



MAY DAY IN CHARNEY BASSETT 2015

Diane and I always say we will have to deal with whatever the weather delivers to us on the day. We could not have asked for more perfect conditions, the sun shone and best of all it stayed dry. It was lovely to see so many people come to our village event.

The musicians led the Queen, her attendants and the dancers from the village hall to the green in procession. Debbie Little crowned Holly Ashton our 2015 May Queen, both her and her attendants Matilda Richards and Astrid Willis looking very lovely. The village were then treated to some expert dancing from our children, again with many newcomers joining in this year. Thank you to our MC Bruce Royan for introducing the village to the new dance called the "double plate".

I hope everyone enjoyed the event including the tea and cake provided by CHAFT and we look forward to seeing you again next year.

Lorraine and Diane



PATCHWORK AND QUILTING EXHIBITION

Charney Bassett Village Hall

Saturday 6th June

10am– 4pm



Come along and view a wonderful collection of work produced by the students of Charney Quilters and the Challow Quilting Group.

Entrance: £1.50, children under 12 free if accompanied.

Refreshments will be available

SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

David Roberts would like to thank the 12 people who have volunteered for training to operate the mobile speed indicator device.

There will be a meeting of other interested villages on the 28th May. Hopefully their responses will be as positive as Charney's.

Watch this space.

David Roberts

CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman's Report 2014/2015

This is my first report as your Chairman, having taken over duties from Mike Cox last year.

Initially this report was submitted before the result of the General Election, but it is doubtful that the outcome will have any significant effect on the general running of the Parish Council's day to day business. No doubt Melinda Tilley and new District Councillor Eric Batts will advise us of any changes in due course.

The report, as always, sets out the way the Parish Council has conducted its business on your behalf. Once again it is true to say that it has been a busy year.

Council expenditure comes from a precept on the Vale of White Horse District Council and derives its income from Council Tax.

New costs imposed upon us (electricity charges in connection with renting the Mill from Oxfordshire County Council) plus anticipated unbudgeted costs from the Vale for election charges, have meant that we considered it appropriate to increase the precept for 2015/16 to £4100, an increase of 8%. The PC had not increased the precept for five years.

Strategic Housing Market Assessment

As before the outcome of the General Election, the issue of building new homes remains a key point, and we will still be involved in local discussions in accordance with the guidelines set out in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment.

Following proposals in 2013/14 involving the potential development of new properties by Pye Homes and other developers, I am pleased to report that no further approaches have been made to the PC, and that 2014 has remained relatively calm.

Planning applications for the development of existing properties have continued throughout the year, and these have been in keeping with the character of the village.

Your Parish Council and Charney Bassett's pressure group have been successful in persuading VWHDC that we should be recategorised from "smaller village" to "open countryside". We await official ratification of this when the LocalPlan2031 is adopted, possibly some time in 2016.

This means that modest development such as 'in fill' and redevelopment of brown field sites can take place, but the plan precludes the sorts of proposals that we saw from Pye Homes and others.

Neighbourhood Plan/Community-led Plan

Our redesignation as "open countryside" means we no longer need the protection of a Neighbourhood Plan, and indeed would be contrary to the Local Plan. However, we are committed to developing a Community led Plan instead. We are advised by VWHDC that this will provide us with suitable protection against unwanted developers.

Special mention must go to Neil Dobson, Hugh Brookes, Ron and Victoria Smith, Sheila Terry and Christine Trotman for the outstanding work that they have done on the Neighbourhood Plan, and their commitment to continue with the Community-led Plan.

Village College

The Village College remains highly active with courses in Patchwork & Quilting, Pilates, and Yoga. Special thanks to Lynn Brookes who has now retired from the job as college manager, and a welcome to Christine Trotman who picks up the mantle.

Project CHAFFINCH

One of the disappointments of 2014 was the abandonment of the project Chaffinch (**Challenge to Avoid Further Flooding in Charney**) as a result of some villagers' concerns over the proposal to reinstate a ditch and remake a causeway. Despite consultation and the agreement of the Environmental Agency and VWHDC, the decision was taken to abandon the project.

Special mention must be made of Jim Gardiner for the outstanding work he carried out, his proposals and support. In addition our thanks must also go to Stephen Cowlam for his work to progress the project.

We still have the opportunity to use the EA offer of assistance and advice in maintaining our water courses in the coming months – something that The Charney Army would welcome!

