



Charney Chatter

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The Chequers in Bloom Again!

Open for drinks and meals (following recommended safety guidelines, of course) or book a take away. Lunchtimes Wednesday to Sunday, evenings Tuesday to Sunday. Call to book – 868642.

Jacqui and Ian would like once again to thank the Village for all their support!

Quiz Time!

What sort of moths are these resting on a wall in Charney?

What was this in the night sky over Charney in the second half of July?

Answers on the last page





The end of July saw Dews Meadow Farm Shop hosting an open weekend at Poplars Farm, Charney. Along with showcasing their animals and sustainable farming methods, their produce was on offer to enjoy, plus a variety of stalls featuring local crafts and produce.



Charney Hall & Field Trust

News from AGM & meeting held 22nd July

Appointed Trustees

Lucy Gildersleeves (Chair)
David Sibbert (Vice Chair)
Christine Trotman (Treasurer)
Annabel Brown (Secretary)
Mary Castle
Evelyn Campbell
Philippa McRobert
Neil Dobson
David Jones

Other Appointments

Auditor, Peter Leaver
Booking Secretary, John Wright
Field Safety Officer, Bruce Royan
Woodland Project Officer, Peter Busby
100 Club, Sally Hawkins & Evelyn Campbell

(Lucy's appointment as Chair is for three months after which David will take over as Interim Chair and Neil Dobson as Vice- Chair.)

In Other News

Village Fete planned for September has been cancelled.

Village Hall will reopen 1st September. Risk assessments have been carried out and the Conditions of Hire are being updated to take account of COVID-19.

The old picnic table and benches in the children's play area have been removed and it is planned to replace these with a new bench and a picnic bench in the near future.

The bark in the children's play area is to be refreshed or upgraded.

Minor repairs to the fencing surrounding the play area are in hand.

Discussions with neighbouring landowners are continuing to solve the rabbit incursion on the field.



And Last But Not Least

Big thanks to Diane Ewart and Helen Royan, who have stood down after many years' service as Trustees. Also to Kate Belcher for helping out with secretarial services for part of the year.

Thanks also to all the volunteers who have helped over the last year.

Face Masks

Remember that in England you must wear a face covering on public transport and from 24th July it is mandatory to wear one in shops and supermarkets.

So just a reminder that Julie Ingram-Johnson is still busy using her sewing talents to produce face masks for charity. To date, Julie has used over 70 metres of elastic – more than the length of two fully-grown blue whales.

The masks are available to view on a table in the carport of Gunton Barn (last house on the right at the top of the Village Green, opposite the pub). New designs are being added regularly.

The masks have been made with washed, new fabrics. There are three layers - fabric designed outer layer, flannel middle layer and a close weave reverse. 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.



Abiding by the Covid guidelines in St. Peter's Church

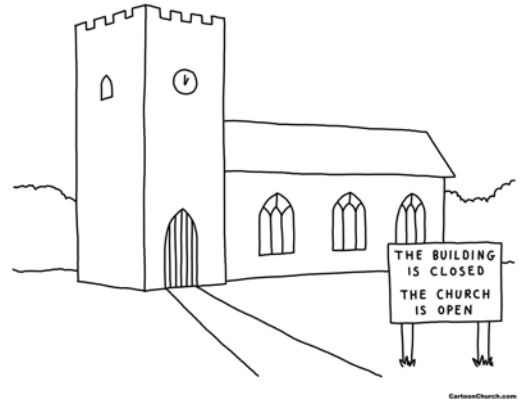


which apply to ALL visitors, including bats!

Church Online and Re-Opening the Church Buildings

During this time of lockdown, our benefice church services have moved online, and many people have been engaging with our Sunday worship and our weekday Morning Prayer. It has been so very encouraging and wonderful to see this, and realise once again, in a very visceral way, that Church is the people and not just our buildings!

That said, our church buildings are precious and sacred places of encounter and there has been a lot of discussion within the Ministry and Church Wardens Team about how best to re-open our church buildings for Sunday services and public worship now that the government has permitted this to happen.



We are delighted to announce that we will be able to return to public worship in St Mary's church in Buckland on Sunday 19th July at 10am. We will also continue livestreaming our Sunday service, as we know that many people do not yet feel safe going into public gatherings (or that 10am Sunday is just not possible for them), so if you prefer to join us from your home, you can still do so. More information will come out via our mailing list, on our website and via FaceBook (see below).

Due to the needs for cleaning and the limitations we have with our volunteers, many of whom are vulnerable or shielding, it will be a gradual process for our other church buildings to re-open for Sunday services, so bear with us - the Ministry and Church Wardens Team are working out how best to do this.

Please be assured that we will continue to provide an online service as a permanent part of our Benefice worship, so if for any reason you feel you can't come to church in person, you can always join us in worship via our YouTube channel (just search Benefice Cherbury Gainfield to find us) and we'll continue to send the direct link for this out each week by email to our subscribers. On the very rare occasion that all our tech helpers are on holiday, we will point people to the Diocese of Oxford "Church At Home" online service.

Our church buildings continue to be open for private prayer one day a week – so that there is a church open each day. Please see our website for more info – this is subject to change at relatively short notice as our churches are able to open more fully. Due to our volunteer limitations, at present we leave 72 hours between each use of the building to minimise or remove the need for full cleans between uses.

If you would like to receive our weekly mailings with updates on the benefice, church opening times, the link for the Sunday service on YouTube, and a 'thought for the week', you can sign up via our website www.cherbury-gainfield.org.uk or email the Benefice Office beneficecg@gmail.com.

