



**Chinnor Community Pavilion**

**50/50 Club Draw**

**£26 per annum**

**1st draw in June 2016**

**The Chinnor Community Pavilion**

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## Chinnor Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report by Cllr Pat Haywood

It is with great pleasure that I can report that the New Community pavilion was officially opened on the 19<sup>th</sup> March by Tony Hadley and I would like to express my thanks to the Councillors and Parishioners who made up the Project Committee for all of their hard work in achieving this goal. The Parish Council along with Liz, Jo, Trevor and Richard are settling in well with a little furniture removal thrown in. The move of the Machinery store to White's Field is working well.

The Neighbourhood Planning group made up of Councillors and parishioners has worked extremely hard over the last year helping the Parish and District Council to fight planning appeals that some developers have brought forward. Unfortunately they were in their infancy for the Glynswood and Crowell Road sites and these sites are now being taken to the High Court by SODC. Please speak to our District Councillors; Lynn and Ian, for more information. The Neighbourhood Plan was in the consultation stage for the Gladman Appeal and the examiner considered the documents submitted. Sadly this appeal has also been won by the developer. I urge you to involve yourselves whenever possible with the Plan for our Parish as it is your chance to have your say – doing nothing is not an option.

I have to report that the Council is still trying to commence work on the play area and recreation site in Old Kiln Lakes. We are working closely with SODC and Taylor Wimpey to obtain the top soil needed – it is a slow progress but we are moving forward.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their help and support and I know they join me in thanking Liz Folley and Jo Wills in the office for their support, help and understanding they provide throughout the year. I would also like to thank our Groundsmen, Trevor Hipkin and Richard Folley who are out, in all weathers, keeping our village clean and tidy.

Lastly, thank you to our District and County Councillors who always offer support and advise when needed – thank you.

## Finance Report by The Clerk, Liz Folley

The council maintains a small budget for local community groups and organisations to apply for funding towards specific projects or equipment. The following grants were awarded.

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Chinnor Village Centre	Curtains, tablecover and paint	1,200.00
Chinnor Village Centre	Community Bus – Maintenance	1,093.00
Chinnor Football Club	Funding towards away games	600.00
St Andrews School	Wrap around care – games	500.00
Tennis Club	2 new paths	1,500.00
Silver Band	New instruments	500.00
Youth Football Club	Goal Posts	453.00
Tiddlepeeps	Replacement books & toys	50.00
Youth Club	Table tennis table	70.00
Association for the Blind	Continued services	50.00
Forget me knot Cafe	Music therapist visit	600.00
C&PRR	CCTV extension	500.00
Short Mat Bowls	Storage facilities	500.00
Jack & Jill Pre School	Playground Sails	339.97
Parish Burial Ground	Routine maintenance	1191.95

Once again a Marquee was provided at White's Field over the August Bank Holiday. The cost for supplying the facilities was £4695.50 it is believed that the value to the community far outweighs the cost and can be judged by the amount of residents who take part and attend the eclectic range of activities and functions on offer.

The council has been in a 3 year contract for the provision of Christmas lights and decorating the tree. The total cost for the Christmas decorations was £6,350.70 money has been set aside in the 2016/17 budget to ensure this tradition continues.

The 2015/16 accounts are currently being prepared and will be available following audit towards the end of May.

## **Planning Report by Cllr Martin Wright**

This has been a most confusing and unsettling year. At the beginning we thought that the SODC Local Plan was securely in place, and that we were discussing the next stages in a known environment. This, however, was all upset by the results of the appeals by Taylor Wimpey and Cemex. The inspector found that the SODC plan was not valid, and allowed the appeals; in effect, opening Chinnor to all comers. SODC, however, felt that these were unsound decisions, and have gone to the High Court for a Judicial Review. We are therefore in a state of suspended animation until these reviews are concluded. In addition, the Gladman appeal has been completed and the developers have won the appeal. On these three decisions hang the future of Chinnor.

Smaller new developments have continued throughout the year.

39 houses are being built on the old garden centre site on Thame Road, 21 units in Old Kiln Lakes to replace business units, 22 units are being built on the remainder of the Siarey's yard site, and 8 houses are being built behind 77 Lower Icknield Way.

