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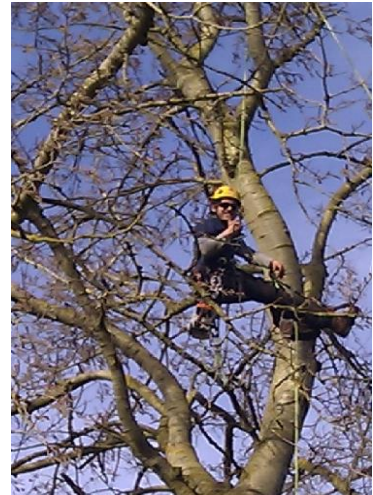
APRIL 2017

## CHARNEY ARMY OUT IN FORCE.

A full complement of the [Charney Army](#) was out in force on the 8th and 9th March to assist the tree surgeons with tree and branch removal on the Bridle Path.

The skills and fitness of the tree surgeons was something to be admired.....from afar!!!.

Apparently they are not normally keen on working with volunteers for safety reasons but on this occasion expressed their praise to the helpers for their diligence and common-sense approach!



## Tea, Cake and Easter Activities

Organised by CHAFT

Charney Bassett Village Hall

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April

2.00-3.30pm

Please come along and join us for some Easter Fun

Everyone Welcome!





## **CHARNEY BASSETT MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS 2017**

Please join us on The Green, Charney Bassett at 2.30pm on Monday 1st May 2017. 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 and Diane

## **UPDATE FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS TEAM**

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

This is the 39<sup>th</sup> edition of eChatter.

40 additional interim email updates have been distributed via email in the past 12 months

100 village households (136 recipients) receive the Charney Chatter and interim updates via e email

7 households receive eChatter in hard copy format

31 non villagers have 'opted in' to receive the Charney Chatter by email.

The village website contains a wealth of local information.

The history website has had nearly 10000 page views over the last 6 months.

(extract from report to Parish Council March 2017)

## **PLEASE SHARE THIS MESSAGE WITH ELDERLY FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

On Wednesday (22/3) an incident occurred at The Kestrels, Grove, Wantage.

The victim, an elderly man, was approached by two other men who claimed to be police officers.

They asked the victim for his phone number and then instructed him to return home and await a phone call. A witness later saw the same men leave the scene in a large silver car.

The victim was subsequently called by someone claiming to be an officer from the Metropolitan Police. The caller warned him that a fraud was taking place on his account and that he needed to attend his bank and move £25,000 into a different account number that the caller provided. The victim attended his bank in Didcot where thankfully the fraud was prevented by bank staff who identified that there was a crime taking place.

Thames Valley Police are reminding members of the public that the police will never contact you in person or by telephone to ask you to withdraw money from your bank account, or to transfer funds into other bank accounts.

Please share this message with elderly family and neighbours to help them avoid becoming victims of crime and visit the advice section on our new website [www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice](http://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/advice) for further information.

The two men who pretended to be police officers were believed to be using a silver car, possibly a Vauxhall Vectra. A witness described the two men as being of Asian appearance.

If you have any information relating to this case, please call 101 quoting reference '43170083082', or [contact Crimestoppers anonymously](#).





## **DISTRACTION BURGLARY - CRIME REDUCTION ADVICE**

A distraction burglary is when someone turns up unannounced with the intention of tricking their way into your home. They may pose as officials or ask your help with something.

Some work alone, but they often work in groups of two or more, usually with one person knocking at your door with a convincing excuse. They keep you occupied whilst often sneak in and search your house to steal cash and valuables.

There are some steps you can take to keep yourself safe:

- If you are not sure who is at your door – do not open it.
- Check the ID of the caller by calling the company they say they work for i.e. gas electricity water or police.
- Use telephone numbers listed in the directory NOT numbers provided by the caller.
- Don't keep large quantities of cash at home. Reputable companies will not insist to be paid in cash.
- Keep windows and doors secure at all times.
- Use a door chain.
- If you suspect a bogus caller has visited you call the police on 101.
- Please look after and advise elderly family members and neighbours.

A genuine caller will happily wait outside while you check on them by calling their organisation and/or calling a family member or neighbour.

Finally please remember this type of crime is not common but we must all remain vigilant!

Margaret Roberts  
Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator

## **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 19<sup>th</sup> April 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 Clerk: Pam Edwards, 26 New Road, Charney Bassett, OX12 0ER.  
07809250262

Email: [cletclerk@gmail.com](mailto:cletclerk@gmail.com)

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

## **WHITE HORSE RUNNERS HALF MARATHON**

**Look out for the White Horse Runners on the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> April. Notices will be distributed to all households.**

## **CRY HAVOC MORRIS with VALE ISLANDERS**



**THE CHEQUERS  
CHARNEY BASSETT  
THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY - 8pm**

## CHARNEY BASSETT PARISH COUNCIL APPROVE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

The Road Safety Working Group is an ad-hoc advisory group of village volunteers. The Parish Council is represented by the Chairman David Roberts.

The purpose of the Group is to:-

1. Address road safety concerns identified in the Charney Bassett Community-Led Plan.
2. Liaise with and seek advice from Oxfordshire County Council.
3. Secure up to date views from all sections of the community and identify -
  - (a) any potential low cost safety initiatives/improvements which have general community support and can be implemented without formal County Council approval
  - (b) if there is a consensus of opinion in support of safety measures which would require formal County Council approval. If so undertake research, scope, and investigate sources of funding and consult further with the local community.
4. Report progress to the bi-monthly meetings of the Parish Council.

