



**ST PETER'S CHURCH  
CAROLS ON THE GREEN**

**Wednesday 16<sup>TH</sup> December**

**7.30pm**

A lovely festive gathering for all the family.  
Followed by mince pies and mulled wine in The  
Old Stables' Barn

Charity Collection "Embrace the Middle East"  
(ETME "aims to improve the lives of vulnerable and  
disadvantaged people in the Middle East,  
regardless of their nationality and faith").

We look forward to seeing you.

**THE CHEQUERS INN**

**CHRISTMAS FOOD**

Turkey, ham, beef, pies, sausages etc.  
Available from our reputable suppliers.

Local game, oven ready birds also available  
from the Chequers.

Order form and price list available now.

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**NEW YEAR'S EVE**

Join us for a mellow evening of conversation  
and background music.

Bar open to all

Optional pre-booked hot buffet with  
cheeseboard £15, served 6.30-9.00 pm

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**OPENING HOURS**

**Christmas Eve:** Normal bar opening hours;  
food available noon to 2pm and 6-9pm

**Christmas Day:** Bar open noon to 2pm

**Boxing Day:** Bar open noon to 5pm. Food  
available noon to 3pm.

**New Year's Eve:** Daytime – bar open noon to  
3pm (no food).

Evening celebrations – see above.

**New Year's Day:** Closed all day.



**Ian, Jacqui, George and staff would like to  
thank the village for their continued  
support throughout the year.**

**REMINDER**



**ST PETER'S CHURCH 'BRING AND BUY'  
BAZAAR**

**Charney Village Hall**

**Saturday 29th November**

**10 - 12am**

Refreshments – Home-made cakes, jams &  
preserves – Crafts – Books – Raffles

Jenny Beer and family would like to thank  
everyone for their beautiful cards and words of  
sympathy on their sad loss.

## LOGS FOR LABOUR IS ON AGAIN!

Would you like free firewood, or do you have a woodland that needs managing? The Trust for Oxfordshire's Environment's "Logs for Labour" programme aims to promote sustainable use of firewood by running events where volunteers help to manage woodlands in return for logs. The events run most weekends in the winter, are about 3 hours long, and could involve coppicing hazel, thinning trees or piling up brush. All you need are sturdy gloves, shoes and a saw (only hand tools are allowed for insurance reasons)... or let us know if your woodland needs the help of volunteers. Information about forthcoming events is at [www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour](http://www.oxonwoodfuel.org.uk/logs-for-labour) or 'like' [www.facebook.com/oxonwood](http://www.facebook.com/oxonwood).

Riki Therivel, 01865 243488.



## CHARNEY VILLAGE COLLEGE

### NEW PILATES CLASS - MEN ONLY – THURSDAYS 6-7 PM



We are looking to put on a Pilates class aimed at men only. The class will run on a Thursday evening 6-7pm. Initially we will trial it for a term starting in January provided we have sufficient uptake. So if you would be interested in taking part and have not already contacted me please email me and I will send you further details.

*Pilates has something to offer people of all ages and levels of ability and fitness, from beginners to elite athletes. The aim of Pilates is to strengthen the body in an even way, with particular emphasis on core strength to improve general fitness and wellbeing. Exercises are generally done on a mat and regular practice can help improve muscle tone, balance and joint mobility, as well as relieve stress and tension.*

Other courses running in the Village Hall are as below. Although most classes are now full if you would be interested in taking part in any of the activities please contact me to see if there are places available or to be added to the waiting list. If there is sufficient need we can always look at putting on additional classes but unless you contact me I have no idea of the level of demand.

### PILATES CLASSES

Mondays 1.30 – 2.30pm

Tuesdays 6 – 7pm

### PATCHWORK & QUILTING

Wednesdays 9.30 – 12noon

Wednesdays 2 – 4.30pm

Thursdays 9.30 – 12noon

### YOGA

Fridays 6.45 – 8.15pm

### SATURDAY WORKSHOPS AND OTHER CLASSES

If anybody has any ideas for future workshops, or indeed courses of any kind, do please let me know and I will do my best to find tutors. Alternatively if you know of any tutors who may be interested in running a workshop or course then I would be very interested to hear from you.

Christine Trotman [cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com](mailto:cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com) telephone 869171

## LADIES WALK



### THURSDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Fernham to Little Coxwell and return.  
Stopping at the Eagle for lunch.

Start 10.30 from Charney bus stop.

Please let me know if you are coming by  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November, so I can let the  
pub have numbers.

Jane 868114

## CHARNEY 100 CLUB NOVEMBER DRAW

The results of the draw on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November are as follows:-

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (£25) – No 23 – John Daghish  
2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (£10) – No 60 – David Sibbert



The December draw will have a first prize of £100 and second prize of £50!

Mahala and David  
Charney 100 Club Organisers

## NEWS FROM 'COMMUNITY FIRST OXFORDSHIRE'

Following the adoption of a new approach to help address new challenges, Oxfordshire Community Council has been rebranded 'Community First Oxfordshire'

Their new website <http://www.communityfirstoxon.org/>: contains a wealth of information for all those with an interest in community issues.

## NEWS FROM THE FARINGDON EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION GROUP

**Speedwatch will go live this month.** The mobile equipment jointly purchased by eight local Parish Councils (including Charney Bassett) has now been delivered. It will be available for use in Charney Bassett on a regular basis.

