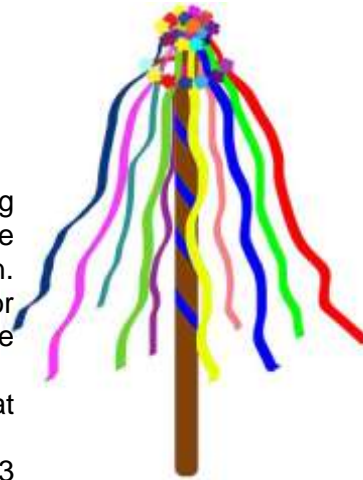
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May Day in Charney Bassett 2.30 pm, Monday 6th May 2019 The Green

See the May Queen crowned and Maypole dancing by local children accompanied by our regular live musicians. Come and enjoy tea and cake in the barn. Cake donations can be dropped off on the day or delivered to Diane or Lorraine. All proceeds are donated to CHAFT.

Dance practices are on Wednesday 1st May at 4.15pm and Saturday 4th May at 10am.

Diane Ewart 868103
Lorraine Ashton 868011



Elections 2nd May

There will be no voting in Charney on 2nd May due to Eric Batts being unopposed for the District Council and Charney Parish Council has 5 nominations for the 5 seats.

Charney Goes Wicked!

There are now enough people interested in the forthcoming trip to see Wicked on 12th June to confirm the arrangements. There are no more theatre seats available, but there is room for 10 more people if you would like to spend the day in London. Seats are £12.50 each, and should be booked with Peter Busby before 11th June.

Watch This Space



In 2017, the History Group supported an initiative to create a representative map of some of Charney's highlights. We are fortunate enough to have too many to include them all. Talented local amateur artist, Ruth Gerring, took on this fun project.

The Parish Council have now supported the production of a permanent installation in the Village, funded by the PC, the County Council, Villagers, CLET and The Chequers.

It is hoped that this new installation will be unveiled in May.

A Tail with a Happy Ending!



The stray dog sighted in Charney and surroundings has now been captured after more than 2 weeks living off the land. A food trail and trap were used to lure the dog in. The animal though underweight is healthy and is now with a foster family.

Pets Lost and Found in Oxfordshire (PLAFIO) wanted to thank Charney Bassett villagers and the local gamekeeper for all their support over the last 2 weeks.

Charney's Smallest Feathered Resident

The Goldcrest is the smallest bird in the UK, just 9cm in length, and weighs approximately 5.5g, which is the equivalent of a twenty pence coin.

Goldcrests are resident in the UK all year round; winter is the key time of year for spotting Goldcrests in the garden. They eat insects - spiders, caterpillars, flies and moth eggs etc. Their beaks are thin and pointed to pick out insects from among dense pine needles.



Photo taken in Charney March 2019

Busy Time Ahead For The Charney Army!

At a well-attended meeting of the Charney Army in April, a few additional projects were agreed:

- clearance of Charney Wick ditch from Main Street towards Stanford;
- refreshing the posts/rails around Ock Green;
- grass cutting in the Jubilee Orchard;
- contact with the Environment Agency on the possibility of reintroducing water near Ock Bridge;
- bus shelter project involving local children.

The Power of the Email System

Within hours of emailing out a request for a local volunteer to deliver 'Hanney News' the April edition popped through villagers' letterboxes. Thanks go to Peter Hawkins who has taken on this task, assisted by Joe Ody.

Many thanks also to the Ewart family for undertaking delivery duties for so many years.



The Chequers Inn

Come and join us for:



Tapas night *Wednesday 1st May*



French night *Wednesday 15th May*



American night *Wednesday 29th May*

We look forward to welcoming you

Please book a table to avoid disappointment
Tel: 01235 868642

VWHDC Fly-Tipping Prosecution

Vale of White Horse District Council has successfully prosecuted a plasterer from Faringdon whose building waste was dumped across a rural road after he paid two strangers to get rid of it.

He had paid the men £25 to dispose of the waste but has ended up being ordered to pay more than £1,600 by a court because it was then fly-tipped.

For waste removal advice please see [Waste removal – how to stay legal](#).

To report fly-tipping contact the authorities via the [online form](#), telephone **03000 610 610** or email admin.vale@biffa.co.uk.

What's New on the History Website

Over the last few months we have been asked for any information on five different former residents

- i) David Miles has provided us with lots of old photos which we have scanned and are working through them to identify people and locations and will be adding some of these to the website over the coming weeks
- ii) Michael Smith contacted us about William Smith, Ellen (Nellie) Smith and their son John Smith who lived in the village in the '30s and '40s and William is buried in St Peter's graveyard. If anyone has any more information he would be delighted to hear
- iii) a descendant of the Yates family from the USA has been in touch and we have sent them the Yate's family tree

Meanwhile we are still looking for any more information about:

- iv) the Belchers in Charney Bassett for Shelley Hughes from Newberg, Oregon, USA who is a descendant of the Belchers; and also
- v) the Fullers for 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.

If anyone has more please let us know via charney.history@btinternet.com and we will pass it on.

New Links on the History website:

[Dunch Family history in Charney Bassett](#)

[Gymkhana 1967](#) - Newspaper Clippings (last item)

FROM THE VILLAGE RECORDS

20 YEARS AGO: *'The 'Charney Bassett' and 'Caution Children' signs at the approach to the village had been stolen and were believed to be in Scotland. The [Parish] Clerk was asked if he could assist with their recovery.'*

A few weeks ago in 2019: late night vandalism saw the Charney Bassett sign at the Buckland Road entrance point to the village go missing. This time it was much easier to track the missing sign which was found in the hedge. It is hoped the sign will be replaced in the near future.

