



Charney Chatter

E113 October 2023

CHAFT Community Fun Afternoon - 2nd September



Thanks go to CHAFT for organising a community afternoon on the playing field. Information about the work of the Trust was on display, and there were activities including walking rounders and a 'nature' trail.



Two six-person teams from the north and south of the village fought out the closely contested game of walking rounders, with the team from the north just edging it. Stars were Tim Hewes who scored the only full rounder and John Wright for his athletic and energetic fielding.



Busy Again

On two sunny mornings in September, ten Charney Army helpers and friends spent two mornings strimming and raking the grass in the St Peter's church yard. Although not to everyone's taste, the grass and wild flowers are left to grow over the summer months to support nature (orchids and elephant hawk moth caterpillars have been spotted), with mowing only in specific areas and along pathways.



Reminders

... to all in the village that the Jubilee Orchard (opposite St Peter's Church) is a community facility and the fruit is there to be enjoyed by all. The gate is not locked, residents are free to enter. The soft fruit is over for this year but at last check there were still plenty of apples on the trees.



Sunday, 8th October, 10.30 am, St Peter's Church, Charney: harvest festival family service plus food bank collection. [For full details see last month's Chatter.](#)



Saturday, 30th September, 10 am: CHAFT looking for volunteers meeting on the bridle path near the phone box to help with vegetation cutting along the Charney ditch. Protective clothing essential and please bring along appropriate equipment.

No, our endangered friend is not just taking a snooze in a puddle on New Road in the middle of the day – if only ...

Just another example of the outcome of careless driving through our Village.

Hedgehogs do not only fall victim to bad drivers. Remember if you are doing any autumnal strimming or leaf burning in your garden to check that no hogs are present.



Charney Bassett Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall on 13th September 2023, with 1 member of the public present. Matters discussed included:

- County/District Councillor reports.
- Clerk's financial report.
- Planning matters including:
 - Lyford Business park (commercial buildings/parking etc) – comments;
 - Amended plans for the Old School on New Road – comments;
 - Garage building, Autumn Garth – decision;
 - Erection of barn, west of Denchworth Road - comments ;
 - Agricultural building for cows, north of Buckland Road – comments;
 - Vary previous consent, Goosey Wick Farm – decision;
 - Blenheim Field, and also Long Meadow Barn – land use/development status.
- Road Safety issues – update.
- Village Allotments – progress report.
- Improvements to land drainage along Denchworth Road – update.
- Items relating to CHAFT:
 - Minutes of 2nd Aug meeting;
 - Minutes of Joint Liaison Group meeting 25th July;
 - Joint Statement draft;
 - Hall and Field Land Registry documents – update.
- Consider introduction of Grant Application Form and Determination Criteria.

Agendas and minutes of meetings can be found online at www.charneybassett.org.uk including the full draft minutes of the 13th September meeting. The next meeting date is Wednesday 8th November at 7.30pm.

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

Watch Out for Defibrillator Training Date

The Parish Council has applied to the South Central Ambulance Service to provide a Defibrillator Awareness Training session for Charney residents in the near future. If you are interested in attending, then please check November's Chatter when we expect to have more information.



Charney History Group

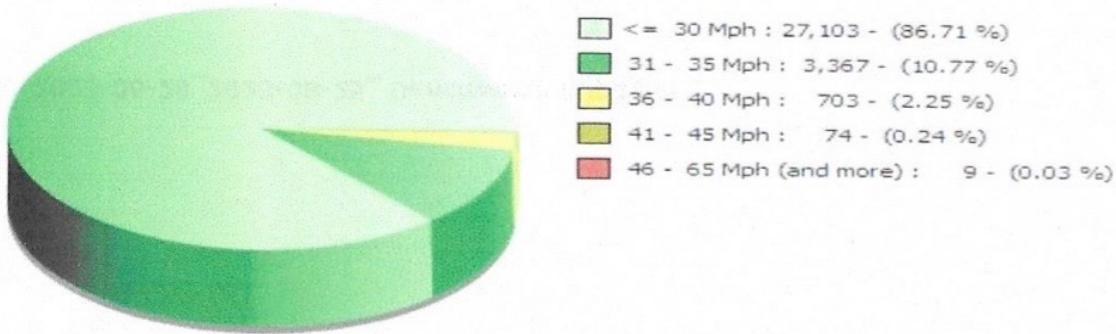
Charney from the air 1944

In August of this year a [collection of photographs taken during World War Two were opened to the public for the first time](#). The [aerial images are available via Historic England](#) and were taken by the US Army Air Forces (USAAF) Photographic Reconnaissance units while stationed at bases across England in 1943 and 1944.

