



# Charney Chatter

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## Charney Hall & Field Trust

### LATEST NEWS.... LATEST NEWS

- 100 additional hedging plants will be planted in the field in March (donated by the Woodland Trust)
- Oxfordshire Brooks University has been commissioned to undertake a carbon and energy assessment of the village hall. (Report just received.)
- Negotiations are taking place with the VWHDC with regard to the installation of an outdoor table tennis table on the field. The table would be provided free but installation costs will fall to CHAFT. Planning permission required.
- Advice had been obtained from the Environment Agency on riparian responsibilities for the watercourse known as Charney Wick Ditch.
- Arrangements for the compulsory 5-year independent check on the hall electrics are in hand.
- Annual safety inspection of the children's play area has been commissioned from an independent specialist company.
- Annual village fête will be held on 2nd September (see page 4.) Want to know more? Email [charneychaft@gmail.com](mailto:charneychaft@gmail.com) or [contact a trustee](#).

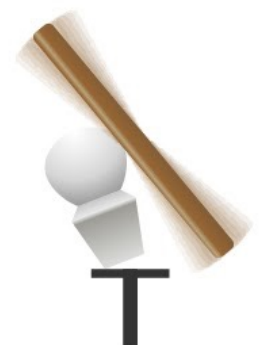


### To all budding Aunt Sally players

It is time to sign on for the 2023 season.

If you would like to play the forms are in the Chequers until 19<sup>th</sup> March.

Come and support your local pub.





# They're here!

After several years of planning (the idea was first discussed and widely supported at a public meeting in 2018), we finally have two Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs to help encourage motorists to slow down while driving through the Village.

The Operations Team (some pictured) managed to get to grips with the assembly of the units and they will be moved on a monthly basis between the locations shown in the last edition of Chatter. Big thanks to those who have already volunteered to join the team.



The Units are not cheap (~£5k) and have been paid for by the Parish Council with a generous 50% grant from County Councillor Juliette Ash who has a small budget from which she can help suitable community projects in her Division (17 Parishes).

We are very grateful to Juliette for her support.



The units are capable of collecting a variety of information on traffic speeds and volume of traffic and will be the subject of future reports.

The Speedwatch Team also began operations in February under the supervision of Dave Sibbert and Rosemary McClintock. The more volunteers we have the more effective we can be. Please consider offering to put in a one-hour stint once in a while: you don't have to turn out every time. Get in touch through [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com).

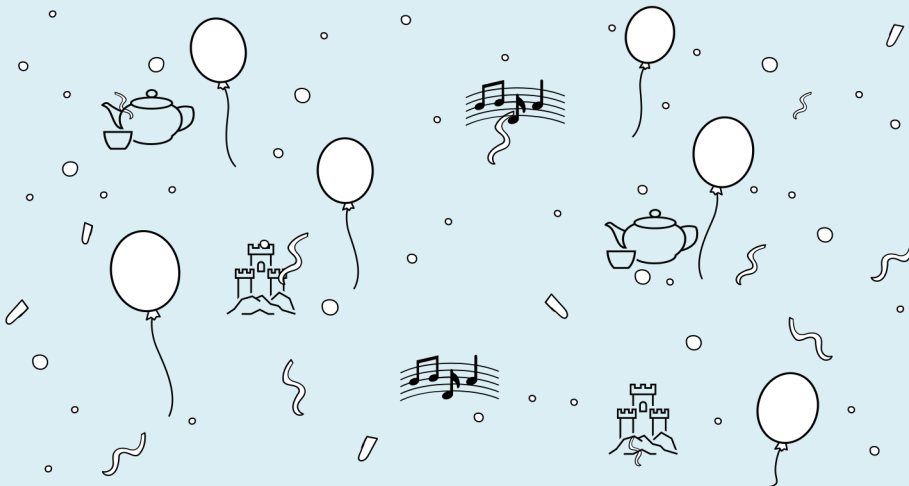


# Charney's Coronation Big Bash (Cream Tea Picnic)



Come and join the celebration on The Green on  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May from 1pm to 4.30pm

- Bring your own picnic
- Live entertainment
- Bouncy castle
- Games
- Cream teas provided from 3pm





# Charney Bassett Parish Council

Agenda and minutes of meetings can be found online at [charneybassett.org.uk](http://charneybassett.org.uk) including the draft minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm.

