

Charney Chatter

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Meetings are normally held at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 9th May

CLET: CHARNEY AND LYFORD EDUCATION TRUST

CLET supports a range of educational projects, with grants awarded both to individuals under the age of 25 and to community groups in 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: Mrs Sally Wildman, Russets, Buckland Road, Charney Bassett, Tel:

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The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be on Wednesday 2nd May 2012. Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her, for consideration at this meeting.

ADVERTS

TABLE TENNIS Will recommence in September. Sessions will be held twice monthly on Monday evenings in the Village Hall. Dates will be circulated to existing members by e mail. For further information contact David Sibbert on 868734

PERSONALISED HAND-MADE CARDS

Can't find the right card for that special occasion? Eunice will make one for you.

Ring her on 868646.

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Charney Chatter can be e-mailed free to anyone giving their e-mail address to the Editor roger.watson@tiscali.co.uk

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Editorial

With spring in the air, we are looking forward to a very busy summer in Charney Bassett. Please keep me informed of your upcoming events in the village so that everyone in Charney Bassett, and Lyford too, gets the information and can come and take part.

My contact details are on the back page.

Roger

WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT FLOODING, AND PLANS TO BUILD TWENTY HOUSES IN CHARNEY BASSETT?

The Parish Council meeting on 9 May is slightly different from the other meetings in the year. The first part is the "Annual Meeting of the Parish Council" where various post holders are appointed for the forthcoming year. The second part is the "Annual Parish Meeting". This is the part where residents of Charney Bassett are encouraged to tell the PC of their hopes, wishes and concerns, so that your PC knows what concerns residents have and can try to do something about them.

There are two topics on which the PC would welcome input and discussion. The first is flooding. The Flood Group has been working to understand what might be done to avoid a repetition of the flood of 2007. We plan to explain what we think could sensibly be done, and why, but we wish to discuss that, and seek residents' opinions before putting proposals to the Environment Agency. The second topic is the VWHDC's interim housing supply policy. Its stated aim for Charney Bassett is the construction of 20 houses. The PC has replied to VWHDC about this. (We were required to respond before 20 April). Our reply is reproduced elsewhere in Charney Chatter (see page 5). However, this is a matter that could affect us all in the village, and wider discussion on this is necessary.

So, please do come to the Village Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9 May. We will tell you what we know. Tell us what you think, and would like.

Stephen Cowlam

Clerk to the Parish Council.

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Coffee Hour

Coffee Hour takes place on Tuesdays in the Village Hall from 10.30 - 11.30 am.

The cost of £1.00 per person includes as much tea or coffee as you like and biscuits.

All welcome

COMMUNITY OIL BUYING SCHEME 2012**Ordering dates - all orders to be received by 12 noon.**

For delivery during the month following

24 May 2012	27 September 2012
28 June 2012	25 October 2012
26 July 2012	29 November 2012
30 August 2012	

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE PICNIC

Charney Playing Field 4th June - 3.00 p.m.

Charney Coronation Crown

Bring your own picnic

Games for young and old

Beacon lighting, Fireworks

Come and enjoy the fun! More details nearer the time.

Look for updates on the Charney Website.

Contact: Jane Fry 868114

VILLAGE DINER

Come and enjoy a tasty two course lunch at Buckland Village Hall. It's still only £4.00 per head. You would be very welcome. Upcoming dates: -

Weds 16th May

Weds 20th June

Weds 18th July

Weds 15th August (catered by Buckland W.I.)

Visit www.charneybassettpc.org.uk for the very latest village news

NEW HOUSES IN CHARNEY?**Text of Charney Bassett PC's response to VWHDC's site screening for its interim housing supply policy.**

Charney Bassett PC has considered your interim housing supply policy. We comment as follows.

1) Your original communication of 24 November 2011 identified 10 houses for Charney Bassett. We are unclear how you have contrived to increase that number now to 20, and we do not support such an increase. I reiterate at points 2-6 below, the comments that I made in our response to you of 24 November 2011. These remain our position.

2) We can envisage 10 new dwellings for Charney Bassett and we can identify two potential sites for these. These are in private ownership, and you would need to contact the owners.

3) We wish to maintain the present character of the village, and that means constructing homes that are similar to the existing range of housing stock.

4) We could also envisage a modest development of two-storey apartments. These might be for retired persons and/or single/double professional people. Importantly, people will

need to have their own transport to and from the village.

5) There is little infrastructure in the village: a church, a pub, a post office, a playing field, a village hall and Charney Manor (which can act as a village meeting place/conference centre). Without shops, school, medical services, garage, etc. inhabitants will need their own transport, and generally two cars if they are families with children.

6) The community here could be enriched by the provision of a business opportunity in the form of a small "hi-tech" office suite that might provide employment to service the science centre at Harwell, for example.

7) The PC has not been approached by the promoters of the Charney Bassett site. We should like to know who this is, and ask you to encourage them to contact us, so that we may meet with them and discover more about their proposals.

We trust that our views will be considered and look forward to receiving your response to these comments.

Submitted to VWHDC in April, and for discussion at Annual Parish Meeting on 9th May

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DOG SHOW

CHARNEY BASSETT COMPANION DOG SHOW**Sat 7th July - On the Green****Judge: Cindy Stangroom (Lappakia)****Entries from 1.00 pm - Judging from 2.00 pm****4 Pedigree Classes & 8 Novelty Classes****Rosettes for 1st - 5th in all classes****Four Trophies****Entries £2.00 per class****Enquiries: Yvonne Hobbs. tel. 01235 868428**

LOCAL POLICE REPORT - APRIL 2012

Welcome to April's Neighbourhood update from Sgt Chris Ball, Neighbourhood Specialist Officer Hannah Farrell and PCSO's Myra Stokes and Susan Haynes.

