



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who came to Carols on the Green on Wednesday. We were blessed by a lovely clear moonlit evening and the services of members of Wantage Silver Band to play for us.

About 60 people turned out to sing carols by torchlight and to share some Christmas cheer. Because of your generosity we are able to send £170 to Emmaus Oxford, a charity supporting homeless people in Oxfordshire to gain skills and a new start in life.

If you would like to know more about Emmaus Oxford, please see <http://www.emmaus.org.uk/oxford>.

Lucy Gildersleeves



## THE CHEQUERS INN OPENING HOURS

Christmas Eve: Normal opening hours (Food available 12.00 noon-2.00pm and 6.00pm to 9.00pm)

Christmas Day: 12.00 noon to 2.00pm (Drinks only)

Boxing Day: 12.00 noon to 5.00pm (Food available 12.00noon to 3.00pm)

New Year's Eve:

Bar open 12.00 noon to 2.00am

Evening celebrations. A mellow evening with conversation and background music. Bar open to all. Hot buffet available 6.30pm to 9.00pm if pre-booked. (Cottage pie & chicken chasseur with sides plus cheeseboard @ £16 per head)

New Year's Day - Closed all day.

***Jacqui and Ian wish all their customers a very happy Christmas and New Year.***



## **FROM DAVID ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Stone Trough on the Green**

Can you help make Charney Bassett one of the best kept villages in Oxfordshire?

We are looking for someone to take responsibility for the upkeep and maintenance of the planter on the village green? Our grateful thanks go to Sally Wildman who carried out this task for several years but has now left the village.

Will you take over this worthwhile task? The spring bulbs are already planted! Why not give it a try? If you are willing to volunteer just send a message to [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com)

### **Overhanging branches and hedges on footpaths**

A gentle reminder to all roadside property owners.

It is your responsibility to ensure that wherever possible hedges and the branches of trees on your property are neatly trimmed and maintained to minimise the risk to pedestrians and do not require passers-by to take evasive action by stepping onto the edge of the pavement or into the road. This was raised as an issue at the latest meeting of the newly formed Village Road Safety Group, instigated by the Community Led Plan, and hopefully resultant action will go some way towards improving general safety within the community.

### **Charney Army back in action**

Volunteers have been out in force tidying up the area South of Ock Green on the Charney to Denchworth Road. Others gave village road signs an early spring clean!

Want to know more – click [Charney Army](#)

## **CHARNEY VILLAGE COLLEGE**



### **Patchwork & Quilting**

We currently have vacancies on Wednesdays for our popular Patchwork & Quilting classes. Whether you are a beginner or someone who has quilted before and are looking for a refresher then why not join us.

### **Mens' Pilates – Thursdays 6.15pm**

We now have a new instructor for the men only pilates class on a Thursday. We still have one place available on this course.

For more details, please contact

Christine Trotman 01235 869 171 or email [cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com](mailto:cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com)

## **LADIES WALK 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Eleven ladies enjoyed a lovely sunny walk from Hatford to the Lamb at Buckland where they had a delicious leisurely lunch and then walked back before it got dark!



## **FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey**

Themes of the December report:

- Debate on press freedom
- A34
- Wantage Community Hospital

Click [here](#) for full report



# It's quiz time!

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## Family Fun Quiz Night

**Saturday 14 January**

**at 6.00 pm**

**in Charney Bassett Village Hall**

When will  
you play  
your

**Joker**



?

What will  
you need to

**Vulture**



?

**8 rounds of team questions**

**Brain-twisting Marathon round**

*No individual put on the spot!*

**Ideal team size 4-6 people.**

**Adults and children welcome.**

**Tickets £5.50 per person, to include half-time refreshments**

For tickets, more information and help if needed in assembling a team,  
contact Lucy on 01235 868782 or [gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com](mailto:gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com)

### CHARNEY 100 CLUB – NOVEMBER DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 29 November during Coffee Hour are as follows:-

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No 73	Suzanne Mills
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No 100	Paul Johnson

### CLUB CHRISTMAS 2016 DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on 13<sup>th</sup> December prior to the evening Pilates Class are as follows:-

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£100	No 78	Jacqui (Chequers)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£50	No 68	Ian (Chequers)

A remarkable result!

