

Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

January 2014

A SINGLE HOUSE TO BE BUILT ON THE FENNY COMPTON ROAD PLOT



At the meeting of the Parish Council on 14th January the Parish Council agreed with the proposal for one two bedroom house on the plot currently occupied by two garages between no.s 1 and 2 Fenny Compton Road.

The house will be built in the style of the houses along the road, and although there will be no garage, there will be adequate space for car parking on the plot. The existing pump house will be converted to a cycle and bin store. The building will occupy a floor space of 80 square metres and be heated by an air source heat pump.

Craig Knight of Cherwell District Council (CDC) attended the meeting and explained that the house will be affordable with an expected cost in the region of £170,000 to £185,000. In addition the buyer will have an option of self finish with a discount for the work that they are prepared to undertake. The purchaser can also benefit from a 20% loan which will be interest free for a period of 5 years, therefore reducing the amount of the mortgage required.

PAMELA PUTT CO-OPTED TO PARISH COUNCIL

At the meeting of the Parish Council on 14th January, Pamela Putt was co-opted to fill the vacant position for the remainder of the term. There were two candidates for the post and before voting took place both were urged to stand for election in May 2015.

Pamela has lived in the village for 3 years, and with a young child of her own and being involved with the Playing Field, she is known to most of the villagers with young children. She feels that experience gained in her previous occupation will equip her to deal with council business.

VILLAGE PRECEPT INCREASED TO £4100

After considerable argument the Parish Council agreed to increase the precept for 2014-15 by £100 to **£4100**. The Tax Base for the village (ie. the number of properties liable to Council Tax) has been reduced from 135 to 131 by CDC, so the bill is shared by fewer properties. The Parish Council will also receive a grant of £93 from CDC, so the resulting increase to residents will be less than £2 per annum at Band D.

The budget for the year is **£5641** made up as follows:

The Playing Field Management Committee (PFMC) £750 as a contribution towards the cost of grass cutting.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) £550 to meet the cost of cutting the churchyard.

Clerk's Salary and Expenses £1070 plus £200. This figure is in line with the officially recommended payment for parish clerks.

Election £959. There is a legal obligation to set aside these funds but the expectation is that they will not be required.

Insurance £632. This covers the village assets (eg. the noticeboard, the village pump and all of the playing field equipment), plus personal liability insurance for registered playing field events.

Training £100. It may be necessary for the Clerk to attend seminars costing in the region of £60 plus VAT excluding travel.

Other items such as **Repairs and Maintenance (£500)**, **Subscriptions (£200)**, **Audit (£100)**, **Church Room Hire (£80)** and **Miscellaneous (£50)** brought the total to **£5191 plus £450 VAT**. Any shortfall will be met by existing reserves, allotment income (£62) and reclaiming VAT.

BUS SHELTER

The issue of a bus shelter for the village was once again discussed at the Parish Council Meeting. An estimate of the likely cost was quoted as £5000. No funds were set aside during the budget discussions.

Although the bus stop was moved to its present position on the grounds of safety, councillors are not unanimous in acceptance of this site. Alternative suggestions for a shelter included installing a canopy at the front of the Church Room and digging out a section of the verge on Main Street.

Councillors Jones and Hoggins have been requested to submit a proposal to the March meeting.

CHURCH ROOM UPDATE

Cherwell District Council has agreed that the Church Room meets the necessary criteria to become an Asset of Community value. It considers that the Asset furthers the social wellbeing or social interest of the local community. The Parish Council now has to complete further paperwork to obtain a restriction on the Asset's registered title and its inclusion on the register of Local Land Charges.

