Charney Chatter

June 2025

May Day celebrations in Charney Bassett

The Charney Bassett celebrations on the village green were again joined by a slot of visitors and sales with over 100 friends and neighbours enjoying a wonderful afternoon of fun, food and friendship.

Once again Mary Gleave and Sally Bromley were very attended to their previous predecessors Chris Campbell and Tracie Gleave, and was crowned by Lady Mayoress Jane Hunt in a traditional ceremony, with the queen was Harper Jewell and the Duchess

Mary's Maidens go to Mark Harring and her second in waiting Jessica – "Pip Cordeaux" – who led the May pole dancers, with over 20 children aged 7\ to 11 performing a wonderful display of dancing, weaving the ribbons into the pole whilst encouraging and holding the participants. Total questions of a quiz cake were consumed during the afternoon, which is always a sign of an excellent event.

Lots of kind this helped to set up, take down, wash up and make cakes, making this a true community event.

Charney Community Fun Afternoon – coming soon!

Saturday 7th June
17\ 4pm **On the Village Green**

Charney Community Fun Afternoon

Heroes and Heroines theme

Cash Prize Raffle • BBQ • Games and Activities
Treasure Hunt • Fancy Dress Competition
Face Painting • Plants & Produce
Tea / Coffee / Cakes . . . and more!

Charney Bassett Parish Council

The Annual Parish Assembly took place in the Village Hall on 13th May, items included:

- Talk on Scams Awareness by Age UK (Oxfordshire)
- Annual reports by:
  - Parish Council chairman
  - Village Groups and Organisations.

This meeting was immediately followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting. Matters discussed included:

- Appointments to Parish Council positions and village groups
- Dates of future meetings
- Review of Parish Council goals
- Planning matters including Charney Mill alterations, Guardwell Farm – Garnfield, Dorchester50 Solar Farm, Lynch Business Park, Blackham Park and Long Meadow Barn.
- Appointment of arrangements for Wing a Councillor vacancy
- Consideration of Parish Council Grant Applications and Donation requests
- Consideration of installation of white goods at Bonfield Road Village entrance
- Consideration given to approval of parish roof rejuvenation at Charney Mill

Agendas and minutes of meetings can be found online at www.charneybassett.co.uk including the full draft minutes of the 13th May meeting.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

Parish councillors' information can be found at www.charneybassett.co.uk/parish-council

Scams Awareness Talk Summary

Many thanks to Wendy Wassom of Age UK Oxfordshire who, at the annual parish meeting, gave a very informative presentation on scams awareness and avoiding scams. She received examples of the report to stop and take time to think before:

- opening emails or attachments from someone we don't know
- responding to unsolicited phone calls or texts or visits to our homes – it may not be them for example, your bank will never call you and ask for your PIN
- answering the door to people we don't know – remember STOP, LOOK, CHAIN, CHECK
- making personal and investment decisions – consider getting independent advice first
- Responding to letters claiming we have won a fortune – if you haven't entered a lottery or prize draw, you can't have won it

DON'T BE EMBARRASSED to hang up, say no, or ask someone to leave.

Contacts for further information and assistance:

Action Fraud – to report a scam – 0300 123 2040
Citizens Advice – for consumer advice – 03454 04 05 06
Victim Support – 08 08 16 89 111
Age UK (Oxon) – 0345 450 1276

Have Your Say on Waste Services

One of Wilne House District Council been launched an online survey to find out what residents think about the waste and street cleaning services. You can take part by clicking here. The survey closes on 15th June 2025.

County Council Election

Did you Vote?

The outcome of the election in our Division (Kingston and Sandiacre) was a victory for our Green Conservative who received 1,195 votes, leading the runner-up Charnel Griffin, Liberal Democrat by 357 votes.

In the lead up to the election, Mr Fraser attended several Parish Council meetings and held a **Street Surgery on the Village Green**. He is holding a **Surgery at Sandiacre Library** on Saturday morning, 28th June. If you need to talk to him in person, or wave at least, just turn up.

Charney Mill

Thanks to everyone who helped get the Mill ready for Mill Opening Weekend on 24th and 25th May.

We had around 60 visitors to the building and, thanks to their generosity, we raised £75 to put into our maintenance fund.

If you missed it or want to experience the atmosphere later in the year when it is in full operation, please contact Trevor Brown (parishclerk@charneybassett.co.uk).

Charney in the Domesday Book – A brief history

Charney (Charnes) appears in in the Domesday Book and is listed under two ownerships. The Abbey of Westminster (St Mary) and Bonifacius of Fiesanne.

The value is the land, who was The Abbey of Westgate (St Mary) was 30 s (shillings) and now is 40 s.

The total population was given as 30 households (villeins) one. The households are recorded as 4 villeins and 13 cottagers and had 4 ploughlands, and 2 lord's plough teams and 3 lord's plough teams.

