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Charney Chatter
March 2026

Charney Arms Pop up Pub and Quiz night

We're now held the Charney Arms Pop Up Pub at the Village Hall three times, and each one has been a great success!

Our next event is on March 27th, and we are warmly welcomed. We open the doors at 7pm, and the evening includes a friendly quiz. Everyone brings their own drinks, and it's always a lively, sociable event.

Our quizzes have evolved over time from music rounds to popular culture and general knowledge and they are designed to be fun rather than too taxing. If you've been before, you'll recognise the style and the laughter that comes with it. If you're not yet sure if you want to come, we are happy to introduce you to others and make sure you're included. We are also keen to hear from anyone who would like to help with the quiz, whether by setting questions or simply joining a welcome alternate quiz masters to keep things fresh and interesting as a person do get in touch if you'd like to be involved.

Our events so far have just about broken even. To help cover the cost of the hall hire and quiz prizes, we'll be asking for a suggested donation of £3.00 per person this time.

We hope to see you there! Please book your place via Charney Facebook group or by email to Jessica-hawkins47@hotmail.co.uk

The Great British Spring Clean – take part in a litter pick

Spring has finally arrived! And with it comes a bunch of new life into our green spaces. So, what better time to help give nature a fresh start by taking part in the Great British Spring Clean, the UK's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.

Giving our shared spaces a little TLC helps wildlife, keeps our communities looking and feeling welcoming, and reminds us that we're all rowing in the same direction. Litter is not a pleasant sight, and it affects wildlife and people alike.

Litter can harm mammals like hedgehogs and birds like swans, who are frequently injured after getting caught up in waste. A short hour spent litter picking makes an immediate and satisfying difference, and if you don't have time to spare, it counts as the months pick buck. It's one of the simplest actions we can take.

Charney Bassett Great British Spring Clean - 21st/22nd March 2026

The Parish Council are been that the village should again take part in the Great British Spring Clean this year. Last year we had a great turnout and covered the four roads from the village to the parish boundaries. All the necessary equipment has been booked from VCWH for the weekend 21st/22nd March. Anyone who would like to help, please meet at the Village Hall on Saturday at each road - Cherrehanth Road, Buckland Road (two parts), Longworth Road and Lyford Road and also the various footpaths around the village. Last year, the Parish Council provided a lunch afterwards, so everyone could get to know each other, which seemed to work very well. Any support with this would be appreciated.

If you are prepared to help please contact Charles Dill on charlesjamesdill@gmail.com or WhatsApp 07447 555987

Wildlife Friendly Gardening Jobs for March

There are plenty of jobs to be getting on with on your own patch but while it may be the month of the 'Big Spring Clean', when it comes to our gardens at this time of year, it's also the month to be mindful of the needs of our wildlife for the other part) and instead of back and forth nature to course.

1. **Leave some areas undisturbed**
Gardens are not tidy, and that's what you don't do. Leave dead leaves, log piles, and dead flowers where they are. These provide vital shelter and food for insects, birds, and hedgehogs. Tidying too early removes crucial habitat as wildlife becomes active in spring.
2. **Feed the birds**
Providing food for birds is a great help, but make sure all bird feeders are cleaned weekly to prevent the spread of disease. If you won't have the time to keep feeders clean, it's better to wait until you can commit to keeping it's liable to grow native plants with berries and seeds, such as Elder trees, Hawthorn, and fruit trees, all of which provide natural bird feed.
If you think you have spotted a diseased or injured bird in your garden (obvious wounds or bleeding, swellings or crusty growths on the skin, or unusual behaviour such as being unable to fly or being very tame), you can rank birds you see on Garden Wildlife Health. Dead wild birds should be reported to Defra using the online reporting system.
3. **Save water and create habitat**
Rain barrels are ideal for watering plants or indoors to give plants for your own mini meadow lawn in the year.
4. **Keep an eye out for emerging wildlife**
As slumbering hedgehogs begin to wake, you can support them by providing shelter and ensuring they can move freely through gardens. Avoid disturbing wild corners and log piles where a hedgehog may be hibernating and create gaps under fences to encourage safe movement in and out of your garden.

