

Cherhill and Yatesbury Parish News Winter 2017

Welcome to the winter edition from the Parish Council for Cherhill and Yatesbury villages. We hope the edition is interesting and wish you the complements of the season. David Grafton, Chairman

2017/8 Cherhill Parish Council precept

The Parish Council decided at the precept meeting held on 14th December to increase the 2017/2018 precept by £500 because Wiltshire Council are removing the previous Parish Council subsidy.

Winter Weather.

The Wiltshire Council Grit bins situated in Cherhill and Yatesbury hold grit, which is only for use on council highways and paths. If Icy or Snow conditions prevail, please make use of the road salt if needed and use sparingly - remember **that a tablespoon full of road salt will treat one square metre!**

If conditions are bad and the bins need topping up please contact **David Grafton 01249 815190**.

Countryside Access group

The Countryside Access group meeting was held on 14th November at Cherhill Village Hall.

Cherhill White Horse will be re-chalked in April or May 2017 with the help of Scout groups. The next Volunteers day will be on Sunday 9th April, meeting at the Black Horse at 10.30. For more information contact: david.grafton@cherhill.org

For last meeting notes, see www.cherhill.org.

Your time-calling young people 16-24

Are you looking to improve your skills to get a job or get back to learning? Start your journey into a Traineeship, Apprenticeship, employment or back to education – and it can be completed as quickly as in 6 weeks! For more details, contact the nearest learndirect centre in Chippenham Tel - **01249 650690 or learndirect.com/yourtime**

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits Yatesbury and Cherhill every four weeks. Dates are Mondays – 16th January, 13th February, and 13th March at The Lymers, Yatesbury from 11.45 to 12.05, Cherhill Church from 12.15 to 12.35 and Oliver's Hill, Cherhill from 12.40 to 1.00. A wide range of books is available and the friendly Library is wheelchair accessible.

Tommy Croker Memorial Playing Field

Volunteers are encouraged to join the playing field committee - contact John Ashcroft, Chairperson.

20 mph speed limit in Cherhill

The 20 mph speed limit was introduced in November and road markings will be painted on the entrance roads to the village from the A4 and Marsh Lane.

Parish and Wiltshire Council elections will be held on 4th May 2017

For more information check the democracy pages of Wiltshire Council - www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Smart Meters

At a recent Parish Council meeting, Karen Smith from Household Energy Services gave a presentation about smart meters. Smart meters are new type of gas or electricity meter that is connected to the internet. They are being installed by the energy providers over the next few years and energy providers have different plans for installation. Existing meters will be replaced including prepayment meters and there would be no direct householder cost - covered by an energy bills. The advantages of smart meters are that:

- Meter readings automatically be transmitted to energy suppliers - no estimated readings.
 - Energy prices could be varied at different times of the day or week according to demand.
 - Generally, there would be a display in the home to show how much energy was being used.
 - Prepayment meter households can make on line payments rather have a Pay Point account.
- Different suppliers are using different makes of meter, which may not be compatible with others - a possible disadvantage if a householder changes power supplier the meter may not be "smart". Customers should contact their energy provider to find out when they plan to fit meters in this area. A priority service is offered to the vulnerable people who will particularly benefit from smart meters

Speeding on the A4

Regular A4 speeding has again been reported on the 40 mph limit area. Could a Cherhill Community Speed Watch group be set up? If interested contact the Parish Clerk, Barbara Raven for details.

Wiltshire Warm and Safe Programme

Wiltshire residents have the opportunity to reduce the cost of heating their home free - thanks to grant funding which is available immediately. Wiltshire Council's Warm and Safe Programme means eligible homeowners and privately renting tenants can have cavity wall insulation installed in their home, free of charge. For further information and to arrange a survey, call the Wiltshire Warm and Safe team 0300 003 4575 or email warmandsafe@wiltshire.gov.uk

Cherhill informal one-way system

Cherhill School operates a voluntary one-way system to reduce congestion for children in Middle Lane coming from the A4 and leaving via Oliver's Hill around 08:30 and 2:45. White lines have been painted around the corners of Middle Lane and Oliver's Hill to give guidance where parking would cause an obstruction.

Cherhill New Village Hall Project

Check www.cherhillvillagehall.org for information

Cherhill.org website

Information about what is going on in Cherhill and Yatesbury can be viewed on www.cherhill.org website. Do send information to add to the website to John Cavanagh johncav@me.com

Facebook - Cherhill and Yatesbury

Please visit the link below for the latest local updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/CherhillandYatesbury>

Community policing team report

For the latest police reports see www.Cherhill.org or contact using 101.

WHAT'S ON in YATESBURY

Please contact Cllr. Martin Purslow for events in Yatesbury

WHAT'S ON in CHERHILL

Regular meetings of groups and forthcoming events at Cherhill Village Hall are advertised on the village hall notice boards.

Useful Contacts

Highways issues - To report fly tipping or other highways issues, use the Wiltshire Council App: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/parkingtransportandstreet/s/roadshighwaysstreetcare/mywiltshireregister.htm>

Out of hours Medical help – call 111

Police Non-Emergency Number – Call 101

Environmental Health Direct Line: 01249 70655

Hills Hotline 7789 690735 for odour, flies etc.

Wiltshire Council 0300 456 0100

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You are welcome to come to Parish Council public meetings starting at 7.30 on Monday 23rd. January at Yatesbury Village Hall and later meetings will be found on the Parish Council agenda on the village notice boards or

www.cherhill.org

The deadline for copy to the editor for the Winter Newsletter is 15th March 2017