



NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

Stanford in the Vale Recycling Centre

Following the decision to keep the Centre open, Oxfordshire County Council is introducing charges for non-household waste from 1st October 2017.

You will still be able to dispose of all household waste free of charge. For information on the charges for the disposal of items such as fence panels, sinks, kitchen units, please click [here](#).

Better Broadband in Oxon

Superfast Broadband will be available to 96% of homes and businesses by the end of 2018. If you are one of the 4% and want to know more, click [here](#).

Repair Shop (request from BBC)

BBC2's *The Repair Shop* are seeking damaged family and community heirlooms for their second series and objects that have special significance during Christmas time for their upcoming Christmas special. The series follows a team of passionate and skilled crafts people who restore damaged objects of sentimental value. The experts work side by side in beautiful barn nestled deep in the British countryside as they fix, repair and breathe new life into objects brought in by members of the public. The experts are drawn from different disciplines such as furniture repairers, metal workers, mechanics, ceramicists, clock makers, picture conservationists, and up-cyclers, restorers and fabricators of every ilk.

If you have a precious object you'd like repaired please email repair@ricochet.co.uk or call 01273 224829

Parish Council meeting held 13th September, 2017

The agenda papers and draft minutes for the meeting held on Wednesday 13th September have been posted on the [village website](#). They refer to:

- Recent planning applications
- Update on the Village-Led Community Plan
- Maintenance of 'The Mill'
- Reports from your County and District Councillors.
- 'Deep Cleaning' of the village.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL'S ROAD SAFETY WORKING GROUP

The traffic survey boxes were installed at the approved sites on Monday 18th September for one week. The results will be discussed with the County Council and a report prepared for the next Parish Council Meeting.

YOUTH CLUB REUNION.

After attending a golden wedding earlier this year contact was made with other members of the Charney Bassett Youth Club in the late 1950's and early 1960's to arrange a reunion.

On Sunday 17th September some 34 former members and partners gathered together in the Village Hall for a catch up chat. Attendees came from as far afield as Nottingham, Preston and Leighton Buzzard.



Visit the [Charney History Website](#) to see more photographs.

Memories were exchanged over refreshments and after expenses had been met a donation of £28 was made to the British Heart Foundation. Another get together event is planned for Christmas

Joanna Wakefield (formerly Ody)

Children's Halloween Party

Monday 30th October

Charney Village
Hall

4.30-6.30pm

Fancy Dress Games

Bring a plate of spooky Food

Lots of Spooky Fun!

Aimed at under 10's but all children big or small
are welcome to come along and join in

Bring along a carved pumpkin (candles will be
provided)



Thank you all so much!

We have been able to deliver

110

tins, packets and jars
to the Food Bank
from our Harvest Service
collection
in St Peter's Church



WHAT'S NEW ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE.

'HEREABOUTS'

Some time ago it was suggested consideration should be given to including details of forthcoming events in neighbouring villages in the monthly edition of Charney Chatter.

Whilst we have published details of known events in neighbouring villages on occasions your communications team believe that to do so on a comprehensive basis would result in a loss of local focus.

Instead we have developed a new section on the Charney Village website which provides links to local websites and newsletters.

Go to www.charneybassett.org.uk and click on to 'HEREABOUTS' to gain easy access to information on the village of your choice.

The following events have been drawn to our attention and are included for your information.

KBS Drama Group Pantomime at Southmoor Village Hall click [here](#).

Wantage events click [here](#).

Vale & Downland Museum, various events click [here](#).

All Saints' Church, Faringdon are hosting a series of talks "Science and Faith: Big Questions" at Faringdon Corn Exchange. Click [here](#).

FREE TESTING OF ELECTRIC BLANKETS.

