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**Andrea Tinson**

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## DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE PARISH

### PLEASE READ AND KEEP THIS PAGE. IT MAY SAVE A LIFE

According to First Aid for Life, cardiac arrests can affect anyone at any time. It's reckoned that across the UK 30,000 occur outside of hospitals each year and that fewer than 10 percent of those experiencing cardiac arrests in the community survive.

But with fast emergency treatment the chances of survival shoot up by around 80 percent.

CPR – chest compressions that may keep someone alive until emergency help arrives - can double the chances of survival. But when a defibrillator – a device to restart the heart – is used alongside CPR, the odds of survival can jump from around 6 percent to 74 percent. As the British Heart Foundation notes, “after a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 percent.”

There are three defibrillators around the parish. They're located prominently at **Kingston Blount Village Hall**, **Aston Rowant Cricket Club** and **Aston Rowant CE School**. There's also a unit inside the **Lambert Arms Hotel**. (Note: this unit may not be accessible during unsociable hours; so, depending on when an incident occurs, the hotel may not be the best to place to go to).

To fill the gap between the school and the Lambert Arms the parish has recently bought another defibrillator. Until it can be properly located – permissions are in the process of being confirmed - it is inside my home at **Old Stocks, The Green, Aston Rowant OX49 5ST** (between Aston Gardens and the church). Once properly installed, details of its new location will be given.

**The parish is organising training on both giving CPR and using a defibrillator. Details on this too will be advised.**

A cardiac event, when it happens, will be alarming and stressful. To 'ease' this, there is some basic advice below. **Please read and keep it – it may save a life.**

### CPR

Detail on how to give CPR is at <https://bit.ly/387Tkx6>. The page includes 'how to' videos.

In summary there are five steps.

**Step 1:** Shake and shout – see if the individual is conscious.

**Step 2:** Call 999 and **ask someone else to find a defibrillator**. Call 999 before starting compressions.

**Step 3:** Give chest compressions.

**Step 4:** Keep giving CPR until professional help arrives and takes over, or the person starts to show signs of regaining consciousness.

**Step 5:** Use the defibrillator.



## USING A DEFIBRILLATOR

Detail on using a defibrillator at <https://bit.ly/3KVE57E>. The page also has a 'how to' video.

The box housing a defibrillator can be opened with an access code given by 999. **You will need the location code on the housing.**

Each unit features pictures on how it should be used and will have voice instructions. In summary:

**Step 1:** Turn the defibrillator on by pressing the green button and follow its instructions.

**Step 2:** Peel off the sticky pads and attach them to the patient's skin, one on each side of the chest, as shown in the picture on the defibrillator.

**Note: On a child pad placing is different and there may be a button/switch on the unit that will need to be pressed.**

**See <https://bit.ly/37vmPbK>.**

**Step 3:** Once the pads have been attached, stop CPR, and don't touch the patient. The defibrillator will then analyse the patient's heart rhythm.

**Step 4:** The defibrillator will assess whether a shock is needed and if so, it will tell you to press the shock button. An automatic defibrillator will shock the patient without prompt. **Do not touch the patient while they are being shocked.**

**Step 5:** The defibrillator will tell you when the shock has been delivered and whether you need to continue CPR.

**Step 6:** Continue with chest compressions and rescue breaths until the patient shows signs of life or the defibrillator tells you to stop so it can analyse the heartbeat again.

**PLEASE CUT OUT AND KEEP THIS PAGE.  
IT MAY SAVE A LIFE**

**Cllr. Adam Bernstein**

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## LETTER FROM JOHN HOWELL MP

On 10th May we had the State Opening of Parliament which marks the start of the parliamentary year. The ‘Queen’s Speech’ contains an outline of policies and proposed legislation for the forthcoming parliamentary session. All new legislation coming before parliament is, of course, important and different Bills will be more or less important to different people. I am particularly pleased to see the new Planning Bill in the list which, it was said in the Queen’s Speech, will give residents more involvement in local development. I know that there are a number of concerns over the current planning legislation that are widely shared, and I will be looking to see the impact of the proposed change. The Health and Social Care Bill is also good to see. The need for better integration between health and social care is well documented and the experience of many constituents bears out the need. For our younger people I am pleased to see that there will be some reform to education, especially in further and higher education. I know from correspondence that many will be pleased to see the Animal Welfare (Sentience) Bill on the list. These are just a few from the long list of Bills, 38 in total, coming forward.

