



### COMMUNITY- LED PLAN

On Saturday 23 April over 30 Charney residents attended a presentation from the Community Led Plan Steering Group. After a lively discussion the draft plan was handed over to David Roberts, Chairman of the Parish Council, so that it can be adopted at the annual parish meeting on the 11th May.

After adoption a summary copy of the plan will be distributed to every village household. The event was also used to move forward one of the key issues identified in the plan that of managing traffic.

The Steering Group is grateful for all the support it has had over the past few years and hopes that the Plan will achieve its purpose of 'Conserving and Enhancing the character of Charney Bassett'

Ron Smith (member of the Planning Group)

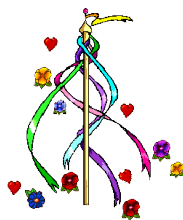
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#### Message from David Roberts, Chairman of the Parish Council

Thanks go to all the members of the Group for their work in producing such an excellent plan.

Those present at the presentation completed a short traffic questionnaire. If you didn't attend and want to give us your thoughts simply place the following concerns in numerical priority order and email your views to David Roberts at [dabe26@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dabe26@hotmail.co.uk) or drop a note through my door by **7<sup>th</sup> May 2016**.

- Volume of traffic,
- Speed of traffic
- Parking on pavements.
- Pot holes
- Other (please give details)



### Charney Bassett May Day Celebrations 2016

Please join us on The Green, Charney Bassett at 2.30pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2016. There will be the crowning of the May Queen, Maypole dancing by local children and lots of tea and cake.

Please feel free to bring chairs and picnic blankets, as we are praying for sunshine again.

Any donations of cakes can be taken to the Green on the day and will be most welcome.

Lorraine Ashton

### CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

Village Clean Up

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Meet at 10.00 am, Village Hall

ALL WELCOME

Please wear sensible footwear and bring your own gloves if required.

EQUIPMENT PROVIDED

Chris Lea: [clea@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:clea@hotmail.co.uk)

## FAMILY EASTER FUN AND AFTERNOON TEA – A HUGE BIG THANK YOU

A big thank you from the Charney Hall and Field Trust to everyone who supported the family fun day and afternoon tea on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

The morning saw the Village Green bathed in sunshine and circled with sponsored batons, with a steady stream of visitors making wishes in the wellingtons and joining in the activities. Easter eggs were painted and some truly epic icing creations were built on fairy cakes – and then eaten. Thank you to Jacqui and Ian at The Chequers for all your hard work at this event.



Enjoying tea and cake



By lunchtime the weather changed but was kind enough to remain dry for the crucial hour on the field while the three different treasure hunts took place. Our younger visitors sought out bunnies to complete their bingo cards, those slightly more adventurous searched the field to find the markers to decode special messages, whilst those brave enough faced the challenge of decoding clues to mystery locations to gather codes which then need to be cracked by the markers on the field. It was a fantastic sight to see so many people enjoying the field. This was then finished with more games and activities along with Afternoon Tea in the Hall. It was a full house, with hardly a chair spare.



Treasure Hunt Medals

In total the day's events raised a massive £734 towards the new play equipment. **Thank you.**



### IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE REGARDING RAIL ELECTRIFICATION

From **27<sup>th</sup> May 2016** the overhead lines and associated infrastructure along the Great Western Route should be treated as "live" at all times.

You do not need to touch the wires to receive a shock. It is extremely dangerous and only trained and qualified train personnel are permitted on the track or any associated part of it, including supporting masts, cables and other elements. There is of course no danger to any persons provided they remain away from the railway boundary and fencing altogether.

Any further general enquiries regarding electrification please contact the 24 hour National Helpline on 03457 114141

Richard Turner  
Community Relations Manager

## CHARNEY BASSETT WATER MILL OPEN SUNDAY MAY 15th 2-5pm



On National Mills Weekend Charney Mill will be open on Sunday afternoon May 15th.

The mill is leased by Charney Bassett Parish Council from Oxfordshire County Council.

