

Newsletter – September 2022

At the time of writing, the second **heatwave** of the summer is growing in momentum leaving gardens desperate for rain. Areas of grass, once a luscious green are now yellow straw and cause for concern. Someone set light to one of our bins in France Lynch Pleasure Ground in August to the extent where it was damaged beyond repair. This stupidity could have resulted in the fire taking hold of the dry grass and spreading quickly. Be vigilant and if you witness anyone taking such risks, report to the Parish Council and we will deal with it accordingly.

It was great to see so many gathered in the lovely weather to celebrate **Chalfest**. The weather couldn't have been better, the music was great, the food varied, and the drink flowed. Congratulations to the organisers for a brilliant day. The Council has given permission for the event to be held next year and we are sure it will be as good, if not better.

Play Rangers will be on The Old Common in Bussage on Thursday, 1 September from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. There will be a variety of activities and it's free! Under 7's are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent or carer. It's a great way to end the summer holidays so go along and give the children a treat. And it gives parents a chance to catch up with one another.

A reminder that we have a **variety of dry goods** for anyone who needs it. Tins of soup, tomatoes and beans, packs of pasta, jars of sauces, tea bags, sugar and even sun tan lotion. And a lot more. **'Barry', our freezer of love** has a large selection of meals from The Long Table and it's all free, although you can make a donation if you are able. It's just inside the front door of the Parish Centre. Please take what you need, there is no need to ask. Although the reader may not need this service please pass the message on to someone who may. These are difficult times and if we can help in a small way, all the better.

Our bookshelves are overflowing with a **large variety of books**. Come and browse and take your pick. You can return them once you have read them or pass on to someone else. Now that we are coming into cooler weather, you may like to do a **jig saw puzzle**. Currently we have a few and will take in more to share if there is a demand.

The **Frithwood Surgery health walk** has restarted. It's every two weeks on a Wednesday, starting at 2.00 p.m. from Frithwood Surgery. The first walk in September will be 14 September. Depending on the weather the walks will stop at the end of October/beginning of November as it becomes muddy and slippery underfoot. Everyone welcome, just come along and meet outside the surgery on the 14th. The walk ends with a cup of coffee/tea and a chat at the Parish Centre.

Could you help us improve the Parish's footpaths and walls?

The Parish's Footpath Volunteers are always ready to welcome new members. If you've got a couple of hours free from 10.00 to 12.00 on Thursday mornings - or even just occasionally – then we'd love to hear from you. Basic fitness is needed, and some tasks are demanding, but if you can handle secateurs, a spade, or a rake, then you can help us improve and maintain the Parish's footpaths and walls. To find out more, call the Parish Office on 01453 887204, or email oakleypg@gmail.com.



Volunteers Renee, Peter M and Peter G enjoying a well-earned 11 o'clock flapjack break.

Why Not Come Along to a Meeting? - Our next Full Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 1 September 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