



## Communithea- themed Flower Festival

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**  
**11 am – 5 pm**  
**St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett**



**Tea, Coffee  
and Cake  
available**



**Donations  
for  
Entry  
and  
Refreshments**

**Also, Charney Mill will be open for  
exploration at the same time.**

## May – a right royal month

The month began with the crowning of Charney's 2023 May Queen, Sophie. After processing down Chapel Lane, Sophie, attended by Olivia and Thea, was crowned by Julie Ingram-Johnson. There was Maypole dancing accompanied by the wonderful musicians, Ruth, Diney and Wanda, and as always tea and cake.

Thanks to all who supported this event in whatever capacity.



The first crowning was followed at the end of the week with the coronation of King Charles III. Many Villagers decorated their front gardens, with a prize being awarded to the Sally & Pete Hawkins, who really pushed the boat out with an amazing celebratory display.

A big thank you should go to the Parish Council for financially supporting and organising the Big Bash coronation event for all the Village to enjoy on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May. There were picnics galore, accompanied by jazz from Oxford 3/4, games, a bouncy castle, several rounds of a Village tug of war, and all topped off with a free cream tea. Many thanks to all those who very kindly baked scones and to Ian and Jacqui of The Chequers for donating the cream that went with them... very yummy indeed!

Those who helped set up, take down, lend their facilities, serve teas, wash up etc. should also not be forgotten. They all contributed to making this a wonderful Village afternoon to remember.





## Charney Bassett Parish Council

The Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Assembly took place in the village hall on 10<sup>th</sup> May. There were 12 members of the public present and Alex Pyle from the Vale of White Horse District Council Waste Team. Matters discussed included:

- Waste and recycling presentation.
- Annual reports by:
  - Parish Council Chairman
  - Village Groups and Organisations
- Appointments to Parish Council positions and village groups.
- End of year accounts and audit.
- Planning matters (in particular, the plans for the Old School, New Road).
- Road Safety issues – update.
- Proposed changes to the licence arrangement for Ock Green and Jubilee Orchard.
- Consideration of Aims and Objectives for 2023-24
- Review of the King Charles III Celebration held on 7<sup>th</sup> May.

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 10<sup>th</sup> May meeting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.

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

### Letter to the Editor:

On behalf of the community, a very big thank you should be given to the Parish Council for all its hard work for the Village over the last year.

Without everything that they undertake on our behalf, Charney Bassett would not be the wonderful place it is in which to live.

Thank you also to all PC members for agreeing to stand for another four-year term.

Signed: A Grateful Resident

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> May, Alex Pyle from the Vale of White Horse District Council Waste Team gave an informative presentation explaining about what happens to our waste and how to optimize our recycling.

A few recycling tips:



- Try to clean all items before placing in the green bin, e.g. no dirty tin foil please or greasy pizza box cardboard;
- No film plastic, only tubs, trays, cartons, tetra packs;
- No hard plastic like plant pots
- No mixed items, e.g. waxed paper, Pringle tubes, laminated wrapping paper and cards;
- Metal means tin cans, aluminium cans and clean foil, not old pans and random metal items;
- Glass means jars and bottles only, not mirrors or glass panes.

Garden waste (the brown bin if you have one) is purely for that: grass clippings, twigs and trimmings etc, not rubble or similar, nor is it for food or vegetable peelings, which should go in your weekly green caddy collection. The food collection will also take up to one litre of spent cooking oil if placed in a plastic bottle next to your green caddy. For more comprehensive information, see the [VWHDC web site](#).

**With a little thought, we can all help reduce waste, recycle better and support the environment.**

## Increase in Dog Fouling

This subject raises its ugly head once more. Whilst it should be acknowledged that most owners do pick up after their dogs, the Parish Council have received complaints that dog fouling is becoming an increasing problem again, particularly along Buckland Road and The Green (and there have been recent complaints on Charney's Facebook page about fouling at the corner of Orchard Close as well). Here are the main reasons why picking up after your pooch is important:

