Charney Chatter

September 2024

Bubbles and dancers galore at the CHART Summer Social!

The Mele Islanders kindly attended and gave a wonderful display of dances from the 17th century, as well as explaining the origins of the dances and their names. CHART passes on grateful thanks to them for attending.

CHART would also like to thank Charney Bentry volunteers for helping to setup the hall, serve refreshments, and clear up afterwards. Thanks also to those with serving the teas and cleaning away afterwards – it was very much appreciated. Thank you, too, to Mary and Ron for once again allowing their premises to be used as serving hatches – it worked so well and really made the event.

Interested in joining the Vale Islanders?

The Vale Islanders practice in Charney Village hall on Tuesday evenings and would love to welcome new members. No experience is needed – everyone will be taught the dances and provided with costumes. If you are interested in joining, please contact Anne Hall at ahcharnevbay@Gmail.com

CHART needs you!

Many people from the village and further afield have expressed disappointment that there is no village tea this year. It is becoming increasingly impossible to organise and run such events without help from the community. We do not want to let our Charney community down, so we are asking for volunteers to step up. We nevertheless instituted the print efforts of all trustees and over 20 volunteers to put on

The village hall and Charney field are owned by CHART. These two important community assets need to be kept in good condition and maintained. We are responsible for those premises. The trustees are keenly that it has never gone do not come forward to help, then the village hall will close and the play equipment on the field will have to be removed. It really isn't an arduous task if it is shared by many, as please check. If you can offer your services, do get in touch with Anne Hall at ahcharnevbay@Gmail.com. If you can't help, we will also require a "treasurer – could this be you?"

Taking of the playground...

Volunteers are needed to help with turning over the bark in the playground area on Saturday 21st September, from 10am. All you need is enthusiasm, a little bit of experience and a fork. If you can help, please let Liz know at ahcharnevbay@Gmail.com

Clearing the way!

Before, during and after

There was a great response to the call for volunteers to assist CHART with clearing and improving areas of their Summer Social on 4th August at the Green. Although this was latest as the Hall was finished in the month event, there still was much to do to make the Green look its best for the event. The Hall itself was put to the good! Accounting. This work was by the Pond Society, who kindly scythed both areas of the 1.5-km path, ably supported by six other volunteers.

And after!

Now that the peak of the growing season is past, the next event planned for 28th August will be dedicated to maintaining the work done so far. Following this, in the autumn, the ferry has been asked to assist CHART with various projects in and around the playing field.

Please contact Charles Ellis Charney Bentry Co-ordinator, at charneybentry@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer, or have any comments to make on the work being done.

Charney Bassett Parish Council

The agenda and minutes of meetings can be found online at charneybassett.org.uk including the full draft minutes of the 19th July meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting is due to be held on Wednesday 11th September in the village hall, starting at 7.30pm.

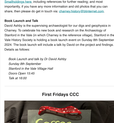
Trevor Brown (Parish Clerk) can be contacted at parishclerk@charneybassett.org.uk

Charney for Sale? – A Brief History

At the beginning of the 20th Century, few people owned houses or land in Charney Bassett. The majority were owned by the Pusey Estate and most of the inhabitants were tenants.

The Pusey family died out in the male line in 1710 and the Estate was passed down via various relatives. The Pusey Estate had the gothic houses in New Road built for Estate workers, as well as the school (see previous articles in The Buscombe Pusey Sentinel and The Pusey Horn).

Eventually, however, parts of the Estate were sold. On Monday 27th August 1928, the Estate was sold in 63 lots, including 19 cottages and 2 smallholdings including Charney Bassett, very near at the Lure Inn Hotel in Aboingdon by Tackstone, Ellis, Egerton, Breach & Co:



Which was bought by Berkshire County Council and subsequently let to tenants as smallholdings advertised as follows in The Reading Standard:

The Charney Bassett Estate included:

- Charney Bassett Inn
- Grumpy Wind Farm
- Cottages in New Road
- The Smithy
- The Blacksmith's Arms and Yard
- Cottages in Little Lane (now Chapel Lane), including The Reading Room.