Firstly we would like to introduce the new Neighbourhood Specialist Officer for Faringdon East, Hannah Farrell who started in late March. Hannah is looking forward to getting out and about and meeting residents during the coming weeks.

This month's Have Your Say Consultation was conducted door to door in Charney Basset, we very much enjoyed talking to the community there and we were warmly met. There were no major concerns highlighted to us and it is obvious there is a strong community bond.

Unfortunately on the 9th March, damage was caused to a hand rail at Southmoor Village Hall and litter including alcohol bottles strewn around the ground. On the 17th March two females had alcohol confiscated from them from the bus shelter at Latton Close, a crime report was created and letters have been sent to their parents.

The park in Southmoor has also been subjected to needless litter, there are bins provided, however broken glass has been found within the play areas causing a danger to young children and pets.

VOWH Environmental team have been informed.

Again Hanne has been subjected to more crimi-

nal damage. Spray paint has been used to deface property at the Cricket Club. Last month paint was also used to graffiti the War Memorial Hall. These mindless acts of vandalism cause distress to residents as well as a cost to the community for cleaning and repairing. We believe the offences may be linked and the offenders live in the village.

If you have any information on any of the above, please call us using the non emergency number 101

Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor are holding a Community Safety Meeting at Southmoor Village Hall on Thursday 26th April at 7pm. This is a joint venture with your Neighbourhood Policing team, Fire Service, Neighbourhood Action Group and Neighbourhood Watch team. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

Have Your Say dates

•Monday 16th April 3pm – 3.30pm outside Longworth School

Contact us

If you want any advice or would like to contact the neighbourhood team you can call us on the police non emergency number 101 but if your call is an emergency then dial 999. If you have information about crime or Anti Social Behaviour in your area but you do not want to speak to the police, please call the Crime stoppers charity on 0800 555111

FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY

I hope everyone enjoyed Easter and is looking forward to the Diamond jubilee. Here is an update covering some of the issues that have come across my desk.

First, I promised to tell you each month what were the main national topics that people have written or e-mailed about. This month I got even more emails about the upcoming government consultation on same sex marriage and the proposals for increased counter-terrorism powers on the internet. I also got a great many emails from campaign websites on the issues of fuel duty and the environment.

I get about 550 emails every month on national topics. About a third are personally written, the rest are templates downloaded from campaign websites. Broadly speaking a quarter of my e-mails come from Wantage and Grove; a quarter from Didcot; about 18 per cent from Wallingford and 18% from Faringdon.

The Diamond Jubilee will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate not just Her Majesty's amazing reign but also all that is best about South Oxfordshire. I am sure many people are preparing for the Bank Holiday Weekend in June as I am (I am especially pleased my birthday is a bank holiday – long overdue recognition!). I also wanted to raise awareness of the new Jubilee Time Capsule project. The JTC is a unique and accessible digital project which invites people of all ages to share memories and stories of the last 60 years and it will be gifted to the Queen at the end of the year. It is a great way of engaging with the Jubilee celebrations and I encourage everyone, but particularly schools, to get involved at <http://www.jubileetimecapsule.org/>.

There are also many other cultural celebrations of the Jubilee around the constituency – Faringdon, for example, is holding a Craft Competition, Wallingford is having a big picnic in castle gardens, Didcot is having the Diamond of Didcot Awards in their new garden at the Civic Hall and Wantage and Grove have teamed up for a massive celebration across both towns.

Other news. From July, there will be some changes to the opening hours of our police stations in South and Vale. Some hours will be reduced, but I have been reassured (in meetings with the police chiefs for the area) that no front

counters will close in the area and our police officers will remain visible and accessible. There is also a new telephone number on which the police can be contacted with non-emergency and routine enquiries – "101". Full details of the new opening hours at the Thames Valley Police front counters are available on their website: www.thamesvalley.police.uk.

After the tragic death of their son, Guy Evans, my constituents Beth and Crispin campaigned to make use of their village's (Long Wittenham) redundant telephone box to create a potentially life-saving medical resource. The red box, sold to the Parish Council for just £1, now holds a defibrillator which can be used to restart a heart if a person stops breathing. I believe this is a really innovative way to make use of unused phone boxes and might be something for other parishes to consider.

I was really pleased to hear that (in this constituency) 100% of parents whose children applied for secondary schools got into their first preference of school. Seeing as the national average of children who get into their first preference is around 86%, I think this is very good news.

As you may know I am the minister for film. I am delighted that a film made by my constituents in Kingston Bagpuize will get a premiere at the re-opening of Leicester Square on May 24th. It's called 'Tortoise in Love' and the website is www.tortoiseinlove.co.uk. On the subject of film, film makers of all ages can submit their amateur films to 'Film the House', a competition designed to promote the wealth and variety of film in the UK. MPs have been asked to nominate the top film from their constituency and then the winners will be announced at a reception on the House of Commons Terrace in October. Categories include drama, thriller, action, comedy, music video, documentary, as well as a separate category for under 18s which can be any genre. Get your entry in by 30th June and be in with a chance of winning a special reception and screening of your film at the House of Parliament. For more information on how to apply visit www.filmthehouse.com.

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7219 6350 or vaizeye@parliament.uk. Surgery details can be found at www.vaizey.com.