I am sure there are many people who, like me, are looking forward to the celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee next month. I know from the copies of magazines that I receive from across the constituency that there are many celebrations planned. Whatever your view of monarchy there is no doubt that the Queen has served our country and the Commonwealth nations in an exemplary way over her long reign. Whatever you are planning in your own community I send my best wishes for a good celebration. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all those in our communities who work hard on behalf of everyone else – those who serve on parish councils and parish meetings, those who run the many voluntary and charitable organisations, and those who on their own, perhaps behind the scenes, support other people. It is all of this work that makes a community, and it is good to read about it month by month in local publications.

On the world stage the war in Ukraine sadly continues. Ukraine has expressed its thanks for the support that we have been giving. Here the response to support Ukrainians has been great, whether seeking to offer refuge to people or help in many other ways. After some initial teething problems the visa processing is settling down and over three-quarters of visas have now been granted. In some cases there have been complications due to a variety of reasons and my team has been very active in helping to assist where possible. There are some problems in rural areas where plans have fallen through as most of the people seeking refuge are from Ukrainian cities and would prefer to be in a city or town. I have also been told that many are applying for visas as a backup but for now prefer to stay in the region, which is quite understandable.

If there is an issue that concerns you please do share your thoughts. Email is the easiest way if you have access to that. My email address is [john.howell.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:john.howell.mp@parliament.uk).

**John Howell MP**

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## CROWELL CHURCH

Sadly we have had to cancel May and June Soul Space. Hopefully, we can resume on 03 July at 5pm. There will be about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an hour of poetry, music and silent reflection.

Masks are no longer required but if you feel you need to wear one then please do so and continue to check with other people if you intend to sit next to them.

The church will always be open when the Wardens are working in it or working in the churchyard. Please call if you would like access for private prayer at other times.

Maggs has enlisted a volunteer to help with the carpark garden. Some heavy digging is required to bring the garden back to good order. Those who have walked past recently will have seen the efforts. If anyone else is interested in helping out in the graveyard in general, then please contact the Wardens.

Jacky, the Rector, has made a couple of changes to the content of the Sunday services. The second Sunday is now a full Holy Communion Service and the fourth Sunday is Evening Prayer, with hymns and not followed by Holy Communion. Rogation Sunday will be an outside service at Manor Farm, Chinnor Hill followed by a 'take your own' picnic lunch. The services are displayed on the notice boards in the porches.

Sunday services are still being supported by booklet for those who still do not feel comfortable in joining an attended service. Details at [chinnorunitedchurches.co.uk](http://chinnorunitedchurches.co.uk).

If anyone would like an e-copy of the monthly Chinnor Parish Magazine and/or the weekly on-line service booklet then please e-mail the parish office at [csarc@btinternet.com](mailto:csarc@btinternet.com)

A big effort was made to tidy up and mow the churchyard prior to the wedding of Richard Surman and Alice Sacco. Thanks to the Surman team and Tom Peters. He still manages to keep that ride-on mower going. It was rescued from the scrap heap. The wedding was held in a very packed Crowell Church on 06 May. What a great service.



The APCM was held on 25 April at 7pm in the Chinnor Village Centre. Electoral Roll forms are available in the church or from Maggs Warman, the Electoral Roll Officer. It was good to see villagers signing up to the Electoral Roll.

The Rectors Ramble will take place this year on 2nd July. A walk around the Parish, visiting all four churches for a bit of fun and fund raising. Chinnor, Crowell, Aston Rowant (lunch), Sydenham (refreshments), Chinnor.

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# ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

I have often written in these Notes about the great sense of community in our Parish. That spirit is again coming to the fore as we prepare to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with many of the local groups and businesses supporting the planned events. Our thanks to Alex Green and her colleagues on the Jubilee Committee for their sterling work to plan and coordinate events over the jubilee weekend. We are also grateful for the support from the Hillwerke Trust, the Cricket Club, St Peter and St Paul's Church and the School PTA.