All information above is correct at time of writing (9th July 2020) but please bear in mind that the situation is constantly evolving and that we are adapting and being as flexible as possible to meet the needs of the community. For the most up to date information, please see our website, our FaceBook page (search Cherbury Gainfield Benefice), or contact the Benefice Office by email or phone (07597 903813).

With love, light and peace, and blessings to you and all your family,
Rev. Talisker and the Ministry Team



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



Post-Lockdown Church Survey

We've put together a survey to try to help us think together about how our churches and the benefice will worship and work together in the future. Change is really unsettling, but it also gives us a chance to see possibility and opportunity.

We would really appreciate it if you would fill in the survey below from a perspective of church - though you might want to think about the first four questions for yourself personally too.

All responses will be strictly confidential and will only be seen by Revd. Talisker.

Here's the link

<https://bit.ly/2Oq8eBi>

Or click the big button below...

Thank you so much!

[Take Survey](#)

Charney Bassett Parish Council

Summary of PC meeting of 8th July

The Parish Council met (by Skype) on 8th July. No residents were present and although virtual meetings look likely to continue for a while, Councillors will want to return to the Village Hall for meetings as soon as they feel it safe to do so.

Matters discussed included:

- Arrangements for a 3-day street cleaning programme by the District Council;
- Current balance of £11,700;
- Concerns about increasing lorry movements through the village due to development at Swanny Brook Farm, Fyfield Wick (NAP Grab Hire) and Long Meadow Barn, Denchworth (TLB Oxford);
- Current position on blocked drainage ditch on land west of Denchworth Road;
- Whether safe arrangements can be made to replace our various dilapidated public benches;
- Proposals by CHAFT to fell the aspen belt on Charney Field;
- Arrangements for Remembrance Day at the War Memorial;
- Thanks to Clive Dunn (New Road) for wonderful floral displays in recent years in the trough on the Village Green;
- A report by Christine Trotman on the Village College (including 2019-20 accounts).

[Full minutes of the meeting](#) can be found on the Charney website.

Keeping things neat and tidy

A deep clean of our village has been planned with South and Vale DC between 10th and 12th August. This will involve clearing the gutters of overgrown vegetation, debris and litter.

Please would residents make a note not to park vehicles on Main Street, New Road and Orchard Close on these days otherwise the cleaning will not be able to take place.

While we've got your attention, please could we remind residents of their responsibility to ensure that any overhanging branches of their trees and shrubs are cut back so that they do not obstruct footpaths and pavements.

Are there any budding green-fingered volunteers out there, who would like to take on the planting and care of the trough?

Please contact

parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk

for further information.



Clothing Bank at the Chequers

The Clothing Bank should be open as soon as the Salvation Army can confirm it is in a position to empty it regularly. *Get those old clothes ready and help the Parish Council coffers in the process.* Notification will be given as soon as the bank is re-opened.

From the Consultation and Community Engagement Team
South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils

Help shape our work towards thriving futures for South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse

If you had a say in what's most important for South Oxfordshire or Vale of White Horse District Councils to focus on what would you say? Would it be tackling the climate emergency, providing the homes that people need, helping businesses to thrive, protection and restoring our natural world, working in partnership or healthy communities?

These are all things that councillors at South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council regularly have to debate and consider for their local communities.

Councillors have identified six main themes for each council for what they feel are the most important areas they need to focus on. They would like to know how residents, council staff and local organisations such as community groups, businesses and Town and Parish Councils feel about these themes.

The survey, launched on 16 July and running until midnight 13 August, doesn't focus on the here and now but is looking for feedback on the council's priorities over the next four years.

We'd like your views about these themes to ensure that the districts remain a great place to live for years to come. Please [click here](#) if you live or work in South Oxfordshire or [click here](#) for Vale of White Horse.

The responses gathered will help councillors finalise their mission statement, known as a Corporate Plan. The plan will enable them to focus the councils' work on what they and those living and working in the districts believe will make the district a better place for future generations.

Covid-19 has changed the way many of us view things and our priorities for ourselves and those around us. Given this opportunity to adapt and change, we want to know what you think about our plans for the future, to make sure South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse are the districts our communities want it to be.

If you have any queries about this survey, require either of the engagement documents in printed version, or in an alternative format (for example large print, Braille, audio, email, Easy Read and alternative languages), please email haveyoursay@southandvale.gov.uk or call 01235 422425.

Alternatively, if you want to give your views on the plan by telephone please call 01235 422425.

If you have a query regarding the Corporate Plans, please email insightandpolicy@southandvale.gov.uk or call 07917 088341.

Finally, when you next have a tea break here are the [South](#) or [Vale](#) links to a video of councillors talking about the main themes in each of the Plans, to watch with your cuppa.

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the July draw are:

£25 No 144 Lorraine and Bob Ashton

£10 No 34 Tim Moody

Kindly drawn by Maureen Lambert.

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

Charney Bassett and Lyford Education Trust (CLET)

CLET supports a range of educational projects and activities, with grants awarded to individuals under the age of 25 and to community groups in the villages of Charney Bassett and Lyford.

Online applications are welcomed at any time and forms can be found on the [Charney Bassett village website](#), or contact the Clerk, Ruth Clements for further details at cletclerk@gmail.com.

Applications will be considered by the Trustees who meet in January, May and September.

What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [Draft minutes of the July 2020 Parish Council meeting](#)
- [News from your MP – David Johnston](#)
- [Temporary road closure notice](#)
- [Website Accessibility Statement](#)

Temporary Road Closure – Longworth Road

24th to 28th August inclusive.

[See website for full details and alternative route.](#)

Answers to the Quiz

In the sky? Comet Neowise – only 6,800 years to wait until its next visit.

The moth? No really! We haven't a clue. Email chatterinbox@btopenworld.com if you know.



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Free expert advice

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th August

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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