The Defibrillator

The defibrillator is now functional, and a party of 20 villagers was present at a training session provided by the South Oxfordshire Ambulance Service earlier in the year. The final stage of this project is the refurbishment of the telephone kiosk itself, and Richard Podd has kindly agreed to lead this. In addition, Richard reports the status of the unit on a weekly/monthly basis as requested by the Ambulance service.

I must include enormous gratitude and thanks to Jacqui and Ian of 'The Chequers', Julie Ingram-Johnson and her Quilting Group, and Ruth Gerring and helpers for their unstinting support and fund raising events that generated significant amounts of cash, both for this project and other key activities within the village.

Allotments at the Manor.

Negotiations were completed with the Manor in November 2014, for the continuation of use of the allotments with a change of administration to be the responsibility of the PC, effective January 2015 onwards. Once again a special mention to Stephen Cowlam for the work he has done to avoid the Manor's proposed closure of the allotments. If there is sufficient interest, the PC will seek further sites for additional allotments within the village.

Conclusion

I have tried to be brief and to the point in this, my first Chairman's report. I entered into "the Den" not knowing what to expect exactly. I complete my first year knowing that we have a strong community, one that stands tall in its affection for its village and fellow residents.

There are a lot of key groups within the village that work tirelessly to maintain its high standards, but I've picked on 2 that deserve special mention, namely 'The Charney Army' ably led by John Daghish, and Charney Chatter headed up by Rosemary McClintock and David Sibbert. Our thanks to them all for their contributions.

I take pride in acting as your Chairman and am grateful to my fellow Councillors who have assisted me over the past 12 months, and to Stephen Cowlam, the Parish Clerk, in his continued support to Charney Bassett.

David Roberts

Charney Bassett Parish Council Chairman.

May 13th 2015

CHARNEY HALL AND FIELD TRUST (CHAFT)

OUR PLEDGE TO YOU

YOU won't be bored
YOU won't be pressed into doing something
COME ALONG AND SEE WHAT GOES ON

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
VILLAGE HALL
THURSDAY 4th JUNE
7.30pm

Of course as a registered charity strict rules and requirements must be complied with.
That won't rule out interesting discussions on

CHARNEY GOES WEST
BARN DANCE AND PIG ROAST
PLAYING FIELD DEVELOPMENTS

And being honest the important subject of SUCCESSION PLANNING will need to be addressed.
Our trustees, committee members and officials will not carry on forever.
It would be remiss if the TRUSTEES didn't give consideration to this topic now.

(Agenda on Notice Board)

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW RECTOR

I am pleased to report a really positive response for the appointment of our new Rector. Final interviews are on the 4th June. We shall start at 8.30 am with Eucharist Service led by Bishop Colin as Celebrant at St Mary's Church, Longworth. All are welcome to attend.

Subject to unanimous agreement by the Panel and acceptance of the appointment, formal confirmation will follow – hopefully with an announcement in Church on 7th June. I shall ensure that you are all kept fully updated, regardless of the outcome.

Doug Hughes
Church Warden

CHARNEY 100 CLUB MAY DRAW

The results of the draw on the 19th May are as follows:-

1st Prize (£25) – No 32 Sylvia Gibbons
2nd Prize (£10) – No 43 Annette Campbell



Mahala and David
Charney 100 Club Co-ordinators

VILLAGE DINER

Held in Buckland Memorial Hall
12.15 pm

Two course lunch with tea and coffee
£5 per person
Wednesday 17th June

For more information please call
Deborah Lewis 868536

FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY!

Come and Fill your Box, Bag or Container with top quality compost for free (Don't forget your shovel).

Saturday 13th June 9.30-12.30

Rye Farm Car Park, Culham Road, Abingdon, OX14 3NN

Sunday 14th June 9.30-12.30

Old South Oxfordshire District Council Car Park, Benson Lane, Crowmarsh Gifford, OX10 8ED.

Mike Cox writes..

KINGSTON BAGUIZE AND SOUTHMOOR BOWLS CLUB

Summer approaches, a time to look forward, forget the long drab winter and try something new.

Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowls Club is situated on the outskirts of Kingston Bagpuize down the Oxford road (the old A420 before the by-pass was built). At the present time we have around 65 playing members, men and women (and a couple of dozen non-playing Social members), everyone is welcome. Unfortunately bowls is still looked upon as a game for the elderly – you only have to watch the game on television to know that this isn't true and we do have a few young players amongst our members.