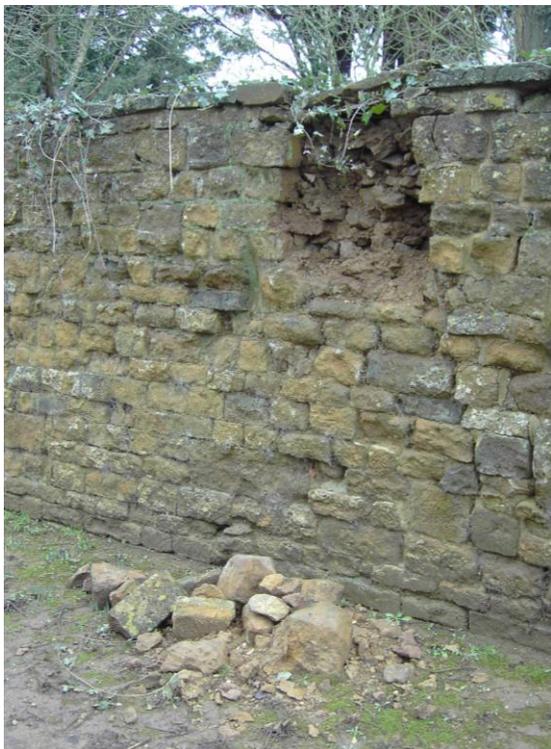
The report on the financial organisation of the Church Room by Emma Ives was issued in November. It was made available on the village website and the village and church noticeboards. The conclusion reached was that no issues could be solved by making the Church Room a charity in its own right. It has charitable status through the Church and there are funders and grant making trusts who would give to the Church Room under the present arrangements. There was also a suggestion that separation would double the amount of administrative work and could possibly increase costs (eg. by paying £1000 for an accountant).

Editor's comment. There is still no recognition that caretaking duties are required. This was agreed at the meeting with Rev. Freeth in February 2011 when the offer of a caretaker was refused on the grounds that the work should fall to a committee.

It would have been helpful to have been given the figures on usage and revenue from PCC use of the Church Room against usage and revenue from community use.

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Village Green



A section of the Village Green Wall has crumbled.

The Parish Council will need to fund the repair as the wall has never been insured.

Once the wall has been repaired it can be added to the list of assets for insurance at an additional cost of 50 to £55 per annum.

An estimate for the repair work has not yet been received.

Allotments

There are now 4 vacant plots. They will be cut and sprayed when the weeds begin to grow. If anyone is interested please contact the Parish Clerk on 07810 441682 or claydonwithclattercotepc@yahoo.co.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

A quantity of petrol and diesel was stolen from a garage Church Lane on the evening of 13th January.

A group of men, of foreign appearance have also been spotted helping themselves to scrap metal in the Boddington road.

Residents are reminded to remain vigilant and dial 101 to report suspicious activity to the Police.

Manor Farm Buildings Planning Application

The application for the demolition of the majority of the barn and the extension to the existing dwelling was refused by CDC.

PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEE MEETING

In the account of the Playing Field Trustee Meeting on 12th November it was incorrectly reported that the insurance company had requested supervision of children using the trampoline where as it was a concern of the Parish Council.

Since then further advice has been sought and though the insurance company would make no specific conditions relating to supervision, the Parish Council would expect that under 5's be supervised.

Recommendations have also been made by the Play Area Inspection Company regarding the installation of the trampoline.

The Playing Field Management Committee will be holding a Spring Clean Event when the weather improves. Watch out for notices.

Save the Horton

Oxford University Hospitals Trust and Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group are holding a public meeting to discuss changes at the Horton General Hospital on Wednesday 5th February from 6.00 to 8.15 pm. The venue is yet to be arranged.

The stopping of Emergency Non-trauma Surgery at the site a year ago will be discussed. Requests for more day surgery and outpatient clinics in Banbury will be considered.

Please attend the meeting as it is likely to be the only chance that the public will have to express their opinions and raise any concerns.

Members of the public wishing to register to attend should call 01865 231472 or email: caroline.rouse@ouh.nhs.uk and they will be sent more details.

Obituary

Pete Kearney 1946-2013

St. James Church was full to overflowing on January 31st as family, friends and villagers gathered to celebrate the life of Pete Kearney. Despite Pete's recent health problems his death was quite unexpected and a shock to all.