At Old Kiln Lakes we have secured our site for recreational uses, and have planning permission for a football pitch and a play area. We are now just waiting on Taylor Wimpey to provide the top soil and the project can progress. An artisan has been appointed for the art work in the area from S106 contributions – look out for invitations to workshops over the summer months. There are still outstanding completion works to be carried out on the site, and there is no sign of the proposed care home.

There were two applications that went against us. The Kings Head site, which we opposed on the grounds of over development and lack of parking, was approved at an appeal, and the old tabernacle site in Spriggs Holly.

Generally, we have been in step with SODC and continue to have a good relationship with the Planning Department.

## **Chinnor Village Hall by Cllr Robin Williams**

Chinnor Village Hall is a registered charity run by a dedicated committee who are all volunteers. The Main Hall was refurbished earlier in 2015 and is proving to be a most popular venue due to its size and facilities.

Facilities which include new Staging, Ladies and Gents Dressing Room(s), a PA System and a Hearing Loop plus the recently installed Acoustic Panels. The Small Hall has also been very popular for the smaller functions whilst the upstairs Committee Room has seen an increase in usage.

Hirers include not only the regular users groups and clubs but also ad-hoc hirers for adult and children's parties as well as charity events which included Table Top Sales.

Together with the large off the road car park Chinnor Village Hall now offers an excellent facility for any function or event for all ages.

**Those interested in the hire of any of the three halls should contact the Booking Administrator on 07981 920426 or visit the website <http://www.chinnorvillagehall.com>.**

**Alternatively email any enquiries to [cvh2003@hotmail.com](mailto:cvh2003@hotmail.com).**

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**<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Chinnor-villageHall/223492701104862>.**

**Should anyone be interested in the future of Chinnor Village Hall and would like to join the Committee please contact Robin Williams, Chairman, on 01844 352276, Mob 07717 222550 or Email [robinhrwilliams@talktalk.net](mailto:robinhrwilliams@talktalk.net).**

## Annual Report Environment Committee by Cllr Sara Higgs

We have had a great year working with different groups, making Chinnor a fantastic place to live.

The Greening group have been such a fantastic asset to our village. Helping with our hedge rows, litter picking, energy saving project, planting projects. Alan Brawn works tirelessly walking our footpaths, with his team.

We are working on some exciting art projects at Old Kiln Lakes and hopefully we have secured enough of the land to now put in the playground – now we are just waiting for the top soil to be delivered.

Chinnor allotments are working with us to build a new driveway and car park.

Our play areas are really important to us, giving our children somewhere safe and challenging to play and grow. We are looking into finding a couple of new play equipment pieces for older children in Conigre play area and also removing the mound which the big slide is on – as this is in need of constant attention. Please see the plans available and give your comments.

The queen's Birthday celebrations are planned for June:

On Saturday 11th June fireworks are planned at £15 a family.

On Sunday 12th June there will be a Thanksgiving service on White's Field with Chinnor Silver Band (inside Mill Lane school if wet) Followed by a party on the field after the service.

Dog mess continues to be a subject of constant discussion. Please remember to pick up after your dog on every walk. It is actually illegal not too but also it is disrespectful for fellow parishioners if you don't. Thank you



## Oxfordshire County Council report by C/Cllr David Wilmshurst

As a follow up from my 2015 paper I need to report the continual financial pressures from Central Government on Local Government which predicts that Oxfordshire will be required to save in excess of £70m over the next 4 years and this financial pressure needs to be set against ever increasing demands from Adult and Children services which amounts to some 50% of the County expenditure budget. Major changes have already been made to reflect the reduction in income from Central Government

In giving this report I would again stress the financial pressures on Local Government for the provision of a service to Oxfordshire residents from ever decreasing financial support from Central Government.

Major changes have already been made to reflect OCC reduction in income from Central Government with the likelihood of budget cuts of some £70m savings to be made in the next four years. As part of OCC saving strategy, the position of Chief Executive has been made redundant coupled with the reduction of directors by 50%, senior management by 40% together with overall staff reductions of some 30%. The future position of a Chief Executive will be subject to on - going organisation change proposals. In other areas, working with Hampshire County Council some functions are now shared, such as IT, Finance and HR .Trading standards also provide services for other Councils making the service almost cost neutral to Oxfordshire residents.

Further cost saving are being considered with Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire working together on transport and infrastructure alongside a surprise announcement made by Oxfordshire District Councils and Oxford City Council calling for the abolition of Oxfordshire County Council and the establishment of four District Unitary councils. This latter point is under currently discussion pending Oxfordshire County own proposals.