The Council and the Hillwerke Trust continue to look at ways to secure the playing fields at Kingston Blount in order to prevent unauthorised vehicle access. As part of these plans, the Hillwerke Trust have purchased four corton steel planters to prevent access at the playground side of the car park. The planters now contain a mixture of red, white and blue flowered plants to mark the Jubilee. I should like to thank the Hillwerke Trust for their contribution.

Since the last edition of the Parish Notes, a 20mph speed limit has been introduced in Aston Rowant village. Oxfordshire County Council, who have responsibility for highways, have changed their approach to the implementation of 20mph restrictions across the County and are now more supportive of schemes to reduce speed in villages across the County. We will be looking at whether we can take advantage of the change in approach to introduce further 20mph limits elsewhere in the Parish.

Finally the Council has purchased a new defibrillator for the Parish (see page 7), which will in time be located near the Church. Since time is of the essence when treating those who may have suffered a heart attack, we are looking to ensure that there is good coverage across the Parish and will be looking at further locations so that everyone is within a few minutes of a defibrillator.

## Peter Tinson

Chairman

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It has been some time since the Parish Notes contained an update on the progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. However, I realise that there are many new residents in the Parish who might not even be aware that one is being developed, so it is probably appropriate to provide some background.

The idea of a Neighbourhood Plan is to allow a community to develop a shared vision for their area. Neighbourhood Plans can shape, direct and help to deliver sustainable development, by influencing local planning decisions as part of wider (district and national) development plans. Decisions on planning applications (which are generally made at a district level) should take the Neighbourhood Plan into account.

The purpose of the Aston Rowant Neighbourhood Plan is to make planning policies that can be used to help in the determination of planning applications in the area in the period to March 2035. Its policies aim to positively plan for the appropriate growth of the main villages of Aston Rowant and Kingston Blount, and to do this in ways that will protect and enhance the special character of those villages and the Parish.

The initial meeting to set up a group to develop the plan took place in May 2016. That group has largely finished its work, producing a draft Plan which was released for public consultation in February 2020. The responses to that consultation are available on the Parish Council website. At this point in time there is little further work to be done. The District Council (SODC) recommended that legal opinion should be obtained on the policies within the draft Plan to try to reduce the likelihood of challenge at the inspection stage. That legal opinion has proved somewhat difficult to obtain but SODC have offered help with identifying suitable counsel. Once the policies have been reviewed and any recommended changes made, there is one more report that needs to be commissioned before it can be submitted to SODC.

The process has not been as smooth as we would have liked. The steering group had to revise the policies within our Plan several times to ensure alignment with an ever-changing local plan. The Coronavirus pandemic delayed matters further. Legal opinion was submitted to SODC suggesting that the process was flawed but, after making changes to the group and the way it worked, SODC's counsel agreed that there was no reason that the development of the Plan could not continue. Had the received advice been to the contrary, the process would have restarted. Nevertheless, the legal opinion submitted (and the SODC counsel response) will both be considered at the preliminary inspection and, should that inspection determine that the development of the Plan is sound, at the consequent examination.

Clearly it is to be hoped that the Plan passes both inspections and that it can proceed to referendum. However, there remains a risk that one of the inspections concurs with the points made in the initial submission to SODC. In that event, it will be necessary to start afresh to reflect the changing national and local planning landscape.

**Peter Tinson**

Chairman

Aston Rowant Parish Council

# ASTON ROWANT PARISH COUNCIL NOTES

Parish Council meetings were held on Wednesday 13th of April 2022 and Wednesday 11th May 2022 where the planning applications detailed below were discussed. The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 8th of June 2022.

## PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

**P22/S0907/LB** Listed Building consent for various internal and external renovations and alterations at Chalford Manor Farm, Chalford, OX39 4NH. More detail needed on concerns over covering internal beams and insulation. **OBJECTED.**

**P22/S1021/HH** Restoration of triple flues to existing north chimney and reintroduction of chimney serving dining room to east elevation, demolished in the 1970s at Chalford Manor Farm, Chalford, OX39 4NH. Considered in tandem with P22/S0907/LB, therefore same concerns. **OBJECTED.**

**P22/S0673/DIS** Amendment (no. 1), on application P22/S0673/DIS, for development work at Chilterns Edge, Chinnor Road, Aston Rowant by Arboricultural Survey & Tree Protection Plan received 18 March 2022. For Information only, SODC Tree Officer has agreed.

**P22/S1280/LB** To replace the remaining existing upstairs windows (the downstairs and one upstairs window were replaced in planning application P13/S1625/LB) at Chiltern Cottage, Pleck Lane, Kingston Blount. **SUPPORT**

**P22/S1413/HH** Proposed two-storey side extension, proposed single storey rear extension, larger dormer window and rooflights to the existing loft conversion, replacement balcony balustrading and fenestration, alterations to the existing house at 13 Plowden Park Aston Rowant. **SUPPORT.**

**P22/S1387/DIS** Discharge of condition 4 (Arboriculture) on application ref. P21/S0146/HH (Proposed two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, internal and external alterations & swimming pool. New entrance gates & boundary wall.) At Wych Elm, Chinnor Road, Aston Rowant. **NOTED.**

**P22/S1564/HH** Proposed erection of a porch with a two-storey rear extension at 2 Old Croft Close Kingston Blount OX39 4RX. **SUPPORT.**

**P22/S1596/HH** Various single storey extensions to front, sides and rear, including new enlarged roof with roof windows and new first floor area. Elevational changes including new windows, doors and rendered walls at 11 Aston Park, Aston Rowant. **SUPPORT.**

## WITHDRAWN APPLICATIONS:

None

## PLANNING DECISIONS OF SODC:

**P21/S1458/FUL** Demolition of existing three bedroom detached dwelling house and out- buildings; Construction of new private self-contained seven-bedroom dwelling house with landscaping at Wayside, Kingston Stert. **GRANTED.**



**P22/S0292/HH** Removal of an in-ground swimming pool and prefabricated leisure building. Construction of an annex ancillary to the main house. Works to boundary wall/gates at Lion House, Kingston Blount. **GRANTED.**

## PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPEAL:

None

Please note that all Planning Applications for the Parish can be found on the Parish Council Website: <http://www.astonrowantparishcouncil.gov.uk> under '**Parish Council**' and then '**Planning**'.

All past minutes of Aston Rowant Parish Council (Including the Annual Parish Meeting) can be found under: <http://www.astonrowantparishcouncil.gov.uk> under '**Parish Council**' and then '**Meetings**'.

Occasional updates concerning the Parish are added to the Parish Council's website and Facebook pages as well as the Kingston Blount/Aston Rowant (KBAR) Facebook page.

### Tracy Lambourne

Clerk to Aston Rowant Parish Council

## PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE



The Aston Rowant Parish Council website is the place to find out what's going on at the Parish Council for Aston Rowant, Kingston Blount, Kingston Stert and Chalford. It gives easy access to the dates of council meetings, minutes, agendas, planning applications, etc. There are links to the District and County Council websites for access to the wealth of information that these provide. There's also a weekly newsletter with links on recent developments in the parish.

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## ARPC FOOTPATH AND AMENITIES GROUP

As life slowly returns to normal after the pandemic, we have like so many other people had a visit from members of my family for the first time in 2 years. The reaction from our visitors has reminded me how lucky we are to live in this beautiful parish so much of which we could take for granted. Whether it is the red kites, the green trees of the Chilterns or the occasional muntjac in the fields there is so much to observe and enjoy.

I would like to thank all who helped with the Litter Pick and took part in the Parish Walk - it is good to see people getting involved in the community. As part of the meeting with the River Thames Conservation Trust, of which Mike gives more detail in his Fiveways report (see page 24), we have rediscovered the name of the stream that flows into Fiveways. Its historical name is Holbrook, but we do not have names for the 2 streams that follow down from the parish over the Lower Icknield Way. The first runs down by the primary school, around the second cricket field before forming a small pond between Aston Rowant and the Stert Road. The second runs through Kingston Blount along Brook Street and then down to the Lower Icknield way between the Stert Road and Kingston Blount. If anyone has any information, please contact either myself or Mike.

