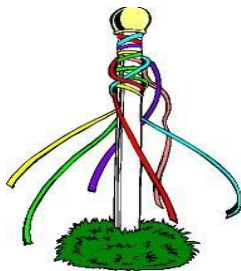




CHARNEY BASSETT MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS

Monday 1st May at 2.30pm on the Green

Come and join us crown the May Queen followed by traditional Maypole Dancing



Hopefully the sun will shine, so please bring along your deck chairs and picnic rugs.

There will be tea and cake available. Donations of cakes gratefully received.

Maypole Dancing practice

Whether you can join us on the day or not come and have a go - **Saturday 29th April - 12 noon** on the Green, Charney Bassett

Any questions, or in case of rain, contact Lorraine 868011 / Diane 868103

CRY HAVOC MORRIS with VALE ISLANDERS



**THE CHEQUERS
CHARNEY BASSETT
THURSDAY 4th MAY - 8pm**

LATEST NEWS FROM THE CHEQUERS INN

Jacqui and Ian have signed to stay on at The CHEQUERS for the next five years.

ROAD SAFETY

[Village Community-led Plan - Update from Road Safety Group:](#)

Terms of reference for the Group have now been approved by the Parish Council

A detailed paper covering a wide range of options has been drafted for consideration by the Parish Council at its May meeting and as a basis for future discussions with Oxfordshire County Council.

Consultation will take place with villagers once practicable options have been identified.

And in the meantime householders are reminded to:

- cut back vegetation where it causes an obstruction or undue narrowing of footways;
- use the ['Fixmystreet'](#) website to report potholes etc.

More background information can be found on the front page of the [February's Charney Chatter](#).



LADIES WALK

THURSDAY 4TH MAY

Fernham to Little Coxwell and back

Lunch at The Eagle.

Approx. 4 miles

Meet at Charney bus stop 11.00am.

Please let me know if you are coming by 2nd May so I can let the pub know numbers.

Jane 868114

St Peter's Church Cleaning Volunteers

St Peter's is a beautiful, ancient building which, as well as offering regular church services, hosts a number of events, such as concerts, and offers a cosy home to a colony of bats. The church receives many visitors including former villagers and their families and also those interested in its history and architecture.

In order to help keep the building looking its best, a small team of dedicated individuals undertake a weekly clean of the church. We are hoping to find additional volunteers to help with this task. Cleaning usually takes no more than an hour. Materials and vacuum cleaner are provided on site. Currently, no one cleans more than once a month.

If you are interested in adding your name to the cleaning rota then please contact:
charneybassettwebmaster@gmail.com.

Any assistance in helping to maintain this lovely Village asset is much appreciated.

Stephanie Wright

CHARNEY HALL & FIELD TRUST PLAYING FIELD - REPAINTING OF GOALPOSTS AND GRASS RESTORATION

The goal area at the Buckland Road end is to be put out of use for a short period to allow repainting of the goalposts and to help the grass in the goalmouth area to recover.

Once this work has been completed similar work will be undertaken at the southern end of the football pitch.

This work is planned for May

Users are requested not to use the respective goal areas whilst this work is taking place.

Oxfordshire County Council elections – it's a vote for your community

Oxfordshire County Council provides many of the important services in your community, such as Fire and Rescue, looking after vulnerable children and adults, libraries, roads, waste disposal, school nurses and tackling rogue traders, to name just a few.

The county council elections on Thursday 4 May are your opportunity to directly influence how these services are run in your area.

The councillor elected in your area will be representing you and your community, taking important decisions that affect where you live. They will also be the person you get in touch with if you want to improve services over the next few years.

You can find the full list of candidates standing in your area and your nearest polling station at

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/elections

The elections take place on Thursday 4 May from 7.00am to 10 pm. The election count takes place on Friday, May 5 in Abingdon.

If you care about local services, don't forget to vote and remind your friends and family too!

A PEEPING TOM IN CHARNEY



photo sent in by John Daalish

CHARNEY 100 CLUB – APRIL 2017 DRAW

The results of the draw held on 21 April at a special meeting of the Parish Council are as follows:-

1 st Prize	£25	No 89	Angie Cox
2 nd Prize	£10	No 96	Kay Adamson

Mahala and David
Charney 100 Club Organisers



ABINGDON AUNT SALLY LEAGUE

You know it's good when you hear the wood!'

