



A huge thanks to...

...Village volunteers, with help from as far afield as Cornwall, Devon and Cambridge, who battled against storm Eunice to join the Charney planting team.

What seemed like a Herculean task of planting 300+ trees on the woodland area of the Charney field was accomplished in two days, despite rain and wind.

If you are interested in knowing more about this activity then [visit the woodland project page on the Charney website](#).



Celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in Charney Bassett

Would you like the village to mark the jubilee during the extended bank holiday weekend of 2nd-5th June?

If you have some ideas and would like to get involved with a village group helping to arrange an event, then please turn up at the Village Hall at 3pm on Saturday, 12th March.



We are looking for a working party to take over responsibility and planning for this fun event.

Please let me know in advance if you intend to be there

parishclerk@charneybasset.org.uk

The more the merrier!
Children welcome.

David Roberts
Chairman, Charney Bassett
Parish Council



Have you been wondering about the posts that have sprung up on the bridle path side of the playing field? They are intended to be used for dead hedging (look it up on line). The dead hedges will provide habitat for birds, insects and small mammals. They are a practical and environmentally friendly way for CHAFT to use up cut material from maintenance of the copse, shrubberies and hedgerows on Charney Field, without the need to burn prunings.

Great work done by the County Council clearing and widening the bridleway to Stanford in the Vale.



Charney History



The Charney Bouverie Pusey School re-emerges from under its cladding of ivy.

Soon after the 1870 Education Act, the Bouverie Pusey family of Pusey Estate built a school for the village, cited as 1871 in Kelly's Directory. They owned the land around Charney and had built New Road and its houses for their estate and farm workers.

The school had an average of 50 pupils in the early 1900s and was later expanded for 99 children. It continued to educate the children from Charney and Lyford from five to fourteen years until just after the Second World War when it was closed through lack of numbers. It was re-opened, this time for five to eleven year old children who would go on to Faringdon and later Wantage Schools. When Denchworth School closed those children also came to Charney. In July 1981 the number of children attending the Charney (Bouverie Pusey) School dropped to thirteen and the school was closed for the last time. The school building was put up for sale by tender in 1986.

The stone built section is the original school and is therefore 150 years old. In 1962 Sutton Griffin & Sweetnam, Newbury drew up plans for extensions to the school and this became the layout until closure. If you would like to find out more about the school there is lots more on the [Charney History website](http://charney.history.btinternet.com) and if you have any more information or photos please let us know charney.history@btinternet.com.

What's new on the History Website since 2022 February's Charney Chatter?

- [House Occupancy 1881-c1950. New Road 20, 23 – 33](#) (more houses will be added in due course)
- [Gloucester District Land Registry Map c1910](#)
- [School Good Conduct Certificates 1924-1928: Harold Wheeler](#)
- Cricket – [West Indies touring side visit Charney July 1990; Cosmos Cricket Club](#)



Work in progress



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
(A Women led, Global, Ecumenical movement)



“I know the plans I have for you” (Jeremiah)

2022 is a special year for the annual World Day of Prayer service for us because this year it has been prepared by women from England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The service celebrates our diversity and the contribution made to our countries by the many groups and individuals who have made their home here. It reflects on some of the issues facing us today: poverty, domestic abuse and disability, finding hope in difficult situations and encouragement in the help we can give to each other.

On Friday 4th March, several million women and men around the world will be joining together to hold the same, specially prepared service on the same day. The World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation. It is celebrated in over 170 countries and translated into over 90 languages.

Our Benefice service is:

Friday 4th MARCH

10:30 AM

ST PETER'S CHURCH, CHARNEY BASSETT

This is a very special and inspirational service, and everyone is welcome, men and women and people of all ages.

If you need help with transport phone Dee on 01865 820570

Do join us!



