

Village News

in Swindon Village

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The new sign at the Village Hall.

Photo taken on a sunny afternoon with the houses across the road reflecting in the sign.

SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE, FACEBOOK PAGE AND GROUP

Please join Swindon Parish Council's Facebook page and group for local information and discussion. If you do not have access to the internet you could ask a friend or relative to join on your behalf and share highlights with you.

- **Swindon Parish Council Facebook Page.** A public page for local information and news from the Council:
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- **Swindon Parish Community Group.** A private group for discussion of local issues, sharing and requesting help:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/swindonparishcommunitygroup>
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"If you have concerns about anti-social behaviour do not hesitate to contact the police.

Ring 101 (you may be charged for this call)
or email 101@gloucestershire.police.uk

Get an incident number and let the parish council know about it. If the police are not made aware of a problem THERE ISN'T A PROBLEM".

(Full minutes of all Parish Council meetings are available on the Parish website www.swindonparish.org.uk. They are also available on request from the Chairman.)

We are coming up to Remembrance (or Armistice) Day on 11th November and Remembrance Sunday on 8th November. Due to the pandemic, commemoration activities have to be very low key, both nationally and locally. Gatherings are inappropriate and everyone is asked to respect this. We will never forget the sacrifices that have been made and we can all observe the two minute silence at 11:00am on 11th November. Even if we remain in our homes this can be a positive way to feel connected to the rest of our community and the wider country.

You may have noticed a swing in the park during the summer. It just appeared one day and is quite unofficial.



For me it has highlighted how the world has changed in recent years. These days, everyone expects documentation, risk assessments, public liability insurance and so on. The swing seems quite robust and has been enjoyed by many people. However, the Borough Council owns the park. They are now aware of the swing and their legal people are probably considering whether they would have any liability if someone falls off and injures themselves. Perhaps it will disappear as quickly as it came, but it was good while it lasted.

After much campaigning, we now have a dog bin at the entrance to Dog Bark Lane. Well done to everyone who helped us by registering their concerns with the Borough Council (e.g. through Fix My Street). And well done to our colleagues at the Borough Council who, in these cash-strapped times, have found the resources to provide and service the bin.

In the last issue I mentioned the call for street name suggestions for the Brockhampton Lane development. I was contacted by email by a former long term resident of the parish. Although they now live elsewhere, they read the Village News on our website. I am delighted to hear that we have readers further afield. Thank you to them for their interest and for getting in touch. Best wishes to you.

I try to use our website, the Village News and our Facebook page to keep you up to date with events like road closures. The closure of Brockhampton Lane for housing development is a case in point. You would think this would be straightforward. On 16th June I was told that the closure would be 10th August to 18th September. However, on 3rd July I was told that the closure was delayed and would happen 5th October to 13th November. Then on 26th August I was told that Quat Goose Lane would be closed "at the junction only" for the first two weeks (presumably 5th October to 19th October) and that the end date of the works had been extended to 21st November. My head was spinning faster than the developer's cement mixers. Unfortunately, the County Council forgot to mention the closure of Quat Goose Lane to the bus operator (Stagecoach), which resulted in chaos. Apparently Quat Goose Lane did reopen on 19th October and the buses should now be running normally.

For some time the Parish Council has tried to address the issue of cars parked without consideration for others outside the school. We have recently had more car parking issues, this time around football matches on weekends. The issue affects both Wymans Lane (with football being played in the park) and Quat Goose Lane (outside Cheltenham Town Football Club's training ground at the Seasons complex). Our Borough Councillors have been quick to help us with this. They have been in touch with Cheltenham Town Football Club regarding the parking of cars in Quat Goose Lane. The football Club has promised to address the issue. If it remains a problem please send me photographs, and we will chase it up.

The government has been consulting on plans for a complete reform of the planning system. The objectives are (in the government's words, slightly paraphrased):

- a planning system that is simpler, clearer and quicker to navigate;
- a system that actively encourages sustainable, beautiful, safe and useful development rather than obstructing it;
- a system that makes it harder for developers to dodge their obligations to improve infrastructure and opens up housebuilding to more than just the current handful of massive corporations;
- a system that gives people a greater say over what gets built in their community;
- a system that makes sure start-ups have a place to put down roots and that businesses great and small have the space they need to grow and create jobs;
- a system that gives the people of this country the homes they need in the places they want to live at prices they can afford, so that everyone is free to live where they can connect their talents with opportunity.

