



Charney Chatter

E89 August 2021

Charney Bassett Fête Saturday 4th September

1.00 - 4.00 pm

Charney Bassett Village Green



Let's Go Purple Together!

*Wear something purple on the day. Take part in our purple parade!
Add a purple-themed picture to our Together Again Charney picture
patchwork wall.*

Grand Draw ~ Teas ~ BBQ ~ Cake Sale ~ Tombolas
Books, DVDs, CDs ~ Bric-a-Brac ~ Plants & Produce
Games and Activities ~ Face Painting

Music by our very own village ukulele group!

Special attraction: historic steam rollers & local old tractors



Follow signposting for fête parking.
Disabled access parking available on request.

Access to Chequers Inn car park from the Longworth Road end of Main Street.

Track & Trace will be expected. In the event of new Covid restrictions being applied, we reserve the right to limit access or movement at the Fête, or to cancel the event.

We need your offers of help and donations please!??

Contact: Lucy 868782 or Eve 868710??

Barking Mad

Many thanks to all the villagers who turned out on a baking hot morning to help spread the play bark in the children's play area. The task was completed in less than an hour due to the large number of volunteers.



320 sacks of play bark



delivered



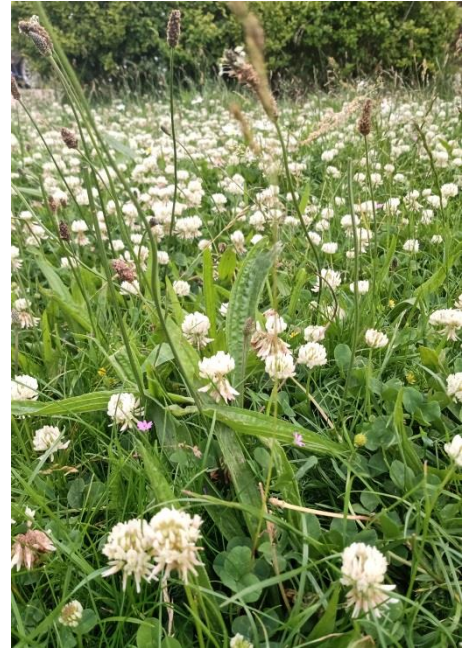
wheelbarrowed, emptied and spread



Well done the workers!

Charney Naturally

No mow May has been and gone but this photograph from one of our residents who has left a patch of lawn uncut shows how a bit of 'neglect' can reap its own reward in the form of this wonderful clover field. Great to look at but also a feast for bees and other pollen-loving insects.



Unlikely you'll end up with one of these beauties in your lawn but the Pyramid, Marsh, and Bee Orchids have been photographed around and about in Charney by keen-eyed locals. Should you be lucky enough to spot one, please remember to treat them with respect.



Last year we were fortunate to have a Pyramid Orchid in the churchyard at St Peter's. This area is left unmown except for paths and is now becoming a wildflower meadow and amazing natural habitat. Why not explore and enjoy nature and local history living in harmony.

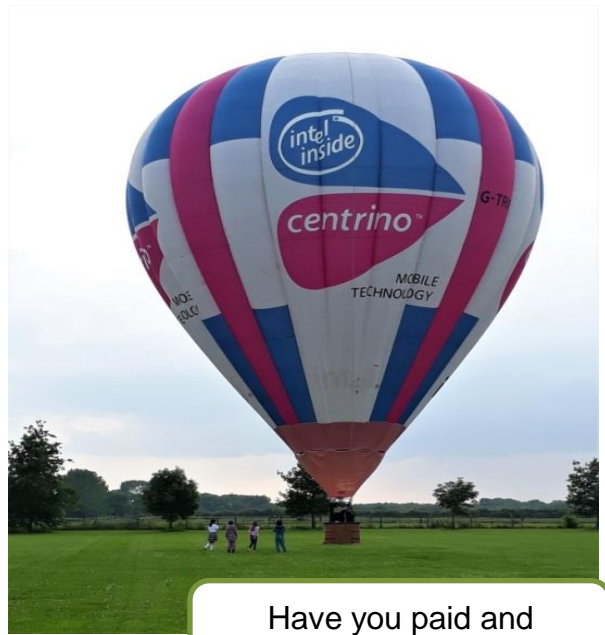
In addition, there is Agrimony, with its slender tapering spikes of primrose yellow, star shaped flowers and finely cut leaves, which seems to be a bit more common on roadside verges around Charney this year. Apparently it seeds relatively late so fewer and later cuts of roadside verges may have helped. Other names for it include Aaron's rod, Church-Steeple, Clot-Bur, Fairy's wand, Money-in-both-pockets, Salt-and-pepper and Sweethearts (from the clinging receptacles of the fruit).



