

Woodside Link Consultation

You will have received a document entitled Woodside Link Consultation a couple of weeks ago. Hopefully you have responded to the consultation, which will not take long. You also had the chance to see the exhibition on 20th November in the village hall.

The document gives information on the Woodside Link which is a proposed road that will link the Woodside Estate with the new Junctions 11a. It will join the North Dunstable By Pass, allowing access to the M1.

The crucial part of this consultation from our villages point of view is the proposed road that will join Sundon Road (Houghton Regis) with the Woodside link. As we would continue to have access to the Sundon Road, we could then use this other link to get onto the Woodside Link, then onto the M1 from J11a.

The next benefit is that with the access to the M1 for us and any lorries from Woodside, Vauxhalls and Sundon Park industrial estates, there is the realistic possibility of a lorry ban through the village.

The Consultation document actually mentions the connectivity and the lorry ban, which is just what we have been pushing for ever since the plans for the By Pass and M1 junction 11a plans were unveiled.

If you have the document, please fill it in and return it in the post (pre paid postage). If you no longer have the document, you can see it online at the following address:

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/woodsidelink

From here, you can download the Woodside Link Consultation Document. You can also fill in the questionnaire on line from the 'Have Your Say' link and click on the short questionnaire link. You can also send your own comments in by email using this address: myjourney@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk.

This is a tremendous opportunity for our area and one we have been campaigning for this for some years. As the village has always been against the size and number of lorries using our roads, this is going to solve our problems. It is very rare for the options to give us exactly what we want. Please support the options and fill in the questionnaire and send your response in.

The closing date is December 24th, so there is not long.

***Russell Currell,
Chairman, Chalton Parish Council.***

Pensioners Lunch

The Pensioners Christmas Lunch has been arranged for January 7th. Invitations will have been sent out, but if you would like to attend and do not have an invite, please let a Councillor aware. There are limited places available, so please let us know quickly to avoid disappointment.

***Russell Currell,
Chairman, Chalton Parish Council.***

Village Opportunities

As a result of the proposed housing to be built on the land south of the proposed By Pass and north of Houghton Regis, we may have the chance to benefit from what is known as section 106 agreement. This is where the developer has to fund some community facilities in the area. As part of this development will be in our Parish, we could benefit from the 'windfall'. Although we do not know how much this will be, we would need to come up with a scheme that fits the criteria. We would therefore ask that if you have any suggestions, please put your suggestions to any member of the council.

***Russell Currell,
Chairman, Chalton Parish Council.***

Village Hall Improvements

If you have been to the Village Hall within the last couple of weeks, you could not help but notice the new flooring. This was sourced by the CVA and was paid for by a grant from the Parish Council as part of a series of payments that the CVA have used to make improvements to the Village Hall.

We have a unique Village Hall. Many of our neighbouring villages have bigger or newer village halls, but none have the age, charm and character of our one.

*Russell Currell,
Chairman, Chalton Parish Council.*

TEXTILE RECYCLING AT CHALTON LOWER SCHOOL

We take:

Adults and children's clothing including underwear.

Linen

Handbags

Shoes in pairs

We cannot take:

Toys, Books, Bric-a-Brac

Electrical Goods.

Please place your items in the blue bin at the front of the school and help raise funds for the school.

Thank you.

Chalton Lower School.

CVA News

New lighting has been installed in the hall and, hopefully, by the time you read this, there will also be new flooring so come along and see the improvements.

The Toddington Band will be coming along on Friday, 7 December, 7.0 – 9.0 p.m. for a carol concert. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served with soft drinks for the children.

New Year's Eve – this will be along the usual lines of BYO drink and nibbles and prices will be £12.0 adults and £5.0 (2-14 yr olds). PLEASE make every effort to attend and support these events: **the village hall is for you!**

Don't forget the Zumba classes are still held on a Tuesday evening from 7.45 p.m.

A new website is being set up where events will be posted and bookings can also be made so do have a look at this some time.

CVA

Merry Christmas from Chalton Parish Council