Cyclamen in the Churchyard

Time to get walking again

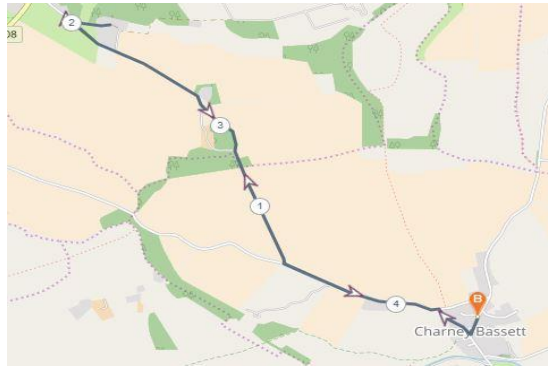
At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Oxfordshire

<https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/oxfordshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free. It also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said: "There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Oxfordshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you". With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy. So home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

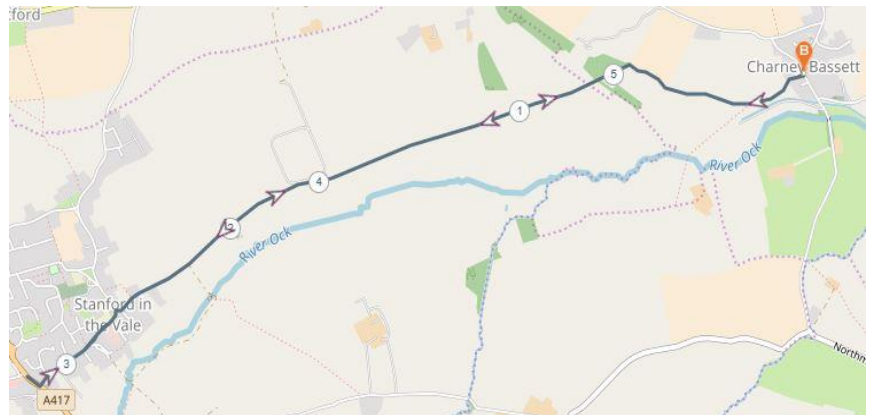
For **very** local walks around Charney there are [11 different walks on the Parish Council website](#), ranging from half a mile to 5.9 miles.



Pusey (4.4 miles round trip)

To Pusey churchyard and return from Charney Village Cross / The Chequers Inn. A section of the walk is along the Buckland Road and so care is needed.

A walk, cycle or horse ride to Stanford in the Vale ending at The Horse and Jockey pub.



Stanford in the Vale (5.7 miles round trip)

Highway Code has been updated ...

...to improve the safety of those walking, cycling and riding horses. Eight changes have been introduced that you need to know about:

- Hierarchy of road users
- Walking, cycling or riding in shared spaces
- Overtaking when driving or cycling
- Parking, charging and leaving vehicles
- People cycling, riding a horse and driving horse-drawn vehicles on roundabouts
- People crossing the road at junctions
- Positioning in the road when cycling
- People cycling at junctions

More information is available [on the Government website](#).

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the February draw are:

£25 No 31 Mary Daglish

£10 No 29 Dave and Kate Belcher

Kindly drawn by Sue Dobson and Sheila Roberts.

Just a reminder that subs for the next year are due to be paid by the end of March at the latest. If you pay by cash Sally will call round to collect. There are still a few numbers available

What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

[News from your MP – David Johnston](#)
[Woodland Project – Tree planting begins](#)

Charney Bassett Parish Council

Agenda and minutes of meetings can be found online at charneybassett.org.uk including the full draft minutes of the 12th January meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 9th March 2022 at 7.30pm.

Trevor Brown (Parish Clerk) can be contacted at parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk or 868282.

Charney Hall & Field Trust (CHAFT) CHARITY NUMBER 294765

The Trustees are looking for someone with a financial background to carry out an independent examination of the charity's annual accounts.

If you could spare a few hours in April/May to carry out this important task please get in touch.

Christine Trotman, Treasurer CHAFT
Email chaftcharney@gmail.com Tel. 869171

The dog fouling saga continues

Yes, unfortunately, despite extra bins in the Village, a small number of dog owners are still failing to pick up after their dog/s.

A particular area of concern is along the track from the Green up past the barns to towards the sewage works.

Please be considerate and clear up after your dog.

It's a sorry state of affairs when some dogs are more responsible than their owners.



DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th March

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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