- Harmful to public health – dog poo carries bacteria and parasites that can be harmful to other pets and humans, such as Toxocariasis.
- Harmful to the environment - dog poo is not fertilizer and is generally toxic to the environment. Unlike cow or horse manure, which is basically composted grass, dog poo is more acidic. Therefore, it is more likely to destroy grass or other plants that it is left on/near rather than nourish them. Further, it can take up to a whole year to bio-degrade and during this time, any bacteria/parasites in it are likely to be spread by rainwater into drains or water courses.
- The law – under the Dog Fouling of Land Act 1996 allowing your dog to foul public land without cleaning up after it is a criminal offence which can land you with a Fixed Penalty Notice. Any fouling in a public space should be removed using a suitable plastic bag and placed in an appropriate bin, such as the dog waste bin near the junction of New Road/Buckland Road, or the one where Main Street meets Buckland Road. There is also another bin available by the bus shelter on Main Street. Alternatively, you could always deposit it in your own general waste wheelie bin at home.

So, this is a plea to those who avoid picking up... try to make sure you always have dog waste bags with you when you are walking your dog so that you can take responsibility for their mess. Do not leave it to pollute the environment, or for someone else to step in.

## ECB Childrens Cricket Initiative

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for all children aged 5-8 years old where they're guaranteed jam-packed fun, activity and skills development. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Each participant that signs up will receive 8 weeks of cricket sessions, personalised All Stars t-shirt, bat, ball and backpack. More information can be found - [here](#).

Dynamos Cricket (8-11 years) is an action-packed, fun programme centred around game play with each session including a skill building activity aimed at providing an active warm-up and focusing in on a skill for that week. During the programme, children will play 60-ball countdown cricket each week, with the skill building activity changing week to week. Every child that signs up will receive a personalised New Balance t-shirt - Information can be found [here](#).

The nearest clubs to Charney Bassett taking part in these sessions are Faringdon Cricket Club, Stanton Harcourt Cricket Club and Oxford Downs Cricket Club.



We're looking for more foster carers in Oxfordshire to provide a safe and secure home to a child when they are unable to live with their parents. It may be for a short period of time, or they may stay with a foster family long term.

The dedicated website explains the steps [www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/fostering](http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/children-education-and-families/fostering)

Our foster carers receive:

- A welcome payment of £1,500;
- Generous fees, paid in addition to the child's allowance;
- Dedicated social worker support;
- Access to professionals, support groups and specialised training.

If you feel you could be a foster carer, please register your details here to find out more <https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/fosteringenquiry>

## CRY HAVOC MORRIS with VALE ISLANDERS



**THE CHEQUERS  
CHARNEY BASSETT  
8 pm THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> June**

### Dates For Your Diary

SEW & SOCIAL SESSIONS (all welcome) - Thursdays, 10.00 am – Noon, Village Hall

CHAFT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 6.30 pm, Village Hall

COMMUNITEA FLOWER FESTIVAL – 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> June, St Peter's Church, Charney and Charney Mill Opening.

### Lost Paths Group – Vacancies

The Lost Paths Group was set up to consider whether there is a case to reinstate any footpaths in Charney that are no longer used. This is particularly relevant as the Government has yet to repeal legislation that currently provides that such paths will be lost forever if not brought to the County Council's attention before 2025. Two volunteers have left the group since it was first established and fresh volunteers are welcome. Meetings are ad hoc and any work that is generated is purely voluntary. Anyone interested should contact the Parish Clerk at [parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk).

### Notice of Annual General Meeting

#### The Charney Hall and Field Trust (CHAFT)

Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall

Residents wishing to ask a question should contact a Trustee or email [charneychaft@gmail.com](mailto:charneychaft@gmail.com).

(The AGM will be followed by a meeting of the new Management Committee.)

The agenda will be posted on the Web and on the Village notice board by 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### Pothole 'Super User' – Vacancy

Would you be interested in ensuring that our potholes are more promptly fixed by the County Council? If so, then becoming our Pothole 'Super User' should be right up your street. Please contact the Parish Clerk at [parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk) for more details.

### Charney 100 Club Draw

#### The results of the May draw are:

£25 No 48 Angela Hodges , £10 No 27 Debs Little

Kindly drawn by Mary Castle and Mike Gooding

### What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [News from your MP – David Johnston](#)
- [Parish Council meeting, 10<sup>th</sup> May – draft minutes](#)
- [CHAFT meeting, 7<sup>th</sup> June - agenda](#)

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

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