



SNIPPETS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9TH JULY

- Flood prevention update
- Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire to be circulated to all households in September
- Provisional date for installation of Defibrillator – end July
- Allotments at Charney Manor - update
- New Village Notice Board

[More detail in the draft minutes.](#)

**ST PETER'S CHURCH OPEN DAY
4TH AUGUST
COMMEMORATING CENTENARY OF START OF THE GREAT WAR**

In accordance with directives from the Church of England, St. Peter's Charney Bassett will open to commemorate this historic day when 100 years ago in 1914 Great Britain declared war with Germany.

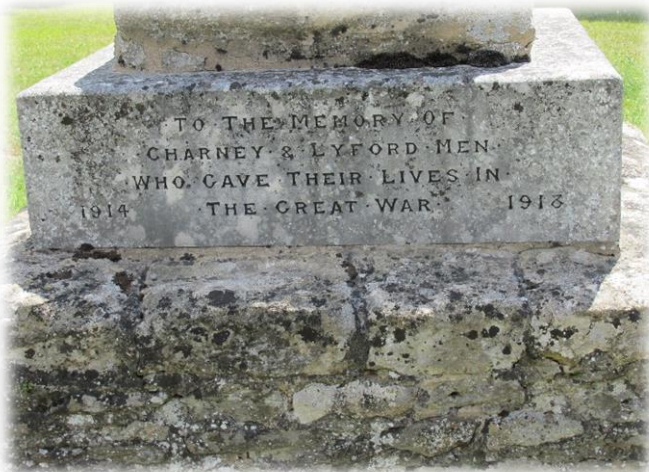
Joe Ody has kindly agreed to exhibit his pictorial display which records a wealth of information concerning this community from that period. Those of you who were fortunate enough to visit him at St Peter's Fete will recall his detailed research which takes us back to that deeply moving time. Quite apart from the fallen of this village and Lyford he has discovered valuable information on other villagers who returned from the hostilities.

Please feel at liberty to come into St Peters at anytime during that day.

The Church is open 7 days a week regardless of services, all are welcome.

Dating from Norman times there remain many features of architectural and historical Interest - plaques are on the north wall commemorating the fallen and indeed David Whiting who hailed from this village and gave his life at Normandy. There are also (Commonwealth) war graves in the west part of the churchyard still faithfully tended by this community. Church bells will be rung from here and across the United Kingdom on this day.

I hope that you will find time to visit St Peter's and reflect on this centenary



Doug Hughes
Church Warden

CHEQUERS INN CHARITY EVENT **ON THE PLAYING FIELD**

(All proceeds to equipment fund)

SUNDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER 2014



MAD HATTERS TEA PARTY

3pm to 6pm

and

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

6pm onwards

A FAMILY EVENT FOR ALL

PUT THE DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

BOOK THE WEATHER NOW

Readers may wish to refresh their memory on the [heritage of the playing field](#) by clicking on the link

AUNT SALLY

The newly promoted Chequers Inn are holding their own in Division B of the Abingdon and District Aunt Sally League, having won five and lost five of the ten matches played so far.



All the players live or have lived in or around the village and their enthusiasm is kindled by the generous hospitality provided by Jackie and Ian.

For more information about the game of Aunt Sally go to the [Aunt Sally Page on the Charney Website](#).

Captain Steve Lambert in action in the CHEQUERS INN away match at Drayton

DEFIBRILLATOR UPDATE

- Renovation of telephone box will be completed shortly
- Defibrillator will be installed shortly afterwards
- Each household will receive background information
- Awareness sessions will be arranged - available to all on request.

David Roberts

FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME: FIRE KILLS

**On the first of every month,
test your smoke alarms**



Last year over 200 people died in fires in the home. You are at least 4 times more likely to die in a fire in the home if there is no working smoke alarm.

When you test your smoke alarms you could help test the smoke alarm of an older family member, neighbour or friend too. It takes no time at all and gives your family and others a much better chance of surviving a fire.

First of the month – Time to Test.

LEFT SCHOOL?

STARTING WORK?

**GOING TO COLLEGE OR
UNIVERSITY?**

TAKING A YEAR OUT?

Tell us about your future plans
(in no more than 150 words).