That all sounds great. The government acknowledges that getting homes built is always a controversial business and planning applications almost inevitably attract objections. The reform proposals are deliberately radical to allow developers to forge ahead building houses. Most of us would agree that more housing is needed and the difficulty comes in striking a balance between providing housing and protecting the beauty of the landscape.

The proposals simplify planning by allocating land to one of three zones.

- Growth areas, suitable for substantial development.
- Renewal areas, suitable for some development, such as “gentle densification” (I love that expression!).
- Protected areas, where, as the name suggests, development is restricted.

So where’s the catch? Potentially, there are a number.

The government maintains that protecting our Green Belts is vitally important, but ours was “realigned” to permit development to take place.

The government is looking to change the methodology used to calculate housing need. CPRE (Campaign for the Protection of Rural England) has calculated that in Gloucestershire the number of houses required to be built would increase by 46% (in the Cotswold District of the county the increase would be 148%).

The Borough Council are reviewing the proposals and have identified the following issues:

- The proposals do not take account of climate change and the effect that planning decisions can have on it;
- Simply allocating tracts of land to housing ignores the need for a balance of employment, educational, cultural and wellbeing opportunities;
- There is a danger that the public would be consulted only during initial plan development (i.e. the allocation of land into these categorised areas) but thereafter would have no say regarding individual developments.

It is not my intention (or my place) to get into politics here. The Parish Council will be responding to the consultation and it is not for me to pre-empt their conclusions. We need more houses, but we must balance that against the need for green space and the needs of existing local communities. Sadly, the consultation will have closed by the time you

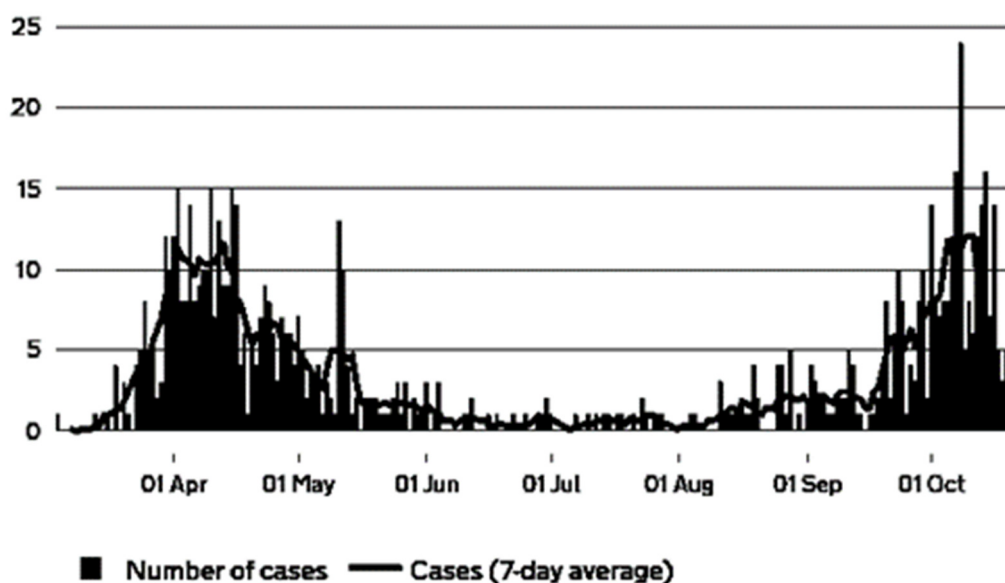
receive this.

There are two other important consultations taking place. The first is on M5 junction 10. Although this is outside the parish, it will affect us (for better or worse). The junction is going to be made four-way and the Gloucestershire County Council are consulting on how this should best be done. The consultation closes on 25th November.

The other consultation relates to roads even further afield but, again, is probably of interest to local people. This is the “missing link” consultation that is looking to make the A417 a dual carriageway down Crickley Hill.

There are links to both these consultations on our website. Even if you don't want to submit comments you might be interested to take a look.

The Covid-19 outbreak has gathered new momentum and controversial changes to the lockdown arrangements are made regularly. From the graph of cases in Gloucestershire you can see that we are now at a level higher than the April peak. Perhaps the increased testing is identifying cases that would previously have gone unrecorded, but it doesn't look great.



