

**PARISH COUNCIL DEVELOPS LOCAL EMERGENCY PLAN**

Oxfordshire County Council and the Vale of the White Horse District Council have Emergency Plans which detail the action to be taken following a major accident, extensive flooding or loss of essential services to a significant area. An emergency plan covers any situation which would stretch the resources of any of the emergency service agencies and provides for co-operation between the police, fire and rescue service, electrical supply companies etc.

Charney Bassett is included in these emergency plans and would benefit if the village was affected by a wider area disaster. Priority would be given to those most affected by problems and this may mean that the village had to wait its turn if it was less severely affected than some other areas. Locally some help may be available sooner rather than waiting for stretched official resources.

To assist in the organisation of this local intervention, the Parish Council decided to publish the Charney Bassett Emergency Plan. The Plan covers advice on appropriate action, how to obtain information on the developing situation and who to contact so that the appropriate people are aware that help is needed in Charney. The plan will be made available on the Village website.

David Nellis (Vice Chairman)

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN "TAKING BACK CONTROL"****YOUR VILLAGE YOUR PLAN YOUR SAY****Drop in Session****Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2014****Village Hall****2.30pm – 4.00pm**

Hear a summary of what villagers:

- like and dislike about Charney Bassett
- would like to see improved, and their
- suggested ideas for the future

Chat about the next steps over a cup of tea

For more information click on the link [Neighbourhood Plan](#)

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

[Neighbourhood Watch](#)

[Broadband Press Release from our MP](#)

**FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey**

Themes of the report are:

- Temporary closure of railway bridges and resulting traffic diversions
- Recent flooding

Full report can be found on the [Charney Bassett Website](#)

**CHAFT 100 CLUB WINNERS**

March 2014:

First Prize £25; No 8 Bert Smith  
Second Prize £10; No 67 Julie Ingram-Johnson



We are still collecting subscriptions for the year April 2014-March 2015 and will complete the collection before the April Draw. If you plan to be absent from the village in the next few weeks please contact us or hand deliver your subscription (£12 per number) to ourselves or any other member of CHAFT. Mahala & David (868593)

## CHARNEY BASSETT AND LYFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

CLET supports a range of educational projects, with grants awarded both to individuals under the age of 25 and to community groups in the villages of Charney Bassett and Lyford.

Applications will be considered by the Trustees who meet in January, May and September. For further details please contact the Clerk: Mrs Frances Rothwell, Oldwalls, Buckland Road, Charney Bassett, Tel: 868704, E-mail: [rothwell555@btinternet.com](mailto:rothwell555@btinternet.com)

The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014. Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her for consideration at this meeting

### VILLAGE DINER WITH FOOD BANK COLLECTION

At Buckland Memorial Hall 12.15pm  
Wednesday 16 April  
Wednesday 21 May

Come and enjoy a delicious 2 course lunch with coffee or tea for £5.00 per person.

Please bring your friends to the villages' community lunch.

There is also a collection for the local **FOOD BANK**. Donations of non-perishable goods are gratefully received. Any dried or tinned goods with a shelf life of 6 months please eg (pasta, sauces, tinned fruit and vegetables, soups, tea, coffee, biscuits, cereals).

For more information please call Deborah Lewis 868536

**PARISH COUNCIL** Matters relating to Parish Council business should be referred to the Clerk to the Parish Council 868318 [stephencowlam194@btinternet.com](mailto:stephencowlam194@btinternet.com).

### MUSIC IN THE VALE

proudly presents

**The Lyric Piano Trio**

**St Denys' Church Stanford in the Vale**

**5<sup>th</sup> April 7.30 pm**

£10.00 (under 12's free)

This programme commemorates the centenary of World War One, with music composed between 1914 and 1918.

**Tickets from:** Vogue Hairdressing, 28 High St, Stanford in the Vale, telephone 01367 710476, by reservation on 01367 718420, email [DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com](mailto:DJPedderDPA@btinternet.com), or at the door

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE** – Village Hall, **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March** 2.30-4.00pm.

**CONCERT** - "A bit of nonsense with Bill Mckinnon", St Peter's Church, **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April** 8-10pm. Tickets £6 adults, £2 children. (In aid of Defibrillator fund).

**COFFEE HOUR** – Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 10.30-11.30am EXCEPT for Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> April. The cost is £1.00 per person and includes as much tea, coffee and biscuits as you like.

**SEARCH OUT AND SAVE NOW!!!** Loose change needed to fill the container at the Chequers – Last date to drop your coppers in - **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April**. In aid of the Defibrillator fund.

**CREAM TEAS AND CHARITY EVENT** – Chequers **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April**, 3–5pm. In aid of the Defibrillator fund

**MAY DAY EVENT** – **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**, Come and join us on the Village Green at 2.30pm

**VILLAGE BOWLS EVENING** - **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**, Kingston Bagpuize Bowls Club.

**CHARNEY QUILTERS AND THE CHALLOW QUILTING GROUP** – Exhibition in the Village Hall on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June**, 10am-4pm. Entrance £1.50 (Proceeds to Defibrillator fund).