E-mail to

chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

PATCHWORK & QUILTING CLASSES CHARNEY BASSETT – SEPTEMBER 2014

Following our recent exhibition we are now offering classes for beginners, improvers and for ladies seeking concentrated time to sew with like-minded people.

1. **BEGINNERS'** class: right from the start – understanding choice of fabrics, wadding and threads, cutting and measure equipment. Making your first quilt.
2. **IMPROVERS'** class: will be making a few samples manipulating fabric and then making a quilt to use one of the sample techniques.
3. **EXPERIENCED** class – ladies with experience will be exploring Flying Geese in many forms, designing and making a quilt to be proud of.

Please contact Lynn Brookes: 868471,
email: village.college@yahoo.com.

Charney 100 Club July 2014 Draw

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on 8 July 2014 are as follows:-

First Prize (£25) No 13 Renata & Phil Braithwaite
Second Prize (£10) No 45 Liz & Ian Taylor

Mahala & David
Charney 100 Club Organisers



HARP CONCERT

International Harpists Keziah Thomas and Hannah Phillips returned to St Peters Church on 4th July to perform their second concert at the start of their "Retreat to the Harp" tutorial in Charney Manor.

They entertained an enthusiastic audience who filled the church. Starting with solo pieces both contemporary and traditional they provided an interesting commentary about each work then played together with a most appropriate finale "The Entertainer" by Scott Joplin. Customarily associated as a Piano Rag their interpretation was positively vibrant and very well received. They joined us for an informal gathering with refreshments.

The retiring collection raised £350 towards a much needed refurbishment of the church sound system. Given that this sum was more than double the amount from their first Concert last year it is a real testament of their popularity. Keziah & Hannah have offered ..." to return next year if you'll have us? "I've confirmed without hesitation - we just might need a bigger church!

Doug Hughes
Church Warden

ST PETERS CHURCH SUMMER FETE - CHARNEY BASSETT 100 YEARS AGO

Freshly stimulated from our Harp Concert the night before we gathered early Saturday morning to prepare our Summer Fete in the delightful grounds of Charney Manor. Despite rainfall the hardy band of stalwarts ably assisted by some welcome new faces to the village tackled gazebos, chairs, tables and all the paraphernalia of these quintessentially British gatherings.

Mindful of this momentous year the theme was to try and show how our forebears might have celebrated their St Peter's Fete. There were some highly imaginative costumes (of which more later) traditional stands with buntings, cream and homemade teas.

Joe Ody set up a magnificent pictorial history of our village with most interesting research on the fallen together with those other brave souls who served their country from this community.

To start, Wantage Silver Band performed a lovely medley of tunes from that period, followed by a variety of themes during the afternoon.

In deference to our theme Lady Barbara Harper-Douglas opened the Fete. Bearing a striking likeness to an illustrious member of our church having just completed 50 years' service on PCC she was adorned in fine garments to represent her correct status as Lady of the Manor. Whilst welcoming her estate workers and servants from below stairs, including a remarkably placid David Douglas, she reminded them that in return for this leisure time she would not tolerate over imbibing in The Chequers hostelry nor tardiness when they reported back for duties - A truly formidable matriarch!...



The Grand Draw was a great success and we featured a live auction so competently managed by Bruce Royan who ensured that maximum bids were extracted from an often recalcitrant audience.



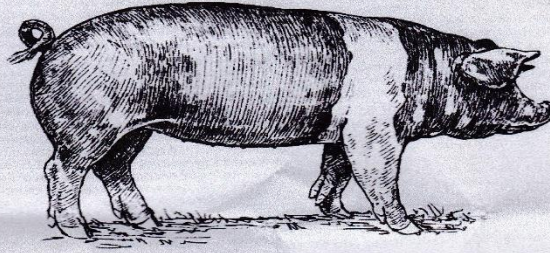
Keziah & Hannah kindly returned with their 22 Harpists from The Retreat. They entertained us with a rousing interpretation of "Take 5" by Dave Brubeck which was very well received.

Despite the early rain and misgivings from some about our lack of organisation we raised £2400 for our church which was nearly 20% more than the last time - so we obviously got some things right!

