



Deeply saddened by the death of our wonderful Queen Elizabeth II. Her reign was long and remarkable and she was an inspiration to everyone. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.



We welcome **two new Parish Councillors**; Emma Trinder and Peter Funnell who will represent the Bussage Ward. Emma grew up in the Bisley area and following training in the field of Planning, worked in the property sector in London for almost 30 years. In 2021, Emma moved to Bussage. Peter has lived in Bussage for more than 38 years. Peter has worked in the vehicle tyre and repair industry since leaving school. Peter is passionate about the environment and is eager to assist the Council with the maintenance of land.

Two successful events were held in September. **Play Rangers** were on The Old Common and once again, the event proved very popular with many families meeting up before the commencement of the new school term. **Chalford Band** kindly held a concert in France Lynch Pleasure Ground and played an eclectic selection of music to a large audience. A big thank to the band for staging this event.

Having consulted with Highways and our County Councillor Chloe Turner regarding the **surface of the Old Neighbourhood**, it has now been agreed that patching will take place next year with preparatory work taking place between October and March. Updates will be posted on facebook and our website as soon as more information is to hand.

Silver Street car park – it is hoped that by the time this newsletter is published, the transfer of this car park from Stroud District Council to Chalford Parish Council will have been finalised. At that stage we will be able to allocate spaces according to eligibility.

Lately, we have received many concerns regarding **inconsiderate parking**, particularly in Lark Rise. Most importantly, vehicles are parking near to junctions and on either side of the road making access for emergency vehicles very difficult. Please consider others before parking your vehicle. Thank you.

Would you be interested in a **Community Warm Room**? Due to the rising cost of electricity and gas we are considering where we could accommodate this facility for residents. It may be that a simple meal could be provided. Please let us know if you would be interested.

A reminder that the Parish Centre has a stock of **dry goods and frozen meals** for any resident in need. If you know of anyone that would benefit from these goods, please tell them to visit us or collect on their behalf. Our stock only lasts for a certain amount of time as residents are continually visiting to use the service. We are grateful for any donations of dry goods you can spare.

Footpath news - Looking after dry stone walls - Cotswolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has produced an excellent booklet on the Conservation and Management of dry stone walls. This is an extract from the booklet.

If dry stone walls are properly maintained they can last for generations. Some simple steps will help ensure that the walls remain in good condition:

- Cut vegetation from the side of walls once a year. This will allow the wall's condition to be checked and will prevent the growth of woody vegetation. It will also 'air' the wall and help prevent frost damage.
- Do not allow trees to grow beside walls. Their roots can make foundations unstable and the tree trunk could eventually push the wall over.
- Remove ivy from walls as soon as it emerges, as this will weaken the whole structure. Walls already overgrown with ivy may need complete reconstruction.
- Replace coping stones or their equivalent as soon as they fall off. They give the wall additional strength.
- Repair any damage to walls as soon as it happens. If left untreated, the damage will get worse and the cost of repair will increase.

The booklet is wide-ranging and has fascinating information on the history, geology, wildlife and more associated with dry stone walls. There are a few hard copies in the Parish Office if you'd like one, or you can have a scanned electronic copy by emailing me at oakleypg@gmail.com.

Why Not Come Along to a Meeting? - Our next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 6 October 2022 at 7.00 pm. Please contact the Clerk beforehand to find out where the meeting will be held and to let her know if you would like to attend, particularly if you wish to speak, so that she can make time for your issue on the agenda. Our contact details are: Tel: 01453 887204. Email: info@chalford-glos.gov.uk. Web site: www.chalford-glos.gov.uk or follow us on Facebook