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DECEMBER 2017



ANNUAL VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MEAL

AT THE CHEQUERS

Monday 11th December

Only a few places for the evening remain. More places available at lunch time.

COME AND JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE GREEN

**Wednesday 13th
December**

7.30pm



Music by the Wantage Silver Band

SEASONAL FLOWER ARRANGING WORKSHOPS

**Tuesday 5th and 19th
December**

2pm – 4pm

Village Hall



If anyone would be interested in joining in our informal and friendly sessions please contact Mahala for further details on 868593.



Ladies' Walk

Ardington

(approx. 4 miles, circular walk)

Wednesday 13th December

Meet at Charney bus shelter 10.15 am

Lunch at The Boar's Head, Ardington

(if you are unable to participate in the walk but can join us for lunch please come along)

Please let me know if you are coming.

Telephone Stephanie 867418

Calling all families!



Messy Christmas!!

Saturday 9th December

10.00 – 11.30am

Charney Bassett Village Hall

Story, messy crafts,
singing, mince pies
and loads of FUN



NEWS FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

CHARNEY ARMY

The Parish Council's Charney Army met at the Chequers Inn on 20th November to discuss their plans for the coming year. The outcomes of this meeting will be reported to the Parish Council meeting in January for approval.



ROAD SAFETY



Thanks go to the Charney Army for painting the rails at Ock Bridge, one of the measures suggested by the Road Safety Working Group.

New recruits for Charney Army are always welcome. Contact David Roberts (868285) or John Daglish(868557)

CHARNEY MANOR – PROPOSED NEW DINING HALL

Residents were able to attend the Manor on Saturday 18th November to hear about the plans that the trustees are developing for a new dining facility at the Manor.

The Dining Hall will almost certainly be a detached building and the trustees' preferred location is on the site of the disused tennis court.

Janet McDougall (architect) made clear in her presentation that views from residents would be welcome so they can be taken into account when the plans are finalised and submitted to the Vale of White Horse District Council in the form of a planning application.

The Parish Council has already expressed views on the plans and their letter can be found [here](#). Whilst sympathetic to the need to put forward for a new dining facility, the Parish Council has raised some potential concerns, including design (the building is to include a large area of flat roof) and whether it will be used for separate functions.

Comments can be sent directly to the trustees architect jm@blda.co.uk, copied to the Parish Clerk wickcottage@btinternet.com

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 8TH NOVEMBER

The [agenda papers and draft minutes](#) of the meeting have been posted on the website. Items discussed included:

- Update from Road Safety Group
- Planning application on land west of Denchworth Road.
- Report from District Cllr Eric Batt
- Grass cutting contract in 2018
- Work to be undertaken on the two silver birch trees in Orchard Close
- Proposed joint meeting with Charney Hall & Field Trust
- Project Charney Mill
- Compliance with the Transparency Code

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN



On the Eve of Halloween the Village Hall was transformed into a haunted dwelling. 20 zombie children from the village enjoyed spooky arts and crafts, grotesque games, and finished off with a devilishly delicious banquet. Another successful CHAFT event, many thanks to all those involved.



Diane Ewart/Helen Royan

ST PETER'S CHURCH BAZAAR

A huge thank-you to everyone who came along to the St Peter's Church Christmas Bazaar to socialise and to part with your money.

Many thanks also to all who supported the Bazaar by donating items and by helping run things on the day.

We raised a wonderful £395.20!

Lucy

THE 2017 POPPY APPEAL



The total collected in Charney Bassett was £342.46.

A very big thank you to you all.

Joe Ody.

GOOD NEWS FOR GOOSEY WICK ON BETTER BROADBAND

Click [here](#) to read about the good news for Goosey Wick regarding the new co-funding scheme under the Better Broadband for Oxfordshire programme.

TUESDAY COFFEE CLUB

The Coffee Club have made a donation of £100 to Sobell House plus £21 from the special coffee morning held on the 14th November.

An additional donation will be made from the profits of the cards sold at this special event.

FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY

Themes of the November report:

Click [here](#) for full report.

- Wantage Hospital
- Didcot Garden Town successful bid
- Stay Well This Winter campaign

COMMUNITY FIRST OXFORDSHIRE

Bulk Oil Buying Scheme

Want to save money on the cost of your heating oil?

By the time that you read this edition of Charney Chatter winter will be upon us; perhaps it is time to be thinking about your oil supplier and pricing.

Join Community First Oxon's countywide Community Oil Buying Consortium that makes the most of members' collective buying power to get the best price on heating oil.

There are a large number of households using the scheme so this message is really an advice to those not involved with it, or are new to the village since autumn last year, and who wish to have full information on the scheme.

Under this scheme not only do you get the best price possible, but also the environment benefits too, with only one oil tanker being sent to our village to deliver to lots of households.

