



Charney Chatter E119 May 2024

May Day Celebrations on the Green in Charney Bassett

Monday 6th May 2024

3pm for Tea and Cakes, Parade at 3.30pm



IMPORTANT!!!

Annual Village Assembly

**Wednesday 8th May at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall
prior to the Parish Council AGM.**

The Annual Assembly is an opportunity for residents and members of village organisations (such as CHAFT, Charney Army, History Group and Road Safety) to get together to discuss common issues and how to address them for the benefit of the community. Also for organisations to tell the village what plans they have for the coming year.

As was highlighted in the last edition of Chatter there has been a drop in levels of participation in various activities and perhaps it is right to blame the Covid-19 experience in part. However, it would be nice to see a good turn out to the meeting as a way to start to address that.

Please note that this is not a Parish Council meeting, it is a general meeting that actually has to happen once a year by law – all the PC does is to organise it. If anyone cannot attend, or would prefer to put their ideas/views/questions forward in advance (anonymously if preferred) just email the Parish Clerk – parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk – who will bring the item forward for you.

Thank you to all the lovely ladies who organised and ran the Easter tea in the Village Hall on 6th April. Great decorations, cake and company.



Well done to Miranda who correctly counted the number of rabbits (19) in last month's Chatter, and also to Carol who won the adult prize with a pretty close guess.



After last month's appeal, here is a big thank you to all those who do volunteer in the Village – no names - and bearing in mind that many are involved in multiple activities. Also not forgetting all those lovely people who spent years supporting Charney in lots of ways before stepping down from a role.

Parish Council
CHAFT trustees, Hall booking and field safety officer
Woodland project and field maintenance
Village Hall cleaning
CLET
Church cleaning
Church flowers
Church yard mowing and maintenance
Church warden
Allotment committee



History website and running of history group
Archaeology digs
Website
Charney Chatter
Speedwatch team
MVS team
Mill maintenance
Charney Army
Village planters and trough

(apologies if anything has been missed)

Let's also remember the many folk who run and help with events in the Village to raise funds and try to create some community spirit. You are the ones who help give Charney some heart and make it such a lovely village in which to live. Thank you again.

Charney Bassett Parish Council

Agendas and minutes of meetings can be found online at www.charneybassett.org.uk including the full draft minutes of the 13th March meeting. The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 8th May in the Village Hall following the Annual Village Assembly, which starts at 7.00 pm.

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

Charney Bassett Parish Council Village Allotments

The Parish Council has finally signed its lease for the new allotment site with Oxfordshire County Council at the offices of Challengers Solicitors, Abingdon. The lease was signed by David Nellist (Vice Chair) and David Roberts (Chair).



A contractor will soon be on site to install new fencing and gates allowing access to the site from Buckland Road. Prospective allotment holders have already been clearing vegetation in readiness for this work.

There is still a great deal of effort required to transform the site from an overgrown paddock to productive land, but the process has begun and the signing of the lease means that 'Project Earthworm' can now start in earnest.

A number of residents of Charney and Lyford have already expressed an interest in having an allotment, and plots are now being allocated. A waiting list will be maintained and anyone having an interest in growing fruit and veg on the site should contact Mike Gooding (mikegooding99@icloud.com) who is chairman of the Charney and Lyford Allotment Partnership which will be managing the site.



Charney Mill – a brief history ...

Charney Bassett has had a watermill, on the site alongside the Lyford Road, since the 12th century, ie for some 900 years. It is first mentioned in the records of Abingdon Abbey in the period 1100-1135.

Various incarnations of the mill will have been built in approximate the same location.

The first miller mentioned in Bruce Hedge's book is Robert atte Mulle, 1327 on the Lay subsidy rolls and the last is John Vivian Hill in 1912.



Mill and house c1890

The mill is described as a 'Water Corn Mill' and was used for grinding grain from the surrounding area. The waterwheel was also latterly aided by a steam and or oil engine.

The wheel is of an undershot design and there were various mill ponds, watercourses and sluice gates above it for controlling the water flow (also fish ponds below used to provide the Abbey). These can be seen on the old maps.



The Waterwheel (obtained from St Helen's – Abingdon)

The present building dates from 1807 but the Mill has not been used since about 1915.

Recent ownership and restoration

There have been many owners of the mill over the years and it was sold, along with much of the village, by the Pusey Estate to Berkshire County Council in 1909. This then transferred to Oxfordshire CC with the boundary changes in 1974.

The Vale of White Horse Industrial Archaeology Group carried out a lot of preservation and restoration work on the mill with Bruce Hedge taking a leading role and we are indebted to them for having the mill in such splendid condition today.

Full Description

A detailed history of the mill is given in the booklet produced by and available from Bruce Hedge.

There is also a lot more you can see and read about the mill on the Charney History Website [using this link](#).

And today ...

The mill is leased by Charney Bassett Parish Council, from OCC, and we are responsible for its upkeep. The Mill has a few open days throughout the year and can be visited by arrangement.

Most importantly ...

If you are able to and would like to help with the upkeep of this fascinating building then please do get in touch via:

charney.history@btinternet.com

Help keep this heritage alive.



