



## **CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL**

### **ROAD SAFETY ..... A PRIORITY**

Last year the Parish Council formally adopted the [Charney Bassett Community- Led Plan](#)

The Plan identified road safety as a high priority area for action and an informal working group has now been formed to address traffic issues affecting the village. Matters to be looked at include traffic speed and volumes, parking and pavements. The group acknowledges there will be differing views on what should or should not happen.

### **WHAT ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN SO FAR?**

- The County Council has been asked to refresh road white lining throughout the village. It is understood this will be included in their 2017/18 programme
- Potholes are being reported to the County Council <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>
- The Parish Council have requested householders to cut back hedges and tree branches which restrict pavement width and require pedestrians to walk at the pavement edge or in the road itself.
- The Parish Council participates in a SpeedWatch initiative.
- Contact has been made with the County Council and Community First Oxfordshire.

### **WHAT THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAS TOLD US.**

Charney Bassett does not have any accident black spots so any traffic calming measures will need to be funded through local fund raising, parish council taxes or from other sources



They are prepared to advise/comment on any type of self-funding proposal. All schemes (apart from minor schemes such as enhanced signing and lining) require a safety audit. Proposals must have the backing of the community and any objections will be taken into consideration before approval can be given.

The cost of schemes varies greatly and depends upon the particular characteristics of each site. Enhanced signing/road markings will normally cost between £500 and £15000 or more (the higher costs would normally occur for projects using two electronic vehicle activated signs). For measures such as chicanes or road humps/speed cushions these would cost a minimum £15000 but costs could be much higher depending on the scope of the scheme.



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## NEXT STEPS

The group is still at the fact finding and planning stage and will be established on a more formal basis in the near future with approved terms of reference. It is important it represents all interests and age groups, including parents, children, dog walkers, cyclists etc.

Residents will be consulted once an appropriate process has been agreed as the Group seeks to identify:

- further low cost safety improvements which could be funded locally and do not require County Council approval, for example footpaths, clearance of roadside gulleys, enhanced signage, educational initiatives etc.
- if there is a consensus of opinion in support of more ambitious traffic calming safety measures which would require research, funding and County Council approval.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

**OFFER** to help the working group so it represents a better cross section of village residents.

**BECOME** a SpeedWatch volunteer

**REPORT** pothole problems via <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk/>

**CONTRIBUTE** your views throughout the process.



**PLEASE SEND any comments or offers of help to [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com)**



*You are invited to a*  
***Valentine's Social***  
***Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February***  
***7.30 pm***

*Charney Bassett Village Hall*

*Join us for*

- Cocktails and mocktails
- Luscious pudding bites
- Conversation
- Light-hearted amusement



***Wear something red!***



*Tickets £5 each*  
*Cocktails by donation*  
*Contact Lucy on*  
[\*gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com\*](mailto:gildersleeveslucy@gmail.com)  
*or 868782*

*There will be a raffle on the night*

## **FARINGDON NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM**

The [January update](#) has been posted on the web – some interesting articles:

- Criminal activity
- Offenders brought to Justice
- Policing priorities
- Police Cadet scheme

## **FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey**

Themes of the January report:



- ❖ Local health services and issues
- ❖ Debate on IVF provision
- ❖ Brexit meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> February Didcot Civil Hall

Click [here](#) for full report

## **STONE TROUGH ON THE GREEN**

Many thanks To Clive Dunn who has kindly offered to 'garden' the stone trough on The Green.

## QUIZ NIGHT THANK YOU FROM LUCY

Seven teams packed the village hall for the recent Quiz Night. The questions ranged across science, history, geography, sport, culture, current affairs ... and cats! Teams wrestled to identify photos of mystery animals and work out identities of famous recently deceased individuals from clues that were either ridiculously difficult or obvious - depending on your point of view. In the absence of correct answers, players wangled a few bonus marks off the Quiz Master by coming up with witty alternative answers to raise a laugh.

As ever, the battle for the lead swung to and fro throughout the evening and much could be gained by a well-played Joker. Our final winners were "the Blanks" who were anything but blank, storming home with 145 points, and the last-place team departed consoled by some lovely new wooden spoons!

Thank you everyone for joining in and helping us to raise £220 for CHAFT. We look forward to seeing you all again

## VILLAGE DINER WITH FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Community lunch served from 12.15pm in Buckland Memorial Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:courtierdutton@hotmail.com)  
07894 219972.

**Next Date:**  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017

## 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 Chairman: Mr Nicholas Milne at The Old Vicarage, Lyford, OX12 0EF, Tel: 867495, e-mail: [nick@themilnes.net](mailto:nick@themilnes.net)



### EVENT:

#### Find out about funding for rural businesses in Oxfordshire

A day event run by Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership (OxLEP) to let rural businesses know about the range of funding opportunities available.