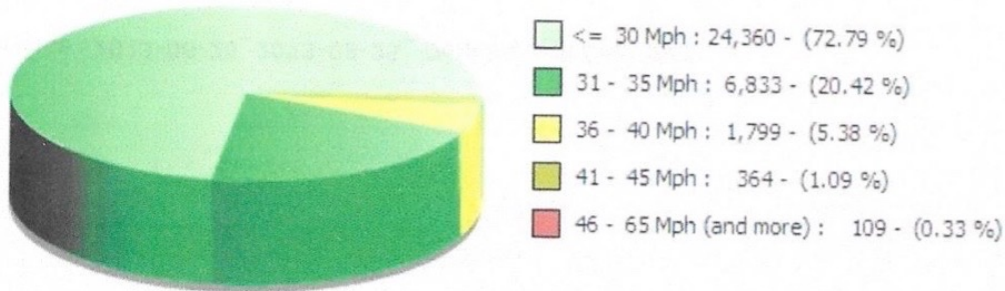
Charney features in one of the tracks (Jan 1944) which provides some interesting images of the surroundings and Charney in the days before the houses were built in Buckland Road, Orchard Close, Barnfield, Manor Farm/The Green and some of those in Main St and Longworth Road eg [image US 7PH GP LOC164 V 5028](#).

MVAS Date Monitoring - Period 26th June 2023 – 25th August 2023

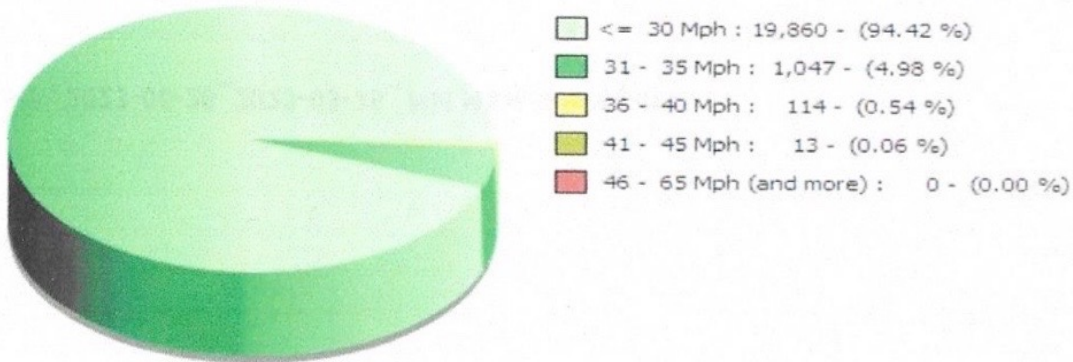
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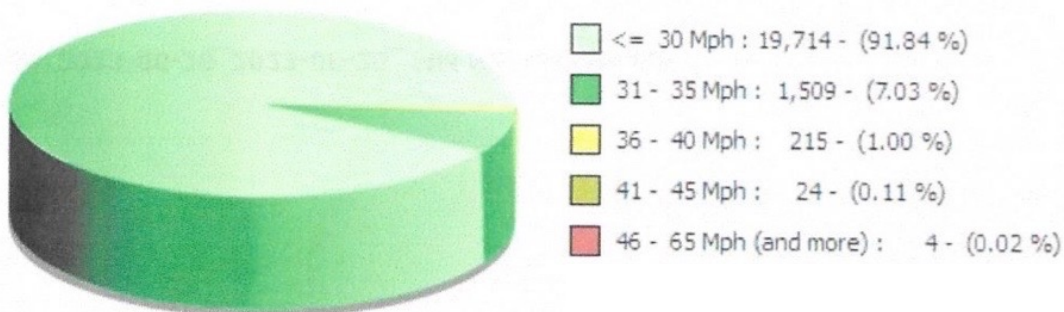
Outgoing vehicles Denchworth Road - Southbound



Incoming vehicles Buckland Rd/Main St –Junction - Northbound



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At the end of September as part of the Great Barn Festival weekend in Coxwell, four Charney residents played their instruments in the Monster Ukulele Uprising. You may have seen them previously with a small group on the Village Green but this was massive. If you weren't there then you missed a treat. Maybe next year!