Finally, we as a group have been discussing the name and purpose of the group. Whichever way you look at it FAAG, Footpaths And Amenities Group is both a mouthful and does not really cover the functions of the group, which is increasingly looking at the awareness of both the environment and wildlife.

The maintenance of the parish footpaths will always be an important part of our activities but not the only part of the group's work. We would like to expand the activities and also encourage more people to join us - the visits to Fiveways by both the Forest School and the primary school are part of this increasing the awareness.

Another way to continue this would be to rename the group into something more relevant. In order to do this, we would like to run a competition to come up with a new name. First prize will be £25 of vouchers with another £25 for the best name from anyone under 16. Should the winner be a junior the first prize will be £50.

Anyone wishing to enter should contact either myself or Tracy Lambourne the parish clerk.

Enjoy the summer.

**Steven Sowerby**

Chair of Footpaths and Amenities Group

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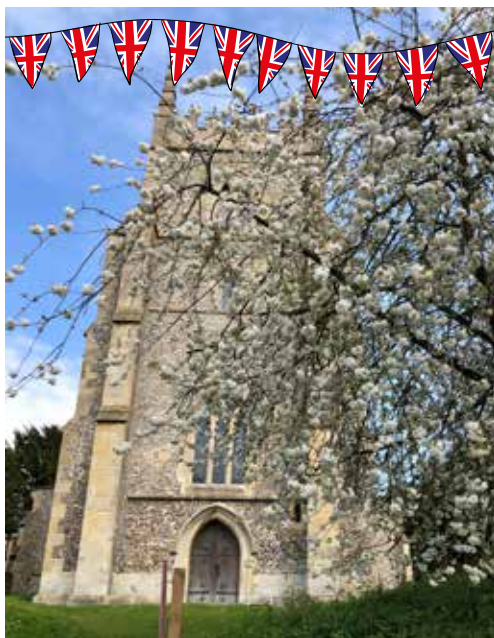
The service will be at 10am on Sunday 5th June to celebrate the platinum jubilee of the Queen at St Peter and St Paul's Church in Aston Rowant. Everyone is welcome to join us to mark this important event.

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The church will be decorated for the Jubilee weekend by different members and groups in the community. Please visit any time to view.

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# The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

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## **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Beacon Lighting Event at the Cricket Club**

**7.30pm ARCC Bar open to all**

**9.45pm Lighting of our very own Parish Beacon** - beacons will be lit simultaneously across the Nation

Parking is limited so please enjoy walking to the event using the Moors path if you can

## **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – The 'Aston Arms' opens its doors at St Peter and St Paul's**

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## **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Big Jubilee Quiz** - A fun filled quiz evening at Kingston Blount Village Hall

**8pm start** — Tables of 8 ... Tickets £10 ... Email below for tickets. *Polite note- Bring Cash only due no wifi!* A huge thank you to the Lockdown Larder, Baked by Milly and the Cherry Tree for their generous raffle prizes.

## **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Service of Thanksgiving – 10am** - St Peter and St Paul's Church AR

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**2-4pm Childrens Face Painting** Teas and refreshments courtesy of AR School PTA

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**3pm Inter village football match**

**4-8pm Real Ale Bar** open in the village hall, courtesy of ARCC

**4.30pm Presentation** of Football Trophy and Cutting of the Jubilee Cake

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**5-7.30pm Burger BBQ available**, from Aston Rowant School PTA

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## NEWS FROM ARCC

The league cricket season has started and the club is now open, but firstly we wanted to share the results of the survey that was included in the last parish notes.

Many thanks to the 67 homes (20% of the Parish) that responded to the ARCC community survey. Your feedback will be invaluable in helping us set the future direction of the Club. A more detailed summary of the responses, and actions we'll take in respect to those, will be shared over the coming weeks but the highlights are overwhelmingly positive.