The Chequers Inn will be playing in the B Section this summer. There are six sections each comprising 10 teams.

Home matches start at 8.15pm

Wednesday 17th May - Fox B Denchworth

Wednesday 24th May - Stanford in the Vale FCR

For more information on the game of Aunt Sally click [here](#).

VILLAGE DINER WITH FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Community lunch served from 12.15pm in Buckland Memorial Hall on 3rd Wednesday of the month (excluding December). Two course seasonal lunch with tea or coffee, cooked by Clare Connolly, £5 per person.

For more information contact:
Lucy Courtier-Dutton courtierdutton@hotmail.com
07894 219972.

Next Date:
Wednesday 17th May

FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey



Themes of the April report:

- Incident at Westminster
- Article 50 invoked
- English 'Magic Town' Didcot
- Oxfordshire Cycling Network

Click [here](#) for full report

WHAT'S NEW ON THE WEB?

[All Village Hall and Field information is now under its own heading on the home page of the Village Website.](#)

CHARNEY BASSETT AND LYFORD EDUCATIONAL TRUST

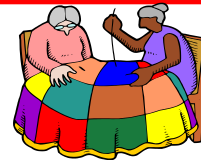
CLET supports a range of educational projects, with grants awarded both to individuals under the age of 25 and to community groups in the villages of Charney Bassett and Lyford.

Applications will be considered by the Trustees who meet in January, May and September. For further details please contact the Clerk:

Pam Edwards, 26 New Road, Charney Bassett, OX12 0ER. Tel: 07809250262

Email: cletclerk@gmail.com

The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be on Wednesday 3rd May 2017. Please contact Pam for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her for consideration at this meeting.



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CHARNEY BASSETT & EAST CHALLOW STUDENTS'

PATCHWORK & QUILTING EXHIBITION

IN CHARNEY BASSETT VILLAGE HALL

SATURDAY 24th & Sunday 25th JUNE

10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

ENTRANCE: £2.00 (Children under 12 free if accompanied)

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

All proceeds in aid of Charney Bassett Village amenities

ANOTHER COMPLAINT ABOUT DOG POO!

On the Main Street grass verge between the Old Smithy and Buckland Road.

PLEASE PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE LAW AND PICK UP YOUR DOG'S POO!



UPDATE FROM HISTORY GROUP

What's new on the Website

- [The Slate Club](#)
- [Village College](#)
- [A little more on Bush Barn Airfield & WW1 rationing book](#)
- [Youth Club – memories from Joanna Wakefield](#)
- [More photos](#)
- [Parish Records from 1617 to 1974](#)
- [Various receipts – under \[Garages\]\(#\) and \[Resources, Receipts\]\(#\)](#)
- [More Newspaper Cuttings](#)
- [Additions to Feasts](#)

Do you have any old receipts for items from Charney Bassett that show what things used to cost, for example, 20/- for a Broadcast Receiving licence (excluding television) or £2 including television? We would be pleased to receive them and put them on the website. Contact charney.history@btinternet.com

St Peter's Church Parish Records

We are very fortunate that the Parish Records from 1617 to 1974 were brought together in a beautiful book, in the mid-seventies. The records were transcribed by Elizabeth Blizzard and a number of copies were made.

Subsequently the Oxfordshire Family History Society scanned the contents of the book on to a CD in pdf format. This CD is available in the Wantage Library and the Charney Bassett History Group has purchased a copy of the CD. The full contents page of the CD is shown on website . [Parish Records from 1617 to 1974](#)

TREASURE HUNT!

Coming soon....

. The plan is for there to be

- *A children's History Treasure Hunt, which will be run during the Feast.*
- *A Village History Treasure Hunt which will run in the summer.*

More details in June's Charney Chatter

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE HOUR - Every Tuesday, Village Hall from 10.30-11.30am. £1 pp, including as much tea, coffee and biscuits as you like.

MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS – Monday 1st May, 2.30pm on the Green

CRY HAVOC – Thursday 4th May, 8pm, Chequers.

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – Wednesday 10th May, 7.30pm Village Hall.

PATCHWORK AND QUILTING EXHIBITION – Saturday and Sunday 24th and 25th June, 10am-4pm, Village Hall.



*Any queries
please call Pam
Edwards on
868738*

CHARNEY BASSETT VILLAGE FEAST - UPDATE

It has been decided to reschedule the Feast. Further details to be announced.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20th May 2017 Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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