

Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

March/April 2017

THE END OF AN ERA AS PARISH COUNCIL CHAIRMAN RESIGNS



David Hill with Parish Clerk Kirsty Buttle at his last Parish Council Meeting

David Hill and his family are preparing to leave the village in early April, having lived here for 38 years, during which he has devoted a considerable amount of time to the benefit of the village.

David has been a Parish Councillor for 34 years, 32 of which have been as Chairman. At the beginning of this period, a chance discussion over a few beers in the Sunrising, on the subject of lack of community spirit in the village, resulted in the biannual Claydon Festivals, which started in 1984. The aim was firstly to raise money for a worthwhile cause or need in the village, and to contribute a

significant sum to a well known local or national charity. Secondly it was to provide fun for the residents of Claydon and visitors.

The villagers certainly had fun. The Saturday evening entertainment in 1984 was provided by the Frankfurter Schunkel Band, who returned by popular demand in 1986. The editor's personal favourite was the All Stars Big Band in 1988.

In sharing the profits from the 1986 festival, £500 was given to the Horton Hospital's Fund for "net" beds (special beds for long stay patients each costing around £500), £847.70 to St. James' Church, £35 to the Children's Christmas Party and £150 to the Senior Citizens' Christmas Fund. The remaining £662.69 was spent on heaters and a hot water unit for the Church Room.

There were several elements to the festivals, a village fete and crafts, a dance, an exhibition, raffles and Tombolas. Tombolas were David's forte. His contacts in the wine trade brought in donations of wines and spirits which were the centrepiece of the Tombola stalls. They were so successful that over £500 was made at each of the festivals by the Tombolas.

David was also very actively involved in the management of the Playing Field, where his fundraising activities included extremely enjoyable wine tasting evenings. Even when he was no longer a part of the committee he was often on hand to run the bar at events. David was also instrumental in organising the village celebrations of special events, in 1995 for the 50th anniversary of VE Day, and in 2002 for the Queen's Golden Jubilee. More recently he took over the organisation of the Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch. Initially this took place in the Church Room and then latterly these were held at local pubs. He has also chaired the Claydon Trust and the Claydon History Society, working very hard on a booklet documenting the history of the village which will hopefully be printed soon.

We wish David and his family well in their new home.

OTHER PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council Meeting on 14th March was attended by District Councillor Ken Attack. The following further items were discussed:

PARISH COUNCIL CHAIR

Councillor Sylvia Ingram was elected as the new Chairman of the Parish Council.



Councillor Ingram signing the acceptance of office

TRANSPORTER DAMAGE

Councillor Attack reported that as a result of the destruction of a fence caused by an ECM vehicle, the manager of the Chipping Warden site responsible had met with him in the village in order that the problems that the vehicles encounter when attempting to take this route could be illustrated. In addition to inspecting the damage, he also witnessed another vehicle attempting to take the same route and then being forced to reverse. As a result he verbally agreed to issue instructions to his and all of the other businesses using the airfield site to use the A361. Councillor Attack agreed to look into additional signage to prevent unsuitable vehicles driving into the village. It was thought that this should be sited near the Marina.

PLANNING

Rozel

Following the refusal of the previous application, for a large extension to the side, another to the rear, and a coating of lime based render to the whole building, a revised application has been submitted. The size of the tall gable over the garage has been reduced and more Hornton stone across the central section has been included in order to bring the building more in keeping with the listed building opposite.

Point to Point Farm

Councillor Atack is in contact with the Planning Enforcement Department at CDC regarding the log cabin at Point to Point Farm following the refusal to scrap the original conditions.

EMPTY PROPERTIES

The driveway of the the house built as part of the ***Build!*** project, on Fenny Compton Road has been completed.

The dispute at 12 Manor Park is ongoing and is not expected to be resolved quickly. CDC is in touch with the owner of the Old School House.

BLUE BRICK PATH

Thanks to Cllr Atack the path has now been cleaned by CDC and looks much better. Regarding the damage caused by heavy goods vehicles near the BT kiosk, the owner of the adjacent driveway is considering extending it to allow a greater turning space.

There were complaints that vegetation from No. 1 Bank Cottages is growing over the path. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to the owner.

It was also agreed that the path would be sprayed in May and September. The possibility of obtaining funds from OCC for weed killer would also be investigated.

VILLAGE GREEN

A tree was completely blown over during storm Doris. Thanks to Clive Mutch and Mr Hughes for clearing the obstruction from the road. OCC have removed the remaining branches, but the stump still needs to be removed.

