

Charney Chatter

E90 September 2021

Charney Bassett Fête
Saturday 4th September

1.00 - 4.00 pm
Charney Bassett Village Green

Supporting
Charney Hall
& Field Trust
and
St Peter's
Church



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 picture patchwork wall.*

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

Musical performances by acclaimed choir 'Women of Note'
and by our very own village ukulele group!

**Special attraction: historic steam rollers, including the Lady Sharon,
& local old tractors**



Follow signposting for fête parking.

Disabled access parking available by The Green on request.

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

*Track & Trace will be expected. Hand sanitiser will be available. 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

**Celebrating together
again
with our purple pictures
patchwork
at**



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Can you help us to make a giant purple patchwork of pictures on the barn on the village green, in the week leading up to the Fête, to celebrate being together again as a whole community?

More than 100 households make up this village. Can we achieve more than 100 pictures in the patchwork?

*On an A4 piece of paper and using the theme of purple:
create a collage ... paint a picture ... mount a photo ...
share an idea or whatever fires your imagination.*

Don't forget to put your name on your artwork!

Give your A4 purple artwork to Lucy at The Old Stables, The Green, any time from Friday 27th August until the fête.

A draw from art contributors' names will be made at the fête and one lucky artist will win a prize.



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Can you help us by volunteering on a stall or assisting with the setting up and tidying away at start and end of the day?

Can you lend us a pop-up gazebo to cover a stall?

We would love all your donations of bottles of alcohol, cosmetics, plants, produce, cakes, books, tombola items, bric-a-brac, more cake, more bottles ...

Please see the contacts list below for where to channel your donations.

Thank you!

Please pass your donations to:

Bottles of wine, spirits, beer etc	Lucy – The Old Stables, The Green; 868782
Books, DVDs, CDs, jigsaws	Jo – 11 Orchard Close; 07954361749
Bric-a-brac	Lucy – <i>as above</i>
Cakes for cake stall	Bev – 2 Orchard Close (on Main St); 202521
Plants and produce	Steph – 2 Barnfield; 867418
Sponsorship and money	Eve – 3 Orchard Close (on Main St); 868710
Tombola items, toys, games	Lucy – <i>as above</i>

What on earth?

As reported in last month's Chatter, phase one (bark spreading) of the work on the children's play area was carried out in July. Phase two (reducing the size of the wood-chipped area by refilling with topsoil, ready for grass reseeding) was completed by a dedicated team of Charney navvies on a weekend in August. Thank you ladies and gents for all your efforts.



Going Wild in Charney



Prior to replanting of the woodland on the felled area of the field, the old insect and wildlife habitat was sensitively relocated and refurbished (work in progress).



“If you build it they will come”.

Spotted in a garden in Charney rather than the field but no doubt others “will come”.



Open Day at Charney Manor on 31st July 2021

It was lovely to meet and greet about 107 visitors, from Charney Bassett, Denchworth and other surrounding villages, as well as some Quakers who have never visited us before as we gathered in uncertain weather on the last Saturday of July.

The tours of the house, very ably led by both a Trustee of The Manor and local historian Ian Graham, proved very popular, and all present enjoyed hearing him make the building come to life with a series of historic anecdotes. We could all imagine the monks and Bailiffs and their families living here and subsequent owners adapting, reconstructing and extending the building over roughly 900 years since it was originally built as Charney Grange, a farm to produce food and wealth to the Benedictine monks of Abingdon Abbey. We were impressed to hear that the Manor started recycling early, purchasing the door from Exeter Jail in 1900 that continues to protect us from burglars, and guards the main entrance. The visitors were also interested in the current uses of Charney Manor.

Some very beautifully prepared and groomed dogs came too making their owners proud as they paraded them around the lawn and won rosettes. A vertical downpour did put something of a dampener on proceedings, but we still managed to enjoy hot and cold drinks, burgers or hot dogs served by the Manor staff to us all and to enjoy visiting the stalls and even purchasing some locally produced Mead that complemented the surroundings rather well.



Community First Oxfordshire Fuel Buying Scheme

Want to save money on the cost of your heating oil?

By the time that you read this edition of Charney Chatter, autumn will not be far away; perhaps it is time to be thinking about your oil supplier and pricing.

Join Community First Oxon's countywide Community Oil Buying Consortium that makes the most of members' collective buying power to get the best price on heating oil.

There are a large number of households using the scheme so this message is really an advice to those not involved with it or are new to the village since autumn 2016 and who wish to have full information on the scheme.

Under this scheme not only do you get the best price possible, but also the environment benefits too, with only one oil tanker being sent to our village to deliver to lots of households.

