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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 12th Sept

Adverts and Events

Table Tennis in the Village Hall

Monday 3rd Sept. and Mon 17th Sept from 7.30pm to 9.30pm Dates for October onwards will be available shortly.

For further information contact David Sibbert on 868734 or email mailto:davidsibbert@btinternet.com

Village Diner

Come and enjoy a tasty two course lunch at Buckland Village Hall. At £4.00 per head, it's a bargain! And you will be made very welcome by all the regulars.

Upcoming dates: -
September 19
October 17
November 21

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Recruits urgently needed for the **CHARNEY ARMY**

Contact John Daghish - daghish@gotadsl.co.uk

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour will resume on Tuesday 11th September. Come and enjoy unlimited tea or coffee and biscuits for £1.00, every Tuesday 10.30-11.30, in the village hall. All very welcome.

PERSONALISED HAND-MADE CARDS

Can't find the right card for that special occasion? Eunice will make one for you. Ring her on 868646.

Deadline for copy for the November 2012 edition: **20th October 2012**

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. roger.watson@tiscali.co.uk

St Peter's Church Fête Saturday 1st September, 1.00 - 4.00 pm Charney Manor Gardens

Grand opening with Olympic Torch
Pie competition
Wantage Silver Band
Meet the alpacas, 2.45 - 3.30
Barbeque & Ices - Tea & Cakes - Grand Draw - Tombolas
Bottle Draw - Books - Bric-a-brac - Plants & Produce
Bowling and other games and activities

Please help us by donating bottles of wine or spirits, raffle prizes, cakes, plants bric-a-brac etc

Plants & produce	Mary Daghish (868557)
Bric-a-brac, books, activities	Lucy Gildersleeves (868782)
Advertising & sponsorship	Doug Hughes (868438)
Bottles, prizes & Grand Draw	David Douglas (868788)

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Meal On The Green, 11th August

There was an enthusiastic response and 55 of us joined in the Celebrations. Lucy Gildersleeves enlisted the help of both her immediate and visiting family. They worked incredibly hard to prepare a fine Pig Roast with fresh vegetables. This was followed by a delicious range of homemade desserts and cheese kindly contributed to by other Villagers.

We were blessed with good weather but made full use of Lucy's Barn and the Gazebos on the Green. We started the Celebrations with sparkling wine and refreshments kindly donated by Alfred and Ingrid Rollinson.

Johnny Gildersleeves then welcomed us with an amusing and very competent solo of "Be Our Guest" from Beauty and The Beast. He was accompanied by Katy Pallister on piano. She and Liz Hughes went on to play a lovely selection from The Musicals throughout the Evening.

Following the meal we all joined Liz in an enthusiastic singalong from her "Best of British" repertoire. This commenced with a duet from David Douglas and John Daghish of The Gendarmes' Duet by Offenbach. The highlight of the Evening was for Joyce Ferguson to lead us all into "Rule Britannia". She was dressed in full and resplendent Regalia. In the "Proms" style we finished with a rousing performance of "Land of Hope and Glory", "Jerusalem" and The National Anthem.

The whole event was a great success. £460 was raised for St Peter's Church. Thanks to all who worked so hard and for the enthusiastic support.

Doug Hughes
Church Warden.

Letter from Abroad (well Faringdon actually)

It was tempting to start this little note with "just now the lilac is in bloom" and finish with "and is there honey still for tea?" but unlike Rupert Brooke our separation from Charney has not thrown us into a slough of despondency, despite the dire weather that followed our departure. We realised after moving to Faringdon that there were many friends who we had not found time to say a proper goodbye to and can only offer in our defence the fact that after 33 years in one place, moving house takes a lot more time and energy than we could possibly imagine and in the end we just wanted to get through all the packing and organising and be able to lead a normal life once more. Of course that is currently not really possible as we are in rented accommodation while we watch our new house being built block by block but at least we have a certain level of day to day routine, despite at least half our belongings remaining in cardboard boxes until our second (and final) move to Uffington. They say a change is as good as a rest but at times we have certainly questioned this. Old wives and old sayings have a lot to answer for!

We have made the occasional trek back to Charney since leaving and certainly hope to keep in touch while in Faringdon and when we finally move to Uffington. We came back for Phyllis Mill's funeral and were reminded of the support she gave to the British Legion Poppy Appeal over the years and how we gradually took this on as she became unable to continue collecting. Now that we have left the village, this leaves Charney without a collector this Autumn and if anyone would be able to "take up the baton" we can certainly put you in touch with the organisers. Unlike Help the Heroes, the Royal British Legion also provides support to members of the armed services after they have left and gone back to civilian life and the collection of several hundred pounds each year from Charney is a valuable contribution to a much needed organisation.