CLAYDON ALLOTMENTS

New tenants have taken over Plot 12. It is anticipated that the tenancies of the plots which have remained uncultivated will not be renewed and the plots will revert to the Parish Council from 1st April. Rents for plots are due on 1st April.

The council agreed that the uncultivated plots would be strimmed at the end of April and July.

NOTICEBOARD

It was agreed to purchase a new 2 bay notice board at a cost up to £1500, subject to agreement of the owner of the wall on which it is to be mounted.

PARISH SURVEY

The contents of the village survey were agreed. It can be completed on the Village Website and a copy has been delivered with the Newsletter.

TREE DAMAGE

Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), a body normally slow to respond to any requests, recently cut down the trees on private land in Manor Park. No advance notification had been received either by the Parish Council or the owners. OCC will be working on a damage limitation exercise.

COUNTY CONNECT BUS SERVICE

At the Parish Council Meeting on 14th March it was agreed to trial the County Connect Service for one year. The neighbouring parishes of Mollington, Cropredy and The Bourtons have all agreed to do the same. The Parish Council will pay a subsidy for this service and it is unlikely to continue beyond the year if the number of users does not significantly increase in order to justify this expense.

A new leaflet will be distributed to all householders to make them aware of the service and try to encourage more users. The nominated bus stop will be opposite the church.

The starting date for the service is yet to be announced.

Obituary

James Wood Dick

‘Jim’



James Wood Dick, known as Jim to family and friends in the South, was born in Glasgow on 14th April 1942. He was the second son, and third of 4 children of Robert Watt Dick and Isabella Hog Dick. Robert was a licensed grocer in Cumbuslang in Lanarkshire. Jim grew up alongside his older brother Bobby and sister Ena, and the family was later joined by his younger sister Isabel.

Jim attended Westcoats school in Cumbuslang until the family moved to Glasgow when he was about 14, where Robert was company director of several shops. Jim then attended Woodlands school which proved to be an unfortunate move, as he disliked the school and spent a lot of time playing truant. He escaped the academic world as quickly as he could at age 15. However he loved to read and was very knowledgeable about his favourite subjects. He also loved animals, especially his dog, Buster.

Jim's first job was working as an apprentice for James & George Hunter, Licensed Grocers, where he met Carolyn. He then joined the family business, Andrew Dick & Sons, - licensed grocers and wine merchants, and he and Carolyn were married in 1964. Their children, Steven and Emma were welcomed with great joy in 1966 and 1968, and later gave Jim 6 grandchildren.

In 1973 Jim and Carolyn branched out on their own. They ran a small shop and post office called Willersey Stores, near Broadway in Worcestershire. Jim also worked for Auto-sleepers, - a Campervan conversion company. An unfortunate work-related accident greatly impacted on his lifestyle and caused him pain for the rest of his life, despite a couple of operations to try to correct the problem.

Towards the end of the 80s Jim's marriage to Carolyn came to an end, but his life took a whole new direction in 1992 when he met Elaine Broughton. It was not long before he moved to Claydon. Martin Broughton recalled how embarrassed he had been by mistakenly calling Jim by his surname for some time before Jim politely suggested that he call him "Jim".

Elaine and Jim thoroughly enjoyed their retirement, often with an entourage of grandchildren accompanying them on their caravanning holidays, weekends and many visits out. Pom (Adele) Al-Anazi recalled how educational these trips were. In Charmouth they would search the beaches for fossils and during the car journeys the different iron-age hill forts would be pointed out to her. As Jim and Elaine were National Trust members she was taken to all of the local points of interest and further afield to the Roman ruins in Bath.

After Elaine died, Jim's loneliness was eased by the company of their great friend Sandra and her husband John.

Jim loved Claydon. He would sit in the sun room, next to the photographs of Elaine, enjoying the view across the fields.

HORTON HOSPITAL UPDATE

Phase 1 of 'The Big Consultation' organised by Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) on the future of healthcare in the area continues and is due to close on 9th April.

There have been many complaints that the consultation is in two phases as it is difficult to fully evaluate the implications that the removal of services in Phase 1 will have on Phase 2. Attempts from the local MPs, Cherwell District Council and Oxfordshire County Council have so far failed to force a rethink. It had been hoped that the referral of maternity by the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) to the Secretary of State would force a halt to the proceedings. However, it transpires that that referral was just for the 'temporary' closure of maternity, so the OCCG continues to plough ahead with the consultation which includes the permanent closure of maternity.

The OCCG has held meetings around the county to promote its vision for the downgrade of the Horton. At the same time, many meetings have been held, in the local villages, in conjunction with the Keep the Horton General Campaign Group, including Mollington and Cropredy, and St. Mary's in Banbury, to make the public aware of how the plans fit into the National scheme and highlight the issues in the local area.