Aye, Aye!
What have
we 'ere?



Have you paid and
displayed?



Don't even think about
doing a runner.



We take no prisoners, and
this will make a lovely new
gazebo for the Charney
fete.



Pilates in Charney Village Hall

All being well, Sally Bensoussis will restart Pilates classes in Charney in September.

Subject to sufficient numbers, one-hour classes will be held as follows:

Tuesdays 11:30 Matwork

Thursdays 17:30 Matwork

Thursdays 18:35 Advanced Matwork



If you are interested then please contact Sally by mid-August at sally@pilateswithsally.co.uk or call on 07776137994. See website www.pilateswithsally.co.uk for further information.

News from CHAFT

Policy Development

It has been a busy time since the last issue of the Chatter went to press, so read on for a brief update.

Management Committee (June)

Issues covered included:

- Ownership of the hall and field, following advice from Community First and ACRE (Action with Rural Communities in England);
- Future policy development for the whole parcel of land known as Charney Field;
- Replanting of the woodland area;
- Proposed joint 'Have Your Say' event with the Parish Council;
- Safeguarding training.

[Policy Development](#)

Annual General meeting (July)

The AGM was held virtually on 7th July 2021 and finished in record time (nothing to do with the important football match being played later that evening!)

The Annual Report of the Trustees was approved.

[Read the Annual Report of the Trustees](#) here

In commenting on the report, retiring Interim Chair David Sibbert referred to a number of important initiatives and developments:

- Policy statements have been updated to meet legal and insurance requirements;
- Potentially dangerous trees in the woodland area of the field have been felled after a lengthy planning process;
- Longer term outline planning processes (5 years and beyond) are now in place. A feasibility study of potential Hall improvements is underway and financial planning for the eventual replacement of expensive play equipment is in hand;
- Clarification of the ownership of the Field and Hall has been sought (in liaison with the Parish Council), and the individual and collective responsibilities of the Trustees more clearly defined.

In conclusion he stressed the importance of succession planning and the need to ensure the charity has the necessary capacity and skills to cope with increased responsibilities.

[Challenges ahead](#)

A review of the constitution as set out in the governing document would be necessary.

Last but not least, he thanked the Trustees, Officers and all volunteers for their support in ensuring the Hall and Field continue to provide excellent facilities for the local community.

A meeting of the newly elected Management Committee followed. The main business item was the election of the Trustees and Officers.

[Neil Dobson is new Chair](#)

[£1,800 spent on wood chips in the play park – see page 2](#)

For more information on all meetings please read the [agendas, minutes and reports](#).

Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met on 21st July for the first time in the Village Hall for well over a year. Three intrepid residents also attended.

The main items of business discussed were:

- Finances (current balance £10,544.55);
- Routeing Agreement controlling lorry movements from Swannybrook Farm (NAP Grabhire);
- Aims and Objectives for 2021-22;
- Latest position on Charney Manor Premises Licence (see position statement at [Premises Application Charney Manor - The Village of Charney Bassett](#));
- Responsibility for potentially dangerous dead willow in Ock Green Orchard;
- CHAFT plans for Charney Field;
- Future of Village College;
- Charney Mill:
 - List of keyholders;
 - Grateful thanks to Peter Hawkins for recent repair work to porch roof;
- Contingency decision-making arrangements in the event of disruption to scheduled meeting timetable (Covid-19).

More information is available in the [draft minutes](#) of the meeting.

Trevor Brown
Parish Clerk

Could YOU be our next Parish Clerk?

Trevor Brown's contract runs to next April and he is hoping to stand down as Clerk at that point, having been in post for 5 years.