For the time being, most of our wonderful volunteers have been able to stand down. We may need them (and others) again in the future. Who knows?

The Borough Council is actively operating schemes to make sure that people who need support can get food and basic necessities. Also, their “No Child Left Behind” initiative seeks to provide support to disadvantaged children in the area, and to close the gap between those in poverty and

their more affluent peers. I think the initiative started before the pandemic but it is more important than ever in these strange times.

Stay safe and well.

Shaun Cullimore

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

<https://swindonparish.org>

Save the Countryside

M5 Motorway Junction 10

Gloucestershire County Council is currently consulting on an improvement scheme around M5 Junction 10.

Responses on the public consultation are due by 25th November 2020.

The scheme aims to support an increase in local housing supply and economic growth by removing constraints on the highway network and providing an integrated package of transport infrastructure.

The scheme elements include an 'all movements' junction at M5 Junction 10, complemented by a new link road to the west of Cheltenham, and improvements along the A4019 and at Coombe Hill junction.

We will review what provision is made to look after our natural environment and wildlife and the provision of infrastructure in the surrounding area for road, footpaths, flood alleviation during the construction and once completed.

All are welcome to see the details and respond to the public consultation - **www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10**.

Helen Wells

HOW'S YOUR BROADBAND?

I have received complaints that the broadband service offered by BT is very poor in the area. That was also my experience in the past. I have since moved to Virgin Media, but surely BT should offer a decent, competitive service to its customers. BT provides the basic infrastructure over which service providers (not just BT but Plusnet, TalkTalk, etc.) can offer their broadband and TV services.

If you have broadband I am interested to know how you feel about the service you are receiving. At this stage, I just want to get a broad view of what the feeling is. If people are unhappy we can then look at possible actions that could be taken.

I will need to know your street so that we can identify problem areas. If you want to let me know your name and email address please do. I will only use your details to contact you regarding this matter; I won't share your details with others and I will delete them immediately on request.

Who is your broadband provider? (e.g. Virgin, BT, Plusnet, Talk Talk)	
How do rate the speed of the connection? (1 to 5 where 1 is very poor, 5 is very good)	
How do you rate the reliability of the service? (1 to 5 where 1 is regularly drops out, 5 is very reliable)	
In which street do you live?	
Your name (optional)	
Email address (optional)	

Please respond in one of the following ways:

Email me at parish.clerk@swindonparish.org.uk or pop a note through my door at "Morris Hill", Swindon Lane (the old house by the level crossing).

If you are really keen you can measure the speed of your connection
by going to

<https://broadbandtest.which.co.uk/>

and report the numbers to me.

Thank you.

Shaun Cullimore

Clerk to Swindon Parish Council

Services in November

1	Sunday	10.30am 6.30pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion and In Loving Memory
4	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Private Prayer
8	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Evensong
11	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Private Prayer
15	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
18	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Private Prayer
22	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong
25	Wednesday	10.00am - 12noon	Private Prayer
29	Sunday	9.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Evensong

LEST WE FORGET REMEMBERING THE FALLEN



It is frequently said of November that it is the month for remembering. It begins with All Saints Day and All Souls Day – the first an opportunity to recall the saints, often unknown or forgotten, who do not have their own day in the calendar; the second an occasion to commend the women and men who died in hope of eternal life (especially any known to us). Quickly following is bonfire night – ‘Remember, remember the fifth of November’.

Then comes the great national season for remembering, on Armistice Day (11th) and Remembrance Sunday, this year the 8th. These days were set aside for pause to reflect on the sacrifices made in the two World Wars which defined the twentieth century, but have since been extended to commemorate those who fell in more recent conflicts.

And November’s succession of recollections is not complete until Advent is ushered in, and we begin again to tell the story of salvation, the action of God through long ages to bring human beings back to faith in him. The times and seasons of the cycle of the Christian Year unfold the timeless tale told and retold down the centuries, drawing on the Church’s shared memory bank.

It does not matter that most of these memories are not personal. Even the founding reason for Remembrance-tide is slipping beyond personal recall as the ‘39-45’ generation passes. But when first hand witness has gone, remembering becomes more, not less, important, if sacrifice is not to be in vain and if history is not to be painfully repeated. Memory may not be personal but the ritual of remembering is vital. Why? To re-member in peace is the very opposite of dis-membering in war. A man cut down by gunfire, a company blown up by a mine, have been torn apart. By remembering them, we restore them, make them whole again. For when we hold in our mind someone who has been lost, we don’t think of a casualty, but a loved human being given back all their precious uniqueness and personality.