- 91% of respondents felt that the Cricket Club was an important part of the village.
- A more updated clubhouse is critical to the future success of the Club with openness and transparency around any plans to update/refurb critical.
- Friday and Saturday night food is a hit!
- If you haven't responded yet please do so, it's not too late.

The Club continues to be open to all through the summer. The bar will open every Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening (and many Sundays) throughout and the intention is to have food available on as many of those Friday and Saturday evenings as possible. Stay tuned to the KBAR Facebook site and the club website for the most up to date information.

The junior training on Friday night continues to be a great success both as a training session but also as a social event with so many of the parishioners enjoying a drink and catch up with friends, but can we remind people the cricket is not just for boys - we would love to get more girls involved in both the training sessions and then hopefully in the playing teams.

On the field in the first 2 weeks we have had a mixed time in the leagues, the first team won their first game off the last ball and then lost the second in the last over, both good games of cricket. The second team lost their first game in Division 1 after promotion, but a much stronger team had a good win in the second game.

The third team have won both their first 2 games and under the leadership of Ben Knowler are looking to achieve promotion this season. Unfortunately, the fourth team have lost both their games.

In the Village Knockout there is good news in that we have won both of the opening rounds - the next round will be completed before the notes are printed, but hopefully we will still be in the cup by then. The first team will also be in action in the National Knockout before the notes are published - please see the club website for details.

Finally, some dates for the diary.

July 16th and 17th the return of the Beer Festival

August 12th the not to be missed Barmy Army 6 a side competition.

Details for both to follow.

**Steven Sowerby**

## NEWS FROM FIVEWAYS

The flowers have been good this year. The daffodils and wood anemones get better every year and the English bluebells are finally starting to look worthwhile. It does take many years to get to good bulb sizes. Daffodils take 7 years from seed. The wild garlic is establishing itself and there are two plants by the spring halfway down Church Lane. The white greater stitchwort has returned along the path. I have planted 100 valerian by the bench - these were grown from seed taken from the churchyard. The red campion is also outstanding. The marsh marigold has been lovely this year and watch out for the yellow monkey musk in a month or two, also near the water's edge. The stream flow has been good and the good news is I recently saw a small fish at the lower end, almost certainly a stickleback. The first one I have seen for a few years. There is still a lack of water plants which is a puzzle.

Every year I worry about the use of selective herbicides. There are signs of this at Fiveways and around Aston. This herbicide is organic and relatively volatile and some plants are very sensitive to it, for example sticky weed and tomatoes. The early signs are malformed new leaves and stems. There are patches of damage around the village, an example is shown in the photo from a ditch at the Aston Park junction. I have no idea where the selective weedkiller has come from but ditches should not be sprayed, as residues will enter the stream, kill water plants and thus waterlife. Overall the nitrate and phosphate levels in the local streams are not ideal but average. I would ask walkers to keep an eye on the ditches for evidence of pollution. We will also be asking youngsters to get involved in water monitoring. Unfortunately nationally we have no control of sewage and no effective policing. The government is saying it will not allow new builds which will increase water pollution but I remain to be convinced this will happen.



We have now resumed our discussions with the River Thames Conservation Trust who are planning to monitor local streams in Lewknor, Horsenden and our parish to establish an environmental baseline. The longer-term aim is to restore the streams



to a condition in which wild trout can survive. There are trout in Lewnor Brook but impacted by sewage from Lewknor. I think they will use environmental DNA which will tell us what is there without actually seeing anything! Hopefully we can also identify organic pollutants using mass spectroscopy.

My grandson is finishing (I hope) his Duke of Edinburgh stint at Fiveways improving plant diversity. I am looking for people to spare an hour or two every now and then to help and I hope to introduce a new flowering plant each year.

The Jubilee is coming up and I have planted a mulberry tree which is now starting to come into leaf. It will need watering through the summer. At the Jubilee celebrations on June 5th there will be a display of photos of Fiveways and also artefacts found there and in the garden of one of the cottages in Church Lane.

