



Charney Chatter

E116 February 2024



A cold January morning in Charney Bassett
View across the fields from Buckland Road by Ken

Again, many thanks to all those who completed the Chatter survey for your input and interest. As mentioned in December, there were a good number of responses (73), plus positive feedback and suggestions for inclusion of additional items.

Please note that the Chatter is a Parish Council publication about and for the benefit of the Village. No commercial advertising is carried, nor usually information about events outside Charney. (Other publications such as Village Voices, Hanney News and the Faringdon Advertiser are sources for wider local information.)

Remember if you are interested in seeing more included on, for example:

- Charney flora and fauna
- Photos like Ken's above
- local residents and their activities
- free items on offer to Village residents
- items of interest to children

then YOU need to send your input to chatterinbox@bopenworld.com.



The communications team, who run the Chatter, urgently needs more members. Are you interested in publication, writing pieces or being involved in some other capacity? The Parish Council needs your support to continue running the Chatter either in its current form or similar. Without you, the publication will not have a future.

Please contact Steph and Amanda (current co-editors) at chatterinbox@bopenworld.com to discuss.

Christmas Past

Looking back at Christmas 2023

It seems rather a long time ago now but, as usual, Charney put on a good 'show' for the festive season.



The Christmas tea in the Village Hall, orchestrated once more by Julie Ingram-Johnson and her team, provided a convivial atmosphere in which villagers and friends could mingle and catch up on news. In addition, money was raised for various charities, through the sale of hand-crafted gifts.



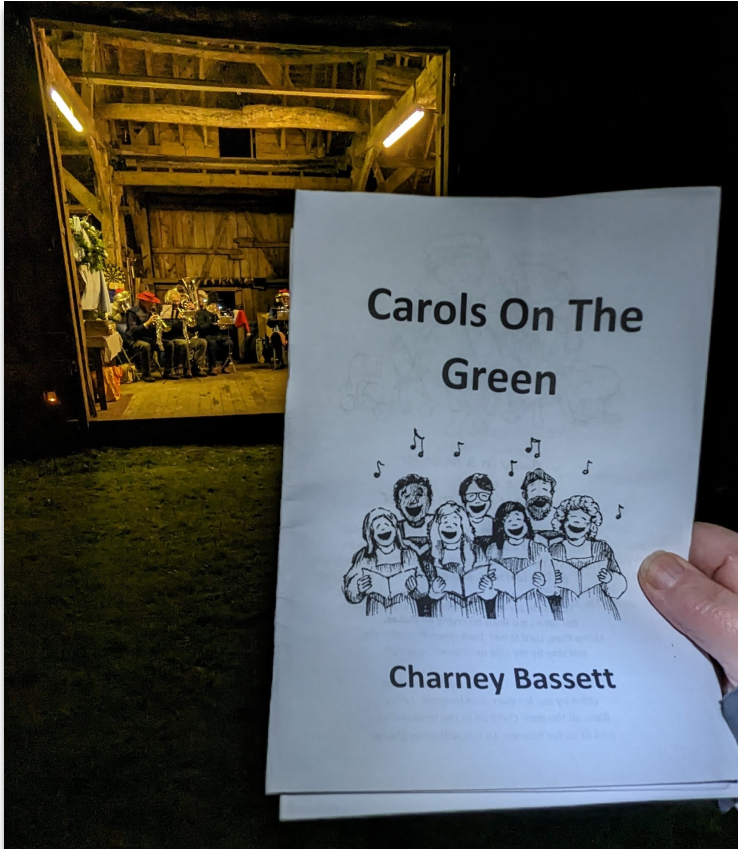
The Village Hall saw an afternoon of festive wreath making run by Maureen from the Chequers, who provided materials and her expert guidance in flower arranging.



The tradition of **Wassailing** was kept alive thanks to Diney, the Vale Islanders and a handful of villagers who attended the event on the evening of 20th January 2024.

Carols on the Green

Carols on the Green raised £106 for Helen and Douglas House. A huge thank you to all who came and especially to Lucy and family for hosting.



Charney Bassett Parish Council

The Parish Council met on 10th January 2024 and key matters discussed were:

- The precept for 2024-25;
- County Council's approval of 20 mph speed limit for Charney;
- White entrance gates for Buckland Road;
- Set up of new allotment site and costs;
- Terms of Reference for Charney and Lyford Allotment Partnership (CLAP);
- Tree work on the Village Green;
- Licence with Charney Manor for Ock Green and Jubilee Orchard.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 13th March 2024.

Trevor Brown (Parish Clerk) can be contacted at parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk or 868282.

Agendas and minutes of meetings can be found online at www.charneybassett.org.uk including the full draft minutes of the 10th January 2024 meeting.

Chairman's follow on ...

Despite all that was said about dog fouling in [December's Chatter](#), unfortunately the problem persists. The PC has again contacted the environmental enforcement officer, Colin Marshall and he responded in an email with advice in the ten points below. Most of what is mentioned has been raised previously or should be self evident. However, pay particular attention to the highlighted points of which you may not be aware.

