



Charney Chatter

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May Day was cancelled and VE Day wasn't the grand celebration everyone had planned. Not to be thwarted, the residents of Charney set to decorating the Village for 8th May with all manner of bunting, flags and even a Maypole with dancers.





Face Masks

For those not already aware, Julie Ingram-Johnson has been busy using her sewing talents to produce face masks. They have been made available for local residents to peruse and select, with a donation to the children's hospice Julie has supported for many years. Already £288 has been made thanks to your kind donations.

The masks are available to view on a table in the carport of Gunton Barn (last house on the right at the top of Charney Green, opposite the pub). New designs, including fabrics depicting various sports, are being put on the table daily.

All Face Masks have been made with washed, new fabrics. There are three layers - fabric designed outer layer, flannel middle layer and a close weave reverse layer - new, thin elastic loops to hold masks behind the ears or pulled to the back of the head and clipped (the latter may be more comfortable for people with glasses or hearing aids).

The masks will fit adults but Julie will make children's masks if asked.



Please support the Acorns Children's Hospices by giving a donation in the collection box for your mask.

The junction garden...

...is again springing into life.



Thank you Tony.

Summary of Charney Bassett Parish Council meeting of 13th May

On 13th May, the Parish Council successfully held its Annual Meeting by Skype, also attended by 4 intrepid residents. This meeting format looks likely to continue for a while.

Chairman David Roberts was re-elected for a further year, with David Nellist as Vice-Chair. In [his annual report](#), the Chair thanked many local residents for their voluntary work throughout the year, with a particular mention to Councillor Mary Castle who stepped forward to coordinate the Village response to the Covid-19 crisis.

Many matters were discussed, including:

- Approval of an updated [Emergency Plan](#);
- End of year finances and balance (just over £7,300);
- Increasing lorry movements from NAP Grabhire premises (Fyfield Wick);
- McBains Yard and the Old Schoolhouse, New Road (site not to be put forward);
- Purchase of a police-approved speed gun for exclusive use by the Village Speedwatch Team;
- Improvements to the Village website to give improved accessibility, including for the disabled;
- Whether to increase speed awareness signage through the Village;
- Postponement of replacement public seating due to Covid-19 restrictions;
- Future Parish Council involvement in the management of Charney Field.

[Full details of the meeting can be found online.](#)

What's new on the History Web Site?

- VE Day 2020, 75th Anniversary – [photos](#)
- [Additions to The Horn Inn](#) and [additions to the publicans of The Chequers](#)
- [Newspaper Cuttings concerning The Horn Inn](#)
- Photos of cache of [old bottles](#)

Your Village Hall needs you!

Would you be able to spare a little time during the month of September to join the Village Hall cleaning rota? It only takes about half an hour each week now we have a super electric steam floor mop! Please call me for more details - no pressure! Lynn Brookes - 868471



 **For everything
you are doing** 
 **from the Village of
Charney Bassett** 

165 Scrub Bags Delivered!
by
8 Charney Residents

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the May draw are:

£25 No 91 Jodie McNamara
£10 No 102 Joan Falaise

Kindly drawn by Elizabeth Gunn.

If anyone would like a number or extra numbers please contact:
Charney 100 club organisers, Sally or Evelyn at charney100club@gmail.com

Annual General Meeting of the Charney Hall and Field Trust (CHAFT)

Wednesday 22nd July 2020 at 7.30 pm
This will be a closed meeting held virtually. The Annual Report of the Trustees and the Agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting inviting questions from residents.

The Bridle Path

It is that time of year when the nettles and other plants alongside the bridle path will start to fall over and make walking slightly difficult. In Normal Times, the Charney Army would deal with the problem, but it doesn't look as though they will be allowed out. Usually, Oxford County Council come with their ride-on to cut both sides of the bridle path. So if you are concerned about accessibility, it is suggested that you report to Fix My Street. The more contact they have, the more likely it is that they will attend.

Get Safe Online Advice Re Safe Email

Email has always been the fraudsters' favourite way to scam you. During the Coronavirus pandemic it is become even worse. Read our expert tips on how to spot and deal with a phishing email. To see more about online safety during this uncertain time visit www.getsafeonline.org/safeemail.

Do you know who your children are speaking to online?

During lockdown, many of us are turning online to stay in touch and this goes for children as well as adults. Sadly, some criminals are using these extraordinary circumstances as a way to exploit and target young people when they are online.

Thames Valley Police have seen an increase in reports of online sexual abuse involving children since movement restrictions were introduced and are urging parents to take this opportunity to have honest conversations about online safety with their children and to review privacy settings on the apps and social networks that they are using.

In order to support parents during COVID-19, the National Crime Agency's Child Exploitation and Online Protection division are producing fortnightly activity packs to help discuss staying safe online with your children. These age-appropriate resources, containing two 15-minute activities for each age group, can be found at www.thinkuknow.co.uk.

More information and useful links plus specific information about Apps, and advice for children see the [website](#).

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