

# Charney Chatter

E93 December 2021



Come to the Charney Christmas bazaar and stock up on some unique and locally-made seasonal gifts.

St Peter's Church

Christmas  
Bazaar

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**10.00 - 12.00**

in

Charney Bassett Village Hall

*Come and join us for coffee,  
Christmas shopping and raffles!*



**Come along and join in**

**Carol singing on the Village Green**

**followed by mince pies and mulled wine  
in the barn**

with music by members of the  
Wantage Silver Band



**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**December**  
**7.00 pm**

There will be a collection in aid of Emmaus Oxford,  
which provides housing, support and training  
opportunities for people who have been homeless.

*The Chequers Inn team will be doing a special chilli  
supper, if you fancy going on for a meal after the carols.*

## Christmas Wreath Workshop

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2021

1.30-4.30pm

Charney Bassett Village Hall

Come and start Christmas preparations with a mini fabric  
wreath workshop or just enjoy some time making something  
to decorate your home or to give as a gift.

All materials will be provided to make a small wreath.  
Cost £15.00 (£5.00 non-returnable deposit) to include light  
refreshments

Contact Kay phone 868599 mobile 07990578392

[kay@woodsandvale.co.uk](mailto:kay@woodsandvale.co.uk)

The Chequers Inn

## Village Christmas Menu

for

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> December

at 6.30 pm

2 courses: £22

3 courses: £26

### Starters

Homemade winter vegetable soup, served with a warm crusty roll

Homemade chicken liver pâté with onion chutney & warm wholemeal toast

(v) Brie, cranberry & walnut filo parcel with a dressed salad

### Mains

Traditional roast turkey with pigs in blankets, stuffing ball & turkey gravy

Grilled seabass served with a herb butter & a crispy kale garnish

(v) Nut roast topped with goat's cheese, served with a tomato & herb sauce

### Desserts

Traditional Christmas pudding with brandy sauce

Lemon posset

Eton mess

Honeycomb chocolate cheesecake

To finish, warm mince pies & filter coffee

Please return the menu that has been put through your door ASAP to confirm your reservation for the evening, ensuring you write your name and telephone number on the menu. This will then reserve your space.

Many thanks







Look who recently came looking for breakfast in a Charney garden.



### Flushing Meadows?

Think about what you are putting into the local waste water system. Remember, what's flushed in the Village stays in the Village. Stick to the 3 P rule when flushing – paper, pee and poo.



Avoid putting wipes and other solids down the toilet, which belong in the bin, and resist the temptation to rinse fats, oil and other inappropriate substances down the sink. Be kind to the environment.



Did you know?

Charney produces approximately 3.8 tonnes of raw sludge a year.

Autumn has arrived at last.



## 0800 555 111 - A Number to remember

Thames Valley Police have frequently repeated that their success in fighting crime is very dependent on the efficient gathering of relevant information – ‘criminal intelligence’ – from the public. So, everyone has a personal stake in helping this process.

The Neighbourhood Watch national website - [ourwatch.org.uk](http://ourwatch.org.uk) – offers ideas of what to look out for under various crime headings. Even those living in peaceful, low-crime areas may occasionally overhear or see something that is suspicious or ‘doesn’t look right.’ Putting together criminal intelligence has been described as a bit like a jigsaw, and even little bits of information can help – by confirming other pieces perhaps. So, it is important that everyone report things that they feel could help the police.

Immediately call 999 if you see a crime being committed or in an emergency. Call 101 to report anything else to the police – [or go online to do so](#). This requires you to provide your own contact details, and even though these will be treated in complete confidence by the police, sometimes this can cause reluctance to ‘get involved’, which is understandable. However, the police do not want your ‘piece of the jigsaw’ to be missed. It could be vital!

So, the police are partnering with [CrimeStoppers](#) to remind everyone of The 3rd Number – 0800 555 111 that enables you to report your information totally anonymously if you prefer. Please [view this link](#), and consider adding the number to your mobile phone speed-dial list so it is easily available when needed.