We are unique in that we have an all-weather green of six rinks – a slightly different experience to bowling on a grass green. The bowling season of matches and competitions runs from April to mid-September but our members are able to use the green all the year round – only snow and frost deter the hardier amongst us!!!

For those who prefer to spend their winters indoors the Clubhouse also has a short mat bowls carpet which is used in the outdoor closed season for matches and competitions and for casual play. The choice of what you do is yours.

The Club is open to members at all times for informal bowling (roll ups). A group of members generally meet on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons but all members can use the Club whenever the green is not being used for competitions and matches – even then, all the rinks are rarely used.

Most members live in the Kingston Bagpuize area or the surrounding villages (six from Charney Bassett), there is no defined catchment area. Nor do you need to have any bowling experience. We recognize that everyone has to start somewhere and we are more than happy to offer guidance and indeed, in the early days, to provide you with woods to try and assess what is best for you – see more later.

As well as bowls, we have an active Social programme. The Friday Club night runs throughout the year – in the winter it is too dark to play outside but the short mat carpet is down for roll-ups and the bar is a sociable place. Every month there is a quiz, usually with a BBQ or other food during the summer and other social events are also held including supper evenings through the winter.

The best approach for beginners is to try it out first. If you don't already know a Club member, come along to a Friday evening Club night from around 6.30 p.m. or 'phone one of the numbers at the end of this article. We will make you very welcome and show you the basics. We won't insist on bowls shoes yet (but please wear something soft like trainers). We will lend you a set of woods. You will need to try a few in any case to see what best suits you. You can come back as often as you like – we won't charge green fees for at least your first four visits and then negotiate a way forward from that stage. If you are a couple and one of you is not interested in bowling you can join as a Social member and enjoy all the privileges of a bowling member. Remember bowling is fun, you will meet nice people and enjoy great humour – see you on the Green.

For further information please contact:

Chairman: Mike Cox 01235 868276

Hon.Secretary: Peter van de Mortel 01865 820817

Local Member: Jane Fry 01235 868114

Local Member: Gordon Rothwell 01235 868704





FUN BOWLS EVENING

At Kingston Bagpuize Bowls Club

6.15pm on Monday 20th July

Bowls introduction, then try your hand

Plus fun competition with prizes and a

Delicious buffet

£11.00 per person

Waterproof clothing required if wet

Flat shoes with soft soles must be worn,

Trainers ideal

Bar open during evening

Numbers limited

If interested, contact Jane Fry on

Tel. 868114 by **Sunday 12th July**

'BRING AND BUY COFFEE MORNING'

WEDNESDAY 3rd JUNE 2015

Kingston Bagpuize & Southmoor Bowling Club,
Oxford Road

11 am - 1 pm

Home produce, Plants, Super Raffle,
Books, Clothing, plus much more

*Please come along and bring a friend
You can be sure of a warm welcome
Plenty of parking*

Retreat to the Harp Concert

with

Keziah Thomas and Hannah Phillips

St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett

Friday 3rd July at 8.00 pm

Tickets include drinks and canapés

We are delighted to welcome back Keziah and Hannah, internationally renowned harpists, who will present an evening of Classical, Celtic and Contemporary harp music.



The concert marks the start of the annual 'Retreat to the Harp' weekend for adult harpists held at Charney Manor

Please reserve your seats via the Daghishes
(868557) or via
CharneyChurchEvents@gmail.com

Payment for tickets will be by collection at the concert - suggested donation of £10 per adult, children free.

ST PETER'S CHURCH, CHARNEY BASSETT

invites you to join us
at our

Patronal Festival All Age Service

Sunday 28th June

11.00 am

and afterwards from 12.15 a

Bring and Share BBQ

at

The Old Stables, The Green, Charney Bassett

We will provide BBQ meats but please bring along a salad or pudding to share. Please let us know if you plan to join us at the BBQ, for catering numbers, by contacting Lucy on 868782 or via CharneyChurchEvents@gmail.com

ST PETER'S CHURCH

On the 29th April Richard Montgomery carried out Quinquennial inspection of our Church. In essence this involves a 5 year survey of fabric and structure.

You will appreciate that with an historic listed building there are inevitable concerns for ongoing maintenance. This report outlined priorities including damp treatment and electrical upgrades which will result in considerable expenditure. Whilst some funds are available through grants and similar sources we shall need to embark on serious fundraising.