Woods were 2 leuga (2 x 1.5 miles) long and 1 leuga wide, meadow 8 acre, 12 shillings (lord) value and with 2 cottagers. There was also 1 fisherman at Bassetts Mills. Domesday records the heads of families, so the total population was estimated by multiplying the number of households by five to include their households, workers and certain unrecorded people. A series of land or acreages and might have had a share in the villagers' plough teams. Slaves, serfs or villeins were bonded to the land and could not leave without the lord's permission. Cottagers had less allotment. A ploughland was the area that could be ploughed by eight oxen in a year, generally around 120 acres.

https://www.domesdaybook.net/place/charney-bassett and https://www.domesdaybook.net/place/charney-bassett#lands

Digging into our past

And don't forget, if you want to dig further into our past – we are planning to restart our Local History Group, so if you are interested in joining us, please let Jane Pye (and Hugh Rawlins) at the Wilne Foundation who have offered locations. If you would like to join in and help, or would like to find out more, please contact Jane Pye (jane.pye@wilnefoundation.com) or Hugh Rawlins (ghrawlins@gmail.com). No experience is necessary just enthusiasm and common sense – guidance will be provided. There are lots of activities to choose from, including research, digging, recording, cataloging, photographing, creating reports, sharing, photographing and, of course, drawing, cataloging and learning more about our village.

Update from the Shifford Carriage Driving Group

The Shifford Carriage Driving Group has been welcoming back over the last few months. The three ponies, Lady, Fred and Tommy Dixon, have been practicing hard and are now ready to venture out and about. Lady and Fred will be at the Wednesday morning drives with an participant again very recently, much to our delight. At the moment, we are only able to run two sessions in the morning, but we are hoping to be able to run afternoon sessions as well, as passionate! over month and more people, we look towards having a third session, to take place in the afternoon.

We are also hoping that a second afternoon session will be able to take place unless we can recruit some more volunteers to help us. We have a lovely and dedicated group of around half-a-dozen or more volunteers, who are, as ever, very grateful for any help they can give us. Whether it is helping with the driving and you or group please contact either Wednesday@Gmail.com or Charney@Gmail.com and we will be pleased to have you on board. Thanks (SEEDS). We will be mainly very seasoned Knowledge of handling horses and ponies, but we are also keen to have some more people who are interested in learning and to grow. Please see photo of our return to drives to show you how drives who might be interested.

Lady with her carriage and wheels

A fabulous piece of wood Lady was nominated and then shortlisted for an RSA Design Award. Lady's wheel, made by Jonathan Cooper, was one of the top 20 pieces of plate. We are obviously hoping that she will win, but we are very biased. The winners will be announced soon, so watch this space!

VACANCY
Charney Bassett Parish Council

Could you do it?
Of course you could!

Following the resignation of David Nellist (who served on the Parish Council for many years) there is a vacancy for a member of the Parish Council to process vacant for a member of the Parish Council.

What's involved?

There's a lot about the Parish Council on the Village Website. We look after the Village Hall and Playing Field, the Bus Shelter and Notice Board and deal with local affairs the village. This includes liaison with the County Council on highway matters and commenting to the District Council on planning applications.

You need to attend Parish Council meetings whenever you can (there are six a year) and be able to read and understand documents, make decisions and express other matter. Speak to any of the current Councillors if you're interested in joining! Email Trevor Brown at parishclerk@charneybassett.co.uk for more information about what's involved.

But please don't take too long. We'll be meeting again on 9th July and would like to confirm an appointment at that meeting.

There's always something interesting going on. Come and join us!

Charney 100 Club Draw

The results of the May draw are:

1st No. 64 – Jane Pye
2nd No. 24 – Ian Wellinger

Congratulations to our winners!

There are still a few outdoor available if anyone would like to join the 100 club or buy extra numbers – just let us know on charney1@hotmail.com. All proceeds go towards keeping the Village Hall maintained and the playing field and the Village Hall.

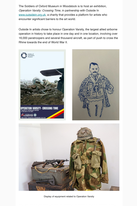
NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE CHARNEY HALL AND FIELD TRUST (CHART)

Wednesday 2nd July at 7 pm in the Village Hall

Residents wishing to see a question should contact a Trustee or email secretary@chart.org

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

Agenda will be posted on the Village website and the Village Noticeboard by 25th June.


Library
Story Garden
HELP US TO RUN THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!
Volunteering opportunity in Oxfordshire libraries
We're looking for young people aged 13 and over who enjoy reading and helping children to read.
Find out more at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/volunteer-library
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You can view the film about Patient Participation Groups at one of these two places

https://youtu.be/OWyt_R7mNlo
https://healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk/our-work/our-videos/

Services in St Peter's Church

BCP HOLY COMMUNION – Sunday 1st June – 9am
HOLY COMMUNION – Sunday 8th June – 10.30am
HOLY COMMUNION – Thursday 19th June – 3.30 pm
GODLY PLAY – Sunday 29th June – 10.30am

Dates for the Diary

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

FIRST FRIDAYS COFFEE CAKE & CHAT – Friday 6th June, 3 – 4 pm, Village Hall

CHARNEY COMMUNITY FUN AFTERNOON – Saturday 7th June, 1 – 4 pm, Village Green

LEE EVANS, COUNCILLOR, 'STREET SURGERY' – Saturday 14th June, 10 am, Village Green

DIGGING INTO OUR PAST: ARCHAEOLOGICAL 'TEST PITS' – Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd June, times to be confirmed

MEAL ON THE GREEN – Saturday 28th June, 6 pm, Village Green

CHARNEY HALL & FIELD TRUST AGM – Wednesday 2nd July, 7 pm, Village Hall

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 9th July, 7.30 pm, Village Hall

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: Friday 20th June 2025

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