Inside the building the milling machinery is complete having been conserved and renovated by a loyal group of volunteers. The mill race now has just a small flow of water, sometimes none, to help prevent flooding in the bottom end of Charney Village. The mill therefore lacks water to power the carefully renovated machinery and the millwheel stands still. The Mill has all sorts of interesting and historical things displayed inside such as grinding stones from other mills and records of their work in conserving this fascinating building. There is also a display of tools from Manor Farm when it was a working dairy farm in the middle of the village.

Marian Gardiner  
on behalf of the Charney Mill Volunteers.



### **Pentecost Flower Festival St Peter's Church Charney Bassett**

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 1.00 pm  
To  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 3.00 pm

*and grand finale of*

**Cream Tea at the  
Chequers Inn**

on

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May from  
3.00-5.00 pm**



*There will be a family service in St Peter's Church on  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00 pm*

- Please drop in to the church over the weekend during the flower festival to see all our floral arrangements and have a cup of tea.
- Why not join us at the Pentecost Service too?
- Come along to the Chequers Inn to help us close the festival on the Monday by enjoying scones and cakes and taking part in our raffle

## CRY HAVOC MORRIS

with

## VALE ISLANDERS



### THE CHEQUERS

### CHARNEY BASSETT

**8 pm**

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MAY**

## St Peter's Church Fête

# SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2.00-5.00 pm in Charney Manor Gardens

Come along and enjoy this traditional village fête with teas, a band, a grand draw, tombolas, auction, bouncy castle, stalls and games.

Join in our fancy dress parade!

Have you got something interesting to go in the auction, or could you offer a service for it - maybe a carwash or an hour of ironing or some gardening?

Please would you help us on the day by staffing a stall, serving teas, or helping set up and take down gazebos and tables etc.?

Start planting, digging out your unwanted bric-a-brac, books etc.

Please pass your donations and offers to the following people:

Accessories (hats, scarves etc)	Steph Wright	01235 867418
Auction offers	Lucy Gildersleeves	01235 868782 or <a href="mailto:gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com">gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com</a>
Books, CDs, DVDs	Steph Wright	01235 867418
Bottles of all types (wine, spirits, beer - even perfume!)	Lucy Gildersleeves	01235 868782 or <a href="mailto:gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com">gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com</a>
Bric-a-brac items	Sheila Terry	01235 868777
Cakes for cake sale	Rosemary McClintock	01235 868817
Draw prizes	Jacquie Harrison	01235 868330
Plants and produce	Mary Daghish	01235 868557
Tombola items	Lucy Gildersleeves	01235 868782 or <a href="mailto:gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com">gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com</a>

For all other enquiries or offers of help with stalls or set-up, please contact

**Barbara Douglas on 868788 or [bdoug98@aol.com](mailto:bdoug98@aol.com)**

**Thank you!**

### FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey



Themes of the April report are:

- Flood warnings direct service
- The Environment Agency
- White Paper for Culture
- App launched by BBC Learning

Click [here](#) for full report



For more information click [here](#).

To advertise and/or participate contact Roger Williams – [drwilliams@outlook.com](mailto:drwilliams@outlook.com) or 224255

**St Peter's Church, Charney Bassett**  
*Harp Concert*  
with Keziah Thomas and Hannah Phillips  
**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 8.00 pm**

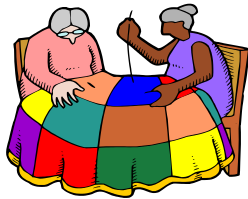
**followed by refreshments**



Internationally renowned harpists Keziah Thomas and Hannah Phillips present an evening of music for Celtic and Concert harps in the beautiful 12th century church of St. Peter in Charney Bassett.

Please reserve your seats via Doug (868438) or John (868557) Or via [doug.hughes@live.co.uk](mailto:doug.hughes@live.co.uk)

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



**2016**

**CHARNEY BASSETT & EAST  
CHALLOW STUDENTS'**

**PATCHWORK & QUILTING  
EXHIBITION**

**IN CHARNEY BASSETT VILLAGE HALL**

**SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2016**

**10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.**

**ENTRANCE: £1.50 (Children under 12  
free if accompanied)**

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**

**All proceeds in aid of Charney Bassett  
Village amenities**

## **AUNT SALLY**

The Chequers Inn Aunt Sally team has been promoted and will play in Section B of the Abingdon & District Aunt Sally League.