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

## Changes Afoot?

Parish Councillors are elected every 4 years and an election is taking place this year on **4<sup>th</sup> May**. District Councillors are also being elected at the same time.



If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor take a look at the [Parish Council website](http://charneybassett.org.uk) to see what it does. Or maybe talk to one of the current [Councillors](#) to find out what's involved. Nominations have to be submitted by **4<sup>th</sup> April**. All the information you need is on the [Vale of White Horse Council](#) website.

In Charney Bassett we have 5 Parish Councillors and an election will be held if nominations exceed this figure.

In order to be able to vote you must make sure your name is listed on the Electoral Register. If you are not registered visit [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote) before **17<sup>th</sup> April**. When voting, you will also need to produce a form of photo ID to vote.

If you do not have photo ID (e.g. passport or drivers licence) you can obtain a Voter Authority Certificate, but you must do so by **25<sup>th</sup> April**. And if you intend to vote by post, you must apply to do so by **18<sup>th</sup> April**. All the information you need on voting can be found on the [Vale website](#).



***Calling the Charney universe ... calling the Charney universe ...***

**Charney Fête 2023 is on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September on the village green.**

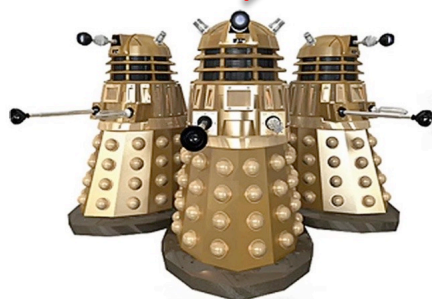
This is a wonderful community event and raises vital funds for CHAFT and St Peter's Church.

**We need a small team of volunteers to plan and organise the event.**

***No team of planners ... no fête!***

**Please come forward to help us make sure we have our fête this year.**

Contact Lucy on 01235 868782 or [gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com](mailto:gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com)



*The theme for this year's*

*Charney Fête*

*is Dr Who and all things Sci-Fi  
celebrating 60 years since the  
series launched.*

*And we have a Dalek opening  
the festivities!*

## Dates For Your Diary

### SEW & SOCIAL SESSIONS

Thursdays (all welcome), 10.00 am – Noon,  
Village Hall

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30 pm, Village  
Hall

### CORONATION BIG BASH

Sunday, 7th May, Village Green

### FLOWER FESTIVAL

17th & 18th June, St Peter's Church,  
Charney

### VILLAGE FÊTE

Saturday, 2nd September, Village Green

## Can you help make the Big Bash a great day?

Are you able to bake/contribute scones for the cream teas at Charney's Coronation Big Bash on 7th May? Or are you available for half an hour on the big day to help with serving cream teas?

(between 3 and 4.30pm)

If you can help, or for more information, please phone Mary Castle on 868371 or email

[marycastle476@gmail.com](mailto:marycastle476@gmail.com).

## Local Neighbourhood Policing

Our local Neighbourhood Policing Team will be meeting representatives from local villages at Southmoor on 9<sup>th</sup> Match, 2023.

Let me know if there are any Village issues you want me to raise [davidsibbert@btinternet.com](mailto:davidsibbert@btinternet.com).



## Wantage Health Centre

Newsletter now available on the Charney website.

## Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the February draw are:

£25 No 37 Brian Trotman

£10 No 16 Sheila Terry

Drawn by Sylvia Gibbons

### Important

Please note that subscriptions are due by the end of March. If you pay by cash Sally will call round to collect in the next few weeks. If you pay by bank transfer and need the bank details contact [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com) and your email will be forwarded to Sally. If you have set up a standing order that's great but perhaps you could just check. Thank you.

Good luck in future draws.

## What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [News from your MP – David Johnston](#)
- [CHAFT draft minutes of meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> February](#)
- [Wantage Health Centre Newsletter](#)

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

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

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