

# 100<sup>th</sup> electronic Charney Chatter

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## Charney Chatter

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### EDITORIAL

The Parish Council report in the November edition of Charney News told you about the proposal to produce a newsletter. This is the first one! Look after it - it might become a collector's item! Lack of space in Charney News now limits Council reports to the months in which it meets. However, newsworthy items between meetings have been published in the past and it seems that some people have missed them. So, this is an attempt to keep you informed of things happening in the village which don't necessarily involve the Council.

Although it shouldn't be difficult to fill the four pages to which this newsletter will be limited, that remains to be seen. A newsletter is only as good as the material available to it and if you'd like to contribute, the Editor's address details are on the back page. Feedback will be welcome and, in particular, short letters, notes or comments on matters of village interest. Anonymous letters may be published provided they're not libellous and a name and address is given to the editor. Village organisations are welcome to report on their activities in these pages.

### HEADLINE TOPICS

- *Phoning the police.*
- *Village environment.*
- *Trees and planning law.*
- *Dog fouling (inevitably!).*

Here's where it all started. Edition 1, January 2004. Published by the Parish Council for 6 years, and edited by the Clerk to the PC, Peter Davies.

Then 50 editions later...

### VILLAGE EVENTS

The Village Coffee Morning resumes on 13 January 2004. Why not drop in on a friendly group of villagers of all ages which gets together for a chat in the Village Hall every Tuesday between 10.30 a.m. and noon? For 50p you can drink as much coffee and eat as many chocolate biscuits as you like! It's all in a good cause with any profits donated to charity. The £120 surplus from the last session went to Raising for the Disabled.

The Parochial Church Council wishes to thank everyone involved in the Harvest Supper (with quiz), held in The Manor and the Christmas Binge & Buy Coffee morning (held in November!). The surplus of £121 from the former was donated to charity and the profit of £382.78 from the latter will contribute to church and pastoral facilities in the village. Special thanks to the Sunday School for all the items they made to sell.

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**It's quiz time!** CHAFT

**Family Fun Quiz Night**  
Sunday 25 March  
at 6.00 pm  
in Charney Bassett Village Hall

8 rounds of team questions  
Brain-twisting Marathon round  
No individual put on the spot!  
Ideal team size 4-6 people.  
Adults and children welcome.

Tickets: £5.50 per person, to include half-time refreshments

For tickets, more information and help if needed in assembling a team, contact Lucy on 01235 866782 or [gliderafevents@btopenworld.com](mailto:gliderafevents@btopenworld.com)

**CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL**

RESIDENTS 'HAVE YOUR SAY' MEETING

'ROAD SAFETY IN CHARNEY BASSETT'

VILLAGE HALL  
SAT 24th MARCH, 2018  
2.00pm

YOUR IDEAS WANTED  
YOUR VIEWS WANTED

more details to follow nearer the time

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**SAVE THIS DATE**

**CHARNEY FETE**  
SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Your free bi-monthly Charney magazine went on to be edited and distributed by John Daghish from 2010, followed by Roger Watson in 2012.

In February 2014, the first electronic version was produced by the new editors, Rosemary McClintock and David Sibbert, allowing for a monthly distribution. In 2019, Amanda Graham and Steph Wright took over as editors.

The Chatter has always been a team effort with a Parish Council and Village representative providing updates on Charney activities and other relevant information. Villagers also send in photos and pieces of Charney interest for publication. It would be great to receive more from the community or perhaps some suggestions for articles – [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com).

All previous editions are available on the [website](#)

Why not join the team? If you're interested in editing or just helping out let us know.



Save the Date  
Charney Bassett Fete  
3<sup>rd</sup> September



# Charney History and Archaeological Group Presentation

David Ashby's talk on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July drew a splendid turn out of more than 30 people from both Charney and neighbouring villages.