The next meeting of the Group is on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March. More details next Month

## CHARNEY 100 CLUB – MARCH 2017 DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall during pilates on Thursday 16 March 2017 are as follows:-

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No 49	Adrian Hodges
2nd Prize	£10	No 56	Jane and Ron Smith



Thank you all for your support over the last twelve months. We collected a total of £1472 over the year and paid out £575 as prize money. CHAFT benefited by the difference of £897 which helped to fund the refurbishment of the children's play area. We hope to collect a similar amount this year for this village charity.

The collection of subscriptions for the year April 2017 to March 2018 is almost complete but there are still one or two people we have not yet managed to find at home.

Mahala and David  
Charney 100 Club Organisers

## IRISH NIGHT AT THE CHURCH



Bill McKinnon and his Irish band Clíodhna provided great entertainment for an audience of 56 in St Peter's Church on Saturday 18th March.

A complimentary drink and excellent Irish stew added to the enjoyment.

Congratulations go to all those involved in providing such a well organised event

## SIGN UP TO THAMES VALLEY ALERT TODAY

Thames Valley Alert is our community messaging system, allowing residents to sign up to receive local information on incidents in and around their area.

You can sign up to Thames Valley Alert via email, text, or even receive voice messages about what's happening in your local area.

The service is completely tailored to you, so you can choose what sort of alerts you would like to receive – whether you'd like news on local incidents, community news, or you'd just like to be alerted to significant or high priority messages. When you sign up to Thames Valley Alert (a free service) you will be given login details that will allow you to change your settings at any time. There is also a business watch service and a country watch service. If you'd like to sign up to [Thames Valley Alert](#)

## FROM YOUR MP – Ed Vaizey

Themes of the March report:

- Budget announcements
- Queen's Award for voluntary service
- 100 Best Companies Awards

Click [here](#) for full report





**THE PLANT STALL  
WILL BE BACK!!**

*By popular demand we are going to run a plant stall again this summer at the Chequers Pub, Charney Bassett.*

*Along with the tomatoes, courgettes, beans etc, this year there will be a bigger selection of flowers.*

*So please look out for further notices nearer the time and if you have any spare plants you're welcome to pop them on the stall.*

*Any queries please call Pam Edwards on 868738*

**Thank You**



## WHATS NEW ON THE WEB?

[Update from the Neighbourhood Policing Team](#)

[Draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8<sup>th</sup> March.](#)

## 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.

**CHAFT MEETING** - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 8pm, Village Hall.

**TEA, CAKE AND EASTER ACTIVITIES** - Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2.00-3.30pm, Village Hall.

**MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS** - Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2.30pm on the Green

**CRY HAVOC MORRIS** - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 8pm, Chequers.

**VILLAGE FEAST** - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July

## CHARNEY BASSETT VILLAGE FEAST

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY**



We need

for the bookstall,



for the plant stall



and

soft toys and good quality gifts for children's and adults' tombola.

We also need raffle prizes so



on, can you supply something amazing?

But mostly we need offers of help whether you can come along and help set up, run a stall or help clear up.

Please contact Lucy Gildersleeves (868782), Helen Royan (868349), Diane Ewart (868103) or any member of CHAFT with offers of help.

**THANK YOU** - more information in next month's Charney Chatter.



# UPDATE FROM HISTORY GROUP

## What's new on the Website

[Some history of the River Ock](#)

[Map of the allotments](#)

[More School photos](#)

[More on The Chequers and The Horn Inns](#)

[Imperial War Graves Letter](#)

[Aunt Sally Winners 2013](#)

[New Newspaper Clippings](#)

## Cricket lovely Cricket

Thanks to everyone who identified the cricketers and support team. We now have names for them all - see

<http://history.charneybassett.org.uk/charney-life/cricket-club/>

## Can you help?

Do you know anything about the history of your house in Charney Bassett? Would you like to share it, and enhance the history website?

For example – did you know that in the original estate agent documents, Barnfield was called Brookside! I believe it was thanks to the Parish Council that Barnfield became Barnfield.

## TREASURE HUNT!



Coming soon....in the fun hot days of summer we will be devising a History Treasure Hunt around the village. Here is a taster of the sorts of questions you might have to discover the answer to.

Have you ever spotted a date stone on a house in Charney Bassett? Where, and what date does it show?

There will also be treasure to find, and PRIZES!!! More in next month's Charney Chatter.

## FIX MY STREET

Why not access the updated [Fix My Street](#) website and report damage to our roads.

See opposite for some problems reported this year.



**Fix My Street** Report a problem Sign in All reports Local alerts

Potholes west side of road south of previous repairs  
10:29, 21 Feb 2017

Potholes west side of longworth road charney bassett  
10:21, 21 Feb 2017

Road surface in ctr of road lifting/forming potholes  
**Fixed** 11:23, 4 Feb 2017, last updated 11:01, 3 Mar 2017

Road surface lifting in ctr of road/forming potholes  
**Fixed** 11:20, 4 Feb 2017, last updated 11:01, 3 Mar 2017

Large areas of road damage between Lyford Stud and Charney  
12:27, 3 Feb 2017, last updated 14:41, 3 Mar 2017

60 cm large pot hole at entrance to property of bear cottage  
13:45, 27 Jan 2017

The map shows Charney Bassett CP with several yellow location pins indicating reported problems. Labels on the map include: Green Acres, Longworth, Manor Farm, Charney Bassett, Charney Wick, River Ock, FB, and Minmere Barn.

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

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