



## Today

Jemima

I am despairing...

11.47

Jemima

We have asked quite a number of times in the last Charney Chatters for volunteers to help in a variety of roles or do different stuff in our lovely village and not a single response.

11.53

Jemima

Well yes but what about help with the [Chatter](#) (enjoyed by many, according to the survey but without volunteers gone by May), [traffic speed devices](#) (requested by the good folk of Charney but now without sufficient support to move them), Village Hall [bookings](#), CHAFT [trustees](#) (surprise, the Hall and Field don't run themselves), [Charney Mill](#) (a village asset which could fall into disrepair), the [village fete](#) last year (cancelled), to mention but a few areas where support has been requested.

12.09

Jemima

Absolutely. Especially when a few extra volunteers to lighten the load for those who are already carrying the bulk of the burden would make such a difference.

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George

Oh why?

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George

Come on, let's not be unfair we do get some helpers, although they tend to be for one-off jobs like ditch clearing etc.

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George

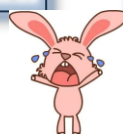
I see what you mean. It would be a shame if we can't find any new people with inspiration and fresh ideas and enthusiasm to lend a hand or lots of things will just end up fading away.

12.11

George

True but if people aren't interested then I suppose we'll just have to accept that the things we admire about Charney will disappear over time, **starting with a goodbye to the Chatter next month.**

12.17





Chorney Bassett Friends and Neighbours

you are warmly invited to join the

Sew and Social Group for their

Easter Afternoon Tea



on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2024



2 pm - 5 pm

in the Village Hall

to relax and share time together

For more information please contact

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**How many rabbits are hidden in the April Chatter?  
Write down your answer together with your name and  
address and drop it in the basket at the afternoon tea  
above, to win a prize.**





CHAFT  
**Games Evening**  
**13<sup>th</sup> April**  
**7.30-10 pm**  
**in the Village Hall**

**Buffet provided  
(bring your own drinks)**

**Come and try some games  
or do bring a game to  
introduce to others.**

Linkee

Othello

Backgammon

Scrabble

Cribbage

Boggle

Whist

Yahtzee

Chinese Chequers

Chess

Mastermind

Tickets £5 – available  
From Mary Castle,  
The White House,  
the Green  
[marycastle47@gmail.com](mailto:marycastle47@gmail.com)  
Tel: 868371

# Charney Bassett Parish Council

The Parish Council met in the Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Matters discussed included:

- Clerk's financial report.
- Planning matters including:
  - Lyford Business park (commercial buildings/parking etc) – update;
  - Solar Farm, Manor Farm, Denchworth – PC response;
  - Blenheim Field, and also Long Meadow Barn – land use/development status;
  - South and Vale Local Plan Preferred Option Consultation: report on PC response.
- Road Safety– verbal update.
- Village Allotments – verbal update.
- Maintenance of Charney Mill.
- Note matters discussed in History Group meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> March.
- Use of Parish Council email addresses – attempted scam.
- Consider issues relating to CHAFT:
  - Minutes of Committee meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> February;
  - Amendment of Hall and Field Land Registry documents – verbal update.
- Ock Green and Jubilee Orchard licence.

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 13<sup>th</sup> March meeting.

The next Parish Council is due to be held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall and will begin at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Assembly.

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

## Charney Hall and Field Trust Management Committee

Next meeting on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall

The agenda will be posted on the Village website by 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

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



## The Wesleyan Methodist Chapel – a brief history....

In 1848, a cottage and garden in Charney was acquired in what was Little Lane (now Chapel Lane) for use by the society and became a chapel in the Wantage Wesleyan Methodist Circuit. Later a purpose built building was erected. The Chapel was closed and became the village hall in 1956.

### Riots in Charney Bassett

An article appeared in the Berkshire Chronicle 20th October 1827, a full 20 years before the Methodist chapel was acquired in 1848.

It tells of a Wesleyan dissenters prayer meeting held in the house occupied by William Franklin and his son John, being disrupted by a large rowdy mob (including another of his sons James), many and large stones were thrown. The ensuing court case appears to have been a big issue in the local press. This highlights some of the strong feelings faced in the early days of this type of nonconformism and of the origins of the Chapel in Charney.

The building later acquired for use as the chapel was 'occupied by Ann Franklin'. Ann was also related to William.



### Origins

Extracts from documents relating to the Chapel provide details of its origins:

Dated 15th June 1848. William Shippery Esquire to Mr James Moss and others. Release of a Cottage and Garden situate at Charney ... for the use of the Wesleyans.

... the ... parties ... have contracted and agreed with ... William Shippery for the absolute purchase of ... All that Cottage or Tenement and Garden situate ... in the Village of Charney ... now in the occupation of Ann Franklin .....