I am grateful to Mike Smith from Church Lane for providing a Land Rover to pull down a fallen tree which was stuck. We sawed it up which generated a lot of rubbish but the stream can now be safely walked again.

In the near future The Forest School is spending a day at Fiveways - it is good to see the area enjoyed by young and old. We are often congratulated when we are working there so it does make it worthwhile.

On May 14 a group of us saw 3 sticklebacks in the dog pool (adjacent to road track in middle) at Fiveways. Stand very still and wait. Good Luck.

**Mike Eaton**

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## LETTER FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This year we reflect upon, and celebrate, 70 years of Queen Elizabeth's reign and the continuous loyal service that she has given this country. As part of our celebrations we have been looking at the history of our school, which is an incredible 178 years old.

The squire of the village, supported by a voluntary charity, established a school for girls in 1771 and 1784. Although it closed in 1787 it was restarted and is believed to have been the day-school mentioned in 1808 diocese records. At a church meeting in Easter 1813 it was decided that a school supported by the parish should be established as soon as a proper house could be procured.

By 1818, there was a lacemaking school, where girls were also taught to read. There was no instruction for boys. The Lacemaking School still existed in 1833, but by that time a day school had been started. It was supported by Lady Lambert, and in 1833 it had 27 girls and 12 boys. The children began school when they were 6 years old, the boys leaving at 10 years of age and the girls at 13 years.

Our current school was built in 1844 as a National Mixed School on land given by Sir Henry Lambert, lord of the manor. There were 50 children in 1853 and 60 from 1871 to 1894, including children from Crowell. The school was enlarged in 1891 and 90 children attended in 1903. In 1931 it was reorganized as a junior school for children under 11 years with the seniors being sent by bus to Chinnor. It became a controlled Church of England school in 1951 and in 1955 was attended by 23 children.

Today, we have around 80 children attend and the school is flourishing. In our school, children are encouraged to aspire to become the best they can be. Through a growth mind-set philosophy, we encourage individuality, creativity and pro-creativity. Our school is a place where we grow together, where we inspire each other and we are enabled to achieve our potential as lifelong learners. I think the founders of the school would be proud.

**Mrs Helen France**

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# CHINNOR VILLAGE CENTRE NEWS

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The Royal British Legion Garden of Remembrance is getting a make-over so everyone can enjoy relaxing with a cuppa in the open air - this is a well-used facility so do come and visit if you have not done so.

Fundraising is a big and very important part of the Chinnor Village Centre and events have started up again. The first big event of the year is the Platinum Jubilee Party with the Dung Beatles to be held at the Village Hall on 6 June 2022. While writing this article most tickets have been sold for what looks to be a great evening.

If you've got any ideas about fundraising; want to run a marathon or climb a mountain, we are open to any ideas or suggestions.

Volunteering with us... We really appreciate our wonderful team of volunteers because without you it wouldn't be possible to run the range of activities, but we need more people to come forward. Whether you can just offer a few hours or a whole morning/day and can commit on a regular basis or on a sessional ad hoc basis – we can be flexible and would aim to work around you.

We are also seeking an additional Trustee to oversee the recruitment and support of the volunteering team.

One Lottery has been launched. This replaces the 200 Club. This is an exciting new way to support your Chinnor Village Centre and be in with a chance of winning some big and small prizes on a weekly basis. [www.onelottery.co.uk](http://www.onelottery.co.uk) search Chinnor Village Centre or for more info contact Annette Dearmun [annettedearmun@gmail.com](mailto:annettedearmun@gmail.com)

Tickets are as little as £1.00 per week and each ticket sold guarantees a sizable contribution to Village Centre activities.

The Day Care Centre under the leadership of Rowen and Emily continues to flourish. The numbers attending the Stroke Club, Parkinsons and Forget Me Knot Café are all increasing and this is exciting because it means that more people in the community are benefiting from these services.

The Centre also has a bespoke social subscriber who attends the centre every Monday morning for walk in coffee and chat sessions.

Room hire...more rooms being rented out on a regular basis or sessional basis, and it is great to see the new and established groups return to the centre. If you are reading this and looking for a room to hire or wondering about starting up a new club or activity, then please do get in touch to discuss room rates.

