

Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

September/October 2015

***Build!* PROJECT NOW UNDERWAY**



Almost two years since the idea was first presented to the Parish Council, the building of a house between numbers 1 and 2 Fenny Compton Road is now underway. The delay has apparently been caused by confusion over the plans and the size of the plot.

The construction is part of *Build!*, Cherwell District Council's own housing development programme. The house should be affordable and the buyer will have an option of self finish, with a discount for the work that they are prepared to do. 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.

Priority for the purchase is to be given to someone with a connection to either Claydon or the surrounding area.

BUS SHELTER

At the Parish Council meeting on 8th September, the discussion on the provision of a bus shelter became very heated and unpleasant, with frequent interjections from the floor in opposition to a shelter and to the present site of the bus stop.

It has transpired that it is illegal to erect a bus shelter on the site originally earmarked on the Lower Green. Although the Lower Green is not fit for purpose as a village green, its registration from 1968 remains in force, thereby prohibiting the erection of any structure other than for the purpose of better enjoyment of the green. An application could be made to de-register the Lower Green, but the fee is £4,900 and there is no guarantee that it would be successful.

In attempting to move forward, one suggestion was to erect a bench with a cover, but as any structure could be challenged, this was not considered viable. Another suggestion was to wait for the outcome of the subsidised bus review and erect a bench. Although Councillors had no objection to a bench on the Lower Green, they did not see it as part of the shelter project.

Clive Mutch insisted that something was needed urgently for the elderly bus users and agreed to install a bench at his own expense.

Other suggestions were to erect a lych-gate at the entrance to the Church Room or to site the shelter on the Top Green, both of which will be investigated further.

On finding that the Parish Council was not intending to abandon the idea of a bus shelter, opposition claims from the floor ranged from inaccurate, to unconfirmed to fanciful.

HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

As Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) faces further austerity cuts, it is consulting on the future of its recycling centres in order to save a further £350,000 in 2017/18. It is proposing to reduce the number of centres from the existing 7 to just 3 or 4 and change the opening hours. The future of

Alkerton is uncertain as the site has almost reached capacity and the lease runs out in 2017.

Details of the consultation are available online at www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/waste and the public is encouraged to complete the response questionnaire. Hard copies are available at all libraries. The closing date for responses is **5th October**.

Once agreed the changes will be made over several years with plenty of notice given to local residents.

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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

PARISH CLERK

Louise Aston, the Parish Clerk has submitted her resignation with effect from the end of November. Louise has been one of, if not the best clerks to work for the village, bringing a wealth of knowledge to the role.

SUBSIDISED BUS REVIEW

The Chairman reported that there had been correspondence between the local parish councils on a joint representation to OCC. Mollington had circulated a draft letter which had subsequently been extended by Councillor R Jones. It was agreed that the Parish Council would send a letter incorporating all of the observations.

Several villagers have submitted responses to the consultation.

ALLOTMENTS

Several plots have not been cultivated. As part of the agreement, the Parish Council is allowed to charge tenants if it is necessary to employ a contractor to treat the weeds on their plot. The offending tenants are to be informed that if the weeds are not cut down within a certain time it will be assumed that they are giving notice to vacate the plot.

It was also confirmed that allotment holders may keep cockerels.

FINANCE

Income for the year to date stood at £4512 and expenditure at £5137. The bank balance at 8th September stood at £5381.29.

DOG POOP BAGS

Following protests from the floor that the bags are too big and free alternatives can be obtained, the Parish Council refused a request from the Playing Field Management Committee to fund dog poop bags for the dispenser on the Playing Field at a cost of £23.50 per case.

PARISH COUNCIL GRANTS

Applications are being invited from village organisations for grants from the Parish Precept in 2016/17. Forms are available from the Parish Clerk on 07810 441682 or claydonwithclattercotepc@yahoo.co.uk.

PLAYING FIELD NEWS

After a busy 18 months of fund raising, we are delighted to say that the basket swing has been ordered and the installation should be starting as we speak! We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone in the village - and beyond - who has supported the events and fund raising activities that we have organised.

The sub committee is planning to continue to raise funds for further equipment and will be evaluating the current plan and priority list over the coming weeks.

