

Newsletter October 2023

Are you without a landline? Unfortunately, Chalford has once again been subject to the **theft of copper cables**. This means that we at the Parish Centre along with many residents, have been affected and are currently without phone lines. Openreach engineers are in the area and are working to reinstate our phone lines, although we don't yet have an estimated date for when this work will be complete. If you contact your provider, they should be able to temporarily divert calls from your landline to a mobile, should you wish to do so. If you need to get in touch with us, please email us, although we are in the process of sourcing a mobile phone.

A419 resurfacing – by the time you are reading this the resurfacing works will be well underway. The eagerly anticipated resurfacing of the A419 started on the 12th September and is estimated to finish on the 17th October. The work is being phased and will be carried out overnight between the hours of 20:00 to 07:00. For the most up to date information please visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/resurfacing.

Boots Bussage – You may be aware that Boots recently announced plans to close 300 stores across the UK. In response to this we wrote to the CEO of Boots to express our concerns and to stress how vital the Tanglewood Way Boots is to the community. We are pleased to say that we received a response from Boots, confirming that at the current time there are no plans to close our local branch! This is reassuring news.

Would you like to help reduce speeding within the parish? If so, we would love to hear from you as we need a few more people to join our newly re-formed **Community Speed Watch Group**. You don't have to commit a huge amount of your time and you can even be trained to use a speed gun! If you would like to join the group or would like to find out more about what is involved, then please get in touch.

The Police are currently trialling a **new app** for reporting poor behaviour by drivers of commercial vehicles, including speeding, dangerous driving, inconsiderate parking, fly tipping and so on; all issues that we experience locally. If you would like to give this app a try in its pilot phase then here is the link <https://www.gloucestershire-pcc.gov.uk/fed-up-of-vans-and-lorries-doing-as-they-please-this-app-trial-could-be-for-you/>

A warm welcome to **Boho Bakery!** Boho is based in what was Scrumptious café on Midway, Chalford Hill. Boho opened on 1st September, and we are sure it will be a very popular addition to Chalford! We would like to wish Pennie and her team every success.

Footpath Tasks for the Autumn- The Chalford Parish Footpath Volunteers have some interesting tasks lined up for Autumn. These include joint activities with ChalCAN and Bisley with Lypiatt Parish Council footpath group. With ChalCAN (who have acquired the funding) and France Lynch Church we're installing a bike rack at the Church Rooms. We're working with ChalCAN and Frith Youth Centre to arrange the installation of a bike rack at the Youth Centre. ChalCAN have again acquired the funds, and the Footpath Volunteers are again providing the labour. We're collaborating with our footpath counterparts in Bisley on a major task to improve the so-called death slide on the path down from below The Lamb to Bismore. Replacing and adding steps and a handrail are on the agenda.

Silver Street Car Park – The Parish Council have recently taken on the ownership of this car park from Stroud District Council. We want to engage with residents to understand the views of those who use, or may be affected by the ongoing management of, the car park. The Council will be holding a consultation event on Thursday 19th October at the France Lynch Church Rooms. Please look out for notices close to the car park and on our Facebook page providing further details of this event closer to the time.

We hope you have enjoyed the lovely warm weather we've experienced during September. Autumn is really upon us now, don't forget that the clocks go back on 29th October.

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