Re-membering is not meant to be easy. The dead remain gone; we cannot neatly make everything right again. But if we have to live with unanswered questions, the story of salvation, heralded by Advent, tells us what God is doing about it: coming into the thick of it and holding nothing back from total involvement in all of life's conflict, pain, and grief; by the dismembering of the Cross, setting about restoring life and hope.

Rev George

Enquiries about baptisms or weddings

If you would like to enquire about baptism (also called christening) or would like to book a wedding in St Lawrence's church, please contact the Team Office, which is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 12 noon. The office is based at St Nicolas' Church in Swindon Lane. Contact the Office on **244373** or **admin@northchelt.org.uk**

You can contact the clergy by email:

Revd. George Davis (Team Vicar) fr.georgedavis@hotmail.com

Revd. Nick Bromfield (Team Rector)

nick.bromfield@northchelt.org.uk or via the office.

The Children's Society Home Collecting Boxes

We would like to thank everyone who donated to the Children's Society by putting money into their home collecting boxes during 2020. We have counted all the money and have sent it on to head office.

The boxes varied in weight and contents but totalled a **magnificent £599.62**. Thank you ALL very much.

We have returned the boxes to those people who are happy to continue donating.

Thank you again.

Helen & Derek Harris

Something a bit different this month. We have a report on one particular Scout Group meeting from a parent's perspective...

Is Mike (the Scout Leader) the bravest Man in Britain?

COVID has impacted us all in different ways. Some good, many bad, some different. The local Scout troop is a great example of this. They haven't been able to physically meet up, that's bad, they haven't got out and about, that's also bad, they've had to meet virtually, that's different, and they've learnt new skills, that's good. As a parent I have been mightily impressed by the way that the Scouts have thrown themselves into a completely new on-line world, learnt loads of new stuff and been fantastically led through all of this by a group of dedicated and imaginative Scout leaders. This has included camping out at home, cooking challenges, maps, knots, badge work, quizzes, scavenger hunts around the house and parents singing involvement. Who can forget Big Momma Burge's jazz band!?

However, when Tom told me they were going to be baking scones live at their latest meeting, I must confess to thinking "hmm that's ambitious and different; is Mike the bravest or daftest man in Britain?"



Josh's Chocolate Overload

As this had to take place in the kitchen, I was unusually not banished from the room where the meeting was taking place, so I was able to witness first-hand the activities taking place. Mike started in his own inimitable fashion, talking the Scouts through his own disastrous efforts to make Bacon, Sausage and Beer scones. Many of Mike's self-deprecating jokes were lost on the Scouts but I am sure any of the parents who were listening were roaring as he explained having to resort to drinking some of the beer to ease the pain of his disaster.

The Scouts themselves were armed with a variety of ideas, ranging from chocolate to chilli, and surprisingly they all seemed to succeed where Mike had failed and they made some delicious scones. Tom's chocolate scones certainly disappeared quickly despite the copious amounts produced and I am sure this was replicated across the parish. Some of the results can be seen here.



Izzy Tiplady's Top Tasting Treats

Owen's a "Star" Baker

But what it taught me is that you should never underestimate the power of Scouts with good leaders who believe in them. So, in answer to the headline question, no, Mike is not the bravest man in Britain but he may well be one of the most inspirational and he certainly believes in the capabilities of his troop.

Well done all

Rich "Budge" Burge
(Tom's Dad)

Vision

Where do I see myself in 5 years?
Why is that always the question?
Shouldn't it be 'How do you see yourself now?'
Isn't that the real confession?

Visions for the future,
We either have them or we don't,
But the main focus for now,
Is that we work on them and have hope;

Hope that in 5 years,
We will feel accomplished,
Because right now in the present,
We lived our lives to the fullest.

Some people worry about the future,
And what there is to come,
Some others look back on the past,
And focus on the glum.

While others live in the moment,
and do what makes them happy,
So where do I see myself in 5 years?
I see me exactly where I want to be.

Emma Wells (aged 14)

Wednesday Club

I hope everyone is keeping well and had a good summer; well, as good as it could be in these unusual circumstances.

