



Charney Chatter

E115 December 2023

Carols on the Green

Charney Bassett, OX12 0EU

Wednesday 20th December
7.00 pm

There will be a collection taken in aid of
Helen and Douglas House



with sausage rolls, mince pies and
mulled wine in the barn, afterwards



**Charney villagers are invited to a Christmas
afternoon tea**

on
Saturday, 2nd December
2 pm - 5 pm

Please pop into Charney Village Hall with family,
neighbours or a friend for tea and cake
and view some Christmas gifts for inspiration or
purchase.

For more information contact Julie Ingram-Johnson on 868961.



Christmas services in St Peter's Church

You are warmly welcomed to

Family Carols and Crib Service

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December, at 4.00pm

Family Holy Communion

Christmas Day, Monday 25th December, at 10.00 am



TO THE MEMORY OF
CHARNEY & LYFOED MEN
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES IN
THE GREAT WAR
1914 1918



Who do you support?

Community in so many ways

Home, History and Hall & Field Trust

Arry (Charney) and its village activities

Rochdale AFC – converting others to the cause

Neighbours, family and friends

Every village event

Youth club of village times past

and Supporting You All

With thanks to
David Sibbert
1943 - 2023
a lifelong supporter.



Charney Bassett Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall on 8th November 2023 at the Village Hall and there were 4 members of the public present. Matters discussed included:

- Condition of trees in public areas around the village (The Green, Orchard Close, Ock Green).
- Arrangements for the Christmas tree on The Green
- County Councillors report.
- Clerk's financial report.
- Planning matters including:
 - Lyford Business park (commercial buildings/parking etc) – update;
 - Amended plans for the Old School on New Road – update;
 - Erection of barn, west of Denchworth Road - comments;
 - Agricultural building for cows, north of Buckland Road – decision;
 - Garage, Minmere Bungalow – consultation and decision;
 - Extension, 9, Main Street – consultation;
 - Greenhouse, Green Farm – consultation;
 - Blenheim Field, and also Long Meadow Barn – land use/development status.
- Road Safety issues – verbal update.
- Village Allotments – verbal update.
- Consider changes to standing orders.
- Consider further residents report of persistent dog fouling on Buckland Road.
- Provision of replacement litter bin, Orchard Close – verbal report.
- Consider issues relating to CHAFT:
 - Minutes of Committee meeting held 11th October;
 - Amendment of Hall and Field Land Registry documents – verbal update.
- Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy consultation by OCC.

Agendas and minutes of meetings can be found online at www.charneybassett.org.uk including the full draft minutes of the 8th November meeting. The next meeting date is Wednesday 10th January 2024 at 7.30pm.

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



Charney Chatter Survey

Thank you to all those (79 of you) who kindly completed the survey concerning readership of Chatter and the Charney web site. Feedback received was positive and suggestions were many! There will be more on the future of the Charney Chatter and the way forward in the next issue of Chatter.

Register with the Vale now for...

... opportunities to work at the May 2024 Police and Crime Commissioner Election.

If you or someone you know is interested in working as polling station staff, or postal vote staff, then now is the time to register your interest by emailing electionstaff@southandvale.gov.uk. Their elections team will respond with more information and ask you to confirm your availability for the various roles. More information available [here](#).

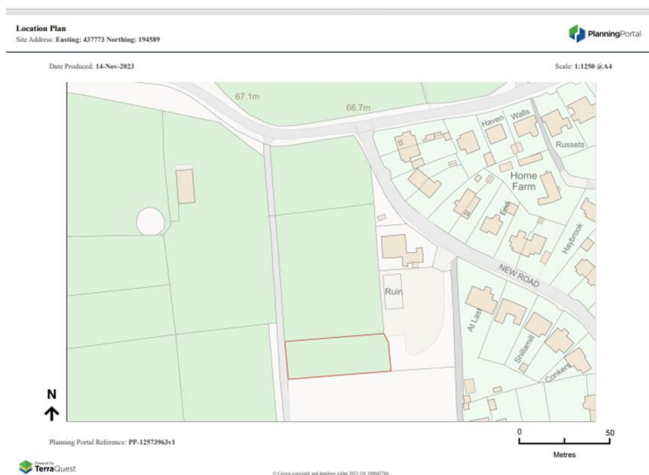
Charney History and Archaeological Group

David Sibbert (1943 – 2023) helped set up the Charney History Group with Joe Ody and others in 2015. He was the driving force behind the meetings which he organised and facilitated (he never said 'chaired') with great humour and tact using a desk bell to keep order and time! He was an enthusiastic digger at all of the archaeological digs. He wrote a short piece on about [‘How it began’ which is at the end of the ‘Home Page’ of the history website.](#)

He will be sorely missed. The History Group is part of his legacy to the village and will continue to build on his foundations.

What's new since 2023 November's Charney Chatter?

