

NEWSLETTER – APRIL 2020

A warm welcome to our new Chalford Parish residents. Due to a Parish boundary change, 39 households, previously in Bisley with Lypiatt, are now in our Parish. By now, these residents will have received a letter from Chalford providing details of various matters.

Covid-19 – If you are aware of neighbours who are self-isolating, please see if you can help them in any way, whilst of course protecting yourself and them. The Parish Council has a group of lovely volunteers who are on hand to do some shopping, fetch prescriptions or even walk a dog. So, if you know of someone who needs help, telephone the council or email us and we will arrange for someone to assist.

Play Rangers – this popular activity has been booked for Tuesday, 7 April from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 pm. on The Old Common, Bussage. However, at the time of writing it is doubtful we will be able to proceed due to social distancing and/or self isolation. Check our web site for updates.

Annual Parish Meeting – again, this meeting has been arranged for Thursday, 23 April at Frith Youth Centre but due to Covid-19 it is doubtful we will be able to hold it. It had been agreed that our Climate Change group would provide a presentation. Please check our web site for up to-date information.

Land at Middle Hill Development – the Parish Council has now agreed to proceed with a Stage 2 complaint to Stroud District Council.

France Lynch Pleasure Ground – Eibe has advised that the new play equipment will be installed at this ground during week commencing 20 April. The installation has been deferred twice now due to the wet weather so we are hoping the ground will be in a suitable condition by this date.

Verges – we feel it is necessary to mention this matter again. Many of our grassed verges have become badly damaged due to the wet weather, compounded by the fact that drivers are parking their vehicles on the verges, turning them into mud banks. Please be considerate and park vehicles elsewhere to allow the grass to regrow.

Middle Hill Allotments – You may have noticed a lot of activity on the uncultivated part of this ground. Climate Change Biodiversity Group has obtained a large quantity of trees and shrubs and are busy planting them around the ground. The Project aim is to plant a tree for every primary school child in the Parish.

Footpaths – now with added walls - Those of you who have been on the France Lynch allotments or the France Lynch playing field on recent Thursdays may have seen a gang of Volunteers repairing the dry stone wall that separates them. The Footpath Volunteers were learning the skills of dry stone walling under the watchful eye of Janet Gaskell, a well-qualified and highly experienced dry stone waller, who many of you will have seen repairing walls in the Parish. As anyone who has tried dry stone walling will know, and as the Volunteers discovered, it's not as easy as it looks to get a wall that is both aesthetically pleasing and structurally sound. Still, practice makes perfect, so let's look forward to more of the Parish's characteristic dry stone walls getting a new lease of life.

Parish Council Meetings

All our meetings have been postponed for the immediate future. But, we are still continuing to make decisions to keep our Parish safe and clean and welcome any ideas you may have. Please email us or visit our Facebook.

And finally, take care and keep safe and don't forget to get in touch if you need help or know of someone who needs assistance.

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