Pete was well known in the village as he involved himself in village matters. He regularly attended and contributed at the Parish Council meetings, and was invariably involved in Playing Field events, usually being one of the first to arrive for setting up and one of the last to depart after the clearing up was done. He was often to be found involved in village projects such as the recent redecoration of the Church Room and the maintenance of the Playing Field.

Having recently retired after many years, working as a car valet at Upper Heyford and prior to that for Reynard Racing, he had been establishing his gardening and grounds maintenance business. He kept busy working in individuals' gardens and maintained the churchyards in Claydon, Bourton and Aston-le Walls. Pete also recently worked on a project for a pensioner in Edgehill to turn a wilderness into a garden. This project involved restoring hedges and removing small trees, tree stumps and brambles in readiness for the area to be turfed.

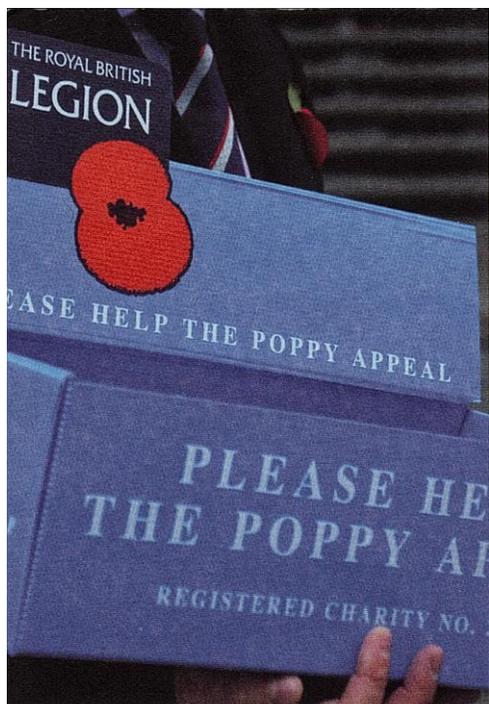
AIR AMBULANCE CLOTHING COLLECTIONS

Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance Service send their apologies that the collection was not made on 23rd January due to a vehicle breakdown.

Although a collection was made on the following day some bags may have been missed. A pick up can be arranged by calling 01536 480007 as the service will be collecting somewhere in the Oxfordshire area every Saturday between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm.

Regular collections from the village are planned for the future.

Thanks



Anne Hoggins would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Poppy Appeal.

A total of £164.28 was raised.

Thanks too to Jenny Hillier for organising the collection in Clattercote.

Air Ambulance Coffee Morning

A total of £280 was raised including £90 for the raffle of the quilt which was won by Diana Lambert. The unsold bric-a-brac will be taken to be sold at the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance shop in Rugby. Many thanks to all who supported the event.

Church 100 Club Draw

The winners of the December 2013 Church 100 Club Draw were as follows:

1st Prize £100 Spencer Prestige (Manor Park)

2nd Prize £20 June Allen (Church Lane)

3rd Prize £10 Steve Cockerill (Crossing Lane)

Vicky and Mike Smith would like to thank everyone for their continued support for Claydon St James the Great Church, a total of more than £300 was raised from the draw.

Diary Dates

HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the Claydon History Society will be on **Monday 3rd February** at 7.30 pm in the Church Room when membership subscriptions (£10) for the year will be due.

OVER SIXTIES FILMS

The first film showing of the year will take place in the Church Room at 2.00 pm on

Friday 14th February

Starring Howard Keel, Kathryn Grayson and Ann Miller in

Kiss Me Kate

with music by Cole Porter

A modern musical reworking of *The Taming of the Shrew*.

CHEESE AND WINE EVENING

Professor Beat Kümin will give an illustrated talk on

The Medieval Village

on **Friday 21st February** at 7.30 pm in the Church Room with cheese and wine refreshments. Tickets are available at £3 for History Society members or £5 for non-members -call 690510.

PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEE MEETING

Tuesday 11th March 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Church Room

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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