It has come to my attention that some households are interested in reducing their costs for gas. AF Affinity, which supplies us with heating oil, has advised that the most recent Flogas prices are approximately the following:

- 47KG @ £48.35 including VAT and delivery
- 19KG @ £20.73 including VAT and delivery

Should this be of interest to anyone else please contact me.

For further details about Community First Oxon, a not for profit organisation, go to:
www.communityfirstoxon.org OR

Contact the local volunteer coordinator: John Ingram-Johnson at: ijsinuk01@gmail.com or on: 868 961

Through these arrangements you can also obtain bottled gas, coal, wood and related fuel products.

'HEREABOUTS'

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.

Stanford in the Vale Art Group meeting 11th December, 7.15 [Stanford Events](#) or [facebook page](#).

[Come and Sing Harmony Group](#) - a free all-female evening course in Appleton.

[Charity Fashion Show](#) in Didcot Civic Hall, 4th December, incl M&S, Next, River Island, Top Shop.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE VILLAGE WEBSITE?

- [Neighbourhood Policing Newsletter, November.](#)
- [Parish Council Draft Minutes of meeting held on 8th November.](#)

WHAT'S NEW ON THE HISTORY WEBSITE?

- [Archaeological Digs – updated with finds cleaning](#)
- [History Group – Where it all started](#)
- [Presentations](#)

ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG MEETING

Many thanks to everyone for the splendid turnout on the 15th November – 17 of us I think. This made the cleaning much more enjoyable and manageable and we were able to get through all of the bags by the 9pm close, just! We were reunited with some of the very nice finds along with lumps of rock, tile and pigs teeth!

The finds will now dry off and we will hold a session for identification, quantification and recording of the finds, under the supervision of David Ashby, on:

Sunday 10th December 2pm-5pm in Charney Bassett Village Hall.

As ever the more the merrier and we can find out what all the bits and pieces are!



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

CHARNEY 100 CLUB – OCTOBER 2017 DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14 November 2017 during Coffee Hour are as follows:-

1 st Prize	£25	No 35	Mark Ritchie
2 nd Prize	£10	No 25	Peter Boreham

Next month will be the Christmas Draw with prizes of £100 and £50 to celebrate the festive season.

Good luck to everyone

Mahala & David
Charney 100 Club Organisers



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

MESSY CHRISTMAS – Saturday 9th December, 10.00-11.30, Village Hall.

HISTORY MEETING – Friday 8th December, 10.30am, Chequers Inn.

ARCHEOLOGICAL DIG MEETING – Sunday 10th December 2-5pm, Village Hall.

VILLAGE CHRISTMAS MEAL – Monday 11th December

CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON THE GREEN – Wednesday 13th December, 7.30pm, The Green.

LADIES WALK – Wednesday 13th December

RECYCLING UPDATE

'DON'T BIN YOUR BATTERIES' CALL FOLLOWING WASTE AND RECYCLING TRUCK FIRES

Message Released by South Oxfordshire and VWH on October 25, 2017

Residents in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse have been urged not to put batteries or other items which could cause a fire in their waste or recycling wheelie bin.

Last week two small fires started in rubbish while it was being transported in waste and recycling trucks. Both were potentially very dangerous incidents to the crews, other road users and pedestrians. They also caused delays to collections and could have resulted in significant damage.

The first incident took place while a waste truck was travelling on the A417 in Wantage. The crew were escorted to a layby by two fire engines where they emptied part of the load so the fire service could extinguish the fire.

The second fire was detected in a recycling load collected in Radley. The fire service attended as crews tipped the load at Biffa's depot in Culham. A gas canister was found in the load meaning that, had the fire spread, it could have exploded causing significant damage or injury.

The fires were caused by items residents had put in their bins, most likely to have been standard lithium-ion batteries – like the ones found in most mobile phones.

Batteries should be put in a clear plastic bag and left on top of the green recycling bin, while small electrical items, that may also contain batteries, can be put out in a carrier bag alongside the grey refuse bin for separate collection.

FOOD WASTE

Food waste can now be put into the food bin loose, wrapped in a couple of sheets of newspaper, or in a plastic (eg carrier bags, pedal bin liners, bread bags, compostable liners) but NOT black bags.

WHY NOT JOIN THE THAMES VALLEY POLICE 'ALERT' SYSTEM

Benefit from a two way messaging service local to the area in which you live or work - by email, text or telephone. More info at <https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/>

Recent alert messages:

- [Raise awareness about cyber-crime](#)
- [Nearby village victim conned out of £6,000 - phone scam](#)
- [What you need to know about safe online shopping.](#)

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS FROM THE CHARNEY CHATTER TEAM



PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Christmas/New Year period the deadline for the January 2018 issue of Charney Chatter is **13th December**. Entries to: chatterinbox@btopenworld.com

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