The committee have agreed that we will think again about our Wednesday Club meetings in the New Year. Bringing our own chairs and sitting with masks on didn't seem like a good idea and so we will meet again in January and see how things are progressing then.

As there will not be a Remembrance Day commemoration this year we will donate to the Poppy Appeal instead of buying a Wreath.

I sincerely hope that we can get back to some normality soon; in the meantime, keep yourselves well.

Best wishes from all the committee, Gill, Rose, Margaret, Shirley and myself.

Pauline Wright

Art & Crafts Club

Well, we are back, only allowing 15 people and abiding by all the rules laid down by the Committee.

It was good to get back and to be doing an activity "normally". Will take some pictures for the next issue to show what some of us have been doing during lockdown.

Keep safe one and all.

Helen Dicks

Ho, hum. Once upon a time I did not suffer a nervous tic when Karen sent out her reminder that something needs to go into the Village News but now there is a definite twitch each time it arrives. Producing an input saying that nothing has happened does not get any easier with time.

However, here are a couple of snippets. Here in the Hall we do have a male tawny owl back. His distinctive hoots grace the evenings. And Rachel has sent some great photos of hedgehogs out to dine in their garden. Apparently there are four; two dine alone while two like to dine à deux. I may join them one evening; the food looks good and social distancing from hedgehogs is not difficult.

Other than that I am out of news so, with Remembrance Day approaching, I will recount the facts we have about a local aviator as discovered by Eileen Allen when doing research for remembrance day a couple of years ago. I may well have recounted these before but they bear repeating.

When I first arrived in the village some 23 years ago, being ex RAF, I visited the war memorial in the churchyard. One entry intrigued me; that for Captain Douglas Ridley Clunes Gabell RAF. The problem for me was that the RAF did not have Captain as a rank. When the RAF was formed on 1st April 1918 the rank of Captain changed to Flight Lieutenant. Anyway, Eileen's research revealed that Douglas Gabell was born on 28 November 1897 in Cheltenham and that he was the sixth son of Rev Arthur Gabell, Rector of St Lawrence's Church, Swindon Village. He was a local lad. He was educated at Cheltenham College and then in 1916, straight from school, he went to The Royal Military College, Sandhurst. From there he joined the Gloucestershire Regiment with a regular commission.

However, in September 1916 he was seconded to the Royal Flying Corps, the flying element of the Army. He learned to fly but he was shot down and seriously wounded on 1 March 1917, while flying a BE2c near Achiet le Petit on the Western Front. He had been engaged in combat with 6 enemy aircraft. His observer was uninjured. The BE2c was a slow aircraft only really used for reconnaissance and outclassed by this stage. He came back to England to recover from his injuries and then was posted to 13 Training Squadron, Yatesbury, as an instructor and later Flying Wing Examiner. He was obviously a very competent pilot. However, he was killed together with Lt Delmar-Williamson, also an old boy of Cheltenham College, while test flying an RE 8 on 12th July 1918. He was buried at St Lawrence's, Swindon Village, together with one of his brothers and his

father. If, on Remembrance Day you wished to visit the grave it is behind the church not far from the door in the South side.

This does not answer the problem of a Captain being in the RAF. It seems that the RAF was formed in something of a scramble by combining the Army's Royal Flying Corps and the Navy's Royal Naval Air Service. It was done in such a hurry that insufficient uniforms were available in the new colour and style and so, until they could be issued, the old ranks were retained. Captain Gabell died not long after the formation and, since home units were the last to receive the new uniform, he was still in khaki when he died, hence the rank anomaly.

A sad tale. Think of it on Remembrance Day.

I hope to see you all again soon.

Barry Simon



Captain Gabell's grave and the plaque bearing his name on the war memorial

Winter is beckoning and our usual part hibernation during the dark months following the autumnal equinox is due to take a markedly different turn this year. As I write this, Covid-19 cases across most regions are rising although thankfully not so much in the local area although there is a strong likelihood that national restrictions could be reintroduced. If we do end up closing the hall again then we are in a good position to bounce back and reopen quickly once control measures are eased again. This is all down to the sterling work of the committee members (Gemma and Jana) who have written Risk Assessments and implemented Covid-19 safe procedures which enabled our partial reopening for several groups whilst we can/could.

