

# Charney Chatter

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## Youth Club Reunion – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

A sunny Sunday afternoon in July saw a reunion of Charney Youth Club in the Village Hall. All attending were members of the club from the end of the 1950s.

The 24 ex members enjoyed a good natter, tea and cake.

## Charney Bassett Parish Council

A Parish Council Meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at the Village Hall. No members of the public were present on this occasion. Matters discussed included:

- Dog fouling
- The village allotment plans
- County/District Councillor reports
- Clerk's financial report
- Planning matters including:
  - Lyford Business park - ongoing
  - Old School amended plans to be submitted.
  - Updates on Blenheim Fields and Long Meadow Barn
- Maintenance of land drainage on Denchworth Road
- Minutes of CHAFT's 2<sup>nd</sup> June meeting
- Noise complaints from some Charney Manor events
- Charney Mill lease arrangements

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 12<sup>th</sup> July meeting. The next meeting date is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm.

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

# A Wartime Memory

While out wandering around Charney recently, I was buzzed by a very low-flying Hercules which reminded me of a brief wartime experience.

It was a rather dismal Sunday afternoon at my prep-school in the Meon Valley in Hampshire. The war in Europe was still in full swing, so it must have been about 1942/43. My parents were visiting me as my father had managed to get a day off from his army unit. It was a small boarding school, only about 40 boys at the time, and the headmaster allowed us to use his study for the meeting. The school was situated in rather splendid parkland with plenty of trees including a rather grand cedar just outside the study window. As my parents and I sat talking, we noticed that there was a very noisy aircraft approaching and obviously very low. We rushed to the window just in time to see a German Dornier bomber flying literally at tree-top height (I can remember seeing the top of the cedar swaying in the wind). We could also see the tail gunner let off a few rounds but no one or anything sustained any damage. It was all over in a couple of seconds, and we settled down and carried on as normal.

On the news that evening, we heard that a German plane had crashed near Southampton.

Later that year when the school swimming pool, which was filled from the Meon stream, was receiving its annual clean, the staff found a pair of German binoculars in the mud at the bottom of the pool!

J. Daglish

## Comments from the History Group

The World Wars touched communities across the UK, including Charney. Our own local crash tragedy is documented on the [Charney History web site](#), along with information covering World Wars I and II.

*A Mk1 Avro Lancaster bomber crashed 200 yards south of Lyford church on 8th April 1945. The aircraft, HK788 of No. 9 Squadron RAF based at Bardney in Lincolnshire, had taken part in a raid on a benzole factory in Molbis, Germany. On its return flight the plane caught fire and crashed. [At Charney Church the] Large window in south wall [was] badly damaged and several panes of glass broken in other windows by the explosion [extract only].*

## 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/>

## Dog Fouling – update

Sadly, despite the plea made in June's Chatter for ALL owners to pick up after their dog, the situation has not improved, and the matter was once again discussed at the Parish Council's July meeting. A small contingent of dog owners are persistently allowing their dog to foul and not taking responsibility for the mess. There is a way everyone can help to stamp this issue out. Anyone who witnesses dog fouling can report the incident to the Vale of Whitehorse. Click [here](#) for more information, where you can also find a link to the relevant incident report form. Overflowing and damaged dog bins can also be reported from this page (the dog bin next to the bus stop on Main Street has recently been reported).

## Longer opening hours for recycling centres

Household waste and recycling centres will open for longer during the summer. You can pop to a local centre to recycle different items, until 8pm - from now until Thursday 28 September. We're also reminding everyone to sort and separate their waste before their visit. To find your nearest waste and recycling centre, please visit Oxfordshire County Council's website where you will also find [more information on what and how to recycle](#)

## Need some school holiday inspiration?

[Discover all about the 2023 Summer Reading Challenge by following this link.](#)

And - have no fear, the Wantage Vale and Downland Museum summer timetable is now available [here](#).



**Matthew Barber**  
Your voice in Thames Valley

July 2023

**In this edition**

- Knife crime conference
- Local crime survey
- Serious Violence Reduction Orders
- Cannabis seized worth more than £4m
- Police officers and staff pay rise
- Op Deter rolled out across Thames Valley



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## Dates For Your Diary

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

CHAFT MEETING – Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August, 6.30  
pm in the Village Hall

Charney Bassett and Lyford Education Trust  
(CLET) – application submission by beginning of  
September.

## Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the July draw are:

£25 No 138 Ben Cartwright

£10 No 40 Trevor Brown

## What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [Church and Newbury Street joint practices newsletter – July/August 2023](#)
- [Parish Council draft minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> July meeting](#)
- [PC/CHAFT Joint Liaison Group – 25<sup>th</sup> July meeting agenda and documents](#)
- [Latest news from your MP – David Johnston](#)

## Charney Hall & Field Trust Management Committee

Wednesday, 2nd August 2023  
at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall

The agenda will be posted on the Village website  
by 26th July.

To ask a question please contact  
[charneychaft@gmail.com](mailto:charneychaft@gmail.com)

Oxfordshire Trading Standards wish to share  
the link to their Trading Standards website for  
scams. They try and update it as often as they  
can and keep it relevant, and it is a useful go to  
site for information on scams.



The link is

[Scams | Oxfordshire County Council](#)



## News from Charney Manor

Residents local to the Manor will have received a letter from us recently concerning some sound disturbance from one of the therapeutic client courses. We are doing our best with the client to mitigate the disturbance as much as possible and have provided specific times and days that sound will occur.

If you need to contact us direct please email [charneymanor@outlook.com](mailto:charneymanor@outlook.com) and we will aim to respond directly within a few days.

We are developing new course programmes open to all in 2024 and look forward to telling you all about them in future editions.

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

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

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