

# CHARNEY CHATTER

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FEBRUARY 2018

## **NEWS FROM THE JANUARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**ROAD SAFETY** The recent Traffic Volume and Speed Survey has added weight to village concerns over road safety.

Residents are to be asked for their ideas on improving road safety and for their views on a series of measures suggested by the Road Safety Working Group. It is unlikely the County Council will provide any funding.

Consultation will be via a special edition of Charney Chatter and a public meeting which will be held in the Village Hall in March or April.



**PRECEPT** The Vale of White Horse District Council has been advised the Parish Council wishes to increase the precept for 2018/19 from £4100 to £4500.

**PLANNING** Concern was expressed at an application for change of use of a barn to dwelling on land east of Minmere bungalow, Buckland Road.

**THE OLD SCHOOL** Oxfordshire Buildings Trust is to consider if there are ways to help rescue the Old School House in New Road from its present derelict appearance.

**GRASS VERGES** The Parish Council is to explore taking over responsibility for cutting highway grass verges via a Service Level Agreement with the County Council

**CHARNEY MILL** Consideration is being given to the need for some renovation work being undertaken at Charney Mill



**TRANSPARENCY CODE** A grant of £915 has been obtained to help the Parish Council comply with the requirements of the Government's Transparency Code.

**VILLAGE WEBSITE** The village website is to be moved on to an improved and more flexible web platform.

**CHARITABLE CAUSES** Approval was given for donations to be made to a number of charitable causes which have local impact

**TREES ON ORCHARD CLOSE** Approval was given for work to be undertaken on trees in Orchard Close

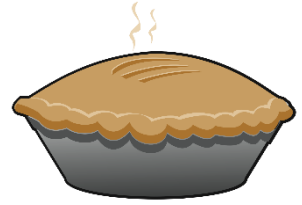
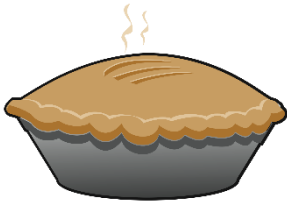
**THE FULL AGENDA PAPERS AND DRAFT MINUTES CAN BE READ [HERE](#)**

## **CHEQUERS INN**

### **COME AND JOIN US FOR PIE NIGHT**

**FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**6pm – 8.30pm**



Fish pie topped with creamy mash

Steak Pie topped with short crust pastry

Game pie topped with short crust pastry

Chicken & mushroom pie topped with short crust pastry

To book a table please call 01235 868642 or ask a member of staff!

***We look forward to seeing you***

### **SPEEDWATCH UP AND RUNNING AGAIN!**

Your Speedwatch volunteers were operating again last week following maintenance checks on the equipment.

All drivers were behaving themselves travelling North during early morning checks on Main Street

A one hour early afternoon check on Longworth Road on vehicles travelling South highlighted 4 speeding at 34 mph or more.

For the first time checks were planned for a Saturday morning but had to be cancelled due to bad weather.

REMEMBER the focus is on education, the checks are carried out well within the 30 mph signs and we operate fully visible .....so there is no excuse.

Meanwhile in nearby East Hanney over 30 vehicles were found to be travelling at 34mph or above in a one hour check. The police have followed this up with a formal check which would also include checks that drivers were complying with other legislation.

The Speedwatch Team

### **CHARNEY HALL & FIELD TRUST (CHAFT)**

#### **PLANNED EVENTS IN 2018**

- ❖ Quiz in the Village Hall, Sunday 25th March at 6.00pm.
- ❖ May Bank Holiday Celebrations on The Green, Monday 7th May.
- ❖ Village Fete (joint event with St. Peter's Church) at Charney Manor, Saturday, 23rd June (date to be confirmed).
- ❖ Children's Halloween Party in the Village Hall, 31st October.
- ❖ Armistice Centenary all village event Sunday 11th November.

## A HOST OF GOLDEN DAFFODILS

The Charney Army have planted a wheelbarrow full of daffodil bulbs in the woodland area of the playing field and in other grass areas in the village.



Thanks go to Peter Hawkins who managed to get hold of a supply of garden centre unsold bulbs free of charge.

Might be too late for them to flower this year but there should be good results in 2019!

## 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](mailto:cletclerk@gmail.com)

## CHARNEY 100 CLUB – JANUARY 2018 DRAW

The results of the draw held in the Village Hall before Pilates on Thursday 18 January 2018 are as follows:-

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£25	No 6	Cassandra & Steve Higham
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£10	No 79	Kelly Lee

Membership subscriptions are due at the beginning of April. (Unaltered at £12 for the year) We will start collecting towards the end of February so please expect us at your door before the end of March. We hope that you will continue to support the 100 Club which provides funds for the maintenance of the Village Hall and Playing Field.

Last year we collected £1505 which includes £53 for subscriptions from members who joined during the previous year. The sum of £575 was needed for prizes in the current year and £930 handed over to CHAFT.

