

ALLOTMENTS FOR RENT

Who does not love their allotment?

Are not allotment holders among the happiest people in our world? Well, when it all goes to plan, yes, indeed they are. They are also well fed and nourished. Vegetables bought in shops, are at least four days away from their original plants they lose succulence, tenderness and taste.

Whereas a tomato eaten sun warmed, within a second of picking or peas eaten straight from the pod... Raspberries... Strawberries... etc. are always so much tastier straight from the plant!

There was a time when there was a waiting list for allotments in Chorleywood, but we have allotments available at all 3 of our sites, The Swillett, Copmans Wick & Dog Kennel Lane. It's hard work, but it is far cheaper than going to the gym and much more rewarding. Easiest to grow are tomatoes, potatoes, leeks, radishes and runner beans.

Children love growing food and it's a great introduction for them to gardening. Allotment Gardening is a pleasure beyond description when you are able to harvest your own crop!

If you would like to find out more about renting an allotment, then please contact Laura Hamilton on 01923 285594 or email – info@chorleywood-pc.gov.uk.

Councillor's contact details are available from the Parish Council Office, Parish notice boards, or from the Council's Website.

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Chorleywood Matters



GOING, GOING, GOING, GONE!

Parish Quiz & Auction Night raises £6,962 and passes the £50,000 barrier in 7 years

Our 7th Annual Quiz & Auction Night on 19 November was another huge success, raising £6,962 which was shared between 19 participating local support groups.

Watford Mencap will receive **£500 (drawn by lot)** and the following 18 organisations will each receive £359. • Arnett Hills School • Chiltern Open Air Museum • Chorleywood Amateur Dramatics Society • Chorleywood Choral Society • Chorleywood Community Arts Centre • Chorleywood Friends of Prostate Sufferers (FOPS) • Chorleywood LitFest • Chorleywood Public Access Defibrillator Scheme (CPADS) • Chorleywood Scouts • Chorleywood Twinning Association • Christ Church C of E School • Friends of Chorleywood House Estate • Friends of Chorleywood Library • Hurstleigh Nursing Home • The Paul Strickland Scanner Appeal • Russell School PTA • St Clement Danes and • The Women's Institute (WI).

The Friends of Chorleywood House Estate won the quiz in a thrilling finish by 1½ points and for their sterling effort each member of the team received a banana!!!

The event saw an impressive number of promises put forward from around 80 local, and not so local Sponsors, without whose help we could not raise this money.

Martin Clarkson who led the auction commented: *With Promises ranging from a Helicopter flight over London to 72 pints of Tring beer; a chance to meet an MP and take tea at the House of Commons to your own personal chef, Philip Williams for the evening, a long weekend in Cornwall to meals at local restaurants, there was something for everyone to bid on... including a thrilling 3-car Superblast.'*

Jane White Chair of the Council commented: *'Yet again Chorleywood's true community spirit has shone through. It's amazing that over the past 7 years the Parish event has now raised over £52,000 for 41 local voluntary, support or charitable organisations. On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed towards making this local community event a success, without the generosity of sponsors, bidders and helpers we would not be able to help so many deserving organisations. Leading up to the event, there is a tremendous amount of background effort and organisation just to enable the event to take place and it is always a hectic, manic evening but the money raised makes it all worthwhile... so much so that the Council has committed to running another its 8th Quiz Night & Auction again next year on Saturday 18 November 2017.*

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QUIZ & AUCTION NIGHT. CONT'D

This event would not take place without Bob and Diana Whitney who organise the whole event, all the local charities have benefited from their tireless work and we offer our whole hearted thanks. We also need to say a big thank you to everyone who donated prizes, bid on the Auction Lots and attending the evening!

Some Comments about 2015 Promises follow:

Lot 42 in the 2015 auction led to Christmas coming early for Seamus (fair head) & Freddie when they enjoyed a wonderful guided tour of Santa's private toy warehouse conducted by Gary Grant (the owner of The Entertainer group), a ride on the forklift tower and received gifts to end a most enjoyable tour.