20 YEARS AGO: *'Mr Clarke (Cllr) suggested that the opportunity for Parish Councils to undertake minor road works published in a memo from OCC should be taken and a footpath from the Buckland Road junction with New Road to the (old) playing field should be constructed. He had obtained an estimate... The [Parish] Clerk cautioned against hasty acceptance of this proposal and it was agreed to look at the matter carefully again.'* (Extract from Parish Council Minutes)

A few weeks ago in 2019: The path has been completed and is well used. It has taken a long time! So well done Charney Army!

News From Thames Valley Police

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

- advice to horse owners, following incidents in Buckland and Longcot where horses have sustained cuts to their bodies;
- hare coursing in Pusey and Buckland;
- trailers stolen in Goosey;
- county drug line disruption activities;
- house burglaries in Letcombe Regis and Buscot;
- making your house more secure with a link to a free Home Security Guide.

Salvation Army Clothing Bank

A clothing bank is now available in The Chequers car park.

Please deposit good quality clothing and accessories, shoes, including trainers.

The Parish Council will receive a donation for every tonne of clothing collected. So please get sorting those wardrobes and drawers.



Charney Bassett Village Fete

Saturday 7th September, 2-4 pm

on the Village Green

Can you help

set up, run a stall, clear up, face paint,
make a cake to sell?
Or do you have an idea for a stall?

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

Please collect items for tombolas, book stall, hampers, raffle prizes.

All offers of help and donations will be gratefully received.

Contact Diane Ewart(868103) or Helen Royan (868349) if you can help, have ideas or questions or wish to donate items. Donations can also be left in the Village Hall (clearly labelled as for the fete).

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

Thank you



Plant Stall

From early May, the plant stall at the pub will be open again. It will be a more informal affair this year.

Please bring along your surplus vegetable seedlings and plants for sale. Or come and stock your greenhouse and garden for a donation.

Proceeds will be split equally between CHAFT and St Peter's Church.

hello Spring



In aid of the Riding for the Disabled Association, Abingdon Group.

Charity Reg No 1141380
(Member of the Riding for the Disabled Association's Incorporating Carriage Driving Unit by Guarantee No 5113395)



Saturday May 11th

10.00 to 1pm.

Lower Lodge Riding Centre,
Charney Rd, Southmoor,
OX13 5HW

REFRESHMENTS & TOMBOLA



Music In The Vale

another opportunity to enjoy live music in Charney

The second Music in the Vale concert will be held at 7.30 pm on Saturday, 1st June 2019 in Saint Peter's Church, Charney Bassett. The concert entitled 'The Advent of the Baroque' features music by Monteverdi and his contemporaries, performed by Emma Murphy – soprano and recorder, and Lynda Sayce – lute and theorbo.

Three more concerts will follow on: 3rd August in Goosey; 5th October and 24th November in Stanford in the Vale.

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](#).

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

For an enrolment form for a class please contact Christine Trotman preferably by email cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com or 869171.

CHAFT AGM

The CHAFT AGM will be held on 5th June in the Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm. Once the brief formalities have been completed, there will be a briefing on the latest situation regarding the aspens, followed by a small celebration (glass of wine) recognising the hard work of all those who have given their time to the Village during the last 12 months.

Charney Mill OPEN!

Sunday 12th May, 2 – 4.30pm. Visit the beautiful old Mill opposite St Peter's Church. A rare opportunity as the mill does not open that often!



Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service 'It's not worth the risk'

Do you know that 95% of collisions are due to human error? Distraction, speeding, not wearing a seatbelt and driving under the influence of drink or drugs are the big fatal four on our county's roads.

Could you?

- put your phone in your glove compartment or set your phone to do not disturb before you start your journey
- adjust your speed and make sure you have time to react to the unexpected
- make sure everyone is wearing their seatbelt before you set off
- get a taxi, the bus or be the designated driver on a night out
- make sure you're safe to drive the morning after, you could still be over the drink drive limit, even if you feel fine

Oxfordshire County Council Fire and Rescue Service have put together top tips to help you avoid the fatal four, and have created a handy 'don't get caught out the morning after' guide 365alive.co.uk/fatalfour.



Charney 100 Club (April) Draw

The results of the April draw are as follows:-

1st Prize (£25) No 27 Emma Buchanan

2nd Prize (£10) No 90 Clive Dunn

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

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

6th May, The Green, 2.30 pm

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8th May 2018 (Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Village Assembly)

OPEN MILLS – Charney Mill Open

12th May

MUSIC IN VALE

1st June

CHAFT AGM

5th June in the Village Hall starting at 7.30 pm

CHARNEY GOES WICKED

12th June

VILLAGE FETE

Saturday, 7th September

COFFEE HOUR

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

CHARNEY ARMY

2nd and last Thursday of the month

Free Compost Giveaway



Come and fill your box, bag or container with locally produced compost for free – and don't forget your shovel.*

*A maximum of 4 containers per person will be applied.

Saturday 11 May 2019 9.00am – 11.00am
Milton Park overflow car park, Park Drive, Milton
OX14 4SR
(next to Allmakes Ltd)



Pick up kitchen caddies and liners
Free recycling goodies

All while stocks last



What's New On The Charney Website

- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter April 2019](#)
- [Ed Vaizey Newsletter](#)
- [Additional PC Archives \(minutes\)](#)

Change of Guard

Rosemary McClintock and *David Sibbert* stepped down as editors of the Chatter last month, after 5 years at the helm and a staggering 62 editions.

At the meeting in March, the Parish Council expressed their thanks to Rosemary and David for their hard work. The new editors would like to add their appreciation for all the effort and innovation put into the Chatter over the last years. We hope to live up to your great example.

Amanda and Steph

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th May

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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