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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. Nov.

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QUEENS DIAMOND JUBILEE

A meeting was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 13th October to see if the community wants to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee next year and if so, to discuss what types of activity could be organised. The meeting was well supported, with over twenty people present and many ideas were put forward and discussed. Others, who could not make the meeting have also offered ideas and support. The consensus included a picnic on the Playing Field, with a 1950's theme and some activities including sports such as tug-of-war, egg & spoon races etc and possibly a rounders match. An ice-cream van was also suggested. There was support for the idea of building a large crown on the Village Green, that could be assembled in sections by different groups and the best section judged before the start of the picnic. A patriotic theme of red white and blue to individual gardens

and verges was also proposed. A card sent to the Queen by the entire community was a popular proposal and there was support for the construction of a beacon, to be lit after a short firework display of perhaps some rockets. The Jubilee national holiday runs from Saturday 2nd to Tuesday 5th June and the meeting decided that Monday 4th was the appropriate day for the community celebrations. It will be necessary to carry out fundraising to cover the cost of some proposed events and it was agreed that money raised would be held in a Jubilee fund by the Parish Council. Ideas to raise funds included a display of royal items in the Village Hall with tea and cake and a quiz with a royal theme. A small Jubilee Committee was formed and Jane Fry agreed to act as a focus for anyone volunteering to help. If you want it to happen – you know what to do!

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ADVERTS AND EVENTS

HANNEY GARDENING CLUB

Programme of Events

7th November	Oxford University Gardens	Jean Warr
5th December	Christmas Party !	
2012		
9th January	Bees in the garden	John Valentine
6th February	Encourage wildlife into your garden	Diane Wilson
5th March	Delights of the kitchen garden	Tim Miles
2nd April	Tree and shrub diseases and pests	Richard Cripps
12th May	Plant Sale Hanney War Memorial Hall @ 10:00am	
20th July (TBC)	Travelling Garden Party	

The meetings start at 7:45 in Hanney War Memorial Hall with tea and coffee. All

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

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

It was 2008 when Charney and spend their money, the previously held a Macmillan morning proved a financial success. When the donation of over £700 for the cancer support charity. This year was a more modest affair and many regulars were unable to attend due to previous commitments. However, it is pleasing to report that due to the generosity of everyone who provided cakes, produce and items for the bring-and-buy stall and those who were able to attend

and spend their money, the morning proved a financial success. When the donation of £54.50 from the Cocktail Evening was included, and after Macmillan have claimed gift aid, they will have received well over £300 from our fund raising. Many thanks to everyone who supported the event and to CHAFT for sponsoring it.

Julie Rumble

Coffee Hour

Continues on Tuesday mornings in the Village Hall at 10:30 until 13th Dec. and starts again in the New year on Jan. 10th. 2012
Enjoy all the coffee you can drink for 50p. and biscuits as well

Deadline for copy for the January 2012 edition: 20th. Dec.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.

COMMUNITY OIL BUYING SCHEME

Ordering dates - all orders to be received by 12 noon.	29 March 2012
	26 April 2012
For delivery during the following month	24 May 2012
27 October 2011	28 June 2012
24 November 2011	26 July 2012
5 January 2012	30 August 2012
26 January 2012	27 September 2012
23 February 2012	25 October 2012
	29 November 2012

VILLAGE HALL BOOKING CLERK

Phyllis Mills was Charney Bassett Village Hall Booking Clerk for many years and when she decided to stand down in 2006, CHAFT were very grateful that Eunice Davies was willing and able to step into the empty shoes. Now after several years she has decided it is time to give someone else a chance! Eunice was Booking Clerk right through the hall modernisation project and her support during this chaotic period was much appreciated. A presentation of flowers was made to Eunice at the Tuesday Coffee Hour to thank her for keeping the records straight and making sure an increasingly busy hall did not get double-booked.

In the absence of an obvious replacement I have taken on the role of Booking Clerk in the short-term while Julie and I are still in

the village. So for all hall bookings, loan of hall equipment and for all payments and donations, please contact me on 868738. You can also use my email: geoff.rumble@btinternet.com but please remember that it is not booked until I have a completed booking form and your request has been confirmed. In particular, donations made for the loan of equipment can attract Gift Aid, which adds 25% to CHAFT funds and the loan form has a section for this. Once again, many thanks to Eunice for her time as Booking Clerk.

Geoff Rumble

CHAFT 100 CLUB DRAW

September	No.	Name.	Prize	October	No.	Name	Prize
1st. Prize	41	Geoff Beer	£25.00	120	Jane Smith	£25.00	
2nd. Prize	113	Ann Lindsey	£10.00	6	Julie Rumble	£10.00	

AUNT SALLY AT THE CHEQUERS

The Chequers Finished 3rd in Section D
10 Win, 4 Draw and 4 Lost.

Dave Sibbert finished top doll scorer in Section D with 133 Dolls and an average of 2.67 per leg. Steven Taylor won our Chequers Inn House Handicap Trophy beating Gary Mills in a 3 stick Play-Off.



If anyone would like to have a game of Aunt Sally please contact Janette at the Chequers .

The Team Photo includes the Chequers new landlady, Janette, in the middle

THAMES VALLEY GOES LIVE WITH 101

Thames Valley Police is due to go live with 101, the new national single non-emergency number on 14 November 2011, which will replace the 0845 8 505 505 number. Both numbers will run side by side until the end of March, but if demand for the 0845 8 505 505 number drops it may be discontinued earlier.

