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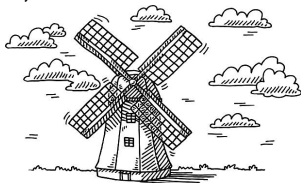
This is the first Newsletter we have felt able to deliver by hand since January 2020, due to the pandemic and lockdowns. In April and September, we issued a Newsletter to members of the Association via email due to the stay at home regulations but that unfortunately excluded residents without computers. However, hopefully some of you will have been kept informed by neighbours or have seen the newsletters which were posted on the village Noticeboard in Church Road.

The pandemic has meant many changes for us all, however the CDA committee have been continuing to meet virtually via Zoom which has allowed us to continue with many of our normal activities and represent you and ensure our voice is heard at Borough and Parish levels as well as with other local groups and keep you up to date.

After this enforced semi-hibernation, we very much hope to be back to normal later in the year with an AGM. In the meantime, we are pleased to say that your elected committee remain in their posts until such time as we are able to formally vote in a committee. However, we are attaching a membership application form for 2021/2022 and are pleased to say that subscriptions remain at their current rates as follows:

- Senior Citizens (age 60 before 1st April 2020) - £2.00.
- Individual Membership £3.00
- Family Membership £5.00

We are delighted to say "welcome" to our new neighbours in the village and we do hope that you consider joining the Chavey Down Association. Our subscriptions are extremely low and cover administrative costs, and go towards maintaining the memory garden located between North and Church Roads, some events such as the village carol service and funding for other village activities and items such as the new carved windmill that has been commissioned to be sited at the top of Sandy Lane to commemorate Old Windmill Hill and the old windmill that sat in the grounds of Chavey Down Farm in the 18th century (and probably sometime before that).



St Martin's Church Hall Re-Opening

Please note that from Monday, 19th April, St Martin's Church Hall has re-opened for hirers. St Martin's PCC have asked residents to please be mindful of this and now refrain from parking in the car park to allow the hirers and attendees of events/clubs to make use of the car park.

Supermarket Chip and Pin Fraudsters

Fraudsters are targeting shoppers in the Bracknell area who use either Credit or Debit cards to make payments by entering a 4-digit PIN at the point of sale in supermarkets, or whilst withdrawing cash from an ATM at these sites. Offenders, working in small teams, are particularly targeting older female supermarket shoppers, taking note of the PIN as the victim taps it into the keypad at the till. They then follow the victim out into the car park where once the handbag and purse have been placed in the car, one offender distracts the victim, whilst a second offender opens the car and snatches the purse. On occasions the offenders have then simply gone to an ATM at the same store and withdrawn as much cash as they can from the victims account before fleeing and before the shopper even has chance to notice that the card has been stolen. The offenders have been described as appearing smart, tidy and speak with an Eastern European accent.

Other offenders interfere with ATMs (cash machines) using illegal devices that retain a victim's bank card once it has been entered into the machine whilst recording the PIN as the victim taps it into the keypad. The offenders then later retrieve the victim's card and use it and the PIN to obtain cash or purchases. To prevent yourself from becoming a victim of these type of fraudsters remember:

- Pay by "Contactless" card payment whenever possible;
- Never let anyone see what your PIN is, cover your finger with your other hand as you enter your PIN;
- Never write your PIN down,
- Never say your PIN out loud to anyone.

No one in any bank ever needs to know your PIN, no Police Officer or other legitimate investigator will ever ask for it, so always ensure you keep your pin number secret.

Planning

21/00002/REF – London Road - Outline application for demolition of existing Palm Hills complex and redevelopment of site to provide 81 dwellings (15no. 1-bedroom, 8no. 2-bedroom, 49no. 3-bedroom and 9no. 4-bedroom) with associated car parking, landscaping and amended access onto London Road (means of access, appearance, layout and scale to be considered, landscaping reserved for future consideration). This was initially refused by Bracknell Forest Council, but the applicant Michael Shanley Homes has put in an Appeal and this is currently in progress. We are particularly concerned about the impact on additional traffic turning out on the London Road, which will no doubt result in further traffic delays and additional rat-running within our village as people try to avoid the Mercedes Benz junction. Additionally, we believe it is overdevelopment of the area, which is out of keeping, intrusive on neighbours and will negatively impact the environment. It is also very close to the Strongs Wood landfill and its associated gas vents.

