

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS MARCH 2023

As we draw nearer to our year end in the Council calendar there are a few issues we need to raise, one of these being a plan for our spending over the forthcoming year, to this end we have a small list of items that need attending to such as repairs to the Village Hall. I will supply a separate list of suggestions for you all to peruse and decide if we should proceed. On the subject of the village hall I have slightly amended the Booking Form and would ask for you to approve these amendments, one of which being I have stated that the Children's Party rate should apply to under 14's only and I have included a Fire Safety Procedures section to incorporate the new signage and locks we now have in place.

One item to note is the forthcoming Coronation of King Charles III. Since our last meeting I have been approached by members of the Church to say they would like to be involved in arranging something to celebrate the occasion, one idea so far is to hold a picnic in the Church grounds, very much a community spirited affair, bring your own food and blanket, (or chairs if sitting on the floor is a step too far!). The suggestion is we run this as a joint affair thereby splitting the organisation between a larger group of people, which I for one would be grateful for. We will of course have a back up plan if the weather is inclement. The water bottles we decided upon as a keepsake for the children have now been delivered thanks to Emma, so I think we will just need some additional bunting as, although I have kept that from the Jubilee celebrations, some of it has the late Queen's picture on it. Please let me know if you are in agreement with this.

As you may know P.C. Paul Sanders, who is the Beat Manager for our area, took the time to attend Coffee Pot a few weeks ago which was well received by those who attended. I have circulated an update he sent via email regarding the concerns raised about the activities down Stoke Ferry Lane, he has assured us that he is patrolling the area and although hasn't come across anyone so far he will continue with this. I have also posted this on the Shelford Page. It seems we are almost back to having a bobby on the beat, if not literally then at least one that is familiar with the village and contactable. I'm sure he will be a great support to our other local PC's and PCSO's.

Following on from this, may I again remind everyone that should they see anything suspicious, either cars or people around the village or in any of the fields please ring 999 and report it, if you're not comfortable using the 999 line then please report the incident/issue on the 101 number.

Thank you as always for your continued support,

Bev Bingham
Chairman