### William Shippery

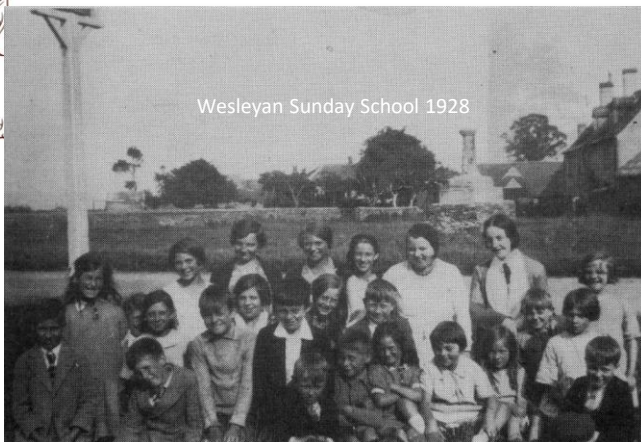
William Shippery – Born at Childrey in August 1781 was a landowner with an award-winning stud. Visiting London in 1831 he visited a Methodist Chapel.

Deciding to change his life, on his return home he told the vicar he proposed to build a school for the parish. His friends were appalled at his changed attitude so he decided to leave Childrey. Going to Gt. Queen Street on 10th December he was converted. On the anniversaries of special dates in his life he often gave donations to a chapel or charity. He also set aside about ½ his income for God's service, particularly giving very large sums towards building chapels and schools in Berkshire, which included the chapel at Charney, and nearby counties.

There is lots more you can see and read about the chapel on the Charney History Website [using this link](#)

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

**Digs:** we hope to dig a few more 1m<sup>2</sup> test pits this year. If you have a likely site, or would be interested in having one dug, or getting involved please get in touch [idigcharney@gmail.com](mailto:idigcharney@gmail.com).





Never mind Easter. Any more garden destruction and ...



the bunny gets it.

**Hurrah!**

A bus service returns to the Village, starting 17<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesdays only. A whole two hours to shop, meet friends for a cuppa or get your hair done, whatever takes your fancy. So please do use this public transport opportunity or it will be fleeting.



<b>WANTAGE - WEST HANNEY - WANTAGE CIRCULAR SERVICE 85 WEDNESDAY ONLY</b>	
	<b>W</b>
<b>WANTAGE, Market Place</b>	<b>10:00</b>
East Challow, Green	10:04
Goosey, Telephone Box	10:10
Charney Bassett, Bus Shelter	10:18
Lyford	10:21
West Hanney, Bus Shelter	10:26
Denchworth, opp Bus Shelter	10:31
Grove, Millbrook Square	10:38
Wantage, Health Centre	10:41
<b>WANTAGE, Market Place</b>	<b>10:46</b>
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Wantage, Health Centre	12:50
Grove, Millbrook Square	12:53
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East Challow, Green	13:27
<b>WANTAGE, Market Place</b>	<b>13:31</b>
<b>NO SERVICE ON BANK HOLIDAYS</b>	

**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

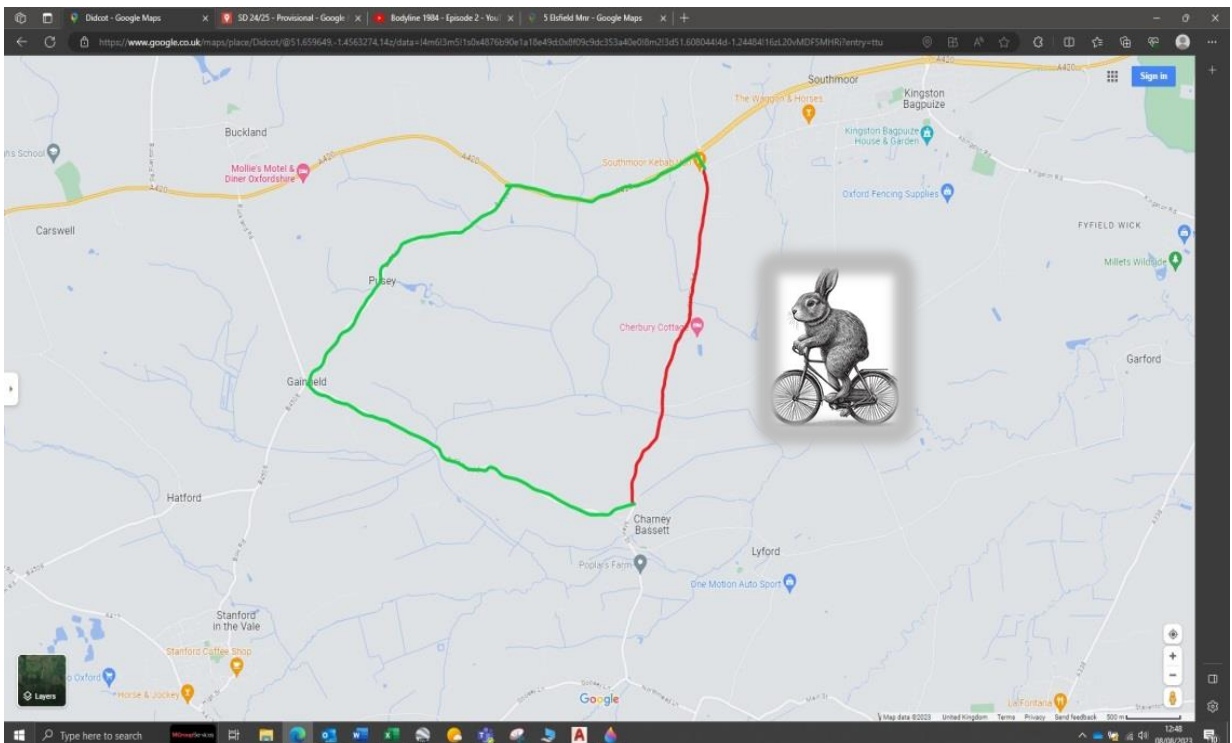
**TEMPORARILY PROHIBITS THE USE OF AND WAITING ON THE HIGHWAY  
BY ALL MOTOR VEHICLES**