Each October the Fire and Rescue Service, Trading Standards and partners offer free testing for electric blankets at locations throughout Oxfordshire to help ensure county residents have a safe and warm winter. Local venues include

Wednesday 4 October - Witney

Friday 6 October - Abingdon

Friday 20 October - Wantage

Booking information

To book your safety check appointment call 01865 898642 or email

communityengagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk

(Pre-booked appointments only on a strictly first come, first served basis)

Watch [a YouTube video](#) showing the Rotary Club in Witney hosting an electric blanket testing event.

CHARNEY VILLAGE COLLEGE

Vacancies available in the following classes:

Patchwork & Quilting

Wednesday afternoons 2-4.30pm. Beginners
Wednesday mornings 9.30 -12noon.

Pilates

Tuesday 6 – 7pm.

Yoga

Friday 6.45 – 8.15pm

For enrolment form and further details about any class please contact me:

Christine Trotman, 869171 or email
cbvillagecollege@btinternet.com

AUNT SALLY UPDATE

The CHEQUERS INN Aunt Sally Team lost 4 points to 2 in their final match of the season against the league leaders Drayton to finish in second place.

They will now have to wait until early next year to see if they are promoted into the Premier League.

A win in the traditional beer leg was small comfort for what can only be described as a below par performance on the night.



**Temporary Traffic Regulation Order – S14 Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984
Temporary Road Closure – at West Hanney, Unnamed Road from Main Street to its
junction with Northmead Lane**

Date of Order: 18 September 2017

Coming into force: 2 October 2017

This Order is being introduced because of retaining wall construction works which are anticipated to take 6 weeks to complete.

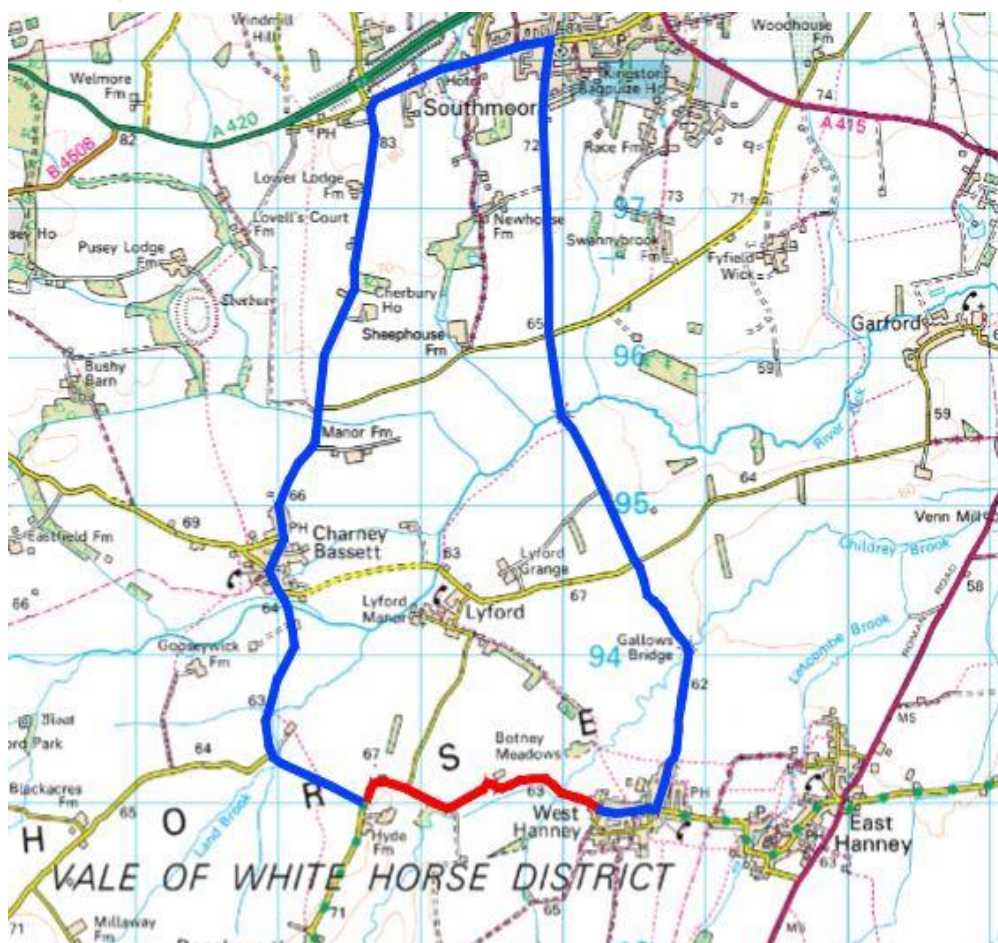
The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit any vehicle proceeding or waiting in that length of the unnamed road westwards from West Hanney towards Stanford in the Vale – to the junction with Northmead Lane/Hyde Road.