Mahala and David  
Charney 100 Club Organisers



## BETTER INTERNET SECURITY IN TWO MINUTES!

Free additional internet security from **Action Fraud**, click [here](#).

## YOGA TEACHER RETIRES

In December, the Village College yoga class said farewell to its lovely yoga teacher, Sue, after approximately 15 years of teaching in the Village Hall.

Sue (in the Santa hat) kept us all supple and injected fun and glamour into 90 minutes of exquisite torture every Friday evening.

She will be greatly missed by us all.

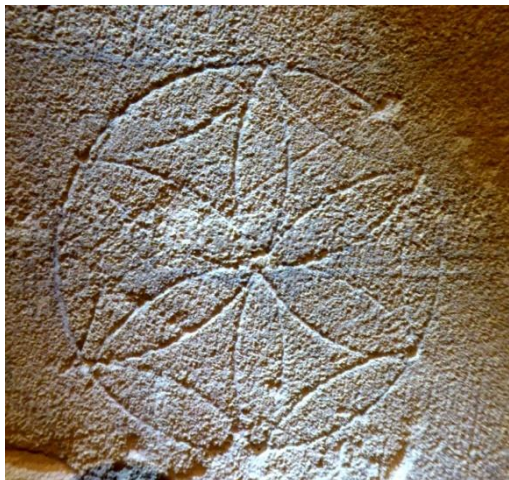


*Sue's farewell party*

## HISTORY GROUP UPDATE

### MEDIEVAL GRAFFITI

This is a picture of scratch marking graffiti in St Peter's Church.



It is a ritual protection mark, known as a hexfoil, and they crop up in many churches and elsewhere. The circular floral designs, turn out to be the most common motif. Ours is a particularly nice example and has now been added to the Medieval Graffiti Database by Matthew Champion who is a national expert on this subject. If you would like to know more about it take a look at the website via the link in the 'What's New' list below.

### CHARNEY YOUTH CLUB

Last month's Charney Chatter featured a photograph showing the former Charney Youth Club undertaking a litter blitz in the village and asked if you could name those involved.



Congratulations go to Jackie Harris for a first class response!

Check [here](#) to see the names of those involved and to view other photographs of the Youth Club in action:

- Senior Citizen Christmas Parties.
- Charney's budding footballers
- 'Donate your coppers' fund raising event

### WHAT'S NEW ON THE HISTORY WEBSITE

- [Henry Franklin](#)
- [St Peter's Church – Ritual Protection Scratch Markings on Walls](#)
- [The School Reading Room & Evening School](#) - minor additions
- [Garages](#) - update
- [The start of Charney Chatter 2004](#)
- [The Mill](#) – news items
- [The Playing field](#) – news article
- [End of term for French Class - Village College](#)
- [Lillie Bungay](#)
- [St Peter's Church – Organ](#)
- [Youth Club](#) – additions
- [John Luker – WWII](#)

## MESSAGE FROM YOUR COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILS

### RAISING THE BAR IN RECYCLING: YOUR CHANCE TO TALK RUBBISH AND RECYCLING WITH OXFORDSHIRE'S COUNCILS

Do you know that each household in Oxfordshire produces one tonne of waste each year? Oxfordshire has been amongst the best in the country at recycling and composting for a few years now at about 60% but recycling rates have started to drop.

Residents are being given the chance to talk rubbish and recycling and tell Oxfordshire's councils how they can help them recycle more and create less waste.

This consultation will inform the review of the joint countywide waste strategy. This sets out shared priorities across Oxfordshire for waste and recycling until 2030 that will be approved by the Oxfordshire Environment Partnership over the summer. Then, each council partner will adopt changes later in the year.

We want to do better at recycling and the new joint countywide waste strategy is critical to this. We know that on average over half of the items put in the general waste bin could have been recycled by placing them in the other bins available.

Through this consultation residents are being asked what would help them to reduce their overall waste consumption and recycle more. This includes expanding the range of materials that can be recycled at the kerbside and tips and advice on left-over food, upcycling clothing or donating or buying second hand goods. The councils are also seeking views on more radical schemes that have been implemented elsewhere in the country, such as changing bin sizes and collection frequency.

Do you want to help us recycle and reduce waste? Take part in the online survey at [www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk](http://www.recycleforoxfordshire.org.uk). The survey runs for six weeks until 18 February.

### *DATES FOR YOUR DIARY*

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

**PIE EVENING**, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 6.00-8.30pm, The Chequers Inn.

**QUIZ**, Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> March, 6.00pm, Village Hall.

### Severe weather information

Snow and ice

Gritting and school closures

Flooding

Waste collections

Loss of utilities

Out of hours helpline

Health and housing advice

Priority Services Register - for vulnerable residents

#### For further information

<http://www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk/services-and-advice/environment-and-neighbourhood-issues/severe-weather/severe-weather>

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE: 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018** Entries to: [chatterinbox@btopenworld.com](mailto:chatterinbox@btopenworld.com)

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