A new “Swindon Village Hall” sign (see the photo on the front cover) went up last month that was the culmination of many months’ work. It was crafted by a very talented, local metal artist, Jack Russell (Facebook: *Jack Russell Sculpture*, Instagram: *British_Artist_Jack*, Twitter: *SculptureSlayer*). The sign is made from a sheet of stainless steel that has been laser cut to show off our logo (the goose, dog and pig are all representative of local landmarks and many thanks to Eley and Maija for designing it) and finally gives a name to the hall. (The building’s function isn’t always familiar to newcomers to the area so the idea is to ensure that we remain a pillar of our community, especially as new dwellings are built in the surrounding fields). Behind the cutouts is some buffed copper that should weather, tarnish and ultimately oxidise to produce a blue/green patina similar to that seen on the roof of Pittville Park Pump Room. We hope you like the sign. By my reckoning, when the new sign was fitted it had been 45 years, 6 months and 13 days since the foundation stone was laid and there’s been no other sign in all that time! *(Please let me know if that’s not correct by the way - I’m fully expecting to put in a correction in my next newsletter!)*

Our 2019 audit has been completed now that we have finally gained access to one of the savings accounts (a long story!), having taken over the running of the hall from the previous committee in April 2019. In summary, our 2019 income and expenditure were both up on 2018. The net result was an annual loss of just over 10% of our income but there are still sufficient reserves in the accounts even though our cashflow is greatly reduced this year. The increase in income primarily came from two sources: new weekend bookings and bar takings. The bookings process has become easier with the creation of our website (**svhall.co.uk**), email address, a mobile phone number and an online media presence. Crucial

to all of this has been the Herculean efforts of Jana as our Booking Secretary who does an amazing job liaising with our regular groups and new bookings. The regular (until March's lockdown anyway!) Friday night bars were another increased source of income and my thanks go to everyone involved in making them such a success. Whether you were a patron, bar volunteer or manager, or line cleaner (or even all four, T!) it has been great to feel our community spirit endure throughout the year - enjoying the fine summer evenings until that familiar chill returned, and we endured the darkness of winter and back to spring again. The expenditure grew by a third on 2018 but I hope you agree that the hall has seen some great improvements. Some of these investments are clear to see (such as the front door, curtains, bar TV and LED lighting), but others are less obvious (solar panels, smart thermostats, ambient cellar cooling, cavity wall insulation) but these will all help to improve the running efficiency and keep our bills low, thus enabling us to take further projects to fruition (we've got a list of ideas that you're welcome to add to if you have any suggestions!). Some of these measures already seem to have had an effect as our electricity and gas consumption are both down on 2018, despite the hall being open for more hours. Our 2020 audit will be finalised early next year and displayed at our deferred AGM in April where we'll be presenting both years' audits and seeking to elect committee members. If you're hiding a desire to participate in the local community, then joining our committee is a great way to get involved; once we're through this pandemic then it's going to be all hands on deck - more parties, functions, improvements will undoubtedly be the order of the day!

In the meantime, the Covid-19 pandemic doesn't seem to be ending any time soon so, with no major announcements on vaccine developments since I last wrote here and the long, dark nights of winter beckoning, it's time for us all to look out for each other and keep an eye and ear out for our neighbours. The Parish Council ran a community assistance group during the spring/summer lockdown and I'm expecting a similar group to be needed if stringent restrictions are once again enacted. The PC have a Facebook page (as do we!) and I encourage everyone to follow them to stay informed on both local developments and to seek help if you need it. Don't suffer anything in silence; there's always someone willing to listen and take action - my details are at the end of Village News should anyone need to reach out.

Until next time, take care of yourself and each other.

Ben

Village News

A few months ago I announced my intention to retire from the Village News. Well, I haven't changed my mind and the December issue will be my last one.

After 17 years of helping to produce the magazine, I hope you agree with me that I deserve a break but I'll be very sad if it all comes to an end.

I've heard from many people that they hope the magazine will continue and they like receiving it through their letterbox every month. The electronic copy on the Parish website reaches an even wider audience, as evidenced in Shaun's article this month.

It would be good to find a small team to take over - it's always been helpful to have a second pair of eyes on it and a third person could take on the little bit of admin that's needed for the advertising.

All you need for compiling the magazine is a basic desk-top publishing program and the internet. The printing is done professionally.

If you think you might be able to help out please contact me or Shaun Cullimore, the Parish Clerk. Shaun's contact details are on the back cover.

I really hope the Village News has a bright new future ahead of it.

Karen Evans

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