

Parish District of Churton Cheshire

Newsletter 2

Welcome to the latest Churton Parish Council newsletter, informing the work of the PC. All parish council meetings are open to the public and all those within the parish are welcome to attend. Details of the next meeting always appear on the parish notice board in Pump Lane and outside the White Horse pub or on the website <http://www.churtonparishcouncil.co.uk/> . There is always an open forum at the start of each meeting for you to raise any parish issues.

The White Horse: The last PC meeting held on the 15th January was a very busy one, with many residents attending. Most were there to support the PC in an attempt to have the White Horse reopened. The Chair and one other councillor reported on a meeting that they had attended with Admiral Taverns representatives, to discuss the difficulties that they appear to be having, not only with the White Horse, but also the other AT pubs in the area. They seemed to imply that they would continue to actively market the property until April/May of this year and then decisions would need to be taken regarding the tenancy.

The meeting was informed that the pub has been accepted as an Asset of Community Value (ACV), this restricts the ability of the owner (Admiral Taverns) to dispose of the property and it could also affect future planning permission. Now that the White Horse is on this list it will remain on the list for five years and if the owner wishes to dispose of it a moratorium must be observed to allow a competitive bid from any community interest group. However, Admiral Taverns cannot be compelled to sell, and cannot be prevented from going ahead with the intended disposal on the expiry of the moratorium.

The meeting was addressed by a representative of the Campaign for Real Ale (an independent body that believes well-run pubs play a critical social role in UK culture). CAMRA have been very supportive and gave some extremely helpful advice for moving forward. An open meeting will be convened in the near future, by a local resident, to conduct a feasibility study for a bid from the community, if Admiral Taverns are unable to find a suitable manager. An action group, appropriately named WHAM (White Horse Action Movement), is being set up and anyone interested in becoming involved please do get in touch with the PC and we will pass on your details, especially those with appropriate experience of the hospitality trade or business / financial management. Please see the report from the WHAM group below.



As you'll be aware, The White Horse pub in Churton has been closed for a number of months and whilst the owners, Admiral, have been actively marketing the pub as yet no new tenants have been secured. There could be a number of reasons for this however it does present real risks to the local community and those who previously enjoyed using the pub. In order to provide a level of protection its good to see that the Parish Council successfully registered the

pub as an 'Asset of Community Value' (ACV) particularly if the owner did intend to pursue a change of use albeit at this stage this doesn't appear to be the case.

Regardless, a group of local residents from Churton, Farndon and the surrounding area have shown an interest in ensuring that the White Horse re-opens and certainly isn't changed for another use. On the back of this we have set-up a local committee to support the White Horse Action Movement (W.H.A.M) and last week we had our first formal meet.

It is clear that the village suffers without its community pub and this not only applies to those that used the venue but also others that live within the area and if you are interested in actively supporting W.H.A.M or just receiving updates then please let me have your email details and you will be added to the distribution list.

Kind Regards Kevin Mountford Chairman / W.H.A.M

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Grosvenor Estates Planning Proposal: The PC was relieved to hear, from the representative of Grosvenor Estates, that any planning proposal involving Churton has, for the foreseeable future, been shelved and was no longer under discussion.

Speed awareness: The PC is aware that for many the speed of vehicles traveling through the village is a major issue. This has certainly been on the PC agenda at every meeting for some time now. Our City Councillor Howard Greenwood, Cheshire West and Chester, has generously donated a sum of money to be able to jointly purchase a speed assessment gun for the use of his ward villages. Farndon PC has agreed to be the custodians of this apparatus. This will require a rota of volunteers to man on occasions, if anyone feels that they can give the time to help please do approach any member of the PC or e-mail churtonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk . All appropriate training will be given. We cannot carry out the speed assessments without volunteers to man this.

Waste bins: The sharp eyed among you may have noticed that the council have removed some of the waste bins around the village. Whilst the litter picker does a valiant job in keeping our village tidy, by picking up litter from around the village after bin day, if there are no bins for people to appropriately dispose of their rubbish it will not make his job any easier. Once again Councillor Greenwood has come to the rescue and we are currently investigating where to site bins in the village provided by his donation. They do need to be sited on 'common land' as they will no longer be the responsibility of CWAC. The council will no longer collect from these bins, but the litter picker will be responsible for emptying.

Police Crime Commissioner: The Chair attended a meeting with interested parties and David Keane (the Police Crime Commissioner), to launch the report into the draft Rural and Wildlife Policing Strategy. The feedback from the meeting will now be collated before finalising the strategy. The final version of the strategy will apparently be launched in the coming weeks.