Thank you to those who came forward to volunteer to help the bonfire event, but unfortunately, there were not enough people to organise it so the event will not take place this year.

We are hoping to arrange a Halloween event for the children and perhaps an official opening of the basket swing, more details to follow.

Claydon Playing Field Management Committee

Farewell

to **Phoebe Shaft** from Top Lock who has written how much she has valued the friendships and support that she has received from villagers and that she will dearly miss them.

and

to **Dom Antony Sutch** who lived in the village for a very short time, but joined in most of the activities and made many friends.

Congratulations

to **Niccole Purdey and partner Dan** on the birth of second child Rubie Rose Johnson at 9 lb 2 oz on 2nd August, a sister to Cody.

Look out for

the surrounding area on TV. John Sergeant was spotted with a film crew at Bridge 147 (Clattercote) on Sunday August 9th recording for his ITV programme ***Barging Round Britain***.

POPPY COLLECTION

Anne Hoggins will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal, from 24th October to 7th November.

SECOND CHANCES EXHIBITION

by the **ZERO5** group

at

THE MILL ARTS CENTRE

From

28th October to 30th November

MON-SAT 10 am to 7 pm, SUN 10 am to 3 pm

Villagers are invited to the Private Viewing on 28th October from 6 to 8 pm.

HELP FOR REFUGEES

My sister Vronx lives on the island of Kos where so many refugees are arriving. The charity Kos Kindness is doing a great deal of work with the refugees distributing aid. If you would like to help, I am organising a collection of packs which will be shipped to Kos where there are thousands of refugees arriving on boats.

If you'd like to donate a pack please see below the different packs that we are taking. Each pack needs to be complete in a plastic bag and tied up loosely in a knot marked Male, Female or Child.

FEMALE PACKS

Baby wipes, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Sanitary towels (perhaps 5 out of a box), Small hair shampoo, Soap, Flannel/sponge

MALE PACKS

Razor, Small Shaving Foam, Toothbrush, Toothpaste, Deodorant, Soap, Flannel/Sponge

CHILDREN'S PACKS

Children's toothpaste, Toothbrush, Flannel, Baby wipes, Small toy if possible

Deliveries to **Clare Adams, Clattercote House, Claydon, Banbury, Oxon OX17 1ES** before 12 October 2015

or to arrange collection call 0779 3556103 or email ca@clareadamspr.com

OWEN AND JACOB HAVE STARTED SCHOOL



CLAYDON WITH CLATTERCOTE PARISH COUNCIL

A vacancy will shortly arise for the position of CLERK to the Claydon with Clattercote Parish Council.

This is a part-time position averaging 10 hours per month. The actual time worked includes attendance at Parish Council meetings but otherwise is largely at the discretion of the Clerk and as the administration of the Council requires.

The Parish Council usually has six meetings a year and the Clerk is expected to attend the meetings, prepare agenda, write the minutes and deal with Council correspondence.

The Clerk also provides advice, administrative & secretarial support to the Council. In addition the Clerk is the Responsible Financial Officer and is required to manage the Council's finances and prepare them for audit each year. Hence suitable IT skills are necessary to carry out these functions.

The salary is negotiable, depending on qualifications & experience, starting at £1020 per annum. Expenses are paid for travel & office expenses.

The Parish Council would encourage the successful applicant to take relevant training courses to update their skills to assist the Council at the expense of the parish.

Candidates should be able to provide a recent CV/personal profile and contact details of two referees.

The position will be vacant from 1st December 2015.

Interested or for an informal discussion to find out more details please contact:

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Closing Date: Friday 30 October 2015

Diary Dates

BEETLE DRIVE

Wednesday 7th October at 2.30 pm in the Church Room

OVER SIXTIES FILM

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

Friday 9th October

starring Pierce Brosnan Toni Collette and Imogen Poots in

A Long Way Down

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 16th October at 10.30 am in the Church Room

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 10th November at 7.00 pm in the Church Room
followed by

PLAYING FIELD TRUSTEE MEETING

HISTORY SOCIETY ENTERTAINMENT EVENING

Friday 13th November.

A talk by Peter Spackman

The Anglo-Saxon Thegn

at 7.30 pm in the Church Room. Refreshments included.
Members £3, non-members £5. Contact 690510 for tickets.

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