While contacting the police directly – especially if you could be an important witness – is what we hope most people will do most of the time. Having the CrimeStoppers anonymous alternative plays a vital part in helping the police to complete the criminal-intelligence ‘jigsaw’.

Whichever way you do it – please report it!

## Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

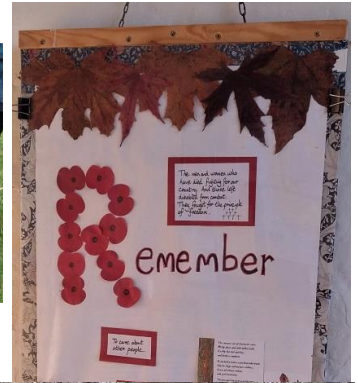
Celebrations are being planned across the country for this event which will be on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2022.

Should we be looking to plant a specimen tree here in Charney as part of the [Queens’ Green Canopy initiative](#)? Two sites were put forward at the last Parish Council meeting and Councillors would like to know your thoughts on the idea and whether you can think of somewhere better. Take the [short survey here](#) to provide your feedback..





Over seventy villagers of all generations from Charney and Lyford came together on Sunday, 14<sup>th</sup> November to pay tribute to the fallen of conflicts past and more recent and to remember all those injured and caught up in human conflict.



The poppy reminds us of the ongoing service of HM Armed Forces, marking a continuity between those who have fallen in Charney and the village's local connection with the aircraft carrier HMS Prince of Wales.



## Changes at Charney Army

After several years in charge of manoeuvres Peter Busby is standing down and handing over the reins to Ian Taylor. The Parish Council would like to thank Peter for his work in organising the troops.

The Army has a schedule of work agreed every year with the Parish Council and is always on the look out for new recruits. If you want to know more or get involved, or if you want to report an area you think needs the Army's attention, get in touch with Ian ([charneyarmy@gmail.com](mailto:charneyarmy@gmail.com)).

## Do you have a child due to start primary or infant school in September 2022?

If your child is due to start primary school or infant school for the first time in the 2022/23 academic year please be aware that the closing date for on time applications is **Saturday 15 January 2022** and that parent/carers must apply by this date. To apply online please visit [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/primaryadmissions): paper applications are available from the County Council website or local school. [Full details of the admissions process](#) are published on the County Council website.

## 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](mailto:cletclerk@gmail.com).

Applications will be considered by the Trustees who meet in January, May and September.

<https://charneybassett.org.uk/our-village/charney-bassett-lyford-educational-trust/>



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**Bill Clarke, B.E.M.  
1920-2021**



Bill was born at the beginning of September 1920 and came to Charney at the age of six weeks, to be fostered by Mr and Mrs Brant at 25 New Road.

He attended Charney School. Known as Billy Brant, when the teacher called the register and read out the name Ernest Clarke, everyone looked round curiously, including Bill.

Bill joined the RAF in June 1940. He married Mary in September 1941 at Lyford church. They later had two girls Sheila and Maureen. In 1942, when a British bomber crashed and caught fire, Bill was one of the first on the scene, helping to drag out members of the crew. He received the B.E.M. from King George VI.

My first memory of Bill was of him delivering logs to 25 New Road on a Saturday morning. Like Bill, I lived there and even had the same back bedroom which he had occupied, though 40 years earlier.

Bill's first love was cricket and he helped to form the Denchworth and Charney Cricket Club back in the 1950s. He also loved his holidays. I travelled with him and Mary to Canada and later with Bill to Australia. Bill and I also flew together on Concorde and enjoyed a trip on the Orient Express. I was unable to travel with Bill to China but on that holiday he met June, who he later married in December 2001. I was now redundant as Bill's travelling companion. After over eighty years in Charney, Bill moved to Thame with June.

During his many years in Charney, Bill served the village well, on the Parish Council and on the Village Hall committee for over 40 years. He helped with the Feast on the Green, and was a member of the Charney Amateur Dramatic Society (CADS).