Eleven local volunteers have received police training and seven sites approved as suitable for undertaking speed checks as part of an educational initiative.

**Monthly update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team.** The latest update has been posted on the [Charney Bassett Website](#).

**Budget cuts ahead?** Thames Valley Police is likely to be subject to further budget cuts. It is hoped existing staffing levels in this area will be retained. Even so, their workload is likely to increase significantly as the population of the area rises.

**Police Community Support Officers.** Thames Valley Police are reviewing their role. They are the ears and eyes of the Neighbourhood Policing Team, giving reassurance at grass roots level.

If you know of a vulnerable person who would welcome a visit from the Police please let them know. If you suspect lads may be supplying young girls with alcohol or drugs please do not hesitate to let them know.

**Borderless Policing.** Increased emphasis is being placed on cross boundary cooperation and joint working to make better use of resources and counter rural crime.

**Role of the Neighbourhood Action Group.** For more information on the role of the Group visit the [Charney Bassett Website](#).

## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED - CAN YOU HELP?**

Charney Bassett Parish Council is currently developing an Emergency Plan (EP). This is a document which lists contact details of where assistance may be obtained and gives an outline plan of action so that those involved do not have to think for themselves in the confusion of an emergency. An emergency may be due to flooding, bad weather, blocked roads, loss of electrical supply, water supply, fire, accident.

Updating of the EP will be reviewed annually but where changes are identified during the year immediate updates can be issued – eg where someone moves away from the village or is no longer able to supply equipment or help (due to health, work or other commitments).

This is not merely bureaucracy: the reason for planning is to provide one source of information in the event of a crisis. Emergency services contacts are recorded elsewhere but in an emergency it can be stressful to search for this information. The availability of equipment and helping hands locally is not usually recorded and whereas villagers may have this knowledge, Police/Fire and Rescue services and OCC/VoWHDC staff may not. The aim is to provide alternatives to cover holidays and other absences.

**The EP needs to list individuals who may be able to turn out in the event of an emergency and the skills and equipment which they can provide eg:**

***First aid training - Water pump - Electrical generator - Off road vehicle – Chainsaw – Axe – Trailer- Winch and any other equipment which may be useful.***

The document can be changed at any time if the information is no longer relevant or is incorrect. The first approach in any incident will be for the emergency services concerned to deal with it themselves BUT sometimes there may be a delay if resources are stretched and some secondary support may be useful. Nobody will be asked to exceed their capabilities and training or be expected to place themselves in danger.

If you are able to help please contact David Nellist ([tedn@btinternet.com](mailto:tedn@btinternet.com)), the Clerk or one of the other Parish Councillors.

## **MESSAGE FROM DEBORAH LITTLE**

I am the founder of Passionate Pink! a charity, registered with NVCO. Everything we do is done in a 100% voluntary capacity. Everybody involved all have 'real' lives with jobs, family and everything else that comes with busy hectic lives, yet over the years raised tens of thousands of pounds for causes close to our hearts, including a few years ago helping Breakthrough Breast Cancer raise £5.2 million over the course of one weekend.

We have, more recently with the help of our supporters, granted wishes to people having a bit of a rough time and throughout the last year we have delivered 'Little' bags of happiness to many homeless women, brightening their day, showing them somebody does actually care.

In the run up to Christmas we have a huge campaign ongoing to deliver our 'Little' bags of happiness to homeless women nationally. I am incredibly proud of every single person helping us make this a reality and wondered if the people in Charney would like to get on board and help us.

Here's how people can help, our happiness recipe;

***Take a handbag you don't use anymore, (we all have at least one don't we ladies).***

***Add sanitary items- Add toiletries- Add underwear- Add something to keep them warm, Socks? Gloves? Place all items in the bag - Add optional extras. Can we suggest chocolate? Snacks?***

Send to Passionate Pink! Or in this instance I can either collect from the village, or people can drop bags off at my house. Our hope is to reach out and then forward to those who need it, homeless and disadvantaged women.

Thanking you in anticipation, Deb Little (867539)

## ANY BUDDING INNOVATORS IN CHARNEY BASSETT?

The BBC is recruiting for a programme on Backyard Builds. If you are making or creating something in your garden shed, garage or bedroom they want to hear from you. Read all about it on the [Charney Website](#). A very quick response is required.

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

[Draft Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November](#)

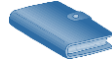
[Neighbourhood Policing Team Update](#)

### 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.

Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her for consideration at the meeting.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**COFFEE HOUR** – Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 10.30-11.30am. £1 pp, including as much tea, coffee and biscuits as you like. **Last coffee morning Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December; restart Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**BRING AND BUY BAZAAR** – Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 10-12, Village Hall.

**LADIES WALK** – 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Fernham to Little Coxwell and return. Meet 10.30 Charney Bus Shelter.

**CAROLS ON THE GREEN** – 16<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30. Village Green.

**VILLAGE DINER** - There is no diner in December

### FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey



Themes of the November report are:

- Remembering those who gave their lives in service to their country
- Nuisance calls
- EXPORTING is great
- Traffic accidents
- Fracking

Click [here](#) for full report

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS FROM THE CHARNEY CHATTER TEAM**

*Merry Christmas*

**PLEASE NOTE:** Due to the Christmas holidays the deadline for the January issue will be 15<sup>th</sup> December and publication around the 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

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