Our best wishes to everyone in Charney as we embark on a new chapter in our lives. Our phone number while in Faringdon is 01367 242 256. If you ring and it is engaged, it is almost certainly one of the hundreds of calls we receive every day concerning mis-sold payment protection insurance!!!

Geoff & Julie Rumble

CHAFT 100 CLUB DRAW - July Winners

The results of the draw made on the Ock Green during Charney Army on Thursday 26 July 2012 are as follows:-

First Prize of £25 - Number 102 - Pauline Doherty

Second Prize of £10 - Number 41 - Geoff Beer

Community Oil Buying Scheme 2012**Ordering dates - all orders to be received by 12 noon**

September 26th

December - **No Order**

October 24th

January 2013 - **Monday 7th**

November 21st

POLICE MATTERS - August Update

Welcome to the August Faringdon East Neighbourhood update from Sgt Tim Pavey, Neighbourhood Officer Hannah Farrell and PCSO's Myra Stokes and Susan Haynes.

In July we attended Buckland, Fyfield and Kingston Bagpuize fetes, all of which were successful and a nice opportunity to spend some time chatting to the residents of the area about concerns they have as well. The weather has progressively got nicer and it was great to see so many people turn out for their village events.

On a more serious note as the weather is getting better and more people are attending the local beauty spots forgetting that personal items should be left at home or kept out of sight as thefts from vehicles are on the increase. Please do not hide items under seats when you have arrived as they may be watching where you have put items so will locate them far quicker. If you do not need it, do not leave it in the car. Please take items of value with you or leave them at home.

On 9th July the PCSO's completed speed indicator operations in Tubney, Gainfield and Stanford in the Vale. It is still highlighting to us that there are speeding issues in these areas and follow up speed operations will be completed as a result.

There have been some shed and outhouse break-ins this month in Hinton Waldrist and Longworth. This seems to have become a series and we are looking for any information that you may have in connection with these. Various items have been taken. I would take the opportunity to remind you again to lock everything securely and increase your security especially around your sheds and garages. Do not leave items out at night and make sure everything is locked and secure before going to bed. For crime prevention advice please contact the Neighbourhood Team on 101 for more information.

There have also been further incidents of anti social behaviour in Kingston Bagpuize and Southmoor where items have been moved or taken. We also had an incident of criminal damage on 18th July where some young people have taken a flag from the local garage and rammed this through a letter box at a nearby property. This behaviour is unacceptable and anyone with knowledge or information about this needs to come forward and let us know as investigations are ongoing at this time.

There has been an incident of fraud involving a credit card and a rogue caller in the Buckland

area. The scam was done over the phone and the victim was relieved of around £9000. This is another reminder to keep all your details private and to never give your pin number or any other details out over the phone. They may seem genuine and may even say that they are calling from your bank. Your bank would never ask you for your pin number over the phone. Please be aware this type of fraud is on the increase and the victims are usually elderly and potentially more vulnerable to this. Please remind those near and dear that this is happening and be extra vigilant when giving details over the phone. If it doesn't feel like the right thing to do then it probably isn't.

I look forward to seeing you all out and about in August but in the meantime if you do have any issues please do not hesitate to contact any member of the Neighbourhood Team on 101.

We wish you all a safe month and hope to speak to many of you when out and about.

If you wish to receive free local crime alerts and crime prevention advice you can sign up to Thames Valley Alert at:

<https://www.thamesvalleyalert.co.uk/>

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.:

Community Message from Thames Valley Police.

Hare Coursing - Gainfield

On Wednesday 15th August 2012 the police received a report of possible hare coursing on fields in Gainfield.

Officers from the Faringdon neighbourhood policing team, assisted by the police air support unit, located five men and five Lurcher dogs in the area. The men were arrested for offences relating to the Hunting act.

If you see any suspicious looking people or vehicles in the area, or have any information relating to this message, please call the police on the new national single non-emergency telephone number **101** and state you are responding to a Community message.

Alternatively if you have information but wish to remain anonymous, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or online @ crimestoppers-uk.org. No personal details are taken, information is not traced or recorded and you will not go to court.

FIRE SAFETY IN THE HOME

(This information has been provided by Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service working in partnership with Faringdon East Neighbourhood Action Group, Neighbourhood Watch and the Neighbourhood Policing Team to keep Charney Bassett a safe and low crime area.)

FREE SELF HELP ADVICE

Go to www.365alive.co.uk for self help advice and information..

Complete the fire safety check questionnaire on line at www.365alive.co.uk

No access to the web? Pick up an advice pack from the Village Hall or tel. Margaret Roberts on 868285.

High risk, unsure or need further advice? Return the online form, e mail community.safety@oxfordshire.gov.uk or call 08000 325999 and ask for a FREE home safety visit.

