



# Charney Chatter

E112 September 2023

Charney Hall & Field Trust (CHAFT)



## Community Fun Afternoon

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2.00-4.00pm  
on Charney Field**

*Join us for refreshments.  
Games and activities for all ages.  
Have a go at 'walking rounders'!*



**Hear about our plans and  
give us your suggestions  
for the future of  
the Village Hall and Charney Field.**



*Please help us by answering our Community Consultation questionnaire:  
online at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HYRVX83>  
or by completing the paper copy in your letterbox and returning it to the  
Village Hall post-box or bring it to this Community Fun Afternoon.*

*Thank you!*



## Who needs the gym?

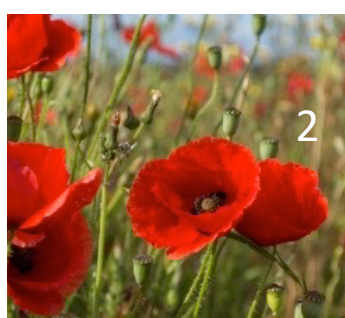
Over two mornings, eleven members of the Charney Army and friends set to raking and clearing the first grass cut of the year on the newly planted area of the playing field. They enjoyed the benefits of cardio, bodybuilding and endurance exercise, whilst topping up on vitamin D, good old fashioned fresh air and a dose of nature to raise the spirits – and all for free.

Thanks to the guys and gals who help to keep all areas of our Village looking splendid. What would we do without you?



## And the wildflower meadow emerges

Did you spot any of these in the Charney Woodland? Can you identify them? (answers on the back page)





# Harvest Festival family service

**St Peter's Church**  
**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30 am**



**We will be sending our harvest  
gifts to the Abingdon food bank.**

Packets and tins of food (with a 6-month in-date please), bottles of vegetable cooking oil, and toiletries are all especially welcome.

*If you do not wish to attend the service but are willing to donate food items, we will have a collection basket in the church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October.*

***Thank you***

# Charney Mill

## Your Mill Needs YOU!



The Parish Council has a long lease on this building.

We have been fortunate to have had the building restored to full working order (but for the absence of a steady water supply!) thanks to tireless work by the Vale of White Horse Industrial Archaeological Group. If you haven't seen the inside of the building just ask for access.

Although restoration work is no longer taking place, we are still responsible for the building's upkeep. Volunteers are badly needed to join the one or two who have been trying to keep on top of the task. Might you be prepared to help with basic maintenance, even tidying up, for a few hours once every two months? If we can't support this work and look after the building, we are at risk of being required to hand the building back to the County Council.

Please consider whether you could spare those 2/3 hours and help look after a building which is a classic piece of heritage and gives prestige to the village. Steve Champion is the 'champion' for the building and badly needs some supporting hands. If you know him, talk to him or get in touch via the [Parish Clerk](#). Don't just think about it, act and become part of a valued operations team (before it's too late).

### Free electric blanket tests coming to Oxfordshire this autumn

Residents are being encouraged to take up the offer of a free electric blanket check, part of Oxfordshire County Council's programme to ensure everyone is safe, as well as warm, this winter.

The electric blanket tests are normally very popular, with places limited. Therefore, they must be pre-booked by phoning 01865 895999 or emailing [duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:duty.officer@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

The full list of dates and locations is provided below. The actual address and a specific time slot will be provided at time of booking:

Monday 18 September – Oxford City  
Tuesday 19 September – South Oxfordshire  
Wednesday 20 September – Cherwell  
Thursday 21 September – West Oxfordshire  
Friday 22 September – Vale of White Horse

Monday 2 October – Oxford City  
Tuesday 3 October – South Oxfordshire  
Wednesday 4 October – Cherwell  
Thursday 5 October – West Oxfordshire  
Friday 6 October – Vale of White Horse

Testing electric blankets has taken place in Oxfordshire for over 20 years. The failure rate is still around 30 per cent, emphasising why it is so important to get electric blankets checked regularly.

## Dates For Your Diary

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

CHAFT COMMUNITY FUN AFTERNOON –  
Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2-4 pm on the playing  
field

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup>  
September, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

HARVEST FESTIVAL FAMILY SERVICE –  
Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> October, 10.30 am, St Peter's Church  
(harvest collection from 6<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> October)

## Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the August draw are:

£25 No 120 Helen and Bruce Royan

£10 No 21 Katie Price

Kindly drawn by Steph Wright and Ruth  
Gerring

## Charney Bassett Parish Council

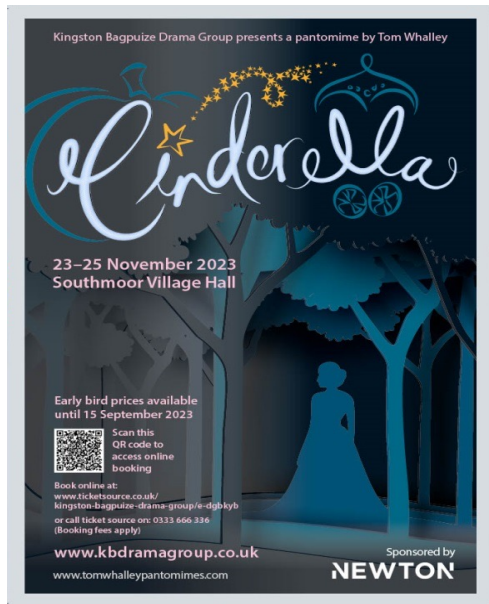
Agenda and minutes of meetings can be found  
online at [charneybassett.org.uk](http://charneybassett.org.uk) including the  
draft minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be  
held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at  
7.30pm, at the Village Hall

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

## What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [Latest news from your MP – David Johnston](#)



KBDG present Cinderella a pantomime  
by Tom Whalley, sponsored by Newton,  
and directed by Charney Bassett's very  
own Kate Belcher. Performances on  
Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November and Saturday,  
25<sup>th</sup> November, in Southmoor Village  
Hall. Tickets available on line.

## Wildflower answers:

1. Scabious 2. Poppy 3. Salad Burnet 4. Wild Carrot 5. Ox-eyed daisy 6. Greater Knapweed 7. Hawkbit

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

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

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