

Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Council

Newsletter

Autumn 2022



Following our Summer celebrating 70 wonderful years of service by Queen Elizabeth II, it is with sadness we now are mourning our Queen. She has been an inspirational and steadfast Head of our country. We thank God for her and the influence and example that she has given King Charles III as he takes up the honour of reigning. God save the King!

Moving on to our local news - we would all love to thank Paula Purslow for being an amazing Clerk for the past 5 years, she will be greatly missed, and in the next breath to greet Peter Johnson who will be filling her position. Thankyou Peter. If you need to contact the Parish Clerk, please email Peter on clerk@cherhill.org this is a part-time position so he may not respond immediately.

A great place to find all sorts of information is the website– www.cherhill.org

White Horse Restoration

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Andy Mitchell of Mitchell Digital Media for the donation of £300 to the Cherhill White Horse Restoration Group and his encouraging comments *“Thank you to you and your team for your dedication in keeping our White Horse so well-kempt”* which we all heartily agree with. The White Horse has been looking great recently.

The Lansdowne Monument Update – The National Trust are not in a position to give any updates currently, as to when/how the Lansdowne Monument will be repaired. As soon as we have any information we will share it via the Parish Council Minutes – these are published on the Cherhill & Yatesbury website and on the village notice boards.

Yatesbury and Nolands Flower and Vegetable Show

The show was held on Sunday 11th September, albeit in a slightly different format due to the recent news of the passing of HRH Queen Elizabeth II.

Over 200 entries were received for the show across the various categories of Flowers/Foliage, Vegetables, Fruit, Novelty, Kitchen, Photographs, Handicrafts and Juniors. Despite a challenging gardening year, there were many entries of produce grown in gardens and allotments locally and the organisers were particularly pleased to see entries from so many local residents.

In the afternoon, refreshments, including homemade cakes and cream teas were served. The afternoon ended with the presentation of the special trophies as follows:

Beatrice Preston Cup for Best Houseplant (Orchid) – Brian Western

Gordon Chivers Cup for Best Photograph – Tanya Stubbs

Jean Gantlett Cup for Best Chocolate Cake – Pansy Cheung

Cup for Best Vegetable (Courgettes) – Brian Western

Junior Best in Show Cup (Doll’s House) – Lexi Sweet

Jim and Pam Sidney Tankard for Best in Show (Fruit Cake) – Brian Western

William Cumber Cup – Most Points Overall – Juniors – Indigo Sweet

William Cumber Cup – Most Points Overall – Adults – Brian Western

The day was judged a great success and was enjoyed by all. Over £400 was raised for village

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hall funds. Thank you to everyone who supported the event in any way.

CIL Monies

The CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) is a levy that Wiltshire Council imposes on all development, a percentage of which is paid to the parish council which must use the money by funding the provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of community infrastructure. Following recent developments in Cherhill, the Parish Council had received £6,600.00 of CIL money. This was used to fund the installation of new permanent mains power and water supplies to the Village Field on Park Lane.

Maintenance with the Parish

The parish council continues to fund and support maintenance within the parish, some of the work undertaken so for this year includes;

- Repairing styles on footpaths between Marsh Lane, Quemerford Gate and Lower Compton.
- Clearing the right of ways between the A4 (Dandy Highway Man) and the downland.
- Provision of a new notice board in Middle Lane (soon to be installed).
- Repair of potholes in the laybys on Marsh Lane
- Vegetation clearance along the bridleway at the Lymers.
- Routine grass mowing in Cherhill Park
- Provision of a new litter bin at the end of the bridleway at Poachers Croft.

Via our contacts within Wiltshire Council the parish council has pushed for the clearance of the pavement along the A4 between Cherhill and Lower Compton so that it is more passable to pedestrians especially with small children and push chairs. Thank you to Cherhill Scouts for also helping with this.

Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Fields (Cherhill Park).

Whilst the parish council funds the grass mowing in the playing fields, the day-to-day maintenance and management of the playground is undertaken by a charity committee made up of villagers. With this in mind please do take your rubbish home with you and do not use the bins in the park to dispose of nappies. Bins are emptied by volunteers not Wiltshire Council.

Please also be reminded that dogs are not allowed in the park.

Traffic and Cyclists

A number of residents in Cherhill have contacted the Parish Council regarding the speed of cyclist using the roads in the village. If you are a cyclist, please be aware of pedestrians and dog walkers who do not have a pavement and will be sharing the roads with you. Likewise, can we remind all road users of the 20mph speed limit within the village and to please be aware of pedestrians, particularly children playing.

Dates for your Diary

1st October- MacMillan Coffee Morning

30th October – Big Breakfast

5th November - Grand Auction

5th November - Bonfire and Fireworks

11th November – Village Quiz

20th November – Christmas Fayre

Parish Council Meetings

If you are interested in how the Parish Council works, do attend one of our meetings.

13th October 7:30 at Cherhill Village Hall

15th November 7:30 at Yatesbury Village Hall

22nd December 7:00 at Cherhill Village Hall