- [William Bath, curate in charge of Charney from 1882](#)
- [Rev John Bowles 1728](#)
- [Four photos of Rectory Farm House, August 1963](#)
- [Painting of the mill pond with buildings behind](#) by Abraham Hulk Jnr, (1851-1922)
- [More Receipts](#) added, Charney Manor Field Rent 1958; Turkeys Rectory Farm 1956; New Road Garage; Southern Electricity Board 1960; General and Water Rates 1960.
- [Letters potentially being the start of the development of Orchard Close 1960](#)
- [Ordnance Survey Map 1952](#), published by The War Office
- [Rectory Farm Occupancy](#) 1891 to 1950s
- [Conscientious Objectors and the Peace Movement](#)



Charney Allotments

The Parish Council is hosting an Open Meeting in the Village Hall for anyone who is interested in hearing about the current position on our new allotment site and has thoughts on how the site should be set up and managed.

The meeting will be on **Wednesday 6th December in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm.**

A list of potential allotment holders has been started. You may want to be added to the list or you may just be generally interested in what is going on. Either way, please come along to the meeting.

You can just turn up on the night. However, if you would like to let the PC know you will be attending, email the [Clerk](#).

Dog Pooh: Message from the Chairman

Sadly, problems with dog pooh continue. Three residents attended the last Parish Council meeting to spell out how bad things were for them. This is a letter I received from John Lambert, resident of Black Chimneys on Buckland Road:

I would like to send a message for the person who allows their dog to foul the banks along the Buckland Road and thinks that it is perfectly acceptable to walk away without picking it up. Your selfish and disgusting behaviour is not only anti-social and disrespectful it is also a criminal offence.

We cut the grass on the banks and do not want YOUR dog mess on the blades of our mowers. We sometimes need to park cars on the banks and do not want YOUR dog mess smeared over our tyres and down our drives. Most importantly we have four great grandchildren who, like all small children, are inquisitive and like to explore. We don't want them coming in to contact with YOUR dog mess.

Dog faeces contains toxocariasis, a bacteria, which can cause blindness in small children. SO PLEASE PICK IT UP.

The Parish Council wholeheartedly endorses this message, and it is frustrating that it has to be repeated yet again. The problem is not confined to Buckland Road, as a similar problem occurs on the corner of Orchard Close, opposite a dog waste bin of all places. It is also worth mentioning the person who walks their dog on the bridlepath, picks up the mess and decides to leave it hanging on vegetation or the dry hedging. How strange is that!?

There are three dog bins in the village. Here they are and here is a map of where they can be found. All are well used showing that, as we know, most dog owners are responsible and use them or dispose of their bags in their home waste.



A - At Cherbury Camp footpath entrance on Buckland Road



B - Main Street/ Buckland Road Junction



C - Orchard Close

I would encourage anyone in the village who witnesses someone not picking up after their dog to report them to the [Vale Council](#). If you need assistance in doing this, please contact the [Parish Council](#) for any help and support. The dog owner is guilty of an offence and if reported can expect to receive a visit from the Vale and a fine £50. If this is what it takes to encourage the practice of dog fouling to stop, then this is what has to be done.

David Roberts
(Chair) Charney Bassett Parish Council



Defibrillator Training

In November, the defibrillator training given by James, a first responder from South Central Ambulance Service, was attended by eleven villagers.



Thank you to the PC for organising this practical session. In addition to the comprehensive presentation, attendees were able to participate in some hands-on practice.

Reminder

Charney has a Public Access Defibrillator in the telephone box on the corner of New Road and Main Street.

[Details on how to access and use the defibrillator](#)
are on the Village website.

In an emergency, your first action should always be to dial 999 and call for help. The operator will provide an access code for the defibrillator if needed. If on your own with the patient and a heart attack or cardiac arrest is suspected, either go and get the defibrillator first or find someone to do so, then start CPR.

VWHDC Refuse Collection Changes 2023/24

Christmas and New Year	Monday	25 December	Wednesday	27 December	Black	Food	
	Tuesday	26 December	Thursday	28 December	Black	Food	
	Wednesday	27 December	Friday	29 December	Black	Food	
	Thursday	28 December	Saturday	30 December	Black	Food	
	Friday	29 December	Tuesday	2 January	Black	Food	
	Monday	1 January	Wednesday	3 January	Green	Food	No Garden
	Tuesday	2 January	Thursday	4 January	Green	Food	No Garden
	Wednesday	3 January	Friday	5 January	Green	Food	No Garden
	Thursday	4 January	Saturday	6 January	Green	Food	No Garden
	Friday	5 January	Monday	8 January	Green	Food	No Garden
	Monday	8 January	Tuesday	9 January	Black	Food	
	Tuesday	9 January	Wednesday	10 January	Black	Food	
	Wednesday	10 January	Thursday	11 January	Black	Food	
	Thursday	11 January	Friday	12 January	Black	Food	
	Friday	12 January	Saturday	13 January	Black	Food	

"It's going to be a real relief this winter, knowing there's heat there when we need it."

