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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 March 9th. 2011**

# Charney Chatter

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## CHARNEY FEAST

As everyone is aware, Charney Feast will be held on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July and it is pleasing to see that you have all written it on the calendar and have cancelled other arrangements such as weekends away and Summer holidays, that might prevent you from attending and helping with the organisation.

This year, we plan to have a number of the regular attractions such as a Dog Show and stalls selling books, plants and white elephant. We also hope to include some new ideas and a Punch & Judy show has been booked for the children that will take place several times during the afternoon, together with balloon modelling. The Vale Islanders have been asked to demonstrate their dancing skills and we plan to use the modernised village hall to serve teas. Ideas for using the hall at the same time for a display of some description

would be welcome.

July is not far away now and we need as much help with offers to run stalls and events, together with setting up and taking down on the day. We have been promised that the sun will shine continuously, all day and so we want to make it an event that everyone will enjoy.

There will also be a grand raffle organised by Julie and Geoff Rumble and they would really appreciate help with providing prizes and selling lots of tickets to friends, relatives and work colleagues before the 9<sup>th</sup> July.

David Cameron wants a Big Society. How about Charney Bassett having a Small Society to make the Feast in 2011 a year to remember.

Organising sub-committee: Jane Fry, Diane Ewart, Doug Hughes

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### Coffee Hour

...will continue on Tuesdays in the Village Hall at 10:30 until and including 19th. April. 50p. Will buy you as much tea or coffee as you can drink — with biscuits too!

## ADVERTS AND EVENTS



**Pancakes**  
**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup>. Mar. 2011**  
at  
**1 Barnfield.**  
10.00am-12.00 noon  
Donations to St Peters Church

### Personalised Hand-made Cards

Can't find the right card for that special occasion?

Eunice will make one for you.  
Ring her on 868646.

### Buckland Village Diner

In the Buckland Village Hall  
The Village Diner provides home-made food from local sources at 12:15 p.m. every third Wednesday in the month. For £4 you get a two course lunch

followed by tea or coffee.  
The next Diner dates are:-  
**March 16th**  
**April 20th**

### TABLE TENNIS

in the Village Hall  
Monday evenings:-

For further information contact David Sibbert on 868734.

...and finally an extract from an un-named church magazine:

“ The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.”

## 100 CLUB DRAW

| January   | No. | Name         | Prize | February  | No. | Name        | Prize |
|-----------|-----|--------------|-------|-----------|-----|-------------|-------|
| 1st prize | 2   | Tracey Burge | £25   | 1st prize | 143 | Jan Ganesh  | £25   |
| 2nd prize | 12  | Jos Bath     | £10   | 2nd prize | 36  | June Clarke | £10   |

Deadline for copy for the May 2011 edition: **20th. April 2011**  
Contributions are welcome, preferably by e-mail. Adverts are free!  
Charney Chatter can be e-mailed free to anyone giving their e-mail address to the Editor

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**VILLAGE COLLEGE**


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Would you like to learn a new skill or language, either to join a course or perhaps take part in a one-day workshop or demonstration? The Village College is keen to organise some new courses/activities in our super refurbished village hall, but we need to know what people would like to do.

If you have any ideas, please contact Lynn Brookes (868471, or [village.college@yahoo.com](mailto:village.college@yahoo.com)) and we will explore the possibility of running them.

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**RUBBISH COLLECTION AND DOG MESS.**


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It is encouraging to see that the majority of dog owners who use the playing field and village footpaths are "bagging" any mess their dogs make and taking it back to their black refuse bin.

litter bin is for occasional items such as sweet wrappers and old items removed from the adjacent noticeboard. It is not designed for rubbish that smells or will attract insects.

There is one communal litter bin in the village by the bus shelter and I have noticed that some bags of dog mess are regularly being left in this. While the bin now appears to be emptied more regularly by the new waste contractors, I would ask that whoever is leaving dog mess in it, please carry the bag the few extra steps to their house and their own black refuse bin. The bus shelter bin does not have a sealing lid and the dog mess is therefore open to children and adults waiting for school transport and the community bus. This

In 2010 the Parish Council considered the option of installing a bin specifically for bags of dog mess but decided against this primarily on the grounds of cost. It was also recognised that in a small village, it would be very difficult to find a site for a bin that was not near houses but was accessible for emptying by the District Council contractors.

Geoff Rumble

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**COMING SOON TO CHARNEY BASSETT**


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Becci's Mobile Shop will shortly be visiting Charney Bassett on Tuesday afternoons between 4:15 and 4:50. selling fresh seasonal fruit and veg, milk, cheese, bread, cakes, tinned goods, store-cupboard basics, cereals, hair care and body care prod-

ucts, pet supplies, gifts and greetings cards. Orders will be accepted for other household items to be collected the following week at no extra charge. Starting date to be announced.

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**FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY**


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Recently, I have received a great many letters and emails from my constituents regarding a campaign to change the time zone of the UK – basically to get rid of daylight saving. This is an issue that has often come before Parliament but it has not been properly considered for many years. Daylight Saving Time (DST) was introduced in Britain during World War 1 and has been used ever since. Between 1968 and 1971, year-round DST was adopted in Britain for a trial period but was later abandoned. Current campaigns are proposing trying this again or simply moving both summer and winter forward by one hour. It is said that at present the UK wastes many hours of daylight when the vast majority of the population are still asleep and research has estimated that the UK could save up to 447,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year – equivalent to taking 172,000 cars off the road. It would also reduce accidents on the road preventing up to 80 deaths and 200 serious injuries every single year. However, I am not convinced that the change would benefit everyone. Apart from the massive costs caused by making the change, early-risers & schoolchildren would have to walk through darker mornings, we would no longer wake to find the sun streaming in through our windows and also Greenwich itself would no longer ever observe Greenwich Mean Time. I know that my fellow Ministers continue to hear from both sides of this argument and are currently considering what effects a change would have.

An upcoming issue with which Parliament and the public will have to contend with is the referendum on the Alternative Vote system (AV). On the one hand we have a tried and tested method called 'First Past the Post' or 'FPTP', which I favour, where

simply the candidate with the most votes is elected. Despite its simplicity and the comfort to voters who know exactly how their vote will be used, critics say this system is unfair as smaller parties who receive a sizable percentage of the vote win few or no seats in the Commons. AV asks voters to rank the candidates in order of preference, and then eliminates the weakest candidates in rounds, reassigning their votes, until one candidate receives over 50%. I would be interested to know your views.

I received a huge amount of correspondence about our forests The Forestry Commission maintains a fifth of England's woodlands and the Government was looking at how they could best be managed. I love our forests; they are beautiful and lush and a part of British heritage. I would be against any proposals that would harm such an important piece of our country. However, reform of the public forestry estate has been under consideration for some time. The previous Labour Government detailed "alternatives to public ownership" and "new commercial opportunities" for our forests and also sold some forests. The coalition government proposed leasing forests with adequate protection both for access and biodiversity.

Following the public outcry, the Government decided to halt its consultation. It has now appointed an independent panel of experts who will report back in the autumn. I hope those of you who wrote to me feel that your voice was heard and that the Government has done the right thing by listening and changing its policy.

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