Sheryl Shurville writes *"Just to let you know that we went to the Houses of Parliament today for our guided tour and to have tea with Barry Gardiner MP. Barry was excellent. So interesting and amusing, we all thoroughly enjoyed it. We watched the news this evening with a renewed interest."*

"The 72 pints of Tring Beer was absolutely superb. Used it for a summer BBQ and much to my amazement ran out, everyone wanted to drink it. It went down so well, I bought it again in the 2016 auction" – Anon

Debbie & Rik Edwards write *"We've finally used our 'tea with a tiger' 2015 voucher at the Paradise Wildlife Park. We got a guided tour of all the big cats in a group of about 20. We got to go to parts not accessible by the ordinary punters and get some good close photos. Tea in the cafe afterwards, with a great view of the tigers snoozing, was very nice."*



LATEST NEWS

The Royal Voluntary Service operate a Wednesday Lunch Club at the Bullsland Hall and have spaces available. Local residents are collected from their home by volunteers at about midday and taken to the hall where you will get a freshly cooked, hot, two course meal for just £3.50 per week. For many this is a lifeline which brings them in contact with others and gives an opportunity for company and good conversation. If however you are unable to leave your home but would still like a meal the RVS offer a Wednesday Takeaway Service which can be delivered to your door. For more information please contact Linda Clarkson on 01494 762849.



Groewood has been designated a Local Nature Reserve following a site survey from the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust, the Parish Council Rangers will be working with Local residents to carry out some remedial work this winter to enhance and protect the area.

A By-election for the vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Cedars Ward has been called by ten residents from Highfield Way – if the vacancy is contested the election will take place on Thursday 12th January 2017.

COMMUNITY PLAN 12 MONTHS ON

The Chorleywood Community Plan was distributed to all households in the Parish in the autumn of 2015 and here is a brief update on progress made since.



- 'Chorleywood in Bloom', organised by the Parish Council, and with the help of volunteers continues in the aim of improving the aspect of the shopping parades and main areas around the Parish. The Chair of the Council presented the winner of the best summer hanging basket competition to E-Clips with a certificate. There are currently 55 winter baskets and 10 sponsored planters bringing colour to the village during the winter months.
- At their 1st birthday celebrations on 9 November, Chorleywood Library Volunteers were presented with an Award for their collective volunteering. The team of 45 active volunteers were voted runners up in the Volunteer Team of the Year category at Hertfordshire Year of Volunteering Awards 2016. As part of the celebration, volunteers and guests, including County Cllr Chris Hayward who provided start-up funding through his Locality Budget, enjoyed a cake, in the shape of a book with a JK Rowling quote: *"If in doubt, go to a Library"*. Chair of CLV, Angela Killick, says *"We need more volunteers urgently. We have managed because some volunteers are especially generous with their time. But when volunteers go on holiday or fall ill we have a real problem. If you value us, please contact us. Training provided."* cwlvolunteers@gmail.com or 01923 282626, or call in at the Library.
- A draft Neighbourhood Plan has been prepared and the Parish Council is liaising with Three Rivers District Council to ensure that there is nothing that contravenes the Local Development Plan. TRDC will have to appoint an independent assessor before putting the Neighbourhood Plan forward to a public referendum.
- The Parish Council's plans for a Nature Trail on the Common are moving forward and there will be more news next year. Some funding towards any expenses has already been secured.
- The Parish Council has set up a Working Party, which includes a District Councillor and the Residents Association, to consider the Community's concerns about Parking in the Village.
- Chorleywood continues to be a safe place to live, with the Parish Council funding the PCSOs that patrol our Community. Please view the Community Policing page on the Parish Council website to see news, crime statistics and safety tips.
- The Parish was surprised by the response in the questionnaire regarding the maintenance of the Lawn Cemetery and wondered whether there was confusion between it and the one around Christchurch. The Parish Council continues in its endeavours to maintain the Lawn Cemetery to a high standard.