Check out the guidance on our website for more details:
https://www.wildlifehelpline.org.uk/guidance/spring-nature-on-your-patch

Hedgehog - (C) Stephen Powell

Waste & Recycling

Compost giveaway

Residents are invited to grab free compost this March

South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Councils are inviting residents to collect free, nutrient-rich compost at special giveaway events this March.

Residents can collect compost on:

Saturday 7 March at 9am to 11am at Wallingford Business Park, Benson Lane, Wallingford OX10 8BA

Sunday 8 March at 9am to 11am at White Horse Leisure and Tennis Centre (overflow car park), Audlett Drive, Abingdon OX14 3FX

Residents should bring their own bags and spades and can collect up to two bags per household while supplies last. The Councils' Waste and Recycling team will be on hand to share composting tips and answer questions.

New garden waste permits – important reminder

Vale of White Horse District Council is reminding residents that current garden waste permits expire on 31 March and they will need to purchase a new permit to continue receiving collections from 1 April.

The garden waste service requires customers to purchase a new permit each year, even if they have paid for the service in the previous year. Residents have to pay the full annual amount (if purchasing before the end of September) or the half year amount (if purchasing from October) - so it's best to buy well in advance to avoid any missed collections. Residents can find out if they have a subscribed garden waste collection by visiting 31 March 2026.

Do not to remove your current permit sticker until after your first March collection. To buy a new permit, residents should visit southoxfordshire.gov.uk/gardenwastemyvwh. If you need support call 01235 422422

Charney Bassett Parish Council

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The agenda will appear on www.charneybassett.org.uk the week before the meeting. You can also find information on the website about the Council.

Members of the public are very welcome to attend Parish Council meetings. Amongst items for discussion will be Unitary Local Government Options. Residents may also wish to discuss the Unitary proposal with regard to the local government consultation on options to reorganise local councils - you can find out more here.

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

Parish councillors' details can be found at www.charneybassett.org.uk/council-members/parish-council

Charney Manor Proposed Dog Exercise Area

Charney Manor residents are considering a proposal to create a dog walking facility in the vicinity of Charney Manor. Details of how the facility will operate can be found on the site of White Horse District Council website under reference P26/V1215/FUL. The target date for determining the application is 17th March. Any comments sent to the Net before the application is determined are normally taken into account.

Request for volunteers

Are you interested in helping to keep our lovely Village Hall spick and span? It involves cleaning the hall once a week at a timetabling convenient to you for one month in the year. Full training would be provided. We have just been delivery the new cleaning equipment and need a volunteer to start cleaning. Please give a call on 01235 868471, or email jcrickmay@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum tells the story of the county's military heritage through 50 objects in new exhibition

- New exhibition displays 50 iconic objects which tell the story of the county's military heritage
- Objects on display illustrate Oxfordshire stories from the Napoleonic Wars to the Second World War
- Insights into wartime life in the county, and the history of the two county regiments, The Oxfordshire & Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and Oxfordshire Yeomanry
- Alongside the exhibition, the museum will be offering 50 Objects outreach talks, bringing their collections to you

Soldiers of Oxfordshire Museum, the county's military history museum based in Woodstock, will open a brand new exhibition entitled Oxfordshire's Military Heritage in 50 Objects from 21 March to 30 April 2026.

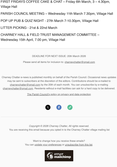
Charney Bassett – A Brief History

The winter Olympics are underway, and Charney Bassett winter sport Olympics is a couple of years away, since there will be an archery competition. The question is, is it time to restore the local club to prepare for a bid for Gold?

