

Charney Chatter

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No Drunks Here Please!



After several false dawns, new seats and a picnic table have finally been installed at Ock Green, the bus shelter and phone box and nicely coincide with the welcome easing of lockdown restrictions. A new bench and picnic table is also being installed on the playing field.

The Parish Council has been helped with finance from the Vale of White Horse District Council, the Charney Bassett Theatre Group, CHAFT and individual residents.

Big thanks go to Peter Hawkins who laid new bases for the seats and has fixed them securely in place.

Peter is seen above receiving liquid sustenance for his troubles from Parish Council Chair David Roberts and Peter Busby of the Theatre Group. Ruth Gerring and sister Diane are also pleased that the bench dedicated to their father Basil Sharpus now has a new lease of life.

Two of the benches are dedicated to '42nd Street' and 'Wicked' as a fond reminder of two excellent trips to the West End, and the Theatre Group hopes to announce plans for a further trip soon.





Maybe next year?

No May Day celebrations again this year. Here are a few memories from those heady days when we took everything for granted. Why not indulge in a bit more nostalgia by perusing the [history web pages](#) with information on this Charney tradition.



Easter 2021



Charney Bassett Parish Council

Agenda and minutes of meetings can be found online at charneybassett.org.uk including the draft minutes of the meeting held on 10th March.

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held on **Wednesday 5th May at 7.30pm**. This will be the Parish Council Annual Meeting and Annual Parish Assembly. As current COVID regulations would limit the number of attendees allowed at a public meeting within the village hall, this meeting will once again be held virtually on Skype.

Residents wishing to attend should contact the Clerk in advance for details.
Parish Clerk: Trevor Brown parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk or 868282.

Charney Manor Licence Application

The Licensing Officer's report on the application for a Premises Licence can be found on the village website at [Premises Application Charney Manor - The Village of Charney Bassett](#). The application is being heard by the Vale's Licensing Sub-Committee on Tuesday 4th May and the Parish Council is registering to speak at the meeting. Any resident registering to speak should get in touch with the Parish Clerk to discuss how best to use the allotted 20-minute speaking slot.

Villagers may have noticed that new signage has recently been installed at the Manor entrance pointing out that the premises are private property and should only be entered by agreement. One or two recent events suggest that this may not be widely known and the Society of Friends has asked that this be emphasised.

Later in the year, Covid-19 permitting, it is hoped there will be opportunity for residents to see inside the Manor building and this may be arranged through the History Group.

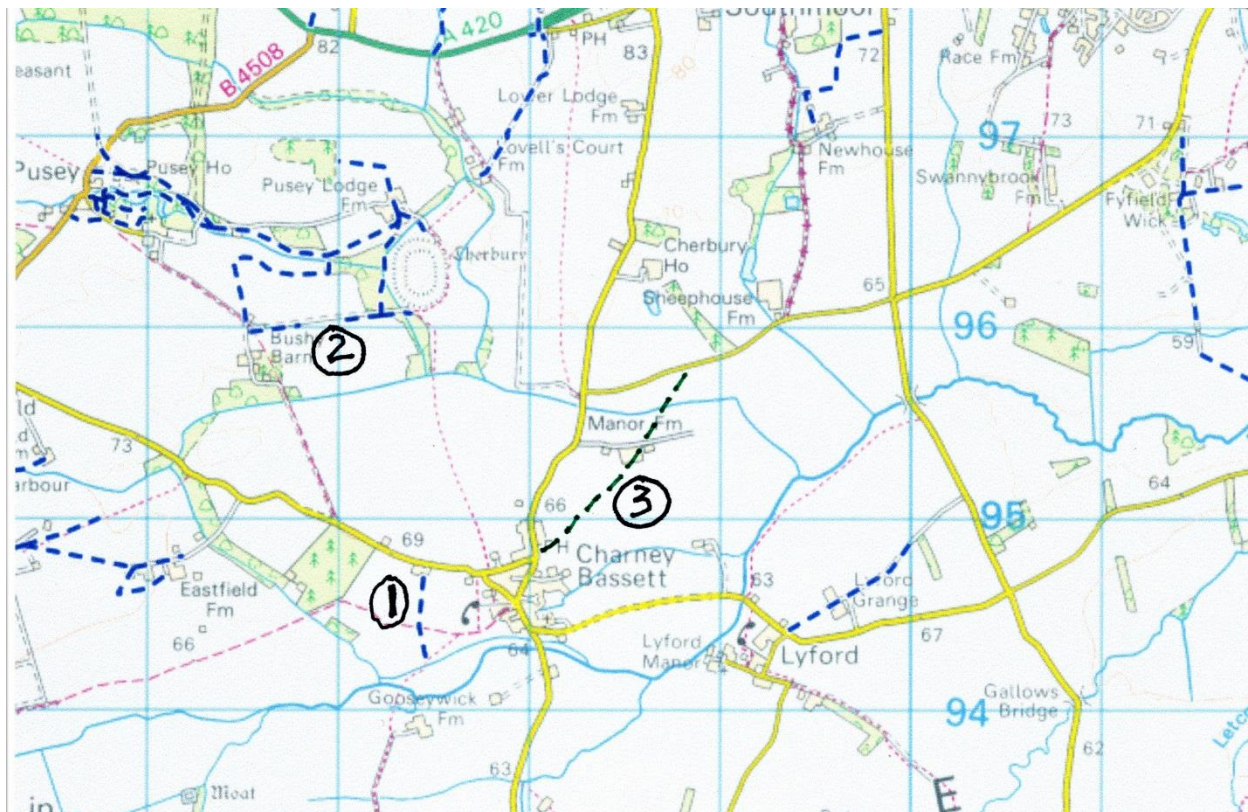
What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [Full details of the Manor Licence Application and Village response](#)

History Group Website What's new since April's Charney Chatter?

