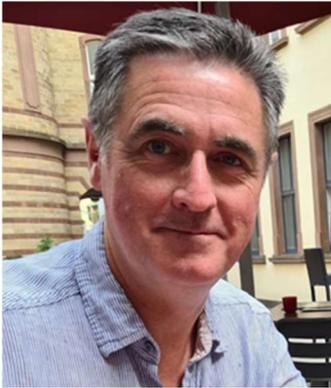


Community News

May 2024



A Tough Act to Follow



We are sad to announce that Councillor Jon Longdon is resigning from his role on the Parish Council due to ongoing work commitments requiring frequent overseas travel.

Jon joined the Parish Council in 2019, bringing his commercial, property and finance experience to the team. He assisted with setting up Zoom to facilitate the continuation of the Parish Council meetings throughout Covid, and has been a regular contributor on highways and grass cutting issues. We would like to thank him for all his efforts during his 5 year tenure and wish him and Julie all the best.

As Jon steps down, if you feel you would like to step up to take his place, please go to the website, where you will find further information on the role of the Parish Councillor, as well as the application form and details of how to apply. We would welcome applications from anyone who is keen to become involved in supporting their local community and add to the diversity of the existing team. Closing date for applications is 10th May.

In and around...

Signs of Spring



Despite the relentless inclement weather, there are thankfully, signs of Spring starting to appear around the village. Apart from all the daffodils and trees coming into leaf, there are some beautiful little lambs frolicking around the fields. I even came across a chicken who stubbornly decided not to cross the road, but to wander around the middle of it instead! 😊 If you are wanting to get out and about to explore the area, details of local footpaths are available on our website. Just click on 'Other Useful Links' and you will find Ordinance Survey based maps of surrounding footpaths.



Please be sure to keep dogs under close control around any livestock, particularly at this time of year, to avoid frightening ewes with young lambs... and of course, don't forget your poo bags. Bag it and bin it!

Pitching In



You will have noticed that the green spaces around the village are looking much tidier now that our new contractors are taking care of the grass cutting.

The freshly cut football pitches on the Jubilee Park are looking splendid, and have stood up well to the wet weather, continuing to host many games that could not be played elsewhere in the locality.

As the football season is now drawing to a close, the pitches will be available to hire, so if any local groups or summer schools etc. are looking for a venue, look no further than Childs Ercall. See our website for details of prices and availability.

Caution – Men at Work



No, it isn't a picture of a guy trying to open an umbrella!

Following Councillor Hatfield's efforts in researching competitive quotes for the repairs required to fulfil our commitment to maintaining the boundaries and path along the Jubilee field, a contractor has now been appointed to carry out the work.

Work will soon be commencing to repair the chain link fence and to level the pathway to the Jubilee Hall. The heavy equipment required

to carry out the repairs may restrict the available space on the car park for a short while, so we ask for your patience during this short period of inconvenience.

Have Your Say in May – Open Evening

At the next Parish Council meeting at the Jubilee Hall on May 15th at 7.00pm, we will be hosting an open evening.

We hope you will join us for a social get together and take the opportunity to meet your Parish Councillors who all give their time voluntarily for the benefit of the community.

You are then invited to stay on for the official meeting of the Parish Council. We would love to have your input and hear your thoughts on our plans and priorities for 2024.

All are welcome. We hope to see you there!

An on-line version of this newsletter can be found on the website.

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