

Planning News

On 11th April the public inquiry at TRDC on the seemingly never-ending debate regarding the proposed golf course adjoining Stubbs Farm in Green Street was adjourned until 19th September, the Inspector deeming the information provided to be insufficient!

Over a considerable period, the Council have been supporting local residents' objections to a succession of plans on the site of Rozepark Nursing Home. The latest application has been dismissed by the Inspector, but we will continue to maintain a close watch on any future plans for this site.

We are sad to report that, despite a long fight, permission has been given to demolish No 3 Station Approach and replace it with a modern shop with a flat above. These quaint old shops are part of Chorleywood's history and we are sorry to lose one of them.



Members of the public are welcome to attend the Parish Council's Planning meetings and to voice their opinions on any application to the Committee. While the Parish has no power to refuse any application, please remember that we can 'call in' an application to which we object, thus requiring it to be brought to a meeting of the District Council's Development Control Committee rather than being decided by TRDC officers under delegated powers.

Finally

We would like to express our appreciation to all those parishioners who have been kind enough to let us know that they enjoy Chorleywood Matters and like the new style and format of the newsletter. *Thank you very much.*

Village Day on the Common

Saturday 8 July
from 12noon - 4pm

Fun for all the family!

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Chorleywood Matters



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News & views from Chorleywood Parish Council

Ringing the Changes

Following the recent elections, councillors new and old met at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council on 9 May. The Council recorded its thanks to the Chairman, Cllr Stephen Watkins, at the conclusion of his year of office. The chair has now passed to Cllr Maximin Green and Cllr Rodney Kipps has been elected Vice Chairman.

As mentioned in the previous edition of this newsletter, the Council has re-structured its committees.

The Open Space Committee will now be responsible for Chorleywood Common, the Dog Kennel Lane, Swillett and Copmanswick Allotment sites, the Lawn Cemetery, the churchyard at Christ Church, Grove Wood and the footpaths and bridleways within the Parish. The Committee is made up of Cllr Mrs Jarrett (Chairman), Cllr Dr Eve (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Booth, Cllr Mrs Hampton, Cllr Liley, Cllr Mrs Stibbs and Cllr Mrs Worrall.

The Planning Committee will continue to scrutinise all planning applications for Chorleywood and to pass their views and comments to Three Rivers. In addition, the Planning Committee will deal with all highways matters on which the Council is consulted. The Committee is made up of Cllr Mrs Worrall (Chairman), Cllr Mrs Caplin (Vice Chair) and

Cllr Booth, Cllr Mrs Green, Cllr Mrs Hampton, Cllr Kemp and Cllr Watkins.

The Village Halls Committee is responsible for the running and management of the War Memorial Hall and the Hollybush Hall, which are both owned by the Parish Council. In addition, from September, the Parish Council will take over the running of the Bullsland Hall from Three Rivers District Council. The Committee consists of Cllr Liley (Chairman), Cllr Morris (Vice Chairman) and Cllr Mrs Caplin, Cllr Mrs Green, Cllr Mrs Mytom Hart, Cllr Mrs Smith and Cllr Watkins.

The Policy and Resources Committee will now consist of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council and the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of the committees.

The schedule of the Council's Meetings for 2006/7 can be found on the Council's notice boards or obtained from the Parish Office.

The Council's Annual Report, detailing all the Council's work over the past year, with reports from all the Committees and the Council's representatives on other bodies can be found in Chorleywood Library or obtained from the Parish Office. If you want to know what we do on the Parish Council, please take a little time to have a look at this attractive document.



Did you know?

...that until 1969 the War Memorial Hall had no permanent stage? Nor did we, until we were given an old Chorleywood Players' programme advertising a performance in 1966 to raise money for the Chorleywood War Memorial Hall Appeal. George Bastin, the Chairman, states that there had been talk about extending the Hall for forty years and that the Legion Hall had been built with a flat roof on purpose to accommodate a permanent stage, cloakrooms and toilets above it. The sum needed was £5,890 (a considerable sum in 1966) and they clearly raised it quickly as the first performance on the new stage took place in 1969.

But how on earth did the Players manage when the Hall only went back as far as the kitchen and there was no stage?