1. Dog fouling is a criminal offence, where dog waste is not removed forthwith. Dog walkers can't leave it there, then come back at a later time to clean it up.
2. Dog walkers need to ensure they have a supply of dog bags with them before they take the dog out for a walk.
3. Please keep your dog under control & in sight, so you can pick up after your dog.
4. Any dog bags left on tree branches, on the side of the path etc. to be collected later is classified as littering and the person may be issued with a fixed penalty notice.
5. There are plenty of bins in the Charney Bassett area and dog walkers should be familiar of where these bins are and plan their dog walks around them. If there are no bins, then any dog waste should be taken home to be disposed of in their grey household bin.
6. There will be spot checks by an enforcement officer from the council to approach dog walkers to ensure that they are aware of their responsibilities and to find out any information on who may be the cause of the issues.
7. We need to encourage the residents to report any information to the council so that action can be taken with any dog walker, to prevent the problem continuing.
8. The darker mornings/evenings do provide cover of darkness for irresponsible dog walkers, but we need to encourage all dog walkers to be responsible and do the right thing.
9. Guidance & any information to help improve the situation can be found on the [council's website](#)
10. We know that the majority of dog walkers are responsible and we need to reach out to the 1% of dog walkers to get them on board as well.

Again, residents witnessing a dog fouling offence are encouraged to report it to the Vale Council using their [online form](#). Contact me parishchair@charneybassett.org.uk if you need help.

Your help is needed to stamp this problem out.

Charney School – a brief history....



Charney Bassett National School was erected in 1871, soon after the 1870 Education Act, with support from Edward Bouverie Pusey. The school was renamed **The Bouverie Pusey School** in 1906.

Kelly's Directory of Berkshire, 1887 records;

National (Charney Bassett), erected in 1871 & was supported by the late Mrs. Pusey, for 85 children ; average attendance, 53 ; Miss Emily Crisp, mistress

It was subsequently enlarged for 99 children as recorded in 1915.

The school continued to educate the children from Charney and Lyford from five to fourteen years until around the end of the Second World War when it was closed through lack of numbers.

It was re-opened in 1950, this time for five to eleven year old children who would go on to Faringdon and later Wantage Schools. When Denchworth School closed, the children from Denchworth also came to Charney. In July 1981 the number of children attending the Charney (Bouverie Pusey) School dropped to thirteen and the school was closed for the last time.

The school building was put up for sale by tender in 1986

There is lots more you can see and read about the school on the Charney History Website [using this link](http://charney.history@btinternet.com)

Such as:

- The school punishment book
- The school mistresses through time
- Attendance Medals
- Meal plans
- Where the Lavatory Buckets were emptied! (before indoor flush toilets were added)
- Annual class photos and Christmas concerts
- Good conduct and satisfactory progress certificates
- Pupil's memories of the school
- The final sale document



If you have memories, photos or other information that you can add please get in touch via: charney.history@btinternet.com

The Thursday
morning Sew
and Social
sessions
started again
in January.



Sessions run between 10 am to noon in the Village Hall. All (not just ladies) are welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a natter, as the emphasis is on social rather than sew. Feel free to bring a crafting project along if you wish or just call in for half an hour or so for a drink and a chat.



Brace yourselves ...

...a plan is afoot to yarn bomb the Charney church in August.

Have a think about how you can contribute to the madness and get making or dig out items you have made in the past. So let's get creative and be inspired.

What's needed:

knitted, crocheted, crafted items (sewn, felted, paper flowers etc) plus our very own scarecrow congregation.

Contact

chatterinbox@btopenworld.com if you are able to contribute something or have any queries.

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the December draw are:

£100 No 71 Lynn Brooks

£50 No 109 Steve and Janice Palmer

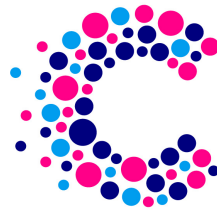
Drawn by Maureen Lambert and Lynn Brooks

The results of the January draw are:

£25 No 84 Beverly Cowell

£10 No 7 Tim Hewes

Drawn by Bernetta and Bev



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Hazel and Yvonne are 'donning their fund raising hats' once more, this time for the very worthy charity above. All of us have at some time witnessed the suffering, sadness and heartache this disease can have on friends and family.

They are planning to hold a:

RUMMAGE SALE AND AFTERNOON TEA ON SATURDAY 18TH MAY 2024

**IN SOUTHMOOR VILLAGE HALL, OX13 5BY
2 – 4 P.M. Admission 50p**

Stalls will include:

home produce; books and jigsaws; bric a brac; tombola; nearly new clothes rails; plant stall; rummage tables; delicious afternoon tea and a superb raffle.

If anyone wishes to donate any unwanted Xmas gifts or items which would meet the criteria above they would be very much appreciated. We cannot accept furniture or electrical goods. Limited storage space only is available so if goods could be held onto until nearer the day this would be most helpful. Please telephone Hazel on 01865 820817 or Yvonne in Charney on 01235 868276 for further information.

Dates For Your Diary

SEW & SOCIAL SESSIONS

Thursdays, 10.00 am – Noon, Village Hall

CHAFT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MEETING Wednesday, 21st

February, 6.30 pm, Village Hall



Poppy Appeal 2023

£524.15 was collected in Charney.

A big thank you to you all! - Joe Ody

Charney Hall & Field Trust Management Committee

Wednesday, 21st February, 2024

at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall

The agenda will be posted on the Village website by 13th February. To

ask a question please contact

charneychaft@gmail.com

What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [Latest news from your MP – David Johnston](#)
- [Previous news update from your MP – David Johnston](#)
- [Draft minutes of Parish Council meeting of 10th January](#)

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th February.

Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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