

Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Council

Newsletter

October 2024



Parish Boundary Changes

Many of our Cherhill Parish Council residents will be aware of the quite radical boundary changes to take effect locally from May 2025. For those that are not yet aware, our Parish is to expand significantly, such changes being a result of a governance review by Wiltshire Council over recent years following a wide process of consultation. All six parish councils surrounding Calne will be affected by these boundary changes which will see the area of Calne Without Parish Council, established in the 1890s, greatly reduced and renamed.

An explanatory leaflet has been produced for distribution throughout these areas, each parish council having its own tailored version. The Cherhill PC version is to be delivered with this Newsletter, not just to the existing two wards of Cherhill and Yatesbury, but also to our new wards of Lower Compton and Calstone. We warmly welcome our new Cherhill PC residents.

Your councillors at Cherhill PC are excited by the changes, not least as these will need additional Parish Councillors to come forward and be elected. We will be increasing from 7 councillors to 12, as explained in our leaflet. Elections take place throughout our parishes in May 2025 and this is a wonderful opportunity for local people to get involved in representing their community. Hopefully some of our experienced parish councillors will continue, but new members are always welcome.

Footpath and Bridleway Maintenance

The parish council has set up a public rights of way working group to survey the footpaths, bridleways and byways in the parish and identify areas that need improvement or repair. The group has met in both Yatesbury and Cherhill over the summer and details of the items discussed and recorded can be found at www.cherhill.org

The success of a scheme such as this relies on input and cooperation from all stakeholders including Wiltshire Council, landowners and users of the public rights of way, so if you would like to be involved please keep an

eye on the local notice boards and website, or contact clerk@cherhill.org for more information.

Lansdowne Monument

The National Trust has given the Parish Council the following progress report concerning the Lansdowne Monument.

Work has been progressing well and as expected over the summer.

Conservation specialists have carried out some small trial repairs and repointing, informed by the analysis of the samples collected in April. They will be accessing the monument again by ropes later this autumn, with those trial repairs left to weather through the autumn and winter for further analysis.

As planned, the lightning conductor on the monument has also been replaced this summer.

Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG).

Cherhill parish council is a member of Calne LHFIG that funds improvement to highways and footpaths. The parish council identifies opportunities for improvement and raises these to Wiltshire Council for approval. If accepted, Wiltshire Council undertake the work and the parish council is liable for 30% of the cost.

The dropped kerbs recently installed at the junctions of Park Lane, Maiden Lane, Middle Lane and Olivers Hill, as well as the bollards installed to close the layby and improve line-of-sight for traffic turning out of Middle Lane were funded under this scheme.

The parish council has submitted an application to improve the surface of national cycleway 403 where it follows Barrow Lane in Yatesbury.

Please contact the parish council at clerk@cherhill.org if you have any further suggestions for improvement works.

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Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field Maintenance.

The TCMPF committee report that as well as routine maintenance funded by the parish council, this summer has also seen the installation of 8 cubic meters of play sand funded by a grant from Calne Without Parish Council to top up levels in the sand pit.

The film night held in the park at the beginning of September was a great success. The weather stayed fine, and the event raised over £1,800; money that will be put towards new equipment or maintaining the current equipment in the park.

Basic Life Support Training

On Sunday 3rd November Wiltshire First Aid Training, in conjunction with the Cherhill Parish Council will be hosting a Basic Life Support training session in Cherhill Village Hall. The course will be free to attend and is open to all residents of the parish aged 16 years or over. Course content will include dealing with an unconscious patient, CPR and the use of automated external defibrillators (AED's).

Spaces are limited to 24 so if you would like to attend, please email Nick White at nick.white@cherhill.org

Cherhill Village Theatre

Over four nights in July 30 performers from Cherhill Village Theatre and Youth Theatre performed to full houses, entertaining audiences with a variety show packed with comedy sketches and songs, keeping the pace going all evening with acts appearing across two stages. Seating was at tables with a themed decor from various musicals and a hot supper was served every night. The performances on stage were matched by the incredible efforts of the sound and lighting team and front of house and backstage crew.

The next performance will be the 2025 panto – Robinson Crusoe and The Pirates!! Buckle your swash and set sail with Robinson, Captain Seasalt and Nutty Nick into a world of adventure and hilarity. Action packed, original and funny, this exciting panto written by Alan Frayn is set for 7 performances in January and February.

Police and Crime Update

On 10th September, we received a report that persons were believed to be hare-coursing the previous evening in Yatesbury. The suspects were reported to be driving a grey Subaru with Lurcher type dogs in the rear. Officers attended the location and located the vehicle in a field. The vehicle was seized, and enquiries are ongoing with the registered keeper. Proactive patrols are being completed in Yatesbury and surrounding areas.

On 4th September, Calne Neighbourhood Police Officers took swift action and stopped a vehicle driving without any wing mirrors. Once the vehicle was safely stopped, it turns out the driver was disqualified from driving. Thanks to vigilant policing, a potential hazard was removed from our roads. Driving while disqualified is not just illegal, it's dangerous. It puts everyone at risk—drivers, passengers, and pedestrians. This is a reminder that our community's safety is a top priority, and there are serious consequences for breaking the law. Stay safe, follow the rules, and let's keep our roads secure for everyone.

We are receiving several reports of cyclists wearing dark clothing and not being visible in our area. This also includes children travelling to and from school. Our mornings and evenings are getting darker, so please be mindful of this. We will be looking to stop and offer advice to cyclist seen over the coming weeks to try to keep everyone safer on our roads.

Dates for your Diary

- 1st Nov – Quiz Night – CVH (Cherhill Village Hall)
- 3rd Nov – First Aid Training CVH
- 9th Nov – Auction – CVH
- 15th Nov – Call My Bluff - CVH
- 17th Nov – Christmas Fair – CVH
- 24th Nov – Christmas Workshop – CVH
- 9th Dec – Police Community Meeting - CVH
- 10th Dec – Scout Group Carol Singing
- 23rd Jan -25th January – Panto - CVH
- 30th Jan -1st February – Panto CVH
- 22nd Feb -Barn Dance -CVH