



## Congratulations

Many of you may wish to raise a glass to Bill Clarke on 2<sup>nd</sup> September on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Bill was a resident of Charney from 1920-2001. He wrote a book entitled '[A Charney Lad](#)', giving an insight into his life in the Village. The family still has links with Charney: his daughter, Sheila, lives on the Longworth Road.

## Charney Hall & Field Trust Village Hall Reopening

The management committee of CHAFT are pleased to announce that the Village Hall will reopen for booking from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020. We have been working hard to make the hall safe for everyone following advice from the government, Community First Oxfordshire and ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England). As a result of our risk assessment re Covid-19, we have put in place the following: four no touch hand sanitiser stations; three no touch hand wash dispensers; motion sensor lights in the toilets; lidded pedal bins in the toilets and kitchen; cleaning boxes in various locations with wipes and disposable gloves. We have also put in place a more robust cleaning regime. As a condition of hire, we will ask you to work with us and clean down frequently used surfaces with the wipes provided. Please read the various notices if you use the hall and do not enter the hall if you feel unwell. Remember to sanitise your hands on entering and on leaving.

Hall bookings can be made as usual through the booking secretary, John Wright, 2, Barnfield, tel. 867418, email [johnwright789@gmail.com](mailto:johnwright789@gmail.com). A booking form with updated conditions of hire to cover Covid-19 is available on the Charney Bassett web site <https://charneybassett.org.uk/village-hall-field/village-hall/>. Please be aware that for casual bookings we will need to know numbers attending an event to ensure that government advice on social distancing can be adhered to.

## Answer to one of last month's quiz questions

The moths photographed in the August issue are newly emerged Red Underwing moths (*Catocala nupta*). The caterpillars of this large and handsome moth feed on willows and poplars (including the Aspens edging Charney Field). For some images which show the striking underwings see <https://butterfly-conservation.org/moths/red-underwing>.

No prizes but a big thank you to two of our residents who identified the moths for us.



Why not send us pictures of some of the large or small creatures visiting/living in your garden? Email [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com).

For example, here are some visitors to Barnfield in August. The photo won't win any competitions but if you look closely you will spot two Muscovy ducks enjoying a brief bid for freedom.

## Thanks!

A huge thank you to the team that "deep cleaned" Charney on one of the hottest days of the year! Well done!



## Plant Stall

The plant stall outside the Chequers is still open for any late surplus plants you may have and also for surplus fruit and veg. So bring or buy.

All donations to CHAFT and St Peter's.



## Community First Oxfordshire's oil order scheme

We are rapidly approaching the Autumn and heating will become the normal within a few weeks, so perhaps it is time to review how and from whom you obtain your oil supplies.

Community First Oxfordshire (a charity operated for the benefit of rural dwellers) runs an oil supply scheme through AF Affinity which is a very large farming co-operative in Norfolk; each area has a Co-ordinator, see below, through which orders are placed approximately every two weeks with delivery within the following two weeks.

The pricing is usually well below the market prices that we as individuals can obtain. AF Affinity operate a Direct Debit scheme and your bank account is usually charged about 21 days after delivery. This saves charges for the use of a card and gives you a small credit free period!

Any interested person should in the first instance contact John Ingram-Johnson (Co-ordinator for Charney Bassett) on: 868961 or at: [ijsinuk01@gmail.com](mailto:ijsinuk01@gmail.com).

## The clothing bank in The Chequers' car park has now reopened

Here's hoping you have been doing lots of sorting during lockdown. All good quality clothes, shoes and accessories welcome. So please pop them in a bag and drop them in the bank to support not only a worthy charity but also your parish council who will receive some funds per tonne of clothing.

**clear out  
support charity  
help with upkeep of the  
village**



## Charney 100 Club Draw

**The results of the August draw are:**

£25 No 46 Margaret Roberts  
£10 No 19 Joe Ody

Kindly drawn by Pam Edwards.

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

## Charney Hall & Field Management Committee

### Virtual Meeting

Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020, 6.30pm

If any member of the public wishes to raise an issue for consideration at the meeting please contact [charneychaft@gmail.com](mailto:charneychaft@gmail.com).

## Charney Table Tennis Club

### Reopens September

- Pre-booking system in operation;
- Safeguards introduced in accordance with Village Hall and Table Tennis England requirements;
- Social distancing requirements will be observed;
- Two separate sessions per evening if necessary;
- Preferred maximum of 4 persons per session;
- No doubles matches unless partners are from same household;
- No more than 6 persons in the hall at any one time;
- Each session will have an appointed compliance officer;
- More information on dates and safeguards available shortly.

Contacts Neil Dobson  
or David Sibbert

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Help lock down on burglaries this summer, take a look at the free resources here

<https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crime-prevention/crime-prevention-toolkits/burglary-prevention> #SafetyInNeighbours

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