

Cherhill Parish News 1

Welcome to the first edition of Cherhill Parish News which will bring you information about what is going on in Cherhill and Yatesbury and about Cherhill Parish council. As you know the villages of Cherhill and Yatesbury together make up Cherhill Parish Council. It is hoped readers will contribute to this newsletter - details are given on the last page. The Parish Council decided to publish this newsletter every three months because they felt that many people living in the parish said they did not know much about their local council. The council is non political and works for the benefit of all local people. We hope you enjoy and find the newsletter interesting.

David Evans, Chairman

Cherhill Parish Council area covers the villages of Yatesbury and Cherhill as well as the down land area called Cherhill Down... It is divided into two wards – Yatesbury with two councillors and Cherhill with five councillors. Cherhill parish council is one of seven parish councils in the Calne Community Area and one of over 250 in Wiltshire.

Unitary Council update.

In April 2009, Wiltshire County Council and the North Wilts, Kennet, West Wilts and Salisbury Districts Councils will be replaced by a single unitary authority to be called Wiltshire Council. This new council will take over all services currently being provided by Wiltshire and the District councils. It is expected that 98 new councillors for Wiltshire Council will be elected in May 2009. In order to provide services more locally each of the community areas will have an area board with local representation. The composition and details of Area Boards have not yet been agreed. More information is available from www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Clerk spotlight

Barbara Raven. I have been Parish Clerk since May 1996 and live in Cherhill with my husband. I have four children and seven grandchildren. My three sons live locally and my daughter lives in Cambridgeshire. My interests are my garden, playing bridge and croquet in better weather.

Parish steward

Every month Nick Potheary the parish steward comes to carry out small maintenance tasks in Cherhill and Yatesbury under the direction of the Parish Clerk Barbara Raven. He is employed by

Wiltshire county council and visits all parishes in the Calne community area on rotation. During recent visits he has completed maintenance on the A4 footpath, helped unblock the stream flowing under marsh lane, Cherhill and other tasks at Yatesbury. If you know of any small maintenance that needs doing contact Barbara Raven.

Cash for Communities - NWDC Community Awards

Are you a community or voluntary group, a town or parish council who is looking to fund a community project before the end of March 2009? If the answer is Yes, then Community Awards are for you. Easy application process. Funding is available to help provide facilities, equipment and activities that are important to the local community. Applications are now invited and the final date for receipt of applications is December 19th 2008. Details: www.northwilts.gov.uk/awards. Paper copies may be obtained from emailing community@northwilts.gov.uk or telephoning 01249 706448.

Annual General and Annual parish meetings

The Annual meetings of the parish council will take place on Thursday 8th May at 7.30 in Cherhill Village Hall. The agendas will be posted on the Cherhill and Yatesbury notice boards.

PC Alan Blake will be giving a talk on the latest Neighbourhood policing.

All community groups who use the village halls will be invited to give a short report on their activities in the last year.

The meetings will be followed by light refreshments.

For further details contact Barbara Raven.

Cherhill Action Steering Group

The group is working to try to improve parking and congestion at school drop off and pickup times in Middle Lane/Olivers Hill in Cherhill. For more information contact John Bette (01249 – 814069).

Calne Area Transport

A useful website for all transport needs from walking, cycling, bus and taxi information to rail and air transport in the Calne community area is www.gocalne.org.uk Full details and timetables for the local Connect2Wiltshire, the 55 bus to Chippenham and Swindon and the 33 bus to Devizes and Chippenham.

Parish Council AGM

Thursday 8th May 2008 at 7.30 pm at

CHERHILL VILLAGE HALL

All welcome

Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish Plan

The data from the questionnaires is being analysed by Wiltshire Collage students. The task has proved more difficult than at first thought and more news will be available later.

CLARENCE – Call 0800 23 23 23

This is a Wiltshire County Council Customer Lighting And Roads Enquiry Centre number to report any required highways maintenance matters - roads, lighting, signage, lining, potholes etc

Useful council telephone numbers

North Wilts District Council – 01249 – 706111.
Wiltshire County Council – 01225 – 713000.
Calne Town Council – 01249 – 814000.

Black Box recycling

Hills recycling will collect black boxes on alternate Mondays on April 28th., May 12th.and 27th.(Tuesday), June 9th.and 23rd., July 7th.and 21st. If you want to request a second black box or for any query please phone Hills helpline 0845 603 2085 or visit www.recycleforwiltshire.com

Yatesbury airfield

Work has started in earnest at the former RAF Yatesbury airfield on repairing the hangers.

Rights of way

If you have any queries about rights of way contact Barbara, the Parish Clerk.

Parish Council meetings

All Parish Council meetings are open to the public. Agenda and draft minutes of the previous meeting are posted on the Cherhill and Yatesbury notice boards and on the website www.cherhill.org. If you have any concerns about anything in the parish, please contact the parish clerk Barbara Raven or any councillor or come to a parish council meeting. At the start of parish council meetings there is a regular agenda item of Public Participation when anyone can speak about any subject of concern.

Cherhill Parish News

Cherhill Parish News is being hand delivered to all households in the parish and will be published every three months. If you have any comments or wish to write about anything of interest in the parish, please contact the editor with copy preferably by email to (djeevans@yahoo.com).

The deadline for items for the next edition of Cherhill Parish News will be July 10th.

Parish Council contacts

Yatesbury Councillors –

Jean Gantlett – (Vice-Chairperson) Little London, Yatesbury 01672 – 539254.
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Cherhill Councillors -

David Evans – Cherhill (Chairperson) 2 The Orchard, Cherhill. 01249 – 815170.
Shauna Bodman – Cherhill – 43 The Street, Cherhill 01249 816932.
David Grafton – 6, Oliver's Hill, Cherhill
Barry Seed – The Old Orchard, Main Road, Cherhill. 01249 – 815728
David Willets - 2, Middle Lane, Cherhill. 01249 – 812700.

District Councillor – Shauna Bodman – as above. **County Councillor**–Nancy Bryant–01249-819490

To contact the Parish Clerk, phone – 01249 812562 or email;[[parishclerk@cherhill.org