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## SIX REASONS NOT TO FEED RED KITES

If you live in or near the Chilterns, you'll know that red kites are one of Britain's most magnificent and distinctive birds of prey, with fanned forked tails, a reddish-brown body and a distinctive mewling call. They're a marvel to see circling overhead.

Some people like to feed red kites meat in their gardens to attract large numbers – the birds make dramatic swoops to feed. While this is an impressive spectacle, The Chilterns Conservation Board discourages feeding red kites. Here are some of the reasons why:

1. Feeding encourages red kites to become bolder than they naturally would be. They have sharp claws and a wingspan of around six foot. If the birds become a nuisance this could change public support for the welfare of these birds, perhaps leading us back down the road towards the persecution of red kites – part of the worrying history of these birds.
2. Feeding encourages concentrated numbers of kites in one area. This discourages songbirds and ground nesting birds from feeding and successfully bringing up their young.
3. The scraps of uncooked and cooked meat that people feed red kites don't present a balanced, healthy diet.
4. Red kites can drop scraps of meat onto neighbouring gardens and properties which is a health risk and attracts rats and vermin (the Conservation Board has even received complaints about scraps of meat dropping directly onto people's heads!).
5. Feeding discourages red kites from expanding their range and looking for new breeding territories and sources of food. This disrupts their natural population spread.
6. Red kites can feed and thrive successfully in their natural habitat without our assistance. People were encouraged to feed them during their reintroduction in the 1990s, but now that this species is doing well, feeding is no longer necessary.

From Victorian times onwards red kites were persecuted almost to the point of extinction due to misconceptions about their behaviour. People saw them feeding on dead lambs and pheasants and mistakenly thought the kites had killed them. The reality is that red kites are predominantly carrion feeders – they feed mostly on dead animals. Although they're big birds they weigh less than a bag of sugar and they are too weak footed to catch anything other than a small rabbit. In modern times they do an important job of helping to clear the countryside of dead animals. The persecution of red kites was such that by the 1980s, red kites had become one of only three globally threatened species in the UK.

In the 1990s a major conservation project saw the successful reintroduction of red kites in the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural beauty, and now they're surviving and thriving and public support for these beautiful birds is strong. Kites are a great example of what a successful conservation project can achieve.

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In March the Office for National Statistics reported that approximately 1.7 million people in the UK were experiencing self-reported long Covid. Over half of these had symptoms such as fatigue, loss of sense of smell and inability to breathe, for at least a year. This can have a far-reaching impact.

In the short term, if you are employed and ill, sick pay may be available and there is information about this on our website [www.citizensadvice.org.uk](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk) if you think you are not receiving the correct amount. If your income has dropped, an online benefit calculator will show whether you may be entitled to additional financial help, such as Universal Credit, Council Tax Reduction and Personal Independence Payment (PIP) etc. Details of how to claim benefits, including contact numbers, are on our website. An unexpected drop in income means that debts can quickly mount up and it is better to take action to manage the situation sooner rather than later. You can talk to an adviser on our Debt Helpline: 0800 240 4420. There is also a link to webchat in the debt section of our website.

If you are being dismissed from work due to long-term illness, there is also advice about this on our website, or you can speak to an adviser by phoning Adviceline: 0808 278 7907.

There is ongoing research into long Covid as so much is still unknown, and new groups are forming to provide information and mutual support.

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## JUNE

- 2 Jubilee Beacon, ARCC (p21)
- 3-5 Flowers in the Church, Aston Rowant (p20)
- 3 'Aston Arms', Aston Rowant 6pm (p20)
- 3 Big Jubilee Quiz (p21)
- 5 Service of Thanksgiving 10am (p20)
- 5 Big Jubilee picnic (p21)
- 8 Parish Council Meeting KB Village hall 7.30pm

## JULY

- 3 Soul Space, NBVM Crowell
- 13 Parish Council Meeting KB Village hall 7.30pm
- 16-17 ARCC Beer Festival

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If you have anything you'd like to see in the next issue please get in touch.

**Copy deadline for the August/September issue is 15th July.**

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