The village has been fortunate in having a local resident as Clerk for as long as we can remember and we hope we can continue this tradition. If you are organised and care about local affairs you are more than half way to being suitably qualified.

The post offers a small salary and an awful lot of satisfaction - so Trevor tells me! Addressing the vacancy now gives an opportunity for a new person to shadow the Clerk for a period if they wish.

Interested? Get in touch with me to find out more of what the job entails. If you don't know me, don't be put off (most will tell you I am very friendly). Or by all means speak to one of our other Councillors (contact details at [Councillors - The Village of Charney Bassett](#)).

Let's keep the Parish Clerk post local.

David Roberts
(Chair) Charney Bassett Parish Council
Tel: 868282
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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC REGULATION NOTICE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, that the Oxfordshire County Council

TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS THE USE OF THE HIGHWAY BY ALL MOTOR VEHICLES

LOCATION: Lyford, Road running East from Lyford to Crossroads

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DURATION: On 13 September 2021
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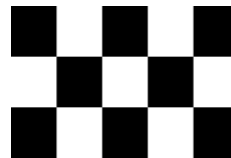
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A message from Thames Valley Police

'Think before you dial'



Please remember that 999 should only be used for emergency situations: life in danger or crime in progress. To speak to the police about anything else you should call 101. However, did you know that you can contact them online? Further information may be found on the [Thames Valley Police](https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/) website. This link also contains information on the types of call that are not considered a police matter, and provides details of which authorities and service providers to contact in those circumstances.

Poplars Farm – Premises Licence

Application has been made to the Vale Council by 'Bass Therapy Presents J Fest' for a licence to play live and amplified music at an outdoor event at Poplars Farm, Denchworth Road from 12.00 pm on Bank Holiday Sunday (29th August) until 1.00 am at night. Application is also made for a licence to sell and supply alcohol, attendees to be ticket only and limited to 1,000.

The Parish Council considered the proposal at its meeting on 21st July and is asking for more information from the applicant before deciding whether to make comment. Details of the application (reference no. LAPREM/14443/21) can be found on the Vale website at

[LAPREM/14443/21](https://www.southandvale.gov.uk/LAPREM/14443/21) | [Premises Licence](#) | [Pending Decision](#) | [Poplars Farm Charney Bassett Wantage Oxfordshire OX12 0HD \(southandvale.gov.uk\)](#). Any **comments have to be made by 5th August** to licensing.unit@whitehorsedc.gov.uk and have to address the four published licensing criteria.

It would be helpful if anyone choosing to make comment to the Vale Council could also copy this to the Parish Council for information (parishclerk@charneybassett.gov.uk).

Trevor Brown (Parish Clerk)



Charney Manor

invites you to an

Open Day

on 31st July

10 am – 4 pm

Dog show

Barbecue: burgers & hot dogs

Teas, cakes and ice-creams

Bouncy castle, slushie, inflatable slide, craft, card and flower stalls

Tours of the house and grounds

All welcome

Free parking

For more information contact Charney Manor Sales sales@charneymanor.com

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the July draw are:

£25 No 54 Katie Cox

£10 No 141 Pete and Jo Marshall

DATES FOR THE DIARY

MANOR OPEN DAY, Saturday, 31st
July, 10am - 4 pm

CHAFT MEETING, Wednesday 11th
August

VILLAGE FETE, Saturday, 4th

September, 1-4pm, Village Green

GRAND JUMBLE SALE (in aid of the
British Heart Foundation), Saturday,
16th October, Southmoor Village Hall

Speedwatch Returns

After being side-lined for 18 months your Village volunteers are back in action. Three by one hour sessions undertaken: two on Longworth Road and one on Main Street.

7 vehicles found to be travelling at 34 mph or more and 2 recorded at 41 mph and 43mph, respectively. Thanks go to the volunteers.

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 (see below), 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. Application forms can be found [here](#).



[COVID cases on the rise throughout Oxfordshire](#)

What's New On The Charney Website

- [News from your MP](#) – David Johnston
- [Parish Council Meeting on 21st July 2021](#)
- [CHAFT meetings](#)

Electric blanket safety checks

From 12th July – coming to Oxfordshire [Further information on the Oxfordshire County Council website](#)

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th August

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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