

Update on Laybys at Draycot Foliat and Windmill Piece.
Cllrs from the Parish Council met remotely with a member of SBC's Highways department on Monday 19th April to understand the work involved in providing layby parking and improved parking for Draycot Foliat and Windmill Piece, funded by the Parish Council. The process is long and complex, but Cllrs and the Parish Council remain committed to completing these works if at all possible. We have been given some starting points which we will follow up on straight away. The completion of these projects is still a long way off, but we will provide updates when we have more to report.

Queens Platinum Jubilee Parish Festival; Save the date! Friday 3rd June 2022. This will coincide with the bank holiday four day weekend due to the Queens Platinum Jubilee, so the event hopes to have a Royal Theme. Volunteers are welcome to help set the event up. More details to follow.

Chiseldon Tennis Club is a small friendly group, who has thrived and grown in spite of Covid. We are mixed ability, playing in top and mid leagues. We have a new coach Lauren Prince who coaches Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at the moment and runs holiday clubs that she advertises on FB. Lauren also runs adult courses and does Cardio tennis on a Friday AM. Contact laurenprince92@outlook.com or call **07931 308269** for info. We would welcome anyone to our club sessions to "try us" on Wednesday from 6.30 and and Saturdays from 10.30am. Email: info@chiseldontenniscub.co.uk www.chiseldontenniscub.co.uk.
Club Chair Julie Porte: 07753 199950



Chiseldon Football Club. Chiseldon FC currently runs teams at multiple age groups and looks to introduce new teams each season. We play and train at Chiseldon Recreation Ground, Norris Close, Chiseldon, SN4 0LP. If you would like more information about our club, or are interested in joining, visit our website: www.chiseldonfc.co.uk or you can message us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ChiseldonFootballClub/>

Washpool Area Restoration Project (WARP).
Volunteer days were halted during lockdown, but we've still been working on improvement projects and we're grateful to the Parish Council for continuing to fund regular maintenance work, keeping the site looking tidy. The Washpool has become increasingly popular during the pandemic with a rise in visitors from both in and outside the village, with new users expressing surprise and delight at finding such a delightful spot. The two stretches of boardwalk in the main part of Washpool are being replaced after we successfully secured funding from the Wiltshire community fund. The grant covers replacing the boardwalk, funding some direction signs to Washpool, updating of our leaflet and the installation of a pipe to divert a small amount of water from the stream to the lower pond in the hopes of making it hold water a little longer in the season; creating a dipping pond for children. It also provides some money for repairs to the main track. New volunteers are welcome and we hope soon be able to re-establish our Volunteer Days, usually on the 3rd Sunday in the months of Jan/March/May/July/Sept/Nov. It's a social occasion with tea/coffee/cakes provided. Some work is physically challenging and we try to find something to suit all abilities. We normally work from 10.00am until 2.30pm, but sparing an hour would be great too. If you are interested please send an **email to washpool@gmail.com** and we will get in touch with details. If this sounds too energetic we have Friends of Washpool. For an annual subscription of £5 for an individual or £10 for couples/families you will be invited to special events arranged throughout the year. Funds generated by Friends of Washpool pay for small projects such as plants, seeds and items for the sheep.



Chiseldon Local History Group. Even with Covid restrictions in place the committee has kept in touch which meant we could continue work on the second interpretation Board in Church Street. With invaluable help from the Clerk around planning issues, and Sam Smith who did the Graphic design, this project is nearing completion. In October, the interpretation board in Stroud's Hill was vandalised but repaired swiftly, thanks to a local metalworker and a kind donation from one of our members. We produced a calendar for Christmas which was a great success, thanks to Dawn and the Spar for selling them for us. The location of the Chiseldon Camp Commemorative Stone came to a head in November and it was deemed necessary to remove the stone to a place of safety. Thanks to Matty Frost, for assisting with a JCB, and Neil Archer for providing a temporary home for the stone nearby. We still hope to find out who owns the land in front of the Test Centre in Ladysmith Road and get permission to place it there. Thanks to the Parish Council, particularly The Clerk, for their tireless work in trying to resolve this problem. For the future, we've considered a series of essays on aspects of Chiseldon's history; Burderop Park; the Golf Course; walks around Chiseldon; and permanent displays for the museum about the Camp and Railway. To make progress we would like to welcome help from anyone interested in joining as there are only a very small number of members involved in this work. Our website is not working properly and is something we would like to develop more as a way of fulfilling our core purpose; researching and sharing knowledge about Chiseldon's history, so we would welcome help from anyone with IT expertise. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact: **Elaine Jones (Chair) email: info@chiseldonlhg.org.uk or call: (01793) 740784**

Swindon Dial A Ride. As normal service starts to resume in the UK don't forget that **Swindon Dial A Ride** is here to help you get out and about on our door to door transport, using either our accessible minibuses or volunteers using their own cars. If you are unable to use public bus services because of a disability or impairment, give us a call on **(01793) 616050** for more information on how to become a passenger. If you are a not for profit group that could benefit from the use of a minibus for day trips/meetings etc call us on **01793 617828** for more information. You can contact us by email if you prefer at transport@dialarideswindon.org.uk



New Solar Lighting successfully installed by the parking area in Draycot Close, Draycot Foliat, to help improve road safety at night.