Grindstones

Don't forget to get creative (it's not all about knitting) for the Charney yarn-bombing event in July. Join in the fun with our very own crafted contribution. For more details see the [February Chatter](#)



Come along and support this event run by Charney's own Yvonne Cox and friend Hazel. All in aid of a very good cause.



**CANCER
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**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.

There's still time to donate items for sale by contacting Yvonne in Charney on 868276.



Sadly, the CHAFT games evening due to be held in the Village Hall in April had to be cancelled due to lack of interest.



Urgent Care Service

**I am feeling unwell.
What should I do?**

**Contact 111 if you are feeling unwell.
If it is an emergency dial 999.**

You can access this service free 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Phone Call 111 (all age groups).

Online Visit 111.nhs.uk for anyone aged 5 years or over.

You must call 111 if your child is under 5 years of age.

111 can:

- ✔ Book an appointment for you to see your GP.
- ✔ Book an appointment for you to see an emergency dentist.
- ✔ Help you speak to someone who can provide mental health support.
- ✔ Book you into another NHS service.
- ✔ Tell you if you need to go to A&E or an emergency department.
- ✔ Give you self care advice.
- ✔ Send an ambulance if you need one.

Access the GP Out of Hours service

- ✔ If you are unwell, contact 111.
- ✔ Follow their advice.
- ✔ 111 will help you get the treatment you need.

If you are unwell, Minor Injury Units cannot treat your illness.

The GP Out of Hours is there for you to access when your GP surgery is closed to treat urgent health needs that cannot wait until your GP surgery reopens.

What the GP can see

Examples of illness that the GP can see include:

- ✔ Urinary tract infections
- ✔ Chest infections
- ✔ Sore throats
- ✔ Fevers and rashes
- ✔ Infections of the skin
- ✔ Ear infections
- ✔ Childhood illnesses

Minor injuries units can treat:

- ✔ Sprains and strains
- ✔ Broken bones
- ✔ Traumatic wound infections
- ✔ Minor burns and scalds
- ✔ Minor head injuries
- ✔ Insect and animal bites
- ✔ Minor eye injuries
- ✔ Injuries to the back, shoulder and chest

**Call 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk to access the GP Out of Hours service.
Call 999 for serious and life-threatening emergencies.**

Patient information leaflets are available on our website: www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/leaflets

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DO YOU LIVE WITH A CHRONIC ILLNESS, CARE FOR YOUNG CHILDREN OR SOMEONE WITH DEMENTIA OR HAVE COMMUNICATION NEEDS?

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- Communication in large print, Braille, alternative languages or BSL
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- Are of pensionable age.
- Have a disability.
- Live with children under five.
- Have a chronic illness.
- Have anxiety, depression or any mental health condition.
- Loss or impairment of smell.
- Need documents translated into another format or language.
- Temporarily need extra support.

BENEFITS OF THE PSR:

- Dedicated Priority Services line available 24 hours a day.
- Communication in a format that suits your needs, e.g. British Sign Language, braille, textphone, easy read, audio CD, or language other than English.
- Proactively contact you, or your nominated contact if we need to switch off your power to carry out essential maintenance.
- During an unplanned power cut, you will receive proactive updates 24 hours a day.
- Safety advice tailored to your needs, e.g. braille, textphone, easy read, audio CD, or language other than English.
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- You can register online. Using your postcode, we work together to make sure that your property receives all the support services covered by the Priority Services Register. By telling us once, we update your PSR request with your energy supplier (the company you pay your bills to) and your regional network companies including electricity, gas and water.
- To find out more or register click [here](#) for England.

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Dates For Your Diary

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

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS, Monday, 6th May,
3.00 pm on the Green, parade at 3.30 pm

ANNUAL VILLAGE ASSEMBLY, Wednesday, 8th
May, 7.00 pm, Village Hall, followed by
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

CHAFT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING, Wednesday, 5th June,
6.30 pm, Village Hall

Charney yarn-bombing event in July

Charney Hall and Field Trust (CHAFT) Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 5th June at 6.30 pm in the Village Hall

Residents wishing to ask a question should contact a
Trustee
or email charneychaft@gmail.com.

(The AGM will be followed by a meeting of the
Management Committee.)

Agenda will be posted on the Web and the Village Notice
board by 22nd May.

May bank holiday bin collection

Due to the bank holidays in May, Charney's revised
collection days will be Wednesday 8th May and
Wednesday 29th May instead of Tuesdays those
weeks. If ever in doubt, bin collections can be checked
using the Binzone app. Click [here](#) for more information.

What's New On The Charney Bassett Website

- [Latest news from your MP – David Johnston](#)
- [CHAFT Management Committee agenda and documents from meeting on 10th April](#)

Changes to the garden waste scheme

A new permit scheme is to be implemented from April
2025. Current garden waste customers will receive
information about the change when their invoice falls
due. The new scheme requires customers to set up an
account. More information can be found [here](#).

Village Hall Hire

Remember that the Charney Hall is available for all villagers to hire for just £10 an hour. This includes use of the kitchen and facilities. You can run events, parties or meetings in comfort and with plenty of space. Or why not book the Hall for a table tennis session – an easy to use table tennis table with equipment is available.

As an alternative, if having an occasion at home why not book to borrow from the Hall items such as crockery and cutlery, gazebos, tables and chairs. Donations are welcomed for this service.

[Further information and booking forms are available on the Charney website](#)

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Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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