

CLERK'S REPORT ON PARISH COUNCIL ACTIVITIES MARCH 2007

CLOSURE OF THE POST OFFICE

It is now over three months since Post Office Limited summarily closed the village Post Office and there is no news as to when it will re-open. The Parish Council has had no response from Mr Pycock to its request for a likely timetable. Mark Prisk MP is following up our concerns with the Chairman of Royal Mail (of which Post Office Limited is a subsidiary). I would urge everyone to continue to write to Mr Pycock (at 80 - 86 Old Street, London EC1V 9NN) to ensure that the pressure for an early re-opening is kept up.

20MPH LEAFLET

Mike Tucker, our County Councillor, has advised that the results be taken to the next meeting of the Joint Members Highways panel which is on Monday April 23rd at 5.30pm at Wallfields. He suggests that a Parish Councillor presents the results and speaks to it for a maximum of four minutes. Mike can also speak in support.

VILLAGE OF THE YEAR 2007

The first draft is ready and will be put onto the website soon. We shall again be inviting all organisations to come to speak to the judges - an innovation that proved very effective last year. If you would like to be involved before then, please do let me know. New ideas are always most welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS - 3rd MAY 2007

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor for the next four years, please speak to Mary Bourne. Being a local councillor is not too time consuming and is extremely rewarding so do think about standing in the forthcoming elections. The closing date for nominations is noon on the 4th April.

VILLAGE FETE

The Fete organisers are looking for helpers . Please contact Brenda Wilson (581254) or Trevor Goodingham (554293) if you would like to volunteer

BONFIRE NIGHT 2007

The first meeting of the Working Group decided to ask all village organisations if they would like to help ensure the success of the Night this year and possibly raise funds for themselves and others. Any profits from this year's event will be distributed to local groups in the same way as those from the Fete were. If your group would like to help, eg by clearing the Greens afterwards or by having a food or drink (or other appropriate stall on the night) do let me know.

DAFFODILS ON THE WAR MEMORIAL AND PINDAR GREENS

The results of hard work of Mary Bourne, Bob Akers and Trevor Goodingham planting the bulbs on a cold December morning can now be seen in all their glory.

ALLOTMENT RENTS

These are now due and £15 for a full plot or £10 for a half plot should be paid to Bob Akers as soon as possible.

SECURITY ADVICE

- Think before you open the door - always use your chain.
- Be aware of anyone at your door - never let strangers in.
- If you are not expecting the caller - ask for proof of identity.
- If you are in any doubt - don't let them in.

To report suspicious incidents, contact your local police station on 0845 33 00 222.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 2nd April 2007 in the Mission Room at 7.30pm. Members of the public are always welcome at Parish Council meetings.

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