Appropriate traffic signs will be displayed to indicate when the measures are in force.

Exemptions are included for emergency services and for the works and for access to premises which are only accessible from the closed section of road.

The alternative route for traffic (counter-clockwise) is via Main Street, Winter Lane, to Hanney Road Southmoor, Spring Hill, Charney Road, Longworth Road, Northmead Lane and vice versa.

This Order will remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until the works have been completed whichever is the sooner.



THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG

The dig took place over the weekend of 16th/17th September with two test pits on The Green and two in the grounds of Mill Cottage.

The finds included pottery, metal items and slag, buttons, coins, pottery, a bottle, glass and ceramic ball bottle stoppers, animal bones, a musket ball, a Bellarmine pottery jug shard, a copper alloy ring, and a Mesolithic worked flint. All of these will be cleaned, properly identified and recorded sometime in November or December. We also uncovered a lovely 1.2m deep wall.

A great time was had by all and much will be learned about the history and life in the village. More detailed information will be published on the history website as it becomes available.

- 50+ people came
- 30+ participated
- All ages
- 5 dogs and 2 horses
- 1 Chairman VWHDC
- 4 pits
- 30+ bags of 'finds'

Great big thanks go to: Dave Hillsdon Owner and Director, T.V.E Hire Centre, Wantage for loaning, free of charge, most of equipment needed for the dig, to Bampton Garden centre for the finds trays, lots of people in the village for donations of other essential equipment, items and money. A huge thank you to David Ashby BA (Hons), MRes Archaeology, University of Winchester for supervising and guiding us so professionally both before and throughout the weekend. And of course to all the diggers, recorders and visitors and to the Parish Council and Steve & Sue Champion as land owners for letting us dig on their land - without which the dig could not have happened.

Click [here](#) for more photographs.

Until next time?

Ian Graham



Photos Peter Busby and Ian Graham

'THE NOTTINGHAM KNOCKERS'

ARE ROUND AND ABOUT AGAIN

IT IS A SCAM!

The young lads go door to door, selling household products. Often they have some form of ID which they display, but this is bogus. They may also hand over a card saying they are deaf / dumb / just out of prison / in the process of being reformed and working towards a better life.

The bag of household products is supplied by the man who employs them. Traditionally they came from Nottingham – hence the name, but now, they are recruited from anywhere.

How does it work?

The lads are supplied with the full bag and charged a minimal sum for the contents – it used to be £35. They can keep whatever they make, above this amount.

Usually they are deposited in an area from a Transit Van and given a list of streets to work. An hour or so later they are picked up and dropped off, in another location. They often work from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

They will knock on a door, offering cleaning items, they know to be rubbish, which the householder also knows to be rubbish. That is part of the scam. Many people will purchase items pay them something, just to go away.

The price for whatever has been purchased usually comes to a note – usually £10. The householder disappears to get this – this is when the scam begins – when the note is handed over, the lad examines the condition and how long it took the person to get it. If it is crumpled, they accept it and move on. If it is crisp flat and new – they are much more interested and may engage the person in more conversation, to obtain details about them. As they leave they will smell the note. If it is slightly musty – this is an indication that there is more in the property. Those addresses are noted. The addresses of elderly / vulnerable / gullible people are all noted.