**Thursday 9 February 2017**  
**Fountain Centre- Howbery Park, Wallingford, OX10 8BA**  
**10.30am - 4.30pm**

**To register** If you would like to attend this event, please register your interest by 2 February 2017 to [AFRD@oxfordshirelep.com](mailto:AFRD@oxfordshirelep.com)

## CHARNEY 100 CLUB - JANUARY 2017 DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17 January during Coffee Hour, are as follows:-

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £25 No 130 Stephen Cowlam

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £10 No 103 Joan Falaise

Mahala & David  
Charney 100 Club Organisers



## FOUND

**A GOLD SIGNET RING HAS BEEN  
FOUND ON THE CHARNEY FIELD.**

**Contact [echatter@btopenworld.com](mailto:echatter@btopenworld.com)**

## WHATS NEW ON THE WEB?

[Draft Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January.](#)  
[Update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team](#)

## CHARNEY HISTORY GROUP UPDATE

### WHAT'S NEW ON THE HISTORY WEBSITE

[Memories of Michael Cox](#)  
[Saxon Brooch found at Cherbury Camp](#)

### QUIZ RESULTS

The winners of the 2016 Very Merry Christmas History quiz were....

Derek and Rosemary McClintock

Dr E D Graham

Ian McGregor

Pam Edwards

Sally Hawkins

Bruce Royan

Several members of the History Group got very high scores but due to the -5 handicap rule didn't win.

You can download the answer sheet here: [A Very Merry Christmas History Quiz Answers](#)

### And here is a bonus question...

How many sundials of all types are there on St Peter's Church? (*answer at the end of Chatter*)

### USER FEEDBACK

- ❖ A person researching the Yates Family for a Christmas present was delighted with the response and commented -

*"The information that you sent me arrived today. I cannot thank you enough as there was more than I imagined and it's all fabulous.*

*Thank you so, so much once again and I hope you have a wonderful Christmas."*

- ❖ Judy Kendal, who directed many of the Charney Amateur Dramatic Society's productions, has expressed enjoyment at watching the videos.
- ❖ A person got in contact and corrected the names of people in the picture of the Old Mill and commented: *'First of all, congratulations on the website it is brilliant and very interesting....keep up the good work with the website'*
- ❖ Geoff Rumble, formerly of the village, sent us some more photographs, particularly lovely ones of Charney in the snow.
- ❖ Positive feedback from The Ashmolean in relation to the Saxon Brooch found at the Cherbury Camp.

**We welcome any contacts whether they be corrections, queries or additions to the website.**

### Wantage Gardeners Association

Wantage Gardeners Association is a friendly, not for profit, garden club offering a wide range of garden products along with seed potatoes at cost and professional standard, heavily discounted seeds. Open on Saturday mornings from 9-12 and on Wednesday evenings during the summer. We can be found in the hut behind the Scout hall in Springfield road. We also raise money for local charities through the sale of plants and second hand garden tools.

Please come along and say hello and maybe pick up a bargain. **Shop re-opens Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February. Membership £1**

Full details can be found on our web site at [www.wantagegardeners.org.uk](http://www.wantagegardeners.org.uk).



## Tickets available

**Lets EAT DRINK & Be IRISH**

Enjoy Irish Band & Irish Beer

Irish Stew from **THE CHEQUERS INN**

7.45pm - 10pm

**SATURDAY 18TH MARCH**

Chamey Church, OX12 0EJ

Tickets £10  
(Includes Food & Complimentary Drink)

Book online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/chameychurch](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/chameychurch)  
Or E-mail [chameychurch@gmail.com](mailto:chameychurch@gmail.com)  
Or Call Pam on: 07809 250262

### 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.

**VALENTINE'S SOCIAL** – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February, 7.30, Village Hall, Tickets £5.

**CHAFT MEETING** – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February, 8.00pm, Village Hall.

**RDA QUIZ NIGHT** – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 7.00pm, Southmoor Village Hall.

**EAT DRINK AND BE IRISH** – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Charney Church, 7.45-10.00pm.



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### QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

**7.00 for a 7.30 pm start**

**Southmoor Village Hall, Drayc  
Southmoor, Abingdon OX1**

**Pre-purchase your tickets from:  
The Abingdon RDA stables**

**Or**

**Call 07801 379814 or email**

**[annps.barlow@googlemail.com](mailto:annps.barlow@googlemail.com)**

**Tickets £6 per person**



**ANSWER TO THE HISTORY QUESTION:** There are seven sundials known to be on St Peter's Church – one conventional and six Mass (scratch) dials.

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE:** 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Entries to: [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com)

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