

Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

July/August 2014

OBJECTIONS TO MODERN BUS SHELTER

Although the general feeling at the Annual Parish Meeting in March had been that a modern bus shelter would be suitable, and more achievable in terms of fundraising, the project has been set back by objections from the owners of the properties surrounding the Village Green. Responses from the owners of the other neighbouring properties were much more positive with six fully in favour.

It was reported at the Parish Council Meeting on 8th July that the main criticism was that a modern glass and steel shelter would not be in keeping with the character of the village. It was felt that a wooden or stone shelter would be more acceptable.



The cheaper of the wooden shelters discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting, costing £7,245 plus VAT plus Installation

Councillors Jones and Hoggins were given the task of investigating suitable alternatives at a more realistic price than the quotations already obtained. The price of the cheapest wooden shelter found so far, which fulfils all of the requirements, is more than double that of the modern shelter which was proposed.

The Chairman questioned whether the village would be willing to accept an increase in the Village Precept in order to provide the necessary funding.

PLAYING FIELD NEWS

At the meeting of the Playing Field Trustee on 8th July, the purchase of further play equipment was discussed. In order not to jeopardise the possibility of obtaining a large grant towards the cost of equipment, the priorities have been changed in order allow time to obtain a grant, but in the meantime to demonstrate to villagers that money raised from recent events is being used. The Playing Field Management Committee (PFMC) propose to use the available funds to purchase smaller items, such as springers and play panels and include the larger items such as a basket swing in the forthcoming grant application. It is hoped that the application will be ready for submission in August.

At the time of the meeting £1625 had been raised, with the possibility of match funding. Further funds were expected from events such as the Dog Show and the Pop up Party.

The PFMC is also looking to install a rail at the entrance to the field as there have been two instances of people falling into the ditch during the last 12 months. The main gate into the Play Area was also criticised in the recent safety inspection.

As the members of the PFMC have insufficient time to keep up with all of the maintenance tasks, they are looking for some-one to take on the odd jobs (for which they will be paid).

The Trustee expressed concern that the increased spending would push the Parish Council into a higher audit fee band. It was also unhappy with the idea of the field being used for camping.

All of the issues are expected to be discussed further at the Trustee/PFMC meeting on 5th August at 8.00 pm in the Church Room.

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council Meeting on 8th July was attended by County Councillor George Reynolds and District Councillor Ken Atack. The following items were discussed:

PLANNING

Manor Farm Buildings

The application was due to be considered at the next meeting of the Cherwell District Council North Area Planning Committee, with the Planning Officer recommending approval.

Greenacre

It was noted that a condition of the approval of the application for an extension is that any trees which are removed to accommodate the building work must be replaced.

SPEEDING

Councillor Mutch reported that speed indicator equipment had been operated on three recent occasions. On July 4th one vehicle was found to be travelling at 33 mph, and the owner is due to receive a warning letter.

It was noted that the sight of an individual wearing a high vis. jacket and holding a camera was sufficient to cause many vehicles to immediately slow down.

HIGHWAYS

Councillor Reynolds reported that the number of pothole repairs was increasing due to the extra money being made available by the Government. Residents are still reminded that potholes can be reported by telephoning 0845 310 1111 or via the website www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/cms/content/potholes.

MAINTENANCE

The Blue Brick Path requires attention, but an offer to spray the weeds had to be refused due to Health and Safety requirements. The Clerk agreed to contact Oxfordshire County Council.

ALLOTMENTS

Letters had been sent to all of the tenants specifying that the only livestock permitted to be kept on the allotments was rabbits and hens. Cockerels

were not included. Although cockerels had been kept on the allotments for several years without causing offence, the action had been prompted by the appearance of turkeys on one allotment.

The feeling from the floor was that other parish councils allow other livestock eg. ducks, geese etc. on their allotments provided that they do not cause any problems, and it is far better for the allotments to be used in this way rather than be left uncultivated.

It was agreed that cockerels would be allowed and also that the existing turkeys be allowed to remain, subject to satisfactory maintenance of the plot. With several vacated plots requiring maintenance at the expense of the Parish Council, it was suggested from the floor that in future tenants should pay a deposit, only to be returned if they vacated the plot in a satisfactory condition.

BROADBAND

With Claydon not included in the 95% roll out of faster broadband, Councillor Atack suggested that he should be formally requested to help. If the village was willing to make a contribution, CDC could probably match the funds.

FILM CLUB

Paul Gallagher outlined plans for a Film Club, primarily for youngsters but possibly taking in other groups, such as the Ladies' Night attendees. Response from the village had been very positive with 30 children interested. The Parish Council was requested to fund the Broadcasting Licence at a cost of £93 plus VAT. Although as a non-agenda item, the request could not be officially agreed, the Parish Council was in favour.

LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS

It was agreed that the Claydon History Society would be requested to take on the project of identifying any assets for nomination by CDC as Local Heritage Assets.

CHANGE OF WARDS

Councillor Atack indicated that from 2016 the number of wards and CDC councillors were likely to be reduced, with 3 councillors covering the north of the district, Cropredy joining with Wroxton and Sibford. It was expected that in practice the representation would be as now, but with councillors standing in for one another if necessary.

Claydon Games 2014

Saturday 16th August

between 2-4pm

on the Playing-field

Fun and games for all ages!

Welly wanging

Running races

Water game (weather permitting)

Medals provided to winners of events

£1 per entry (to cover costs)

Bring your own picnic, food and drink to share or
buy a hot dog

Marquee will be erected
tables and seating will be provided

If you would like to help on the day,
with Marquee erection / dismantling
or organise / run some of the games or events,

please contact Lara Clarkson (690066)

or send an e-mail to Games@ClaydonVillage.co.uk

Congratulations

from family friends and villagers to **Barbara Wilsdon** , who celebrated her 90th birthday on July 8th. Barbara came to live in the village in 1963, with husband Guy and daughter Anne (now Hoggins)

and

to **Hallane Hill** on her marriage to Andrew Matjaszek at Elmore Court, near Gloucester on Saturday July 26th

and

to **Celia Adams** on her marriage to Stewart Wright at St. James' Church on Sunday July 27th.

Thanks

To the villagers who supported the **Red Cross Appeal** in May. £110.35 was raised in the village, part of a total of £6035.81 for the Banbury Area.

If anyone needs to hire equipment, such as a wheelchair, in order to help maintain independence following an operation or an accident, it may be booked by calling 01235 552664. It may then be collected when the Red Cross visits Morrisons' Car Park on Friday mornings from 10.30 am to 12 noon.

Help Wanted

If anyone is able to offer either a lift to Leamington on 3 to 4 days per week, or a lift to Banbury in time to catch the 8.00 am train, starting in September, please could they contact Tiffany on 690988 or 07582 745225. Willing to share petrol costs.

If anyone would like to help with arranging the flowers in the church, please could they contact Dorothy Beckett on 690322.

Giveaway

A HP 364 printer cartridge free to the first to contact 690510.

ST JAMES' CHURCH 100 CLUB DRAW RESULTS

1st prize £100 Pamela Putt

2nd prize £20 Tim Cozze-Young

3rd prize £10 Richard Patching

CLAYDON'S POP UP PARTY

Friday 29th August, 7.00pm until late at Clattercote Priory Farm. £10 per ticket, to include barbecue food and soft drinks, free to Claydon children aged 12 and under.

To pre-book tickets contact Jess on 07533 540251, Sam on 07885 984951 or Emily on 07980 267114.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTERS

Villagers have the option to request an electronic version of the Newsletter as an alternative to a paper copy. If you wish to opt for future electronic versions email clayclatnews@btinternet.com.

Any villagers interested in activities in Cropredy can request an electronic version of the *Cropredy Crier* by contacting Paul Gallagher on 690119.

Katharine House Festival of Open Gardens

**1-5pm, Sunday 14th September, Wardington Manor,
Wardington (OX17 1SW).**

A variety of different gardens over four acres; beautiful wisteria-draped house, kitchen and cutting gardens and elegant tree-lined walks. Refreshments available and KH Hospice stall. Entrance £5 (children free). Dogs on leads welcome.

Diary Dates

PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEE MEETING followed by **PLAYING FIELD MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday 5th August at 8.00 pm in the Church Room.

CLAYDON FILM CLUB

August screening THE LEGO MOVIE, members only, details from Paul Gallager 690119.

OVER SIXTIES FILMS

The next film showing will take place in the Church Room at 2.00 pm on

Friday 15th August

A romantic comedy drama written by Richard Curtis

About Time

starring Domhnall Gleeson, Rachel McAdams, Bill Nighy and Lindsay Duncan

CLAYDON GAMES

Saturday 16th August from 2.00 pm on the Playing Field.

CLAYDON'S POP UP PARTY

Friday 29th August from 7.00 pm at Clattercote Priory Farm.

HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING

The next meeting of the Claydon History Society will be on **Monday 8th September** at 7.30 pm in the Church Room.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 9th September at 7.30 pm in the Church Room

HISTORY SOCIETY VALUATION EVENING

Monday 22nd September at 7.30 pm in the Church Room. Look out for notices.

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