Debbie, Banbury




Are you concerned about the cost of energy bills and looking for ways to make your home cheaper to heat and more comfortable to live in? A grant is available from Oxfordshire County Council to improve residents homes.

This government-backed scheme targets inefficient homes not heated by gas. With the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG2), eligible homes can receive tailored energy solutions, from insulation to solar panels, resulting in a warmer home, lower bills and reduced carbon emissions - all delivered by the Welcome the Warmth team.

Check your eligibility and apply through the website at welcomethewarmth.org.uk.
Get your home winter-ready today!

Age UK Oxfordshire - Winter Wellbeing

Age UK Oxfordshire has created a useful [online Winter Hub](#) which contains helpful information and access to further resources. For anyone who needs a more traditional approach, they have produced Winter Wellbeing packs which can be posted on request. Call 0345 450 1276, or email contactus@ageukoxfordshire.org.uk.





OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

TRAFFIC REGULATION NOTICE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act, 1984, that the Oxfordshire County Council

TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS THE USE OF AND WAITING ON THE HIGHWAY BY ALL MOTOR VEHICLES

- LOCATION:** Charney Bassett, Charney Road
- REASON:** To facilitate carriageway patching works
- DURATION:** Starting on 22 January 2024
The anticipated completion date is 23 January 2024 (date included). This will operate between 09:30 and 15:30 (Traffic Regulation Notices cover a maximum of 5 consecutive days.)
- ACCESS:** Limited access will be maintained for emergency service vehicles and for frontages within the closed section of road, subject to the progress of the works

The "No Waiting" restriction means that wherever there are in place yellow "No Waiting" cones, you will not be able to park vehicles on the highway.

SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: via Longworth Road, Buckland Road, B4508. A420 and vice versa

Bill Cotton,
Corporate Director : Environment and Place

Date: 13 November 2023



DIGGING INTO CHRISTIAN FAITH

- Are you interested in exploring the Christian faith?
- Do you have questions you would like to ask?
- Are you baptised and want to confirm your baptismal commitment?



Join us on six Friday evenings between 19th January and 23rd February 2024 for conversation about the central principles of Christian faith, exploration of issues and to share a light supper. Venue to be confirmed.

These exploration conversations are aimed at those who are beginning their faith journey or are thinking about confirmation.

There is absolutely no requirement for you to commit to baptism or confirmation if you join in with these conversations. However, if you are wondering about baptism, we would be delighted to talk with you about this.

Gavin, Bishop of Dorchester, will be holding a confirmation service in St Mary's Church, Longworth on Saturday 2nd March, for those who have attended these exploration sessions and would like to be confirmed.

For more information, please contact Dee Tyrer on deetyrer@hotmail.com or Lucy Gildersleeves on gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com

Matthew Barber is asking residents to share views on which areas they would like the policing element of council tax to be focused in the 2024/25 budget by completing his Local Crime Survey.



The Police and Crime Commissioner is due to set the 2024/25 policing budget by the end of January 2024. The allocation of central government funding for forces is expected to be received in December.

"[...] Thames Valley residents deserve and expect to receive an exceptional service from their police force. I want to ensure that the budget can support this, deliver value for money for residents and address the concerns and priorities of communities.

"[...]By providing your feedback, you can help shape important decisions about police funding and how Thames Valley Police can continue to work to keep us all safe." (M. Barber)

The survey can be completed by [visiting the PCC website](#). If you would like to share your views on the policing budget for 2024/25, please complete the survey by **12pm on Friday 5th January 2024**.

Dates For Your Diary

CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA – Saturday, 2nd December, 2-5.00 pm, Village Hall

CHEQUERS VILLAGE MEAL – Monday, 4th December from 6.30 pm (booking essential)

ALLOTMENT MEETING – Wednesday, 6th December, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

CHAFT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING - Wednesday, 13th December, 6.30 pm, Village Hall

CAROLS ON THE GREEN – Wednesday, 20th December, 7.00 pm

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

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday, 10th January, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

CHARNEY HALL & FIELD TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday 13th December
at 6.30pm in the Village Hall

Agenda will be posted on the Village Website by
6th December

To ask a question please contact
charneychaft@gmail.com

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the November draw are:

£25 No 84 Bev Cowell

£10 No 85 Sue and Steve Champion

Kindly drawn by Talisker and Bev.

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

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/>

What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [Latest news from your MP – David Johnston](#)
- [Draft minutes of CHAFT meeting of 11th October](#)
- [Draft minutes of PC meeting of 8th November](#)



**The Comms Group wish everyone a
lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year**



There will be no January 2024 issue of Charney Chatter

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th January 2024

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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