It is impractical to thank everyone personally, may I just acknowledge with pride the real team spirit that made both these events such a tremendous success for our church and community.

Doug Hughes

THIS COMING SUNDAY



*The Chequers Inn
Are hosting a*

PIG ROAST

On Sunday 27th July at 5pm

Dews Meadow Farm Meat Raffle Pimms on the lawn with pig roast and selection of salads ice cold cider and aunt sally

£10 Adults £6 Children

Dependent upon weather date can be rearranged for future date or alternatively tickets can be exchanged for food and drink over the Chequers Bar

We look forward to seeing you

BETTER BROADBAND

According to Oxfordshire County Council's most recent news, the village is due to have work on the "super-fast broadband" system begun before December 2014.

For those people who wish to see the full announcement, together with appropriate map of the Charney Bassett works, should check out: <http://www.betterbroadbandoxfordshire.org.uk/postcode-map>; this website has the full update and by using your postcode you can zero in to your street/road.

Whether we get "super-fast broadband" with speeds of 25 Mbps or something less will depend upon how far your property is from a BT cabinet and the wiring into your house. If BT does not upgrade wiring into your house it is very unlikely that you will receive the projected speed of 25 Mbps but more likely something in excess of 2 Mbps!!

The real estate professionals have no doubt that a speed substantially under 25 Mbps will have an adverse effect on property values as has been seen to occur elsewhere in southern England. So let us hope that the eventual broadband speed is as close as possible to 25 Mbps and becomes operative by the end of 2014

John Ingram-Johnson

HOW TO REPORT A ROAD OR STREET PROBLEM IN OXFORDSHIRE

Go to <http://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

1. Enter an Oxfordshire postcode, or street name and area
2. Locate the problem on a map of the area
3. Enter details of the problem
4. Confirm the report and Oxfordshire County Council will investigate
5. Track progress

For urgent/emergency matters telephone:

0845 310 111

MESSAGE ON BEHALF OF THE PARISH COUNCIL

Several residents commented at the Parish Council meeting in July on the appearance of the village. Your parish council therefore makes the following request.

The appearance of the village would be greatly enhanced if residents would remove the weed growth from the road gutters along their own frontages, and cut back tree and hedge growth where it impedes pedestrians. If you have a neighbour who is not able to do this for themselves, perhaps you could help by doing theirs at the same time.

Also impeding pedestrians (and baby buggies) is the practice of parking cars on pavements. Please be thoughtful when you or your visitors' park: pavements are for pedestrians, roads are for vehicles!

Stephen Cowlam, Clerk to the PC

WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY WEBSITE?

- [Minutes of the Parish Council meeting](#)
- [Broadband latest](#)
- [Fix my street](#)

FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey

Contact Ed Vaizey by:

E-mail vaizeye@parliament.uk,

Telephone at 01491 838816

or by post at Ed Vaizey MP, Wallingford Town Hall, Wallingford OX10 0EG.



Themes of the July report are:

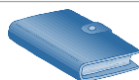
- Energy costs during winter
- Passport applications
- Anonymised taxpayers' data

The [full report from Ed Vaizey](#) can be viewed on the Charney Bassett Website.

NEW INTERACTIVE WEBSITE TOOL FOR CRIME PREVENTION

A new online virtual neighbourhood tool has been launched on the Thames Valley Police website to further enhance the advice available on crime prevention.

To use the virtual neighbourhood tool, [visit the Crime Prevention section pages on the Force website](#).



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE HOUR – Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 10.30-11.30am. **Back on 9th September**

PIG ROAST AT THE CHEQUERS – Sunday 27th July, 5pm

AUNT SALLY HOME MATCHES – 8.15pm, Chequers:

Wed 30th July v Plough, East Hendred

Wed 13th August v The Fox Denchworth

Wed 27th August v Red Lion Drayton

OPEN DAY AT ST PETER'S CHURCH – 4th August

CLET TRUSTEES MEETING – Wednesday 3rd September – Contact Frances Rothwell for a grant application form: rothwell555@btinternet.com

CHEQUERS FUND RAISING EVENT – Sunday 14th September 3pm onwards

REMINDER - Monday 1st September last date for ordering oil for September via the Community oil buying scheme

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th August 2014. Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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