Calls to 101 (from both landlines and mobile networks) cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day the call is made, or the duration of the call.

Everyone calling the police for non-emergency matters will now know exactly how much a call will cost them, and can be assured of equal access whether they are on a pay-as-you-go mobile or a home landline

The routing will be based on the same

system as 999 calls. If a caller is using a landline the routing will be based on the caller's postcode and the call will be directed to the same area's force. If a caller is using a mobile, the call will route using the mast that the phone is transmitting from.

If a call is made to 101 within a force area that has not yet 'gone live', the caller will hear a recorded message telling them to redial using the relevant non emergency number.

If you require further information please contact Lisa Bergin, Corporate Communications on 01865 846351.

COCKTAIL PARTY

It is rewarding to see that now the village hall has been modernised, it is being used for more and varied activities. A more unusual "new" use was a cocktail party at the end of September. The ladies took their "little black dresses" out of the wardrobe and the gentlemen found their bow ties for an evening of canapés and cocktails to the accompaniment of Liz Hughes on the keyboard, behind the palm fronds. Many thanks to everyone who helped make it a great eve-

ning by converting the hall into the Ritz cocktail bar, by producing a wonderful array of exotic food and especially to Liz for creating the right musical atmosphere with a wide range of Broadway and other popular melodies. The evening also made a profit of £109, which has been split and donated equally to Macmillan Cancer Support and to Sobell House Hospice.

Geoff Rumble

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.

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The next meeting of the CLET Trustees will be on Wednesday 18th January 2012.

Please contact the Clerk for a Grant Application Form, which should be returned to her, for consideration at this meeting.

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:

VILLAGE COLLEGE

"Machine Quilting Day Workshop" : Saturday 14th January

The class that all the Patchwork & Quilting ladies have been waiting for! Spend a day (10am - 4pm) learning more about machine quilting techniques. All you need to bring is your sewing machine with a quilting and darning foot – everything else will be provided.

Cost : £16, which will include a light lunch at the Chequers.

Next set of Patchwork & Quilting classes : "Quilting as you go"

Have you ever toyed with the idea of learning Patchwork and/or Quilting - or have you done some in the past, and would like to take it up again in convivial company? We are in our second term of very popular Wednesday day and evening classes in the Village Hall, and will continue with another set of 10-week classes in the New Year, starting around the middle of January.

If you would like to join either of the above sessions, or would just like some more information about them, please contact me : Lynn Brookes, 868471 or email vil-lage.college@yahoo.com.

FROM YOUR MP - ED VAIZEY

I am very pleased that both King Alfred's school and Wallingford school have become academies, amongst the first in the County to do so. Becoming academies will give the schools much greater freedom to run themselves, and they will also see an uplift in the amount of money they control, which they can spend on the needs of their pupils. Our secondary schools are thriving. I remain very concerned about the pressure on primary school places, and I hope this issue can be addressed as soon as possible.

Other news around the constituency – I attended two very successful events as part of the Wantage Literary Festival which took place in September, talks by Max Hastings the former editor of the Daily Telegraph, and the poet Pam Ayres. Pam grew up in Stanford-in the Vale and has written an autobiography which takes us up to her life at the point she became famous, winning Opportunity Knocks in 1975. So it is a very good piece of local history giving a window into Wantage life in the 1950s and 1960s by a very good writer.

In London, in the House of Lords, Lord Ashcroft held a reception to launch a new charity, the Felix Fund, which aims to raise £1 million to provide extra support for soldiers in the bomb disposal regiment 11 EOD. They are based in Vauxhall Barracks in Didcot, and this seems a very worthy cause to support. I will be making a donation.

I'd also like to let you know about some good news for the voluntary sector in South Oxfordshire; Microsoft is trying to expand its software donation programme by appealing for more applications from charities.

Through the Charity Technology Exchange Service (run by the Charity Technology Trust), Microsoft has put on offer a range of software packages and licenses to provide affordable computer hardware to

charities in need of a freeing up a little extra cash.

I would encourage anyone in South Oxfordshire, whether setting up a new charity or extending the reach and scope of their existing charity, to take advantage of this offer. It is so important at this time for local groups to help recover our communities and develop our local autonomy from Whitehall. This scheme is just one of many that can help people realise these goals. (visit <http://ctxchange.org/> for details).

In Wantage and Grove I was delighted to open the Wantage Almshouses, which have been brilliantly restored by a volunteer committee who raised hundreds of thousands of pounds. They are real gems and evoke the long history of the town. I very much hope we can save the eighteenth century facades by Waitrose.

In Faringdon I was lucky enough to be the judge at the annual Faringdon Arts Festival. With over 40 artists exhibiting more than 130 works, this was no easy task. It's yet another example of the thriving community arts scene throughout the constituency. In England, there are more than 49,000 arts groups with almost 6 million people taking part. I also had the chance to visit Pat and Daphne Saunders' organic farm just outside Faringdon; there are 7 organic farms around the town, and we are pioneers in this area.

As ever please feel free to contact me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA, 020 7 2 1 9 6 3 5 0 o r vaizeye@parliament.uk. Surgery details can be obtained from www.vaizey.com.