- [Smallholdings 'Reading Standard' call for applicants](#)
- [Rev. R. E. Jones resigns \(1934\)](#)





Lost Footpaths

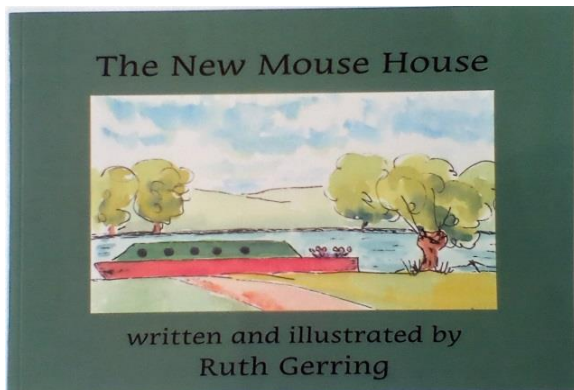
The Ramblers Association has published a map of paths that are not on the Definitive Map and are at risk of being lost. Two paths are shown in Charney Bassett (1 and 2 on the map). A further path (3) appears on the Enclosure Map of 1804. More information can be found in the report considered at the last Parish Council meeting [20210310_CBPC_Item12_Report_LostPaths.pdf (charneybassett.org.uk)]

The Parish Council's Footpaths Group would be interested in any information that might be useful and that might be passed to the Ramblers Association (contact parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk).

Plant Stall

From early May, the plant stall at the Chequer's will be open again. Please bring along your surplus vegetable seedlings and plants for sale. And come and stock your greenhouse, veg plot and garden for a donation. Proceeds will be split equally between CHAFT and St Peter's.





The latest story from the pen of Ruth Gerring! *The New Mouse House*

Two mice whose home is flooded by the Thames search for a new one? Do they find it?

Written in rhyme for 3-6 year olds with illustrations by the author, reasonably priced at £6.50 each, a percentage of which is donated to St. Peter's church.

Also by Ruth 'Carmel the Camel' and 'The Alphabet Eaters' £6.50, both for a similar age group as *The New Mouse House*. All three available exclusively from Ruth (contact 869083).



Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club

will be celebrating the relaxation of Covid rules by holding two

Open Days

on 22nd and 23rd May, 11 am to 3 pm,

at our all-weather green at [Oxford Road, Kingston Bagpuize](#) (next to the Millennium Green)

Now that organised sport is allowed again, why not try your hand at bowls? We welcome new members of any age. Bring soft shoes (trainers are fine).

We will provide the bowls on the day. Refreshments available.

Drop in any time, either day – or both.

For those who wish to follow up this weekend, there will be a programme of training sessions on Friday evenings in June and early July.

For further information phone Tom, 01865 391030.



Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the April draw are:

£25 No 120 Helen and Bruce Royan
£10 No 96 Kay Adamson

Kindly drawn by Steph & John Wright

If you want any more numbers or are new to Charney and would like a number please contact Sally and Evelyn at charney100club@gmail.com.

Council garden waste service

Extra garden waste (equivalent of another brown bin eg three bin bags) will be collected the week commencing 10th May.

For more details see the online garden waste pages ([Vale website](#)).

Helicopter Survey Update

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Parish Council's helicopter survey. Many aired their views in the comments section and this will help better our understanding of public opinion. A whopping 82 responses were received and the survey result is currently being evaluated. Please look out for a detailed update in June's Chatter.

Doris!

You may remember that about this time last year a white stork GB46 (AKA Doris) spent a few weeks pottering around the fields by the Cherbury camp footpath. [The White Stork Project](#) has just, 18 April 2021, reported that she has been spotted this year but in [The Netherlands](#)!



Charney Hall & Field Trust Village Hall Reopening

CHAFT are delighted to announce that the village hall is reopening. Bookings can be made in the usual way by contacting the booking secretary, John Wright tel. 867418 email johnwright789@gmail.com.

Bookings will need to comply with the Government restrictions in place for the date of the booking and a risk assessment will need to be carried out for each booking. Anyone attending an event in the hall must make sure that the organiser of their activity has their contact details, alternatively please use the QR code, with the NHS track & trace app on your phone, which is displayed at the main entrance.

Charney Hall & Field Trust Management Committee

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 12th May 2021 at 6.30pm

The Agenda will be posted on website by 8th May

For an invitation to the meeting or to ask a question please contact charneychaft@gmail.com

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th May

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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