**LOCATION:** Charney Bassett, Charney Road  
**REASON:** To facilitate surface dressing works  
**DURATION:** **Starting on 12 April 2024** The anticipated **completion date is 15 April 2024** (date included). This will operate between 05:00 and 18:00 ( 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.



# Useful Stuff



Crime and local information sites are available on the Web:

1) what's happening in your area regarding [police matters or how to report an incident](#); and 2) for a broader range of local information including crime summaries visit the [Street Guide site](#).



Latest local news and updates from the Vale of the White Horse can be found in the [Vale Newsletter](#).

## Waste/Recycling Updates

- Waste collection dates will be affected by the Easter Bank Holiday. Charney's revised collection day at the beginning of April will be Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- On 23<sup>rd</sup> April, brown bin garden waste subscribers can leave extra garden waste - up to a maximum of four additional standard sized (60L) sacks - next to the brown bin. Boxes/containers totalling no more than a standard bin full can also be used. Please do not leave extra garden waste out in rubble or builders' waste bags as these will not be collected.
- If you need a waste calendar for 2024/25 please click [here](#). Alternatively, if you have a smartphone, you can download the Binzone app for collections information and to find out what can and can't be recycled.



Tree work being undertaken in the Village, as organised by Charney Parish Council.





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 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2024**

**IN SOUTHMOOR VILLAGE HALL, OX13 5BY**

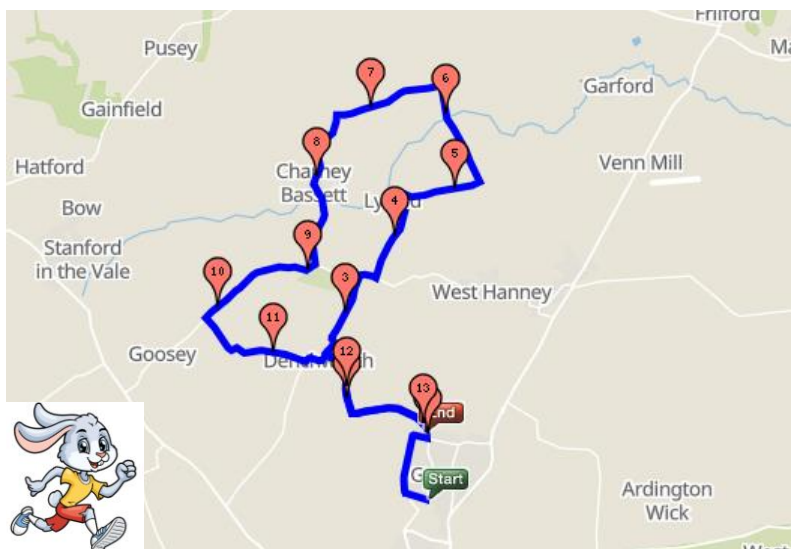
**2 – 4 P.M.**

**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.

## White Horse Half Marathon 2024



on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, starting at 9.30 am. Passing through Charney Bassett from the

Longworth Road end at approx. 10.15 am, heading towards Denchworth. (There will be a water and first-aid station on the Village Green.)

So please take care if out on the roads and why not help cheer on the runners as they pass through the Village.



## Charney 100 Club Draw

### The results of the March draw are:

£25 No 75 Amanda Graham

£10 No 130 Carol and Roland Morgan

Kindly drawn by Jo Garner.

### Important

Please note that subscriptions are due by the end of March. If you have not already paid then, ideally, would you please pay by bank transfer or even better by standing order, so the payment is automatic each year (remember to include your name in the reference & 100 club). If you need the bank details contact

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

(£12 per year for each number you have).

Thank you to all those who have already paid and good luck in future draws.

Finally, there are still a few numbers available if anyone would like to join the 100 club – again contact the above email. All funds raised go towards supporting the maintenance of the playing field and the Village Hall.

### What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [Latest news from your MP – David Johnston](#)
- [CHAFT Management Committee draft minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024](#)
- [Parish Council draft minutes of 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024](#)

## Dates For Your Diary

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

**EASTER AFTERNOON TEA** – Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2-5 pm,  
Village Hall



**CHAFT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**,  
Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> April, 6.30 pm, Village Hall

**GAMES EVENING** – Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30-10 pm,  
Village Hall



### 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/>

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

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

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