



Charney Chatter

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No doubt you have noticed. The gates are here!



Road Safety/Traffic is one of the recurring major concerns that Villagers have expressed. In order to try to address some of these concerns, a Road Safety Group was set up to consider the problems, potential solutions and to report findings to the Parish Council. Finance is a restriction to some of the possible options. However, many of the options have now been implemented and recently the Parish Council has managed to secure installation of white gates, which it is hoped will help to remind drivers that they are entering a residential area with a speed limit. White gates are considered to reduce average speeds by 2-3mph which might not sound a lot but is significant in terms of reducing injury in the event of an accident and also in reducing noise.



Don't forget that Charney also has a **SpeedWatch group**, which monitors and logs speeding vehicles. More volunteers to help with this initiative are always welcome.

A typical example of someone speeding down Main Street.

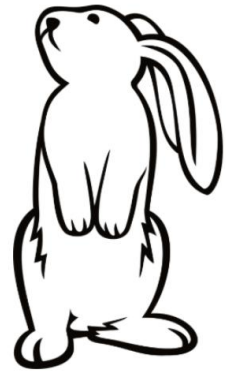


Hello March and goodbye winter?

Here are a few things to think about as we move into this new month and head towards spring.



- ✿ Traditionally, the early Roman calendars only showed ten months in the year, with March as the first month and December the last (hence dec for ten). The January and February we know were classified as winter and not worthy of naming.
- ✿ Unlike many of the other months, the name March was not derived from a number but was named after the Roman god of war, Mars (Latin – Martius), Historically, it was the month following the winter when wars would be resumed.
- ✿ Amongst many other things the month is also known for:
 - St David's Day – 1st
 - the Ides of March (15th) – not one of Julius Caesar's better days
 - St Patrick's Day – 17th
 - the Vernal Equinox – 20th – official start of spring
 - famous people who were born in March include, Alexander Graham Bell, Albert Einstein, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Vita Sackville-West, plus lots of Charney residents – happy birthday to you ♪♪♪♪
 - March hares – plenty of those around Charney, so keep your eyes peeled



Village Halls' Week

CHAFT would like to thank everyone who came along to help us celebrate National Village Halls' week on Saturday 25th January. Cream teas were enjoyed by everyone and there wasn't a spare chair to be had. Many of the regular groups that use the hall were present showcasing their activities and there was even the opportunity to try your hand at table tennis. There was plenty of conversation, catching up and of course tea and scones. A very enjoyable afternoon for all involved.



A big thank you to the CHAFT ladies who prepared the delicious cream teas.



CHAFT Mother's Day Craft Afternoon Saturday 21st March, 2 - 4pm

CHAFT are hosting an afternoon of Mother's day crafts, for all ages. So why not give mum an afternoon off before her special day and come along and make her something to treasure.

To help us plan this event could you e-mail charneychaft@gmail.com and please let us know numbers and ages of those hoping to attend. (All children need to be supervised preferably not by Mum!). This is not a fundraising event but we will be asking for a small contribution to cover the cost of the resources.

What's new on the History Website since February's Chatter

- **Act of Parliament (1832)** to effect the sale to Philip Pusey of the Manor or Lordship of Charney etc
- **'New' Village Hall vote – newspaper cutting Nov 1989**

Watch this Space

We are planning a talk by David Ashby (our supervising archaeologist) on the findings and conclusion of the various digs and surveys carried out in Charney. It is currently pencilled in for Wed 29th April at 7:30 pm in the village hall. More info in the next Chatter.



Thank you to everyone for your prayers and kind messages of support and to those who were able to come to the service on Sunday 16th February for my commissioning as an Authorised Lay Worship Leader.

Lucy Gildersleeves

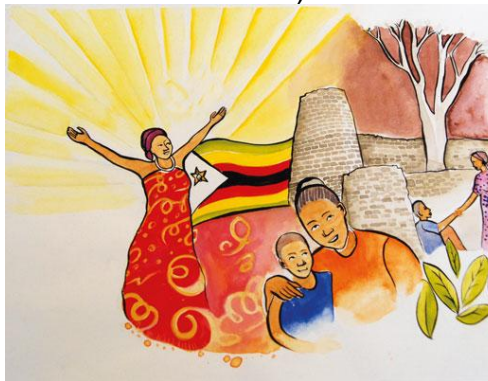
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Service at 2.00pm on Friday 6th March 2020 in St Mary's Church, Longworth

This year we join with the women of Zimbabwe who share their country's experiences in this very special service of hope.

All around the world throughout the hours of Friday 6th March somewhere there will be people coming together to share in this same service! Come and join us as we take part.