These are handed to the employer and there is a small amount of cash handed over for each one.

These addresses are then sold in prisons and pubs. If there is a later break-in, the employer expects a further cut of the proceeds.

These lists are purchased by all sorts of people including – tarmacers, tree workers, roofers, dodgy builders etc.

Once on a list, your address could be sold on and on. Hence the repeat nature of these persistent callers.

In almost every case of a stop check – the lads have long strings of convictions, for burglary and violence. They use the skills learnt during their criminal activity to identify possible targets.

N.B. If any salesperson comes to your door, we'd suggest you ask to see their **Pedlar's certificate** - these are only issued to individuals under very strict conditions.

If they are in your area, please call us immediately on 101 with a description of them & any associated vehicle they may be using.

Thank you

(Extract from ALERT message published by Thames Valley Police.)

Charney Feast



The sun shone, the classic cars gleamed, doggy tails wagged happily and a great time was had by all.

CHAFT and St Peter's Church would like to say a huge *THANK YOU* to everyone who helped run stalls, serve burgers and teas, set up and clear away, and all the many tasks needed to make the day so successful.

And a very special *THANK YOU* to all of you who donated items, electricity and water, lent gazebos and - above all – came along on the day to have fun and spend your money.



Together, we raised a grand total of £1993.86

FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY

Themes of the September report:

- £6.2M Government cash award to South Oxfordshire District Council
- Better Broadband Across Oxfordshire on course to achieve 95%
- Heritage Lottery Fund.

Click [here](#) for full report.



THE HISTORY WEBSITE

The website now has 97 pages and had 14,021 hits since launch in September 2016.

WHAT'S NEW

Archaeological Digs
Bus shelter misuse
Snow in Longworth Road 1976
Retirement of George Mills, Churchwarden, early Summer 2000
Majorettes at the Fete

CHARNEY 100 CLUB – SEPTEMBER 2017 DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12th September 2017 during Coffee Hour are as follows:-

1 st Prize	£25	No 51	June & John Stiles
2 nd Prize	£10	No 14	Marian Gardiner

Mahala and David
Charney 100 Club Organisers





A big Thank You to everyone who donated to & bought from the village plant stall at Chequers this year.

We raised £152 towards the purchase of a new stall which can be used for years to come to raise money for worthy causes in Charney Bassett.

If you know of a company from whom we could purchase the new greenhouse/stall or even someone who may be willing and able to make a good stall, then please let Pam know. The one necessity is it needs to be collapsible so that it can be easily stored when not in use.

Please just give her a call on 01235 868787 or send an e-mail to ur773731@yahoo.com with any suggestions.

Thanks again, Pam & Iain

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COFFEE HOUR – Every Tuesday 10.30am, Village Hall, £1pp Coffee and Biscuits.

CHAFT MEETING – Thursday 5th October, 8.00pm, Village Hall.

CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY – Monday 30th October, 4.30-6.30, Village Hall.

SAD NEWS

Villagers will be sorry to hear that Michael Cox (formerly of Main Street, Charney Bassett) has passed away.

The funeral will be held at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 4th October at St Peter's Church.

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

M4 Junctions 12 to 13 Hermitage (West Berkshire) – Bridge Refurbishment Works – Upcoming Closures

Preliminary works along the M4, between junctions 12 and 13, is progressing well and in October the narrow lane traffic management is scheduled to be installed. To assist with onsite activities and the installation of the traffic management, the following full overnight closures of the M4 have been programmed:

Monday 2 October for 5 nights – full EASTBOUND closures from junction 13 to junction 12

Monday 9 October for 5 nights – full WESTBOUND closures from junction 12 to junction 13

Monday 16 October for 5 nights – full EASTBOUND closures from junction 13 to junction 12

We would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience or disruption during the closures; if you have any questions, or if you'd like you know about our work please contact us on 0300 123 5000 or

email info@highwaysengland.co.uk.

or you can visit our website at www.highways.gov.uk/roads

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