Village Day: In the past we have had some very successful village fairs, BBQs and community gatherings. Several people have enquired about staging something this summer. This can only go ahead if there are volunteers ready to help, in the weeks leading up to the day and on the day of the event. Please do get in touch if you feel that you can help, it is a great opportunity for the village to come together, instil community

spirit and offers a chance for you and your family to make friends and get to know your neighbours. If you feel able to assist please contact the Parish Clerk churtonparishclerk@hotmail.co.uk .

Adverts:



Your Friendly Local Band



These days of internet streaming of music to mobile phones and tablets, it is perhaps difficult for many of us to fully appreciate that in the period the band was formed, the only music that people could hear had to be live, and audiences for open-air contests and concerts were measured in tens of thousands! The industrial revolution was taking the country into a golden new age and many employers encouraged their workers to form musical bands, eager to finance them. All over the country each village, factory and coal mine wanted it's very own brass Band. In our own publication called Farndon, The Friendly Band, an Illustrated History of Farndon and District Brass Band, produced to mark the Band's centenary in 1997, we know the exact date of the band's formation. The Malpas Deanery Magazine of July 1898

reported... "The air at the village fete should reverberate to the sounds of the cornet and the tuba, and the village now does have a band" – then called The Farndon Jubilee Band due to the fact the original band was formed in 1897 the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Established by very generous voluntary contributions of gentlemen in Holt and Farndon, the band's instruments cost £60, which those days was sufficient to buy a house! The Jubilee Brass Band consisted of 25 members selected from Farndon and Holt. They began their first practice in October 1897, and remarkably not one of the members had played or handled a brass instrument before!

Of course the band has changed and developed in so many ways, but continues to work very hard

to Keep Brass Banding alive locally. We have a flourishing Senior Band, a growing and enthusiastic Junior section as well as an Ensemble for the smaller events. We keep the band and supporters up to date by means of our comprehensive Website and Facebook pages, as well as our quarterly newsletter, The Farndon Bandsman, which is available through our website. We are always looking for anyone who is interested in joining us as a supporter or playing member. Also if you wish to receive a copy of the newsletter, see our list of future events help support our work through joining our 100 Club monthly draw, or indeed have any old stories or pictures from the past, you can contact us through our comprehensive website which can be found at <http://www.farndonband.org.uk>. Thank you.





Laughter Tots at Churton Village Hall:

Details of class:

Churton Village Hall

Wednesdays 10am.

Abby: 07877436262

Email : Scheshire@laughtertots.co.uk

Website: www.laughtertots.co.uk

Facebook: Laughter Tots south Cheshire (to book online via facebook or website and selecting" south Cheshire" for Churton classes

Camilla Rose Beautician:

A beauty therapist from Chester whose business provides the full range of treatments from aesthetics to massages all under one roof, has opened a new salon in the village of Aldford. Huntington based Camilla Rose, who turned a hobby into a career after 11 years working for Chester based Bank of America, has opened her self-titled salon in Aldford on the recently developed Eaton Estate's Green Lake Barns complex. "Since moving to Aldford, I would say we're providing an experience not just a treatment or a service," said Camilla. "We get customers who bring their families and will have a meal or go for a dog walk afterwards. It's a totally different ball game."

Camilla started the business working from a treatment room in her city centre home before moving to her first premises in Vicars Cross. After three years in Vicars Cross, Camilla and her team needed to find a new location and since moving to Aldford the business has gone from strength to strength.

She said: “We’re a one stop shop and provide the full range of services from make-up, nails, facials and brows to sports massage. We collaborate with specialists like Kate McIver and Susan Kitchen who I would say are amongst the most sought after brands in Cheshire. We’re also a uni-sex salon and there are a number of male grooming treatments we provide too. “I’m from Huntington so I know the area well and that Aldford was a lovely place. We came to have a look around and we knew it would be perfect. We’ve got lots of new business from people who work and live in the village as well as those who are passing through or stopping to visit the Aldford Village Shop,” added Camilla.

For more information, treatments and prices please ring 01244 620206, visit www.camillaroseuk.com or search for Camilla Rose UK on social media.

Camilla Rose Staff:



The next Churton PC meeting is Tuesday 19th March at 8pm in Churton Village Hall. All residents are welcome to attend.

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Councillor Karl Cundill	The Cottage, Marsh Lane	Councillor Richard Crump	Churton Hall, Pump Lane

PC Website: <http://www.churtonparishcouncil.co.uk/>