Bill was the first to have a television in the village, and was one of the first to drive the Stanford in the Vale community bus. He was a member of the RAF Association and the British Legion, doing the rounds in Charney for the annual poppy collection. On Remembrance Sunday, he would read out the names of the Charney and Lyford fallen in the Church and on the Green.

It has been my honour to say a few words about Bill, a great friend and great man.

*Joe Ody* – a friend from Charney

## Poplars Farm Festival: August Bank Holiday 2022

Following the one-day event held on Bank Holiday Sunday, application has been made to the Vale Council for a Licence which would allow a two-day event to be held over the next Bank Holiday, and following years. The event is to involve:

- amplified live and recorded music outdoors (from 12.00 pm to 12.00 am)
- outdoor performances of Comedy, Circus, Dance (from 12.00 pm to 12.00 am)
- 'Reduced Noise' fireworks with accompanying music (from 08.30 pm to 11.00 pm)
- refreshment and alcohol on the premises (from 12.00 pm to 12.00 am)

Although located on a field further away from the village, the Parish Council has decided to object on grounds of noise, vibration and road safety. You may agree or disagree. Make any comment direct to the Vale Council at [licensing.unit@whitehorsedc.gov.uk](mailto:licensing.unit@whitehorsedc.gov.uk) by the **Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November deadline**.

Remember, to be valid an objection must address one or more of the [licensing objectives](#) (prevention of crime and disorder; prevention of public nuisance; protection of children; public safety).



Brrrr... temperatures are starting to fall, so please spare a thought for Buckland resident, 75 year-old Mike Sheil who will be sleeping rough in Charney churchyard on 14<sup>th</sup> December to raise funds for charity. For more details and to donate, see [November's Chatter](#).



## Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the November draw are:

£25 No 81 Annabel Brown

£10 No 57 Melissa Moody

Kindly drawn by Bernetta Haines and Trish Howkins.

## Dates For Your Diary

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR** – Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup>

December, 10am-noon, Village Hall

**CAROLS BY CANDELIGHT** – Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup>

December, 6pm, St Mary's, Lyford

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** – Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup>

December, 7pm

**FAMILY CAROL SERVICE** – Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>

December, 4pm, St Peter's, Charney

**CHRISTMAS FAMILY COMMUNION SERVICE** –

Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 10am, St Peter's, Charney

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** – Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm, Village Hall

## Charney Bassett Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 10<sup>th</sup> November and was joined by 4 members of the public and County Councillor, Juliette Ash. The main items discussed included:

- The premises licence application by Bass Therapy Ltd at Poplars Farm.
- The County Council 20 mph initiative for villages.
- Changes to the Speedwatch operation.
- Road Safety Funding.
- Provisional budget for 2022-23.
- Response to the Oxfordshire Plan 2050 and the Ox-Camb Arc.
- The search for a new allotments site.
- Input to the Ramblers' Lost Paths initiative

Agendas and minutes can be found [here](#), including the draft minutes of the last meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Village Hall on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022, starting at 7.30pm.

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

## Charney History - What's new since November's Charney Chatter?

We have had two **descendants of Charney** folk contact us via the website:

- One from America who traced her ancestry as a [direct descendant of John Atta Yate](#) of Charney, c1330. Her branch of the family left England in the 1600s when George Yates came to America and settled in Maryland.
- One of Charles Beesley a [miller](#) at Charney Mill 1845 to 1850 and his son, Charles Jones Beesley was christened there on 6th September 1846.

Both were delighted to find the wealth of relevant information on our website and to make contact with the village; the American Yates are hoping to visit us next summer.

Calling all **House Detectives**: Was your house built before 1950? Do you know or would you like to know who lived in it between c1900 and c1940? Robin Border, on behalf of the history group, has been building up a database of residents from various sources including the censuses and incorporating information from Maud Ody's book extracted by Ian Graham. The 1921 Census is due out in early Jan 2022 and this will be incorporated. When complete we will add this house occupancy information to the website early in the new year but, need to think how best to present this material. Meanwhile if you have information on this period to share then please do so via [charney.history@btinternet.com](mailto:charney.history@btinternet.com).

Please note that there will be no Charney Chatter in January.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:** 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Entries to: [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com)

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