I very much hope that you will help support our lovely Church which has been a place of worship in this village for almost 1000 years. On 3rd July we are hosting our third Harp Concert with Keziah Thomas and Hannah Phillips, returning with their popular repertoire. On 5th September we are planning "Charney 1945 a Celebration" to evoke the joy of that period when hostilities ended. They are just 2 themes. More will follow and we welcome suggestions.

We look forward to you joining us.

Doug Hughes
Church Warden

**IF YOU'RE HIRING A CAR ABROAD THIS YEAR IT'S
EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT YOU READ THIS MESSAGE!**



Thousands of motorists will be landing at foreign airports over the next few months, wearily heading to the car hire desk to pick up their temporary transport, and being turned away empty handed.

When the paper counterpart to your driver's license is discontinued on June 8, there'll no longer be a legal requirement to keep one.

All you'll need is the plastic photo ID driver's licence.

But if you want to hire a car abroad, this card alone IS NOT SUFFICIENT!

Instead, you need to go to the gov.uk website and get a code which contains your driving record, and take that along with you. Which is fine (if you know about it) but the snag is that it **only lasts for 72 hours**. So if you're not planning on hiring a car immediately upon landing you need to get online and find a printer before getting to the car hire office.

Personally it seems to be a ludicrous system but hopefully they'll refine it in the next few months.

Here's the quote from the DVLA website explaining exactly what you need to do:

"From 8 June 2015, you may wish to check with the hire company what they need to see when you hire a vehicle. If you are asked for evidence of what vehicles you can drive or confirmation of any penalty points, you will be able to request a unique code from GOV.UK which will allow you to share your driving licence details or you can download a summary of your driving licence record. The code will last for up to 72 hours and will allow the hire companies to make any necessary checks. You can also request a code by calling 0300 083 0013."

Drawn out though it may be, now that you know about it you can at least ensure that you're not caught out.

Happy driving!

Nick Allen
THAME Cars Sales Director

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS YEAR'S FEAST. ALL PROCEEDS TO
CHAFT.



PLUS



Village Barn Dance

Charney Playing Field

Saturday July 4th at 7pm

£10 per ticket, under 5's free

Dancing to Lark Rise Ranters

Large marquee so no chance of being rained off!

Hog Roast (incl. in ticket price)

Cash Bar

Tickets are now available for village residents and their friends from...

Jane Fry 868114, Diane Ewart 868103 or Helen Royan 868349



OFFENDERS IN COURT FOLLOWING RESIDENTS' PROMPT ACTION

Earlier in the year five men from Gwent were arrested on suspicion of hare coursing.

One received £555 fines and costs plus an order for the destruction of the Subaru Forester

One received £755 fines and costs

Three received £255 fines and costs

IF YOU SEE A CRIME IN ACTION TEL. 999

FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey

Themes of the May report are:



- Thank you to voters
- Main issues – housing developments, primary schools and GP services
- Congratulations to newly elected Councillors

Click [here](#) for full report

WHAT'S NEW ON THE CHARNEY WEBSITE?

[Draft Minutes of Parish Council held on 13th May 2015](#)

TO ALL DOG WALKERS

It has become very noticeable that dog mess is being left on the footpaths, especially on the Cherbury Camp path. We don't have that many paths to walk and this spoils it for everyone. Please pick up after your dog and think of others.

Andrea James



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.

BRING AND BUY COFFEE MORNING - Wednesday 3rd June, 11-1pm Kingston Bagpuize Bowling Club

CHAFT AGM – Thursday 4th June, 7.30 pm, Village Hall.

PATCHWORK & QUILTING EXHIBITION – Saturday 6th June 10-4 pm, Village Hall. £1.50 (Children under 12 free if accompanied).

COMMUNITY-LED PLAN OPEN MEETING – Saturday 13th June, Village Hall, 2.30-4pm.

PATRONAL FESTIVAL ALL AGE SERVICE – Sunday 28th June, 11am, St Peter's Church. Followed by BBQ at The Old Stables Charney Bassett.

RETREAT TO THE HARP CONCERT - Friday 3rd July, 8pm, St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett.

CHARNEY FEAST – Saturday 4th July, Playing Field, Charney Goes West 2-5pm, Barn Dance 7pm.

FUN BOWLS EVENING – Monday 20th July, 6.15pm, Kingston Bagpuize Bowls Club, £11.

CHARNEY 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

The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be on Wednesday 2nd September 2015. Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her for consideration at the meeting.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th June 2015. Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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