Former Chorleywood Player, Mrs Peggy Wood, told us that they used temporary staging which was stored between the Hall and the Golf Club and which had to be manhandled into the Hall through the front doors for every play! Once the stage had been put up, the flats, doors, windows, etc had to be brought up from where they were stored in the Drill Hall in Chorleywood House grounds. The lighting and sound were all done from 'Annie's Room', the small room over the main entrance. Once everything was up, the backcloth and flats were painted and the cast were allowed two

rehearsals on stage: a 'technical' (lighting and sound etc) rehearsal and a dress rehearsal.

There was only one dressing room, so the cast all changed together. Another problem was that, with the staging up against the back wall of the Hall, there was no 'backstage'. This meant that anyone who went off Stage Right and then had to come on Stage Left had to go out of the Hall and run like the clappers right round the outside, regardless of the weather, and come in through the other door!

It was clearly very hard work but the Players seem to have enjoyed every minute of it and, by generously giving their takings to the Appeal, contributed greatly towards the building of the extension to the Hall.



Philip Evans, Beryl Fogg, Peggy Wood and Ralph Morris in 'The Rape of the Belt' in 1963. Imagine running round the outside of the Hall on a wet night in those costumes!

Staff Matters

We have sadly had to say goodbye to Lindsey Barnes, who has departed with her family to live in France. In her place we welcome Michelle Putnam, who will now be handling planning

enquiries in Lindsey's place. We are also glad to report that our Ranger, Chris Watts, has recovered well from his operation and is now back at work.

Oops!

Apologies. It has been pointed out to us that we had the wrong date for the giving of the Common to the UDC. Mrs Entwistle states that the Lordship of the Manor was bought by the Darvells from the Gilliatt Estate. They then sold it to Mr Henly Batty and it was he who in 1921 gave the Common to the Urban District Council.

Another error was the siting of the Dove public house, which was located on the opposite side of the road to the Post Office. Thanks to the many residents who contacted the Office to put us right on that one.

Alas, no-one has as yet come up with a location for the Jolly Brickmakers' Arms, so let's add a few more to the list. Can anyone say exactly where Quickly Green or Banstead Downs were located?

The Post Office is Back!

Max Green, Chairman of the Parish Council, along with Cllr Mrs Shaw from TRDC, officially re-opened Chorleywood Post Office after its refurbishment. The Post Office has been completely redesigned to include access for the disabled. Inside, the shop offers ranges of confectionery, cards, wrapping and all those useful items you require when travelling, including travel plugs, etc. The post office section is modern, light and easily accessible.

Although the closure was inconvenient, the work was completed on schedule. The first customer, photographed here with Cllrs Shaw and Green, was Mr Donald Mackie of Grenville Court, who was delighted with the new amenities. Cllr Shaw stated that 'small communities need post offices and small shops, and that the owners of the Post Office should be congratulated for enhancing their facilities.' Cllr Green heartily concurred and wished the owners every success for the future.



Summer Events on the Common

8th July 12.00noon - 4pm

Chorleywood Village Day

16th July 2pm - 4.30pm

The Friends Annual Summer Walk

Your best opportunity to see the wild flowers on the Common. Meet at Christ Church Car Park.

20th July 6.45pm - 9pm

Evening Walk

led by the Countryside Management Service around our Local Nature Reserve. Meet at Christ Church Car Park.

26th July 11am - 2pm

Children's Scavenger Hunt and Picnic

Bring the children and a picnic. Dogs welcome. Meet at Christ Church Car Park.

The Festival of Chilterns Commons

The Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has just had its 40th birthday. To celebrate this, the Chilterns Conservation Board is holding several special events. Among these is a festival to celebrate Common Land in the Chilterns.

There are 213 Commons in the Chilterns, covering 2,159 hectares or 2.6% of the AONB. They range from the very large to the positively minute and all are of immense importance to their local communities. The Board is staging several Commons events and workshops and are advertising all local events taking place on Chilterns Commons throughout the Summer. They will, of course, be attending Chorleywood Village Day. A calendar of all these events has been put together and is available from the Parish Office. Do take this opportunity to go and make the acquaintance of some of the other Chilterns Commons this Summer.