The Chiseldon Gardening & Countryside Club has happily worked with the Chiseldon Parish Council on three projects over the past year. The Meadow Project was started at the back of the grass verge along New Road. The turf was cut, club members turned the sods over before seeding the area with an assortment of meadow flowers. Covid-19 & lack of water damaged this project. Later in the summer there were a few little patches of colour. The club plans to plant up plugs of Californian poppy, Godetia, columbine and other species. The Wildflower Project is still in early stages and is located on the lower left of Stroud's Hill green. After an initial mow, the area was left to grow naturally to see what would flower. Although grasses predominated, there were a few interesting species it was also very evident that a wide range of insects drew benefit. Members have planted cowslips & forget-me-nots as well as sowing a mix of wildflowers. Finally, the Millennium Copse. The club and CPC worked together to plant the area with bluebells and a selection of shrubs to benefit wildlife as well as to look attractive. 1,000 bluebell bulbs were planted along with 45 purchased bareroot shrubs and a dozen wild shrubs which had been donated by club member. Finally, the Club would like to invite anyone who would like information or be interested in joining the club to contact **Tony Henderson (Chair) on 01672 841444** or **Richard Matthews (Secretary) on 01793 740022**. You don't have to be a gardening expert to belong as most of our members just enjoy their gardens and see the evening as a social event. The club plan to hold meetings, when permitted, at 7:30pm on the second Wednesday of each month.

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Message from the Chairman...

"2020 was a challenging year for everyone and the first quarter of 2021 has been no different. The effects of the global pandemic have been widespread and have affected different people in different ways. From job losses to mental health problems from being cooped up at home for weeks, even months on end, it will take time for everyone to recover from the fall out of Covid. Throughout the various lockdowns, the parish council has managed to operate pretty much "business as usual" with council meetings being performed remotely and council officers working from home. Special thanks go out to Clair and Nina, our Clerk and Administration Officer for their help and support in organising volunteers and food boxes to help the needy in the parish over the last 12 months. As we come out of lockdown in the government's phased approach, please continue to remember the "hands, face, space" advice from the government and continue to support local business. Stay safe."

Cllr Matt Harris



Welcome to our newest Community Super Heros! We are very pleased to have co-opted 6 new Councillors over the last few months.

Cllr Pauline Barnes has lived in Chiseldon for 35 years with her family. Prior to retirement, Pauline worked in many roles caring for others. She has an interest in youth provision for the Parish and joins the Environment, General Purpose and Amenities Committee.



Cllr Justine Randall has also lived in Chiseldon for many years, she was born in Swindon and grew up in Chiseldon. She is an active person running marathons for charity and hopes to help with provisions to allow everyone else to be active. Justine also joins the Environment, General Purpose and Amenities Committee.

Cllr Jon Jackson has lived in Badbury since 2018 with his wife and is interested in being able to help shape the future of the parish and community whilst maintaining its rural feel. We will be working with Jon to see where his expertise lies in order to get him on the relevant committees.



Cllr Danielle Simpson has lived in Draycot Foliat for 2 years with her partner. She moved to the area for work and decided to settle. She works in the housing industry and owns a dog which sees her out and about daily. Danielle will be investigating joining the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee.

Cllr Sanjay Dogra is part owner of the Patriot's Arms along with Raj Patel. He has spent a lot of time over the last year helping those in the community who required food, assisting with shopping and providing free facemasks. He has been at the pub for the past 2 years and has lived in Swindon for 15 years with his wife and 2 daughters.



Cllr Raj Patel, known as Sunny to everyone locally, owns and runs the Patriot's Arms with Sanjay Dogra. As well as the activities above, the pub has also been holding fund raising events over the past year. Their breakfast club has raised over £600. Sunny has been at the pub for the past 18 months and has lived in Swindon for 21 years with his wife and son.

Councillors contact details can be found on our website: www.chiseldon-pc.gov.uk/about-the-council/who-we-are

New Defibrillator in Badbury BT Box. Our thanks to Darren Crannis at CTS Electrical Services, for all his hard work in arranging the installation of a new defibrillator in Badbury and for managing to secure a lot of the materials for free - great work Darren! Thanks to Edmundson Electrical Wholesalers in Swindon, who kindly donated all the switchgear required for free. Our thanks also for the very kind and generous donation from an anonymous donor, for 50% of the funds that made the purchase of the defib possible. Anyone who needs to use the defib should dial 999 and quote the location number shown on the box, they will then get the code to open the box. The defib checks the status of the persons heart and will not shock them if they don't need it.