For further details about Community First Oxon, a not for profit organisation:
www.communityfirstoxon.org

OR

Contact the local volunteer coordinator: John Ingram-Johnson at: jjisuk01@gmail.com or on: 868 961

Through these arrangements you can also obtain bottled gas, coal, wood and related fuel products.

Advance Notice of Grand Jumble Sale Saturday, 16th October, 2-4 pm Southmoor Village Hall

On 16th October this year my friend and I are holding a Grand Jumble Sale in aid of the British Heart Foundation. We are hoping to make this a successful event for this very worthy cause and are now asking for help from as many people as possible to donate goods no longer required.

Clothes, bedding, curtains, toys, children's clothes, games, good bric-a-brac, jigsaws, books, shoes, bags etc. etc. The only items we cannot accept are electrical and furniture as storage is a problem.

If anyone has, or will have, items for us they can either be dropped off at 'Gable End' New Road, Charney Bassett or at Southmoor Village Hall at 12 noon on the day of the event. Everything will be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks, Yvonne Cox. Tel: 868276



**British Heart
Foundation**



HOW SAFE IS YOUR **ELECTRIC BLANKET?**

**ELECTRIC BLANKET
CHECKS IN OXFORDSHIRE**

FREE

Your safety is most important to us.

Due to Covid uncertainty we will test your blanket but you will not be able to visit the test venue.

We will collect your blanket from your house, take it to be tested and then return it to your house (we will post you a plastic bag and label prior to our collection).

TESTING IN OXFORDSHIRE
20-24 SEPTEMBER 2021
4-8 OCTOBER 2021

BOOKING INFORMATION:

To book your collection call **01865 895999 Option 1**
Or email: communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk



Annual Electoral Roll Letters

Every household should have received either a **yellow or green** 'Canvass Communication Form' within the last month. If your household received a **yellow letter**, you **will need to respond** to it even if there are no changes to the eligible voter information. Please visit householdresponse.com/southandvale in order to confirm that either everything is correct, or to update the information for your property, and use the two-part code contained in your letter to validate your response.

If your household received a **green letter**, once you have checked the eligible voter information you only need to **respond via the above link if any of the information needs to be updated** (you will need the two-part code contained in the letter for this). If the information is correct on a green letter you do not need to take any action.

Reminder regarding NAP Grab Hire

Please remember that NAP Grab Hire lorries should not be travelling through Charney Bassett. This is a reminder that July's Parish Council meeting was informed about a routeing agreement which requires that NAP's lorries **do not** pass through villages neighbouring Swannybrook Farm, including Charney Bassett, except "to the extent necessary to enable any vehicle to deliver or collect goods relating to the Developer's business or businesses to or from an address on a Prohibited Road".

If you notice any of their lorries appearing to ignore the routeing agreement, please keep a note of the vehicle registration, date and time, and report the sighting to Kay Adamson (868599).



Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the August draw are:

£25 No 125 Brian and Christine Collins
£10 No 19 Joe Ody

DATES FOR THE DIARY

VILLAGE FETE – Saturday, 4th September, 1-4pm, Village Green

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday, 8th September, 7.30pm, Village Hall

GRAND JUMBLE SALE (in aid of the British Heart Foundation) – Saturday, 16th October, 2-4pm, Southmoor Village Hall

What's new on the History Website since August's 2021 Charney Chatter?

- [Photo of Home Farm and the Coxes added to the gallery](#)
- [Charney Manor Census Data 1841-1881](#)
- [Larger Medieval Houses in the Vale of White Horse](#). A paper with lots of architectural detail about Charney Manor published in Oxeniensia Volume LVII (1992)

Charney Bassett Parish Council

Agenda and minutes of meetings can be found online at www.charneybassett.org.uk, including the full draft minutes of the meeting held on 21st July.

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held on **Wednesday, 8th September at 7.30pm** and is likely to take place in the Village Hall.

Trevor Brown (Parish Clerk) can be contacted at parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk

Vacancy for Housekeeping Team Member

Charney Manor, Conference and Retreat Centre
(23 bedrooms, guest cottage, 2 conference rooms and communal areas)

Hours: 20 hrs per week
Starting hourly rate: £8.95 – 9.20 per hour
Benefits, discounts, training and free parking.
Part time and bank staff positions available immediately.
No previous experience required.

Duties:

Independently in rooms and a team, you'll be working to tight deadlines keeping our rooms spotless and our conference rooms, public areas clean and tidy, all to our high standards;
Control and manage linen and the laundry and work safely with required chemicals;
Making beds, cleaning bathrooms, reporting damage;
Engaging with guests and the rest of the team to ensure that all our guests feel comfortable and relaxed during their stay with us.

For full details of the vacancy please contact the Manor or to apply send your CV to Charney Manor, Charney Bassett, Wantage, OX12 0EJ or email sales@charneymanor.com.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th September

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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