If you would like help in getting to the service, please contact Dee (01865 820570) or Lucy (01235 868782)



Rise! Take your mat and walk

Pancake Morning



A very big thank you to everyone who came, chatted and consumed, and also to those involved in hosting, cooking and serving pancakes. We made a total of £225 for St Peter's Church, which is a very welcome sum towards the cost of our desperately-needed electrical repairs.



Plant Stall

The plant stall at The Chequers will return again in May.

More details to follow at a later date.

All proceeds from sales will be shared equally between CHAFT and St Peter's.

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the February draw are:

£25 No 25 Jeff Garner

£10 No 120 Helen and Bruce Royan

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

Charney 100 club organisers, Sally or Evelyn at charney100club@gmail.com

Annual subscriptions now due, if you do not pay by SO, expect Evelyn and Sally to knock on your door!

Dates For Your Diary

COFFEE HOUR

Tuesdays, 10.30 am, Village Hall

GREAT BRITISH PIE WEEK

from 2nd March, evenings in the Chequers

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 11th March, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

SINGING WORKSHOP

Saturday, 14th March, 11 am – 12.30 pm, Village Hall

MOTHER'S DAY CRAFTS

Saturday, 21st March, 2 – 4 pm, Village Hall

CHAFT MEETING

Monday, 30th March, 6.30pm, Village Hall

ARCHAEOLOGY IN CHARNEY TALK BY DAVID ASHBY

Wed 29th 7:30pm Village Hall

VE DAY COMMEMORATION AND MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Friday, 8th May

CHARNEY FETE

Saturday, 5th September

Zero Food Air Miles

Lamb, born and reared on the green pastures of Charney Bassett available now for your freezer. Truly local. Whole or half lamb boxes containing joints and chops, vac-packed, and ready for the freezer.

E-mail mikegooding99@icloud.com

The Chequers

Still time to book for the steak and red wine



night at The Chequers Inn on Friday, 28th February.

And don't forget it's the Great British



Pie Week from Monday, 2nd March.

A selection of homemade pies will be available to choose from every evening in The Chequers.

Please book on 868642.



Singing Workshop

with Louise Woodgate

Saturday 14th March 11 am – 12.30 pm
in the Village Hall

The session will involve fun warm up exercises, call and echo singing, movement, clapping, rounds and popular songs. The aim is to promote the enjoyment of singing and to build confidence for those who have little or no experience in singing. You do not have to be able to sing just enjoy it. No need to be able to read music. Suitable for anyone over the age of 12.

Please register your interest as soon as possible for this exciting 1 ½ hour workshop by emailing cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com If you signed up at the Village Hall open afternoon we have you on the list.

Minimum numbers required 15.

Maximum cost per person will be £10 depending on numbers.



During March and April, your Household Waste Recycling Centre will be closing for two days to carry out a deep clean and essential maintenance.

Closing dates:

Dix Pit (Stanton Harcourt)
Tues 24th & Wed 25th March 2020
Drayton (Abingdon)
Tues 28th & Wed 29th April 2020
Redbridge (Oxford)
Tues 10th & Wed 11th March 2020
Stanford (Faringdon)
Tues 21st & Wed 22nd April 2020

Full details can be found at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/wasteclosure including details of your nearest site during closures. Thank you in advance for your patience.

A BIG thank you from Charney Parish Council to those residents who have been using the Salvation Army clothing bank. Since last May nearly a tonne of unwanted clothing, shoes and accessories has been donated.

This means that as well as helping a worthy cause, these donations have managed to raise nearly £100 for Charney Parish Council.

Maybe your **spring clean** will include going through your clothes, or you may simply need to make room to update your wardrobe. If so then please remember the clothing bank is in the Chequers car park. An easy, local way to recycle good quality clothes, shoes and accessories, which supports Charney at the same time.

Get your waste to the right place

The Waste Wizard is a new online tool to kill the confusion around recycling and help Oxfordshire defeat General Waste. Type in your postcode and the name of any item to find out whether it can be reused, repaired, donated or recycled - oxfordshire.gov.uk/wastewizard.



Fix My Street – Super User Required!

The Parish Council has been asked by the County Council if the village wishes to be involved in its Pothole Super User project. This allows a local volunteer to receive initial training and be authorised to organise basic road repairs with a contractor without the direct involvement of the County Council. The scheme is designed to get local roads repaired a lot more quickly. If anyone is interested in being a local volunteer, please get in touch with the Parish Clerk (Trevor Brown telephone 868282 or email parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk) for more information.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th March

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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