



LIGHTING UP THE VILLAGE GREEN

Thanks go to Ian and Jackie at The Chequers for the donation of the Christmas tree and of course to our celebrity for switching on the lights!

Thanks also to Lucy Gildersleeves for the loan of the decorations, the use of her barn and for the electricity used over the Christmas period.

THANK YOU!



What a lovely mild evening for Carols on the Green on the 16th December and wonderful to have so many people of all ages together singing the Christmas favourites, supported by volunteers from Wantage Silver Band!

We raised £100.00 for Refugee Resource,
an Oxford-based charity which provides practical, educational and health and welfare support to asylum seekers and refugees in this area. If you would like to see more about them, go to

<http://refugeeresource.org.uk/>

If you are interested, we are also collecting toys, toiletries, scarves and socks across the villages of this Benefice for Refugee Resource this Christmas. Gifts can be left in St. Peter's Church, on one of the pews at the back of the church.

Thank you again, everyone
Lucy



Jacqui (our celebrity) switching on the village Christmas tree lights



On the Green 16th December

A COUNTRY SCENE IN CHARNEY BASSETT



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Contact us on 01865 520 520 or email hello@healthwatchoxfordshire.co.uk

Defibrillator

Charney Bassett's defibrillator is located in The Telephone Box Main Street

In the event of an emergency, call 999 for the access code.

No training is necessary - instructions in its use will begin on activation

For more on CPR and the defibrillator click [here](#).

VILLAGE DINER WITH FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Please come and enjoy our Benefice villages' community lunch which is served in Buckland Memorial Hall from 12.15pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month (excluding December). A 2 course lunch cooked by Claire Connolly with tea or coffee at £5 per person.

Wednesday 20 Jan

Wednesday 17 Feb

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help occasionally, please call Deborah Lewis on 01235 868 536 or email cjanlewis@btinternet.com

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. Without the required numbers this won't happen so if you are thinking about it be proactive and email me as soon as possible 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.

Christine Trotman cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com 869171

ADVICE FROM THE POLICE

How to protect your home and belongings this Christmas:

- Make sure Christmas gifts are not on display in vehicles where they are a temptation to thieves.
- Gifts piled together and on show through the house window or under the Christmas tree are easy pickings in the event of a burglary. It is advisable to store them elsewhere if you can.
- Look after your new belongings and dispose of boxes and rubbish discreetly. Leaving boxes outside your home will advertise the new and valuable items to burglars.
- You can property mark your belongings. Visit [Immobilise](#) for more information.
- Vacant homes are a temptation to thieves. Ensure your home is secure.
- Ask a friend or neighbour to pop in for a while at intervals and turn on lights or appliances to make the property look occupied. Alternatively invest in a timer switch to make it look as though someone is home.

Be cautious when using social media and do not advertise that your home is or will be empty when you are away.

Thank you!



Thank you for all your hard work baking and making, buying and selling, chatting and serving at the St Peter's Church Christmas Bring & Buy Coffee Morning.

We raised a total of £302.00.

To put that in context, that's about three quarters of our annual electricity bill! It's all a great help!

St Peter's Church wishes you every blessing for Christmas and the New Year

Please join us in Charney Bassett to celebrate Christmas

You are most welcome in the New Year at any of our services in St Peter's Church – and especially at

Christmas Eve

Thursday 24th December, 4.00pm

Family Carol Service, in St Peter's Church

Christmas Day

Friday 25th December, 10.00am

Parish Eucharist in St Peter's Church

Christingle Service

Sunday 24th January, 4.00pm in St Peter's Church

Candlemas Benefice Eucharist

Sunday 7th February, 10.00am in St Peter's Church

Lucy Gildersleeves

THE HISTORY OF CHARNEY BASSETT

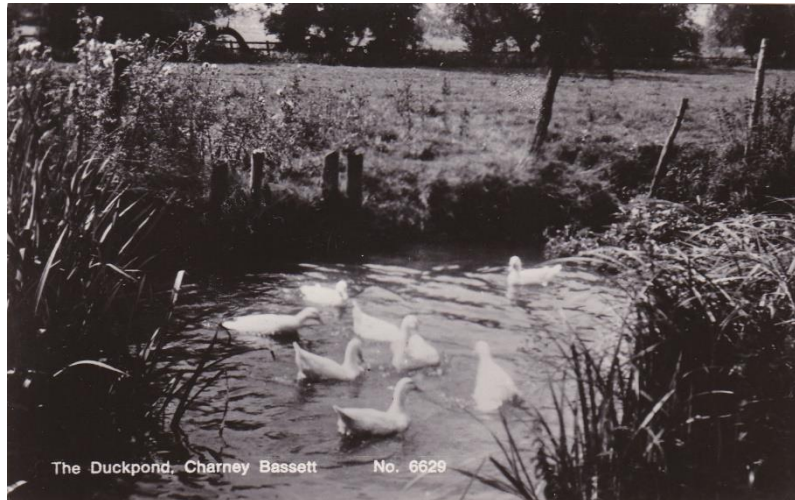
Do you, or someone you know, have any

- Photographs,
- Newspaper cuttings,
- Documents

OR

- Personal memories relating to the history of Charney Bassett and its activities

If so please contact Joe Ody email: joseph.ody192@btinternet.com tel: 868469



Does anybody remember this? Postcard circa 1960!

SNOW THIS WINTER?

Just received these two photos and several others from Andrew and Sylvia Gibbons – thanks.

TEN YEARS AGO!



AND THIRTY FOUR YEARS AGO!

Bill Clarke, former resident of Charney Bassett, had to use his Landover to get bread and milk supplies for distribution to households from the village green.

Notes on the first informal meeting of the Charney Bassett History Group can be viewed [here](#).

CHARNEY 100 CLUB DECEMBER DRAW

The results of the draw on the 8th December are as follows:-

1st Prize (£100) – No 80 Julie Silver



2nd Prize ((£50) – No 124 Christine Trotman

Congratulations for winning the largest prizes of the year. Back to the usual £25 and £10 next month.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Mahala and David
Charney 100 Club Organisers

COMMUNITY LED PLAN

The Steering Group briefed the Parish Council on progress at the November meeting and the plan is in its final stage of drafting.

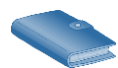
It is being reviewed by the Parish Council and other interested groups before consultation with the Vale of White Horse District Council and Oxfordshire County Council.

It is hoped that the plan will be adopted in the first half of 2016

Ron Smith

FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey

Click [here](#) for full report



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE HOUR – RESTART Tuesday 12th 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 13th January, 7.30pm, Village Hall

CHAFT – Thursday 21st January, 7.30pm, Village Hall

WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY WEBSITE?

- [Faringdon Neighbourhood Policing Team December Newsletter](#)
- [Minutes of first informal meeting of the Charney Bassett History Group](#)

THE CHEQUERS INN CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 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

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

New Year's Day: Closed all day.

CHARNEY BASSETT AND LYFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST NEXT MEETING WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2016

For further details please contact the Clerk: Mrs Frances Rothwell,
e-mail: rothwell555@btinternet.com

POPPY APPEAL 2015



A total of £332.26 was collected in Charney Bassett. Thank you Joe Ody

THE CHARNEY CHATTER TEAM WISH ALL ITS READERS AND CONTRIBUTORS A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

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