There are 3 other defibs located around the parish at the following sites:

- Cameo Hairdressers, on High Street
- Calley Memorial Hall, on Draycott Road
- The sports pavilion in the middle of rec field - accessed on foot via Hodson Road or by car off Norris Close.

There is also a defib on the High Street in Ogbourne St George, by Ogbourne Primary School.

Covid Support. Chiseldon Parish Council has been working in partnership with the Swindon Children's Scrapstore, who worked tirelessly throughout lockdown, providing healthy balanced food boxes to members of our community, either shielding with no help nearby or struggling financially as a result of Covid. We've delivered over 330 food boxes since June last year, regularly helping 52 people across 24 households, which were a mix of families, couples and individuals. We also delivered approx. 40 craft boxes and educational packs to young children and care homes in the parish. The Christmas appeal for toys and food hampers was a huge success, with bags of presents wrapped up and delivered before Christmas to the families we were helping. Our thanks to all those who contributed to support this cause, including the Scrapstore, Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks and various community and exercise groups operating in the parish. Thank you for all the donations including bags of food, presents and money we received from anonymous donors. Our thanks also to our amazing team of volunteers, who selflessly gave up their time collecting and delivering food boxes for us, for wrapping and delivering presents, helping with shopping, prescriptions, dog walking, transport for covid jabs and phone calls to those who felt lonely and isolated.



New play equipment at the Castle View play area and outdoor gym at the recreation ground



CHISELDON NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Why should I join NHW? By joining our local Chiseldon NHW scheme you are contributing to making our village and surrounding area a stronger and safer place in which to live. Wiltshire NHW works in partnership with Wiltshire Police and strongly supports the aim of Wiltshire Police to strengthen neighbourhood policing across all communities. Why not have a look at the national NHW Network site www.ourwatch.org.uk for more information and use the postcode search to message and/or join Chiseldon NHW. Alternatively contact me on paul.sunners@btinternet.com
Paul Sunners, Co-ordinator Chiseldon NHW



Chiseldon Ultrafast Fibre Community Project with Openreach.

A meeting with Openreach late April with Ward Cllr Sumner representing the parish interests has the following update: The 31st March deadline passed and for the target for Chiseldon was £1.128m. Current position for Chiseldon: Vouchers with a value of £981,000 were issued and £790,500 have been accepted. At the moment the Government department (DCMS) have re-opened the pledging portal so that new pledges can be made, and they have put an additional £210m into the scheme, however there is considerable demand for the funding so we need to get closer and quickly. We need to establish who have still not received their vouchers as a good number are missing. Unless you have done this before and have since received the voucher, please send a new email to me with: Your name. Your address. When you pledged? Was it a business or residential voucher? Did you use the correct postcode? Only one voucher is available per premises. **Email: gary@ridgewayvillages.co.uk**

Gary will pass directly to Openreach, but do not anticipate that they will respond for 14 days until they have been through their validation process so no need to follow up for that period. Openreach are waiting for the Government interface for vouchers to re-open so they can start re-sending vouchers to those who are missing vouchers - this is expected any day. If the voucher issued has expired, Openreach will advise. Because there is a limited pot of money, we must get our missing pledges confirmed and seek a sign off from Openreach by end of May. Missing areas of Chiseldon Parish, including Badbury have had surveys requested by Ward Cllr Sumner and will be requested as phase 2 funding in this years funding.

Cllr Gary Sumner, Ridgeway Ward Borough Councillor.



Chiseldon BMX Working Party. A group of residents formed a working party late 2020 to create a BMX track within the Parish. It is a small group so far but it has located a potential site and spoken to key stakeholders. Their next steps are to get preliminary quotes from track builders so the fund raising/grants total can be established. They still need more interested local people to join the group which currently meet via MS Teams in the evenings approx. once every 6 weeks. Anyone with fund raising/planning/project management skills also warmly welcomed for their support and advice. This is not a Parish Council group but the Parish Council Clerk is providing admin support so if you can help the group please email clerk@chiseldon-pc.gov.uk in the first instance who will pass the messages along.

Survey for new developments at the Recreation Ground

The council are currently looking at development plans for the Recreation Ground and welcome votes or ideas about what local residents would like to see there. We are also seeking funding for a new play area for younger and older children.

In December last year, the clerk created a poll on facebook to see what new developments people would like to see. Here are the top 6 voted ideas so far:

- Cafe area - 93 votes
- Indoor sports area (badminton, squash or similar) - 55 votes
- Community library space - 34 votes
- Sports changing facilities and showers - 21 votes
- Event/party space - 14 votes
- Multi purpose meeting/event space for local groups e.g. scouts, guides, youth groups, fitness classes - 14 votes

If you would like to have your say on what new facilities you would like to see there, please email nina.hempstock@chiseldon-pc.gov.uk indicating a vote for your choice above or to submit your alternative ideas.