Matches are played on a Wednesday evening commencing at 8.15 pm.

The first home match is against Abingdon United on

**Wednesday 18th May**

All welcome

## **STANFORD IN THE VALE COMMUNITY BUS**



The good news is, the Community Bus service is going to remain the same for the time being.

Having said that, the reserve fund kept aside for purchasing a new vehicle may have to be used when necessary so when the time comes new ways will have to be looked at for obtaining a new bus.

Sue Dobson

Click [here](#) for timetable information.

## **CHARNEY 100 CLUB MARCH DRAW**

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall during Coffee Hour on Tuesday 19 April 2016 are as follows:-

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No 52	Jane Dale
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No 28	Brian Greenaway

The Club has a total of 120 numbers issued in the range 1 to 150 and so there are still numbers free. A sum of £575 has been allocated to prizes for the coming year and the remaining £924 has been handed to the CHAFT Treasurer.

Mahala and David  
Charney 100 Club Organisers



## SATURDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

### CHARNEY BASSETT CELEBRATION OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY

Decorate a gold and silver floral 'giant cake' and join in a bring-and-share picnic tea.

*This is a whole-village celebration and we hope as many as possible will join in.*

11.00 am Come to the Village Green to help decorate our 'giant cake' framework in a theme of silver and gold.

*Start collecting now: tinsel, kitchen foil or any weather-proof gold and silver material to bring along to weave into the framework.*

*Bring along a pot of outdoor flowers to place in the framework (please put your name on your pot of flowers if you want it returned to you when the 'cake' is dismantled)*

3.00 pm Bring and share picnic tea on the Village Green.

### PERSONAL SAFETY PACKS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THAMES VALLEY POLICE

These personal safety packs contain the following:

Personal defender alarm torch, UV property marking pen, purse bell, "no cold callers" letterbox sticker and crime prevention leaflets. The cost is £4.00 per pack.

Purse bells are a great way to alert the owner that someone maybe trying to remove their purse from their bag, due to the "bell" noise it makes.

The UV pens are a great way to property mark smaller electrical items.

The personal alarms are a great way to feel safer when out and about, it reaches 130dBs, is key ring activated, and has an LED torch.

Both of the above kits can be purchased from the front desk at Abingdon Police Station or you can contact your local Neighbourhood Team on the non-emergency police number 101.

If you would like more information please contact Lisa Butler - Community Relations Officer  
[lisa.butler@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lisa.butler@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk) or call 01235 556611

### REMINDER TO ALL DOG WALKERS



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month (excluding December).

A 2 course lunch cooked by Claire Connolly with tea or coffee at £5 per person. Next date:

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

For more information or if you would like to volunteer to help occasionally, please call Deborah Lewis on 868 536 or email [cjanlewis@btinternet.com](mailto:cjanlewis@btinternet.com)

## Eggs for sale:

From free-range local Charney Bassett hens: 868782 or

[gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com](mailto:gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com)

Also duck eggs available:



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## Used wine corks!



If anyone would be prepared to keep hold of their used wine corks and then ring Amanda (868974) she will collect.

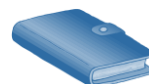
## CHARNEY BASSETT AND LYFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

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).

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.

**CHARNEY BASSETT MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2.30pm, Village Green.

**CRY HAVOC MORRIS** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm, The Chequers Inn.

**CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN** – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Meet 10.00 am Village Hall.

**PARISH COUNCIL AGM AND PARISH MEETING** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

**PENTECOST FLOWER FESTIVAL** – Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May 1pm – Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 3pm.  
Cream Tea Chequers Inn Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 3-5.

**CHARNEY MILL OPEN SUNDAY** – May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2-5pm.

**CHAFT AGM** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30pm, Village Hall

**QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, from 11.00am, Village Green.

**PATCHWORK AND QUILTING EXHIBITION** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June, 10-4pm, Village Hall.

**ANNUAL VILLAGE BOWLS EVENING** – Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Kingston Bagpuize Bowls Club.

**HARP CONCERT** – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, 8pm, St Peter's Church

**VILLAGE FETE** – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, Charney Manor

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