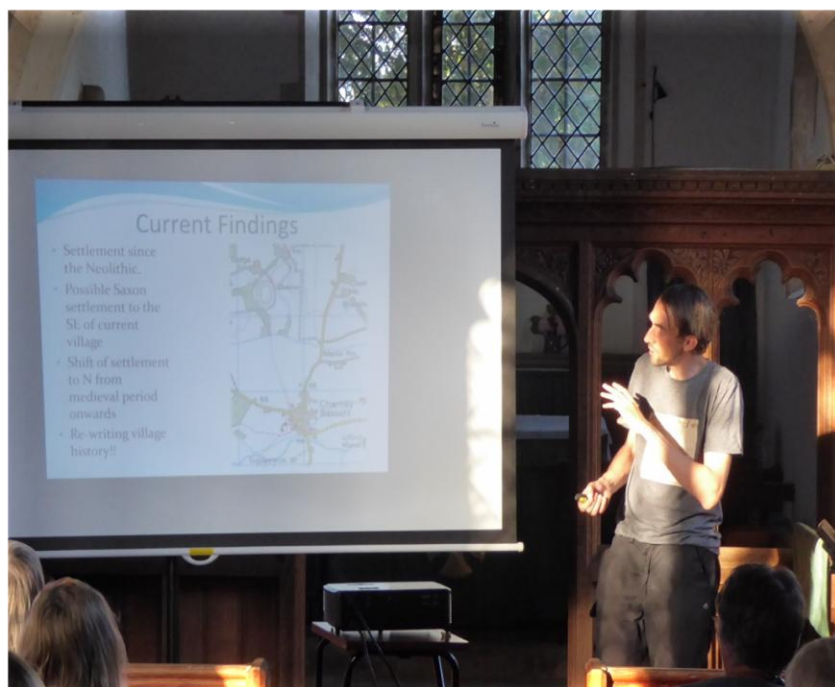
David's illustrated talk covered Charney through the ages from Mesolithic times to the present day. He explained how the various archaeological investigations that we have carried out (test pits, geophysics survey, architectural analysis and 3D laser scans) have helped reveal the unwritten history of the Village. He noted some interesting comparisons with the more extensive work at Stanford in the Vale, with which we are geographically closely linked by the River Ock and the Bridleway, and postulated how and why the Village may have moved and adapted to changing landowners and changing climate.

The lively Q&A and debate drew out even more details and shows the depth of enthusiasm that there is for the history of our lovely Village.

After the talk there were excellent refreshments provided by Lucy and sponsored by Charney Manor and thanks go to both for helping round off a wonderful event in style.

During the refreshments David demonstrated the 3D laser scans and the powerful data set and tool that this now provides for further detailed analysis. More digs and investigations are planned for this autumn and details will be given via the History Group and Charney Chatter.

Huge thanks go to David for giving this talk and his insights to the Village and for all the work and support to date.



## Charney Bassett Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall a week earlier than usual on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Items discussed included:

- [Airband ultra-fast broadband](#);
- Search for a new allotments site;
- Public participation at meetings;
- Councillors' Code of Conduct;
- Application for 20mph restriction;
- Purchase of Movable Vehicle Activated Sign(s);
- SpeedWatch.

The next meeting has again been brought forward by a week and will be held on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Agendas and minutes of meetings can be found online at [www.charneybassett.org.uk](http://www.charneybassett.org.uk), including the full draft minutes of the 6<sup>th</sup> July meeting.

## Road Safety

The Parish Council has supported the Road Safety Group's recommendation for a 20mph speed restriction throughout the Village. Application will now be submitted to the County Council as soon as possible. As part of this we will look at whether the restriction on the Buckland Road entrance can be extended.

The Group has also been asked to explore the best way of acquiring Mobile Vehicle Activated Signage (of the type recently deployed in West Hanney) and equipment for the SpeedWatch Team.

There has been concern expressed recently about vegetation overhanging footpaths. In order to avoid pedestrians unnecessarily stepping into the road...

**\*\*\* it would be appreciated if frontagers could keep vegetation cut back. Thank you.\*\*\***

## Land around and approaching Cherbury Camp

The County Council has received a 'Highways Statement' in relation to this area. This prevents any unrecorded public rights of way from being legally recorded on the basis of 'presumed dedication' in the future. Details of the application, which also includes land at Goosey Wick and Longworth, can be found [here](#).