| GREAT BARN FESTIVAL | | |
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| GREAT COXWELL GREAT BARN SN7 71Z | | |
| MUSIC, FAMILY THEATRE, ART AND NATURE | | |
| SUNDAY 24 th SEPTEMBER | | |
| GREAT BARN | 10:00-12:00 | STAND-UP/COMEDY WORKSHOP FOR 11-17 YEAR OLDS |
| | 13:00-14:00 | A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM |
| | 14:00-15:15 | MONSTER UKULELE UPRISING BY FADS |
| | 16:00-17:00 | BOMBO & BASKET |
| | 18:00-19:45 | BOOGIE ME |
| TENT BY THE POND | 20:00-22:00 | CACKLING RAT COMEDY |
| | 10:00-11:00 | SAM O'SHANTY: TALES FROM THE SEA (PUPPET SHOW) |
| | 11:30-12:00 | SAM TWIGG AND THE SOMETIMES BAND |
| | 12:30-13:00 | AS IF |
| | 13:15-13:45 | MIDRE |
| HAYLOFT BAR | 14:00-15:00 | SOUNDABOUT ALL INCLUSIVE CHOR |
| | 15:15-16:00 | SEVEN O'CLOCK JUMBIES |
| | 16:00-17:00 | SEASIDEAN & ME |
| | 18:45-19:30 | TIM FRISERS & THE MERCHANTS |
| | 20:00-20:45 | JODY & THE HERMS |
| KIDS TENT | 10:00-10:30 | CHRENESTER UKULELE CLUB |
| | 10:30-11:00 | ANDREW JOHN CORNICO |
| | 11:00-11:30 | THE FRENCHMANS |
| | 16:15-16:45 | LISA DOSCHER |
| | 17:00-18:00 | ID DAYS |
| ALL DAY FROM 10:00 | SILENT DISCO, CRAFT, POND DIPPING & MUD KITCHEN | |
| | 10:00-12:00 | CIRCUUS SKILLS DROP IN WORKSHOP |
| | 12:00-13:45 | DAN THE HAT COMEDIAN & JUGGLER |
| | 14:45-15:30 | THE COMPANY OF TRAVELLING WONDERS |
| | 15:30-16:45 | CIRCUUS SKILLS DROP IN WORKSHOP |
| | 17:15-17:45 | DAN THE HAT COMEDIAN & JUGGLER |
| INCLUDED WITH GATE PASS: MUSIC, FAMILY PERFORMANCE, TALKS & DEMONSTRATIONS, COMEDY EXTRA CHARGES APPLY: SEPARATELY TICKETED PERFORMANCES & WORKSHOPS, CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, WORKSHOP | | |
| WWW.GREATBARNFESTIVAL.COM | | |



From a Charney Resident

I met a walker from Pusey this morning. She wanted me to pass on her very heartfelt appreciation for all the work that has been done on the woodland. She was quite emotional as she explained how the Charney Field is one of her favourite spaces, and just has huge admiration for what has been accomplished.



Dates For Your Diary

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

CHAFT VOLUNTEER VEGETATION CLEARING – Saturday, 30th September, 10 am on the Bridle Path

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

CHAFT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - Wednesday, 11th October, 6.30 pm, Village Hall

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday, 8th November, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [Latest news from your MP – David Johnston](#)
- [Draft minutes of CHAFT meeting of 2nd August](#)
- [Draft minutes of PC meeting of 13th September](#)
- [Newbury & Church Street medical practices joint newsletter – no. 6](#)

Charney Hall & Field Trust Management Committee

Wednesday, 11th October 2023
at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall

The agenda will be posted on the Village website by 3rd October.

To ask a question please contact
charneychaft@gmail.com

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the September draw are:

£25 No 149 Kate Belcher

£10 No 72 Brian and Christine Collins

Kindly drawn by David Roberts and Tim Hewes at the Community Fun Afternoon.

The Thames Valley Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner sends out a regular public newsletter containing the latest news and views on policing and crime.

If interested [you can subscribe to the newsletter on line](#). The Office of the PCC is currently running a public consultation and are conducting a local crime survey. [Have your say by completing the survey here](#).

All change at Chatter

Charney Chatter has been circulated in the Village since 2004 to date and produced by volunteers over this whole period.

Changes are afoot in 2024, so it is a good time to ask for some input from Villagers on how they use and view the newsletter.

Watch out for a Chatter survey which will be dropping into your email inbox in the next couple of weeks.



DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th October

Entries to: chatterinbox@bopenworld.com

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