Many other cottages and parcels of land were also included. Blue pins are of Estate cottages.

Much was bought by Berkshire County Council and subsequently let to tenants as smallholdings advertised as follows in The Reading Standard:

Looking for more details?

There is much more that you can read about The Estate here and The Smallholding here, including references for further reading, and most importantly, there are many more interesting facts and photos that you can share. Why ponder by yourself, ask Charney Bentry! ahcharnevbay@gmail.com

Book Launch and Talk

Grumpy Wind Farm is publishing an historical book on our digs and smallholdings in Charney. It celebrates the new book and research on the Archaeology of Bachelor's in the Vale (in which Charney is the reference village). Bachelor's in the Vale refers, locally to holding back tourist event on Sunday 8th September 2024. The book launch will include a talk by David on the project and findings. Details as follows:

Book Launch and talk by Dr David Ashby
Sunday 8th September
Bachelor's in the Vale Village Hall
Tea and Cake from 2.00
Talk at 3.00

First Fridays CCC

10.30 – 11.30 am
First Friday of the month
in Charney Bassett Village Hall,
the Charney Bassett Recreation
All welcome

Calling all apple owners & apple juice enthusiasts!

Please join us for **Charney Bassett Apple Day**
on Saturday 28th September
from 10am – 12noon
Bring your apples along to the barn on the Green to be pulped, to just 50p per bottle. 6 pm is with our apple games!

Either bring your own bottles or buy bottles from us on the day.
Bottles of apple juice will also be available for purchase
Coffees, tea and apple cake will be on sale

Missing Bengal Cat

This much-loved but adventurous cat has been missing from his home in West Hanney since 7th August. He is a male, neutered Bengal cat, called Ollie. He has been originally just in Facebook, however, he names West, replaces that not everyone uses social media and has asked Charter for help. He is all night long and has a very distinctive coat. He is very friendly and has a distinctive meeting. He been known to escape before but a few miles previously he could have possibly got into a vehicle and may be anywhere. He has been microchipped and is wearing a collar with bells on it. If you see a cat with bells outbuildings. Also, please keep an eye out for him if you are out and about early morning or later in the evening when he is most likely to be on the hunt. If you think you have seen Ollie please contact Meryl at hanney-weight@hotmail.co.uk. Thank you.

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the August draw are:

£50 No 57 Debra Little
£10 No 63 Lucy Gibbesmeyers

Kindly drawn by Maureen Lambert and Mary Castle

Winter Fuel Payment

This is a message for all Pensioners living in the Vale.

If you have been worrying about the announcement from our new Chancellor, Rachel Reeves, concerning the change in the qualifying rules for the Winter Fuel Payment.

Please do contact us we have trained advisors who can help with benefit checks, budgeting and debt advice.

We can help with completing benefits forms such as Pension Credit. We know that there are pensioners out there who qualify for Pension Credit and are missing out.

Please do not worry in silence we are here to help & support you.

01235 765348 help@vsc.org.uk

Public Protection Partnership Press Release – 12 August 2024
The Digital Switchover

The transition from analogue phones (the phone we have at home now which connects through a landline) to digital will be a major change for people who might rely on analogue CCTV, analogue alarms, or other analogue equipment. This change will take place on 31st January 2025.

Your telephone provider will contact you to let you know that your service is to change to digital.

Because this system is powered by your home connection, many people will not work in a power cut (unless you have a back up). If you rely on a landline for emergency phone that will work in a power cut for no extra cost.

For some of us it will be the trickier of our personal alarm is currently reliant on a phone line, there is no guarantee that it will continue to work on the new digital system. Some providers are offering a new digital alarm system which will work in a power cut. Please contact your telephone provider and ask questions about how your provider will ensure that your alarm will work in a power cut for no extra cost.

If you do not have broadband, then a single router should be provided by your provider free of charge. If you do have broadband, then it will cost.