Routes that are already legally recorded are unaffected by this application (the [definitive map of public rights of way is available online](#) or see [OCC countryside access map](#) (choose path number – Charney paths are 158/1-158/8). Objections cannot be made to the application but anyone who believes there is a route that should be added to the definitive map can apply for a definitive map modification order (<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/modifications-and-diversions>).

The Parish Council has a Lost Paths Group and can be contacted via [the Clerk](#).

## Theft of Domestic Heating Oil

With the rising in the cost of living, there have been recent attempts to steal domestic heating oil from tanks due to its increase in value. We are asking all homeowners to remain vigilant, and offer the following crime prevention advice:

- Install an alarm on your heating tank to alert you to a dip in your oil levels – this can alert you from indoors or when you are out through your mobile. Make sure you display a sign above the tank to warn thieves that your tank is alarmed;
- Put gravel around your tank to make the area noisy so that it deters thieves and draws attention to activity around the tank;
- Try to hide the location of your tank by using screening (walls, plants etc.) – all concealments must comply with OFTEC fire safety recommendations please see here:

[Oil Tank Installation - OFTEC Requirements - Direct Water Tanks;](#)

- Lock up your tank with a good quality all-weather padlock and give the code to your fuel supplier for delivery access;
- Install CCTV to monitor your tank and show a visible deterrent for thieves;
- Install security lighting to light up the area as many thieves strike under the cover of darkness.

If see you any suspicious activity or wish to report a theft call us on 101 or 999 in an emergency only.

Message sent by Victoria Allan (Police, Neighbourhood Administrator, Vale of White Horse)

## Neighbourhood Policing

Representatives from local villages held their quarterly information exchange with members of the Faringdon local policing team at Southmoor Village Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> June.

Our villages remain a relatively low crime area. If you see a crime in action, telephone 999.

Otherwise telephone 101 or report online at

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime>

Crime statistics for individual local villages can be viewed by typing in Faringdon at

<https://www.police.uk>

Crime prevention advice available at

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention>

Free fire safety home visits (also advice on health and crime prevention) available at

<https://www.365alive.co.uk/cms/content/safe-and-well>

East Hanney has become a 'No cold calling' village

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/business/trading-standards/advice-communities/no-cold-caller-zones>

Several villages have applied or are considering applying for part/all of their village to become a 20 mph speed restricted area. Most villages are finding it difficult to recruit SpeedWatch volunteers.

For more information contact [davidsibbert@btinternet.com](mailto:davidsibbert@btinternet.com)

## Charney 100 Club Draw

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The results of the July draw are:

£25 No 62 Paul Bartlett

£10 No 131 Carol and Roland Morgan

## Dates For Your Diary

**SEW & SOCIAL SESSIONS** – No

Thursday morning sessions during August.

**CLET APPLICATION DEADLINE** – by beginning of September

**CHARNEY BASSETT FETE** – 3<sup>RD</sup> September

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** –

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> September, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

**HIDCOTE MANOR GARDENS TRIP**

– Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September

## Exciting News

There will be a Charney Bassett coach trip to Hidcote Manor Gardens, Chipping Campden on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2022, departing from Charney Bassett. The visit includes Kaffe Fassett's exhibition - Quilts in the Cotswolds. Price £27.50 or £14 for National Trust members.



There are still spaces on the coach - details from Julie Ingram-Johnson 868961. Friends and partners welcome.

## Charney Army

### Call to all ladies and gents

Should anyone wish to join in the Charney Army activities please contact Ian on [charneyarmy@gmail.com](mailto:charneyarmy@gmail.com) and request to be put on the email circulation list. The Army meets a maximum of twice a month and helps to keep the Village looking its best, undertaking a wide range of jobs – no particular skills required.

## What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

[News from your MP – David Johnston](#)  
[Parish Council meeting, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2022](#)

## 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.

The Trustees are willing to support children who may need additional tutoring to address educational gaps, which have arisen as a result of the pandemic.

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/>

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

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

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