TOP TEN TIPS

Read the 10 top tips for keeping fire safe at www.365alive.co.ukfrom smoke alarms to escape planning!

FREE HOME FIRE SAFETY RISK CHECKS.

If you have impaired mobility, sight or hearing or are elderly ask for a FREE home fire safety visit. Return the on line form, call 08000 325999 or email community.safety@oxfordshire.gov.uk

FREE ELECTRIC BLANKET CHECKS.

Wantage Fire Station 25th October, 2012

Abingdon Fire Station 11th October, 2012

Pre-book a FREE test now by telephoning 01865 815607 (Oxfordshire County Council Trading Standards)

CHILD EDUCATION

Go to Drago's interactive fun and safety zone at www.365alive.co.uk and help your children to be fire safe

**Fire kills and injures people everyday.
Take action now to make your home safer.**

(For further information on this initiative contact Margaret Roberts on 868285 or David Sibbert on 868734)

CHARNEY BASSETT JUBILEE ORCHARD

FUND RAISING EVENT

TABLE TOP SALE @ CHARNEY BASSETT

Mill Cottage Field

Sunday 16th September 2012

10.00am - 3.00pm

£10 per Table Pitch (includes parking and a free cuppa)

Gazebos welcome.

Set up from 8.00am

E-mail: millcottage.cb@btopenworld.com

or Telephone: 07526 508500 to book a table pitch

£1.00 entry fee for buyers. Limited parking available locally

Hot and Cold Drinks, Pastries, Cakes and Hot Food available

Any help on the day would be greatly appreciated

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

From your MP - Ed Vaizey

This month I've received a great many emails from my constituents on a great variety of subjects. I've received almost 20 emails about the proposals to reform the House of Lords and another 11 about the Government's inquiry into the culture of banking. I've continued to receive emails about the consultation on redefining marriage and I've received about 100 emails on all kinds of other issues, including regional NHS pay, Trident, dog on guide dog attacks and the Finance Bill. However, no issue this month has compared with Air Passenger Duty for which I've received over 180 emails and letters.

Following successful campaigns in Drayton and Marcham to have school transport reinstated after it had been withdrawn, I met pupils and teachers from Cholsey and Wallingford Schools to see for myself the road that some children will have to walk to school if free school buses are withdrawn from this community as threatened. Having walked the route, there is no way it can be described as safe, in my opinion. Cars speed past at 60 miles an hour, the footpath is incredibly narrow, it only takes one stray moment of inattention and there could be a serious accident. The County Council has to look at this again, and I will continue to press for them to reverse this decision too.

I recently had a very educational day in the constituency, when I visited both Stockham Primary School in Wantage, and Ladygrove Primary School in Didcot. Both have been assessed as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted, and both are fantastic examples of just how good education can be with the right leadership. The children I met at both schools were bright, confident and very keen to tell me about their favourite lessons. At Stockham School, I was also privileged to meet Tamsin England. Tamsin uses communication aids

provided with the help of the ACE Centre in Oxford. The ACE Centre helps many people with a variety of disabilities to communicate using the latest technology. It was threatened with closure, but government funding has been allocated, following an appeal I supported, which has saved the Centre and ensured its future. That meant that Tamsin was able to join her classmates in telling me all about her favourite Tudor and can really benefit from the same educational opportunities as her friends in her class. All in all, it was great to see how the latest technology can be used to such good effect.

Technology in the constituency is also in the news at Harwell, where the science and innovation campus has been selected to host the new centre for satellite innovation. It will be the new Satellite Applications Catapult, one of seven new technology and innovation centres to be established by the UK's innovation agency The Technology Strategy Board. The success of the cutting edge technology in the constituency is one of its most important aspects.

From 10th July this year, OCC has devolved its Big Society budget to individual councillors. The changes mean that all county councillors in Oxfordshire have a £10,000 councillor community budget for 2012/13 to support the projects that matter most to their local communities. This scheme reflects the idea that Councillors are best placed to meet the needs of their local communities. The scheme has been designed to be as flexible as possible so do contact your local County Councillor if you have ideas about how the money can best be used in your area.

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.

CHARNEY VILLAGE COLLEGE SATURDAY WORKSHOPS

Would you be interested in attending a Saturday workshop in the Autumn/Spring?

The Village College is hoping to run "An Introduction to Calligraphy", and "Singing for Everyone" (following the very popular one we held in the Spring).

Dates and cost will depend on the availability of tutors, and numbers involved.

If you would like to register for either/both of these workshops please could you contact me within the next couple of weeks so that I can get an idea of how many people might be interested: Lynn Brookes, 01235 868471, or email: village.college@yahoo.com