

# Claydon with Clattercote Newsletter

November 2011

## A TIME FOR REMEMBRANCE



**The Claydon with Clattercote War Memorial following the Remembrance Service on 13<sup>th</sup> November**

## GRANT OBTAINED FOR CHURCH ROOM

Despite the drastic cost cutting during the current economic climate Oxfordshire County Council has awarded the Church Room Sub-Committee a grant of £4,700 towards the cost of replacing the Church Room roof. It is estimated that the work will cost up to £13,000. A donation has been requested from the Parish Council, not only to increase the funds available but also to demonstrate the support of our community to other agencies which might supply grants for the project. The Parish Council will consider the request at the budget meeting in January.

## **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**

The Parish Council Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> November was attended by District Councillor Ken Atack when the following items were discussed:

### **WATER LEAK IN BIGNOLDS CLOSE**

Many villagers have expressed concern regarding the danger posed by the water leaking across the footpath and the road in Bignolds Close. A number of agencies have been involved in attempting to identify the source of the problem with the inevitable delay in passing the issue from one to another. Thames Water have finally accepted responsibility and will soon be attempting to repair it, which may cause a lowering of water pressure for a short period.

### **PLANNING**

#### **Oxford Canal**

The Planning Inspector's decision on the appeals against the enforcement orders issued by Cherwell District Council (CDC) regarding the unauthorised change of use of land from agricultural to private with mixed domestic was reported on 28<sup>th</sup> September.

The field has been divided into 16 plots of which 9 were subject to enforcement orders. Two plots were considered to be near enough to agricultural to escape enforcement but the remaining 7 have to be returned to agricultural use within six months of the date of the decision.

#### **9 Bignolds Close**

The application (11/01221/F) to install decking at the rear of 9 Bignolds Close has been approved by Cherwell District Council.

#### **Wind Turbines**

The Parish Council agreed to support Hanwell and Shotteswell in their objections to a temporary wind monitoring mast between their villages as a precursor to wind turbines. At the time of the meeting over 250 objections were reported to be on the CDC website. The application reference number is 11/01391/F. The 70 metre temporary wind monitoring mast at Boddington Reservoir has been approved by Daventry District Council.

#### **Manor Farm**

An application (11/01541/F & 11/01542/LB) had been received to convert an existing outbuilding, currently used for storage, to living accommodation for a family member, but there had been insufficient time to circulate the plans to the Parish Council before the meeting. During the meeting, after inspection of the plans and an explanation of the situation by the owner the Parish Council agreed to approve the application subject to any further issues arising.

## **PREPARATIONS FOR WINTER**

Oxfordshire County Council will deliver one tonne of salt for villagers to replenish the bin as and when required. There has been no notification of when this delivery will take place. The Chairman stressed that it will not be for private use, but it would be available for dangerous situations such as the water running across Bignolds Close. The issue of how to transfer the salt from storage to grit bin has not been resolved.

## **ADOPTION OF SEWERS BY THAMES WATER**

Cherwell District Council is apparently in possession of documents detailing the agreement of the handover of the sewers in Bignolds Close to Thames Water. A meeting is to be organised with representatives of the Parish Council.

## **FINANCES**

Year to date income of £4240.64 was reported with expenditure to date at £2613.63.

It is planned to study the Clerk's workload in order to ensure that a fair salary is being paid. It is currently £255 per quarter before tax.

A request for a donation from the Cluster Care Group will be considered at the next meeting.

## **THE 277 BUS SERVICE**

A complaint has been made to Stagecoach after a villager was left stranded in Banbury when the 2.00 pm service on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November left ten minutes early. Please report any problems to the Parish Transport Representative, Rob Jones, on 690510 or claydonptr@gmail.com. Passengers from other villages were in the fortunate position of being able to catch alternative services..

The 200 service will cease to travel via Cropredy from 28<sup>th</sup> November. Attempts to provide an alternative for Cropredy and also take in Claydon have failed despite the incentive of a small subsidy.

## **MAINTENANCE, POT HOLES AND THE BLUE BRICK PATH**

The Chairman suggested that the Parish Council should inspect the trees around the village to determine the maintenance work required. Pete Kearney was thanked for his work on the horse chestnut on the Village Green.

The large pot holes on the bend of the Cropredy Road at the bottom of the hill will be reported to Oxfordshire County Council.

The Blue Brick Path remains on the Parish Council agenda because it requires regular maintenance. It is periodically sprayed and cleared but the weeds grow back very quickly as there is insufficient footfall to discourage their growth.

## **DIAL-A-RIDE**

At the Parish Liaison Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November, councillors from the village were encouraged to hear that CDC intends to make every attempt to retain as much of the existing Dial-a-Ride service as possible.

## **CHURCHYARD**

Marjorie Fox sends her thanks to Michael O'Donovan for his hard work on tidying the churchyard.

## **OVER SIXTIES FILMS**

The final film showing of the year will take place in the Church Room at 2.00 p.m. on

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

starring James Stewart in the Christmas classic

**It's a Wonderful Life**

A full programme of films for 2012 will be announced in January.

## **SENIOR CITIZENS' CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

The Claydon with Clattercote Senior Citizens' Christmas Lunch will take place at the Bell Inn, Great Bourton on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** at 12.30 for 1.00 p.m. The cost will be £12.95 per person.

If you would like to attend please contact David or Jo Hill on 690452 as soon as possible.

## **HISTORY SOCIETY UPDATE**

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee the Claydon History Society will be compiling a plan of the village as it was in 1952.

The accounts from the summer history exhibition have been finalised. A donation of £110.14 will be presented to the Parochial Church Council.

## **HORTON UPDATE**

On 10<sup>th</sup> November, the Horton Campaign Group appealed to the Oxfordshire Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) in an attempt to stem the flow of services away from the Horton. As the HOSC is comprised of councillors from across the county, with only one from the Banbury area, the appeal met with very little sympathy.

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