

Charney Chatter

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THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to all the Charney Fête stallholders and their assistants, to the team who set up and cleared away the fête and to all who worked on preparation in advance.

Thank you to Women of Note and to the Ukelele Group, CUB, for their performances, and to the owners of the steam rollers and tractors for providing entertainment, and to all our many sponsors for their generous support.

Thank you also to everyone who came along and joined in, for making this such a lovely afternoon. You helped us raise a total of £2174.00.



[Lots
more
photos
here!](#)





Charney Ukulele band and friends. Missed their performance? [Why not get a taster here.](#)



Women of Note also provided a wonderful musical interlude.



Charney Naturally



A Comma butterfly caught on camera in a Charney garden.



If you look closely you will see the second brood of house martins overnighting in the church porch before their long flight south.



Remember Doris who visited Charney back in March 2020?

At the end of August this year, [the White Stork Project](#) reported sightings of our friend in Frisia, the Netherlands. Perhaps she'll come back to visit us again one day.



Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 8th September and was joined by 5 members of the public and District Councillor Eric Batts. The issues discussed included:

The live music event at Poplars Farm on Bank Holiday Sunday;

- On-going suspension of the Garden Waste collection service;
- Land put forward for development in Charney in the Vale Local Plan;
- Transfer of the Bank Account from HSBC to Unity;
- Opposition to the level of development in the draft Oxfordshire Plan 2050 and the Ox-Camb Arc;
- Attendance at a legal briefing being organised by CHAFT on its future governance arrangements;
- Background to ownership of the Village Hall and Charney Field;
- Future developments at Charney Manor (including closure of the allotments);
- Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial;
- Involvement in the Ramblers' Association 'Don't Lose Your Way' initiative.

A full copy of the minutes can be found [on line](#) or are available via the Parish Clerk (868282).

Charney Manor

The Society of Friends has recently advised the Parish Council of possible future developments at the Manor.

The most immediate involves the village allotments. These occupy the former kitchen garden and the chef at the Manor wishes to cultivate vegetables and fruit for his kitchen (and possibly for sale in a newly formed shop). Allotment holders have already been given notice to quit. The Parish Council is considering if another area can be found.

How might the recently granted Premises Licence be used? Trustees still appear to be considering this, and of course there may yet be changes to the scope of the licence as there is an on-going appeal against the decision - to be heard by Magistrates on 3rd December.

Other initiatives being considered by trustees include:

- Submission of a planning application for the continued siting of a marquee;
- Glamping pods in the north-east of the site (subject to planning permission);
- Employment of a part-time professional gardener;
- Further tree planting in the grounds;
- Opening meal services to non-residents.

A full note of the meeting is attached to the Parish Council minutes [online](#).

Village College

The future of the Village College is still under discussion, having been deferred at the last meeting of the Parish Council.

The College was set up some 20 years ago with grant aid from the government and Abingdon and Witney Technical College. Courses were run in the Village Hall in collaboration with the College, in particular on the mysteries of the internet and computers. At that time the Village Hall enjoyed an internet connection and classes were well attended.

As people became more computer literate, the link with the Technical College petered out. But the Village College continued to re-invent itself and has organised many other classes including quilting, Pilates, yoga and bridge. These classes have been developed and run by Christine Trotman and a small committee (its Terms of Reference are [here](#)), but Christine feels the time is right for her to stand down.

If the Village College is to continue it needs a new lead. Is there anyone out there who would like to take the College further again, possibly with fresh ideas? CHAFT is currently exploring the provision of superfast broadband in the hall which would open up new opportunities.

Please get in touch with the Parish Clerk (Trevor Brown) at parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk if interested. He can also put you in touch with Christine for a more considered chat.

If only....?

In these strange times it might be useful to have a petrol station in Charney Bassett, though maybe not given the potential for traffic jams! Back in the day we had one; Steven's and then Threeways Garage used to be a Shell garage and after that AVIA. Shell even gave a choice of 99, 95 or 90 octane. You got Green Shield Stamps too. If you want to know more read on [here](#).



Please join in with our Harvest Collection for Abingdon Food Bank



We are collecting tins, packets, jars and cartons of foods for the Food Bank.

If you are willing to contribute items to this collection, please bring your donations to St Peter's Church and add them to the basket in the porch any time between Friday 1st October and Wednesday 6th October.

Thank you!

The Charney Bassett Harvest Service is at 10.00 am on Sunday 3rd October, in St Peter's Church



All that's missing is U!

VOLUNTEER TO CHANGE LIVES!

Enrych

Enrych is a charity that supports adults with a physical disability to enjoy the most active and independent lives possible.

Could you spare up to an hour a week to befriend somebody and support them with an activity, such as visiting a garden centre or going for a coffee?

For more information or if you think you could help, please do get in touch!

JOEL DRAPER 07707030220 joel.draper@enrych.org.uk

Visit www.enrychoxfordshire.org.uk for more details

Reminder of Grand Jumble Sale

On Saturday, 16th October, 2-4 pm, Southmoor Village Hall, my friend and I are holding a Grand Jumble Sale in aid of the British Heart Foundation. There is still time to donate and support this very worthy cause by passing on 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.

Why not come along and see what's on offer? Lots of great bargains and interesting items to be had.



Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the September draw are:

£25 No 131 Carol and Roland Morgan
£10 No 52 Jane Dale
Kindly drawn by Jo Garner

Charney Hall and Field Trust Management Committee

Virtual Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday 13th October 2021
at 6.30pm

Agenda will be posted on website by 6th October
For an invitation to the meeting or to ask a question please contact

charneychaft@gmail.com

What's new on History website since September's Charney Chatter?

- Additional information and updates to [Charney Manor page including Census and Register data to 1939](#)
- Additional information to the [Chapel in Charney Manor](#)
- Additional reference (Keyser, Charles E. Publication date 1904) to the interpretation of the [Tympanum in St Peter's added](#)
- [Charney Fête Sept 2021](#)
- [Marriage of Charles Beesley and Ann Lyford 12th May 1842](#)

Inks, Prints and Needles

**Wednesday 24th November
9.30am-1.30pm, Charney Manor**

Come and explore Inktense pencils on paper and fabric, adding elements of slow sewing. Suitable for all levels of ability.

Take time out from Christmas preparations to recharge at tranquil Charney Manor. Join me for a creative workshop that combines printing using watercolour pencils and simple stitches, inspired by the season of autumn.

Cost: £30.00 includes light refreshments and all materials and equipment.

Contact Kay Adamson, kay@woodsandvale.co.uk

Phone 868599, Mobile 07990578392



Hello from Pud!

My name is Pud and I am looking for a forever loving home. My Mum and Dad are moving back to NZ but can't take me with them because of the situation with the isolating facilities over there.

I'm a very good girl and spend most of my time outdoors, I just like to be fed twice a day and curl up with you in the evenings on your lap. I am 7 years old and micro chipped. I like to talk to you and meow please let me come and live with you but I'm not too sure about dogs. Please call my mum Christine, 01235 867481 (please leave a message) if you can offer me a home or for more information.

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