On This Day in the Gazette-Advertiser of 19th 2014 another Charney Bassett 1962. Farrington was set to be put on the map by one of its youngest sportsmen, Jonathan Hall, who at the age of 16 years and 11 months was hopeful to have his National Archery Championship at Chase Woods, Bristol, where the club held its outdoor shoots. The club had about 30 members.

https://history.charneybassett.org.uk/archives-vault

As ever you can read about much more on the Charney History Web Pages. Please do get in touch if you have any items of information or pictures to share, please do get in touch at chat@charneybassett.org.uk

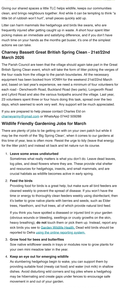


HANNEY WALKIE TALKIES walk on Thursday lunchtimes

If you are new to Hanney or the local villages and haven't had the opportunity to join us yet, our small friendly group meet at 12.00 at the junction of Westlea Drive and Hanney Road and walk approximately 2 miles in a circle. We usually be around 30 mins, chatting along the way. Our lunchtime walks were originally set up for local people and to encourage those working from home to escape their offices and meet other friends. We also arrange several social events during the year and have been quiet busy.

If you would like to join us on one of our walks but have a question, please message or comment on our Facebook post on the 'Best Hanney Community Group' page or contact Jessica Hawkins on 07840 555987. Jessica is keep the Facebook page updated but if you are driving to meet us, maybe message or find via Facebook to check we are walking.

LADIES WHO SOCIALISE IN WEST & EAST HANNEY AND LOCAL AREAS



Have a look at the Facebook page of our ever-women's social group. This will be a friendly welcoming group for all women in the local area who would like to chat, meet up, have fun, meet up for walks or just sit and drink beautiful and eat cake. We can also arrange to meet up for meals, lunch etc and to share news and have a safe supportive place. This is based in and around the West Hanney area.

The FB group will have an 'event' section to list coffee dates, meals etc. All members in the group will be invited and able to select the events they would like to attend. The individual events will be organised by the person suggesting them.

In time we will set up a WhatsApp group for the 'in' events. https://www.facebook.com/groups/2031241762288?ref=share Tel number: 07840 555987

Charney Hall & Field Trust Management Committee

Wednesday 15th April
at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Agenda will be posted on the Village Website and CHHFT Facebook Page

To ask a question please contact
secretary@chhft.org

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the February draw are:

1st Prize to B C23 Alex Jacob

2nd Prize to B110 Julie Silver

Congratulations to our winners!

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO 100 CLUB MEMBERS – it's subscription time!

6th March now here, it's time to renew your subscription for the April 2026 - March 2027 draws. If you paid by standing order last year, please check that it has been set up for this year. If you paid by cash or cheque, please renew at least months, you'll need to remind you in the new year and each month you hold in the draw. Remember to include your number and your 100 Club number(s) on the payment reference.

You may find it easier to switch from a bank transfer to an annual standing order, which means you don't remember to renew each year. If you find it prefer to pay in cash, to Carrie or Evelyn Campbell will be in each you before the end of March. If you have any questions or need to confirm the bank details, please email Charney100club@gmail.com - we aim to reply within 48 hours.

There are still a few numbers available if you'd like to join the 100 Club or purchase additional numbers. Just contact us and we'll add you to the draw.

Thank you in advance for your support, which helps fund the upkeep of the playing field and the Village Hall.

Eve and Jo

Services in St Peter's Church

BCP HOLY COMMUNION –
Sunday 1st March - 9 am

HOLY COMMUNION –
Sunday 8th March – 10.30 am

AFTERNOON SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION –
Friday 20th March – 2 pm

More details can be found on the
Benefice website at
Wheatley, Cuddesdon and Forest - The Benefice of Cherbury with Garsington

Dates for the Diary

SEW & SOCIAL SESSIONS (all welcome) - Thursdays, 10am - Noon, Village Hall

FITNESS CLASSES (Yoga, Core & Chair) - Friday 6th March, 2.15pm, Village Hall

WHEATLEY WRITERS - Wednesday 11th March 7.30pm, Village Hall

POP UP PUB & QUIZ NIGHT - 27th March 7-10.30pm, Village Hall

LITTER PICKING - 21st & 22nd March

CHARNEY HALL & FIELD TRUST MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Wednesday 15th April, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

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