On a personal front as County Councillor I have regular discussions with Parish Councils within my area local issues; I remain the Chairman of OCC Audit and Governance Committee together with joint Chairman of the Employees Joint HR Committee.

## Happy Birthday Queen Elizabeth II

Chinnor Celebrates 11th June 2016



Tickets will be available from the Parish Council Offices,  
The Village Centre and St Andrews Church Office.



## Happy Birthday Queen Elizabeth II

Chinnor Celebrates 12th June 2016

A family day is being planned from 11.30am- 8pm on White's Field, Mill Lane. The celebration will start with a service of thanksgiving, including the Nations favourite Hymns and an address by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant.

The Windmill will be open, there will be Live Music, Magic, Dancers, a Fancy Dress Parade & more.

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR JOINING THIS EVENT!

Bring your own, Family, Picnic, Gazebo etc.

Refreshments, Amusements, a Beer tent & Ice Creams will be available, charges will apply for these.

Everybody from Chinnor is Invited and if your club/society would like to have a stall to sell goods or promote yourself you are asked to contact Robin on 01844 352276 or 07717222550.

A Community that plays together stays together!

## South Oxfordshire District Council Report by D/Cllr Lynn Lloyd and Ian White

It was a very hectic period leading up to the May election, as the Chinnor Ward boundaries had been changed. We can only thank all of the people living in the Chinnor Ward, for giving us the opportunity to represent you at South Oxfordshire District Council.

One of the first things we decided on being elected was to set up a monthly report to our Ward Parish Councils on our activities and we hope that this has been useful. We know that some publish this on their web sites for residents to see, and we also ensure that there is a report in Chinnor's Pump news magazine. In addition to that Ian now produces a monthly newsletter for all Parish Councils in the District, setting out what the District Council is doing.

Dealing with Issues - We have actively supported our Parish Councils and residents with questions and issues concerning development ranging from questions about fences and hedges up to issues around new major developments, and we have attended the three Planning Appeals in Thame. We also successfully encouraged the District Council to fight two of these rulings with Judicial Reviews in the High Court this coming May.

Committees - Ian is a member of the District Council's Planning Committee, and has been surprised at the constraints regulation puts on the decision making process councils have to follow. He is also a member of the Licensing and Scrutiny Committees, and the Police & Crime Commissioners Panel which includes oversight of the County's Community Safety Partnership.

Lynn was re-appointed to the Cabinet as Portfolio member for IT, HR, Customer Services and Corporate Services Project. Lynn is also a member of the Joint Staff Committee and a Board member at the Chiltern Conservation Board.

SODC successes:

Community Safety - Even with the major cuts of the austerity years, our Police & Crime Commissioner has introduced initiatives seeing Thames Valley Police

Force's performance improve from one of the least effective forces to the group right at the top of the League.

Waste And Recycling - For the second year SODC has been awarded top place in the Recycling League Table in the country. During the last year, the kerb-side collection of fabrics and small electrical items for recycling has been introduced. We are occasionally asked if waste really is recycled, and we can confirm that that is the case. We both visited the BIFFA recycling Centre at Edmonton which was an eye opener! We both visited the Agrivert Food and Garden Waste Facilities at Benson & the Anaerobic Digestion Facility at Cassington.

Finances - South Oxfordshire remains a financially sound council. Despite increasing financial restrictions we have been able to decrease, and for the coming year freeze, our part of the council tax. Our sound and prudent approach to money has still allowed us to maintain our Capital & Revenue Grants scheme. A scheme that has provided Chinnor with funds towards the Pavilion Project. SODC financial management commitment to the future, is being driven through the Corporate Services project, with joint working between 5 councils to bring down costs. Other areas for this type of saving are being regularly reviewed.

### Local Matters

We have both helped secure grants for our Parish Councils, supported the various initiatives being taken with neighbourhood planning and provided help and advice in any areas where we can.

Lynn's personal Crusade to get completion of the IDO requirements at Old Kiln Lakes continues, with her support to the Parish Council and residents.

We also both support and attend the Community Leaders Meetings initiated and run by our Rector Maggie Thorne.

That's our summary of 2015/2016. Fuller details are in our Monthly Reports which are provided to the Parish Councils and printed in the Chinnor Pump.