**CHAFT AGM** - **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**, 7.30pm Village Hall

**CONCERT** – Keziah Thomas, International Harpist – St Peter's Church on **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**, 8pm.

**CHURCH FETE** – Charney Manor, **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**.

**REMINDER** - Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April last date for ordering oil for May via Community oil buying scheme.

## GEORGE, JACKIE AND IAN'S CHEQUERS CHARITY EVENT

MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2014  
3pm to 5pm



Cream teas available  
Sale of home-made cakes and pies  
Raffle

*Donations of cakes and pies welcome*

Bring you loose change to fill the  
champagne bucket

All proceeds to defibrillator  
fund

## CHARNEY QUILTERS AND THE CHALLOW QUILTING GROUP

### PATCHWORK AND QUILTING EXHIBITION



Charney Village Hall

on

SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
10am – 4pm

Entrance £1.50

IN AID OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR  
FUND

## CONCERT

St Peter's Church

on

FRIDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL  
8pm – 10pm

"A bit of nonsense with Bill McKinnon"  
Light refreshments and Raffle

Book your tickets now from:

Ruth Gerring 869083 or Lynn Brookes 868471  
£6.00 adults £2.00 children



'Bill McKinnon has 40 years' experience and enjoyment of traditional music, playing semi-pro for many years before "taking the plunge" professionally some years ago.

One of the many bands Bill has worked with, "Life of Reilly", of which he was the front man, was a highlight, with television appearances and live radio broadcasts. Bill has also performed solo on BBC local radio. Has played to a wide range of audiences including Working Men's Clubs, Royal Naval Wardrooms, Military Establishments and golf and yacht clubs. Also appeared at The Painted Hall at Greenwich for the 2012 Trafalgar Day. He still finds time to visit local folk clubs and run a "session" in his spare time. Bill plays 5 string banjo, tenor banjo, guitar and mandolin. He is also a narrow boat and real ale enthusiast.

## The Ridgeway Day

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May, at Court Hill Centre, Wantage

10.30 am to 4.00 pm

- Walk The Ridgeway - Britain's oldest road. Guided walks to Segsbury Castle.
- Nature trail and treasure hunt for the kids.
- Relax at Court Hill, and enjoy the gorgeous view.
- Lunches and home-made cakes at the Barn Café.
- Meet the volunteers helping to preserve The Ridgeway and its wildlife
- Admire art inspired by The Ridgeway.
- Birds of prey display
- Live music

Website: [www.ridgewayfriends.org.uk](http://www.ridgewayfriends.org.uk). Contact: [ridgewayfriends@googlemail.com](mailto:ridgewayfriends@googlemail.com)

## STANFORD IN THE VALE COMMUNITY BUS



The service links Charney Bassett with Wantage and neighbouring villages on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Visit [Stanford Community Bus](#) for further information.

The bus is also available for private hire – contact Neil Middleton 01367 710055

Volunteer Bus Drivers Needed – contact John Smith 01367 710494 (training given)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Charney Bassett Neighbourhood Watch is a community initiative which seeks to keep the village a safe and low crime area by developing close liaison between households and the local police and:

- reduce the opportunities for crime
- help and re-assure those who live in the area
- encourage neighbourliness and develop a closer community

For more information including details of your nearest [Neighbourhood Watch](#) member contact Margaret Roberts 868285 or click on the link above.

Neighbourhood Watch places particular emphasis on helping the most vulnerable whilst recognising any one of us can fall foul of both traditional and increasingly sophisticated fraudulent activities.....

### DENCHWORTH RESIDENT WARNS - "I DONT THINK I'M GULLIBLE BUT I NEARLY FELL FOR IT."

*"Chap phoned – number withheld – said he was from 'card security' wanted to check a recent charge to one of my cards - £800 – 15minutes ago – please could I confirm. No I said I've not made a purchase – fraud he said. I asked which card – said he couldn't say for security reasons – I said I wasn't comfortable, felt there was something wrong with the call – he said don't worry I don't want any details from you – have you got a card from Halifax etc etc . Yes I said – he said there's a phone number on the card please ring it immediately and report it. So I hung up and was just about to ring the number.*

*Thank goodness my wife is a radio 4 addict – stop she said, this is a scam – he hasn't rung off, no matter what you dial the call goes back to him, you think you've got card security on the line; give him all the card details and they've got you!. Sure enough there was no dial tone!*

*I think I'm pretty savvy but I damn near fell for it. I have to say the chap was very convincing!  
So please be on your guard."*

IF YOU SUSPECT OR HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF A SCAM report it to the police on <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> or 0300 123 2040.

FOR ADVICE ON HOW TO AVOID BEING TAKEN IN OR TO ADVISE FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS go to <http://www.thinkjessica.com/>

To order a free booklet, '[Scam mail is blackmail](#)' write to Think Jessica, PO Box 444, Chesterfield S44 9AS enclosing a 2nd class stamp or email [advice@thinkjessica.com](mailto:advice@thinkjessica.com)

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:** 20<sup>th</sup> April 2014. Entries to: [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com)

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