Back to the regular prizes of £25 and £10 next month - sorry

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Mahala and David  
Charney 100 Club Organisers



### CHARNEY BASSETT AND LYFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

Applications will be considered by the Trustees who meet in January, May and September. For further details please contact the Chairman: Mr Nicholas Milne at The Old Vicarage, Lyford, OX12 0EF, Tel: 867495, e-mail: [nick@themilnes.net](mailto:nick@themilnes.net)

The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017**. Please contact the Chairman for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to him for consideration at this meeting

### COFFEE HOUR

**Restarts Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10.30,  
Village Hall.**



**Riding for the Disabled Association  
Abingdon Group Ltd**



**Registered Charity No: 1141360**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**7.00 for a 7.30 pm start**

**Southmoor Village Hall, Draycott Road,  
Southmoor, Abingdon, OX13 5BY**



Pre-purchase your tickets from:

- The Abingdon RDA stables,
- or
- call 07801 379814, or email  
[annps.barlow@googlemail.com](mailto:annps.barlow@googlemail.com)

Tickets £6 per  
person

**WHAT'S NEW ON THE HISTORY WEBSITE?**

- 1) [The Very Merry Charney History Quiz](#)
- 2) [Ridge and Furrows](#)
- 3) Various additions to St Peter's Church,  
Charney Manor and the Village Cross
- 4) [Restoration of St Peter's Church](#)

**PRAISE FOR THE NEW HISTORY WEBSITE**

Thought you might like to know my cousin who is a Hodgkins and lived in Charney when he was a lad visited the history website on my recommendation then organised a family gathering of all his relatives and they spent a happy afternoon reading and looking at all the pictures!

He said it was wonderful and they had such fun and it taught the younger generation so much. I have suggested he find us some pictures if he has any!!

Ruth Gerring

**SNOW!**

In 1982 it was so snowy that there had to be a special delivery of bread to Charney Bassett, you can watch it from here <http://history.charneybassett.org.uk/charney-life/memories/snow-1982-the-bread-delivery/>

And here are some Wintery scenes from times gone by:



The Smithy



Main Street



New Road with the fire on in The  
School



**Hold this date!**  
**SUNDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

Come along to the village hall for a Valentine Evening Social from 6.00 pm!

Food, cocktails and fun!

More details via eChatter in the New Year.



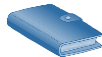
**VILLAGE DINER WITH FOOD BANK COLLECTION**

Community lunch served from 12.15pm in Buckland Memorial Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month (excluding December). Two course seasonal lunch with tea or coffee, cooked by Clare Connolly, £5 per person. Further details from:

Lucy Courtier-Dutton [courtierdutton@hotmail.com](mailto:courtierdutton@hotmail.com)  
07894 219972.

**Next Date:** Wednesday 18 January 2017

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**



**COFFEE HOUR – RESTART Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January** in the Village Hall from 10.30-11.30am. £1 pp, including as much tea, coffee and biscuits as you like.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January, 7.30pm,** Village Hall

**FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January, 6.00pm,** Village Hall.

**VALENTINE EVENING SOCIAL – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 6.00pm,** Village Hall.

**IRISH NIGHT – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March,** Charney Church



**HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW  
YOUR VILLAGE?**

**A CHRISTMAS AFTER DINNER  
ACTIVITY???**

**THE CHARNEY HISTORY  
QUIZ**

Download your copy [here](#)  
Entries by midday 30<sup>th</sup> December

**MISSING CAT:** Stanley has gone missing from the centre of Charney Bassett. He disappeared 13 December. He is long haired light ginger tom and is very friendly and a wanderer. If you have any information please phone Martin or Fiona on 867349 or email at [martindoughty@hotmail.com](mailto:martindoughty@hotmail.com) or [fodamp@gmail.com](mailto:fodamp@gmail.com).



**THE CHARNEY CHATTER TEAM WISH ALL ITS READERS AND CONTRIBUTORS A**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017** Entries to: [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com)

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