At the St. Mary's meeting retired GP, Dr Hugh Gillies explained how the intense pressure placed on GPs is resulting in burnout and forcing many to retire early while recruitment of replacements is extremely difficult. The OCCG is fully aware of this situation and highlights it in its own Risk Assessment. Nevertheless the GPs are expected to provide more cover in the community to offset the removal of 45 beds from the Horton.

The Keep the Horton General Campaign Group is recommending that the public respond to the consultation by letter, as the consultation questionnaire appears to be skewed to give the OCCG the answers it wants. Template letters were delivered to all houses in the village, but residents can write in their own words, particularly if they have a personal experience to report.

The FREEPOST address is:

Mr David Smith, Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group,
Communications & Engagement, FREEPOST RRRKBZBTASXU
Jubilee House, 5510 John Smith Drive, Oxford Business Park South,
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Stop Press On 30th March it was announced that CDC, together with other local councils and KTHG was taking legal action against the OCCG over the consultation.

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

IN OFFICE OF PARISH COUNCILLOR

PARISH OF CLAYDON WITH CLATTERCOTE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to section 87(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, that **David Hill** has ceased to be a member of Claydon with Clattercote Parish Council, and that a vacancy now exists in the office of Councillor for the said Parish Council.

In accordance with the Local Elections Rules an election to fill the vacancy shall be held if, within 14 days after the date of this notice (**i.e. no later than 7 April 2017**), a request for an election to fill the said vacancy is made in writing to the **Returning Officer, Cherwell District Council, Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA** by **TEN electors** for the said Parish.

In the event that no such request is received by **7 April 2017** the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

Paul Sutton

Returning Officer

Dated: 21 March 2017

Note: In computing the fourteen days Saturdays, Sundays, day of Christmas break, of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning are disregarded.

Easter Afternoon Tea & Kids Treasure Hunt

Saturday 22nd April
2- 4pm

Claydon Church Room
EVERYONE WELCOME

homemade cakes
board games
something for everyone

Organised by PFMC raising funds
playground maintenance



Spring Time Sale!

Save Saturday May 6th in your diaries to come and support a village "nearly new" sale.

Fundraising for the church and to repair the damage in the graveyard wall.

1.00 pm until 4.00pm at Claydon Church Room.

We would greatly appreciate donations so have a think about any household items you may be willing to donate. (If you could be so kind as to bring your items to the church room on May 6th at approx 9.30am we'd be very thankful. If you're not able to drop-off but still have items to donate we will arrange collection in the week prior to the sale -

Contact Adele (Pom) 07963 646 123/ 01295 690 378)

Thank you, and hope to see you there! We need your support!

CROPREDY TENNIS CLUB

2017 SEASON NEWS

Club nights are from mid April (6.00pm onwards) on Mondays for all members and on Wednesdays for ladies only. Anyone interested in joining the club can come along to any club night to meet and play along with the other members before deciding to join the club.

Junior coaching will start on 28 April on Fridays from 4.14 to 5.15pm. Coaching is provided by coaches from Banbury Tennis Academy. It is open to members and non members – a great opportunity for juniors to try tennis before they join the club. Discounted fees are offered to members. Coaching application forms are downloadable from the Cropredy Tennis Club website www.cropredytennisclub.co.uk.

2017 Events include

Free junior taster session will be held on 7 May. Open to members and non members.

Club social event. An Open Afternoon will be held on 9 July from 2.00pm, for members and non members. Come along and try some tennis – beginners and returners welcome.

Free adult coaching sessions to be held during two Monday club nights in May and June. Watch the club's website for details

New members of all ages and abilities are welcome. Further information and contact details are on the club's website:

Diary Dates

HOLY COMMUNION

Palm Sunday 9th April 8.30 am at St. James' Church (said traditional service)

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Wednesday 12th April 7.00 pm at St. James' Church (evening prayers and reflections for Holy Week)

HOLY COMMUNION

Sunday 16th April 11:00 a.m. at St. James' Church (**Easter celebration for all**)

COFFEE MORNING

Wednesday 19th April at 10:30 a.m. in the Church Room

EASTER AFTERNOON TEA & KIDS' TREASURE HUNT

Saturday 22nd April at 2.00 to 4.00 pm in the Church Room

HISTORY SOCIETY MEETING

Monday 24th April at 7:30 p.m. in the Church Room.

SPRING NEARLY NEW SALE

Saturday 6th May at 1.00 to 4.00 pm in the Church Room

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 9th May at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Room unless it is preceded by the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING tba**

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