THERE IS NO CHANGE FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE PHONE TO OPTER TO OUT OF FOR A FEE THEY'LL INSTEAD PROVIDE IT BLOCKS.

If you have a mobile phone, then you should also, ideally, they will work on the old network but your provider should be contacted to make sure that they come to your home to do the switch for you. If you need advice, contact Age UK Oxfordshire on 01865 855400 or ageukoxfordshire@age.uk.net and we will run our sessions to help you understand.

There have been incidents reported where scammers have contacted residents requesting fees up front for the switch to be done.

THERE IS NO FEE, once you have to replace an alarm system that you have had installed yourself.

Notes
The Public Protection Partnership (PPP) is a shared service delivering environmental health, licensing and trading standards services for Cotswold District Council, West Oxfordshire District Council and Cherwell District Council. Cotswold District Council is the host authority for the Public Protection Partnership and Cotswold District Council's Environmental Health, Licensing and Trading Standards Services to Wokingham Borough Council.
Website: www.publicprotectionpartnership.org.uk
Facebook: www.facebook.com/publicprotectionpartnership
Twitter: @PublicPPP_UK

Don't forget about Charney's Wednesday Bus Service!

Charney has a regular bus service Bus by Oxfordshire County Council, the Wednesday service now runs every Wednesday. The 10.00am bus has shaded access, and Bus Passes are accepted.

The bus leaves Charney bus shelter at 10.10am, and gives you two hours in Wantage. Here is ample time for market and gain some fresh fish from Jon, and a huge selection of fruit and veg. You should even have time to browse the shops, or have a cup of tea. The bus leaves Wantage the bus back at 12.40pm, getting you home at just after one o'clock.

Please use it, or we'll lose it!

WANTAGE - WEST BANNEY - WANTAGE CIRCULAR SERVICE 20	
MONDAYS ONLY	
WANTAGE, Market Place	**10.00**
East Challow, Green	10.04
Grazeley, Telephone Box	10.13
Charney Bassett, Bus Shelter	10.18
Lyford	10.22
West Hanney, Bus Shelter	10.31
Denchworth, opp Bus Shelter	10.51
Grove, Millbrook Square	10.56
Wantage, Health Centre	10.61
WANTAGE, Market Place	**10.40**

WANTAGE - WEST BANNEY - WANTAGE CIRCULAR SERVICE 20	
WANTAGE, Market Place	**12.45**
Wantage, Health Centre	12.50
Grove, Millbrook Square	12.55
Denchworth, Bus Shelter	13.06
West Hanney, Bus Shelter	13.26
Lyford	13.35
Charney Bassett, Bus Shelter	13.13
Grazeley, Telephone Box	13.22
East Challow, Green	13.31
WANTAGE, Market Place	**13.35**

NO SERVICE ON BANK HOLIDAYS

Charney Bassett and Lyford Church Tractor Trail (CLET)

CLET supports a range of educational projects and activities, with grants, usually of between £500 and £1,000. We ask for a donation of £10 to the charity, when visiting the tractors and other displays.

The Trustees are willing to support children/young people who may need additional funding for sections educational grants, which have grown in recent years 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 clerkclet@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-trust-educational-fund/

Dates for the Diary

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

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL – Wednesday 11th September, 7.30pm, Village Hall

APPLE CELEBRATION – Saturday 28th September, 10.00am. Teas, cakes, apple juicing and games!

CHARNEY BASSETT WI AND BRING & SHARE LUNCH – Sunday 13th October, St Peter's Church

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – Saturday 30th November, 10am – Noon, Village Hall

CHARNEY BASSETT WI – Tuesday 3rd December, 7.30pm

FIRST FRIDAYS CCC – Friday 6th September, 10.30am – 11.30am, Village Hall

Copyright © 2024 Charney Charter, All rights reserved.
You are receiving this email because you opted in at our Charney Charter mailing list

Manage preferences | Update profile | Unsubscribe
Powered by Mailchimp

Forward this email to a friend
Create your own campaign