

Forthcoming Elections

Thursday 5th May is the date for the local elections to elect your Central Bedfordshire councillors.

Our Ward has changed since the last elections and includes the parishes of Toddington, Sundon, Harlington and Streatley, while we are losing Chalgrave. Look out for details of candidates

There will not be any Parish Council elections this time, as only three people have put themselves up to be Councillors. This presents a problem, as a full Council has 7 Councillors. The problem can be solved by co-opting. If you are interested in being co-opted to the Council, please let us know or/and turn up to the AGM on the 9th May. Currently the only Councillors will be Russell Currell, Debbie Charman and Ed Grygiel, all of whom have represented the Parish since 2000.

Junction 11 and 12.

You will no doubt have noticed that the junctions 11 and 12 on the M1 are being altered at present as part of the M1 works. There were three options for J12 and the orange option was chosen. This is the option that took up the least land. The junction exits and entrances will now be all north of the existing bridge over the M1, keeping traffic using the junction away from the services traffic.

The J11 involves a less radical makeover, mainly making the exits longer.

The Junction 11a, however is still dependant on the North Dunstable By Pass, which was deferred last year.

Future Parish Council meeting dates for 2011:
at the village school.

9th May AGM
13th June
8th August
3rd October
5th December

Check the notice board for dates later. They will also be in later editions of the Parish Newsletter.

Local Highways works

If you live on the Heights, you will have noticed that the final part of the footpath is being

resurfaced. Debbie Charman has liaised with the Highways Department of Central Beds to get this done. It is highly unlikely that any other funding will be available in the near future to do this type of work.

There is however going to be resurfacing works on Luton Road, from Sundon Road to the Luton boundary scheduled this financial year. This will mean some disruption to traffic, but we do not have a date for the works at present.

Russell Currell,
Chairman, Chalton Parish Council

Chalton Lower School

The Giving Machine

www.TheGivingMachine.co.uk

This is a fantastic way to support your local school in raising funds with very little effort. All you need to do is go to the Giving Machine website when you wish to make an online purchase. Choose our school as the recipient, look for the company you wish to use and log into them through the Giving Machine. For each purchase the school gets commission.

We have put a link to this site on our website:

www.chalton.beds.sch.uk

Please do have a look, it is really easy to use.

Alan Payne

Dear Friends and Neighbours

It is with great sadness that I inform you Alan died on Tuesday 5th April. The funeral has been arranged for Monday 18th April at 1.30pm in ST Mary's Church, Woburn followed by internment in the churchyard (Woburn being Alan's childhood home).

The main car park in Woburn is opposite the church and behind the hotel and is free of charge.

If enough people wish to attend I am happy to organise a minibus. Please let me know.

There will be family flowers only, but it is Alan's wish that anyone who wishes to do so can donate to one of his favourite charities, the Royal National Lifeboat Institute, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Royal British Legion and Help for Heroes, or a general donation whereby the amount will be divided between these charities.

Kindest Regards to you all

Christine M Payne

CVA NEWS

Dear All

As ever we are trying our best to keep things moving in a positive direction at the hall. Appologies to all of those who booked tickets for New Years Eve, as you all know there were some burst pipes due to freezing weather conditions these have now been fixed. Further to this we are waiting for confirmation from the insurers as to when the repair works can start to redecorate the damaged rooms.

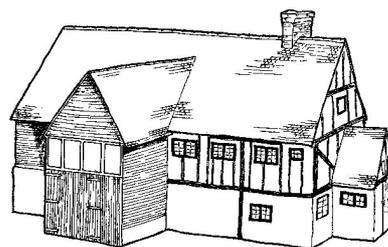
The trust has also set aside a set sum to carry out necessary general building repairs and a report is being sent to them following a recent site inspection for works needed. There has also been a visit and we are awaiting a report from an electrical contractor who has inspected the building, again the trust have agreed to meet some of the costs depending on the report. The windows are in the process of being renewed following the vandalism which occurred late last year.

We are going to be holding a decorating day for the main hall as this is desperate need of redecoration and would like as many people to come and help as possible as they say many hands make light work, keep an eye out for further information.

Events coming up are:

Quiz night 30th April doors open at 8pm £2 a person maximum of 8 people per table please

Live band 21st May Come get loose a family dance with MOOSE ON THE LOOSE (rearranged date due to being cancelled on New Years Eve)



Below is the latest statement from our treasurer

INCOME	
Band rehearsal block Bookings X 3	45.00
Band rehearsal block Bookings X 7	105.00
Block Booking in advance	105.00
Block Bookings X 5 @£15.00	75.00
block Bookings X 6 @£15.00	90.00
Event income	583.71
Event income Mrs. Kate Owen	25.00
Hall Hire	245.00
Hall Hire Block payment	82.50
Other Inc	3,035.50
Other Income	25.00
Personal donation	50.00
TOTAL INCOME	4,466.71
EXPENSES	
Advertising	7.59
Event preparation costs	471.01
Event preparation costs	47.38
Hall Maintenance and Cleaning	20.99
Utilities	
Gas & Electric	1,996.45
Water	113.44
TOTAL Utilities	2,109.89
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,656.86
OVERALL TOTAL	1,809.85