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Additionally, there are further planning applications for Palm Hills as follows, all of which are currently under consideration by BFC:

21/00287/FUL - Installation of remedial measures comprising a landfill gas ventilation barrier along northern site boundary.

21/00150/FUL Temporary Change of Use of land for the siting of up to 20 storage containers for a period of 24 months.

2100318/FUL – Temporary Change of use of ancillary land associated with business/commercial use to B8 storage for the siting of soil in the areas identified for a period of 24 months.

21/00198/FUL - Woodcote Chavey Down Road Winkfield Row Bracknell Berkshire RG42 7NY. Erection of outbuilding following demolition of existing. Pending consideration.

21/00220/FUL - Conifers Long Hill Road Ascot Berkshire SL5 8RE. Replacement of existing post and rail fence with 1.9M -1.0M variable height close boarded fence. Pending consideration.

20/00862/FUL - Orchard House Priory Road Ascot Berkshire SL5 8EB. Erection of 7 no. 2 bedroom apartments following demolition of existing dwelling with associated parking, landscaping and entrance gates. Pending consideration.

21/00121/FUL – Grey Cedar, 44 Locks Ride. Erection of first floor extension. Pending consideration.

21/00319/FUL – Bardfield, 59 Locks Ride – Replacement of existing roof at rear. Pending Consideration.

21/00379/FUL – Claverton, Long Hill Road – Demolition of existing double garage and outbuildings and erection of single garage and annexe to include games room and granny flat. Pending consideration.

Speeding

A number of residents have indicated that speeding along Church and North Roads has increased significantly since the re-opening of schools and in this regard, we have written to both Heathfield and LVS schools to inform them of the new speed limit of 20 mph in the hope that this information will reach parents of children attending those schools.

Asymptomatic testing for all

Everyone aged over 11 in Bracknell Forest is now able to access free, regular, rapid coronavirus testing to use twice a week, in line with the Government's announcement. People are encouraged to take regular tests to help prevent outbreaks and reclaim a more normal way of life. Alongside the rollout of the vaccine, regular testing will

be an essential part of the easing of restrictions, as it will help to quickly suppress the spread of variants. You must still get tested even if you have been vaccinated, as it is still possible to catch and pass the virus on after vaccination.

Expanded regular testing for people without symptoms will be delivered through:

- workplace testing programmes, on-site or at home
- rapid test sites
- collection at a rapid test site or local PCR test site at Bracknell Leisure centre (between 1.30pm and 8pm)
- if you cannot get to a testing site you can order home kits at GOV.UK
- home testing kits for secondary school and college pupils and staff via schools and colleges

Rapid testing and Community Collect sites in Bracknell Forest can be found at:

- One Lexicon, Bracknell
- Great Hollands Pavilion, Bracknell,
- The Morgan Centre, Crowthorne.
- Sandhurst Memorial Hall, Sandhurst
- New Priestwood Community Centre, Bracknell
- Brownlow Hall, Warfield (reopens 17 April)

Litter and Fly-tipping

There has been a marked increase in litter in the area during lockdown and we are extremely grateful to many of you who have picked up the offending litter on your local walks and disposed of it in your bins. Cllr Nigel Atkinson did a litter pick session along Priory Road recently, with plans to cover other areas of the village including Long Hill Road within the next couple of weeks. If anyone would like to participate, please do let us know.

Within our area Sandy Lane and the lay-by on Long Hill Road are often targeted by fly-tippers but it is becoming more prevalent throughout the Borough. Generally, it tends to be waste from house renovations such as plasterboard, old kitchen units and bathroom appliances, which come under the category of commercial waste and so incur a hefty charge at the local refuse depot. If you happen to see fly-tipping taking place, please report it immediately to Bracknell Forest Council on 01344 352000 and if possible (and it is safe to do so), take a note of the number of people involved, description of vehicle and registration number and date, time and location. Fly-tipping waste is a serious offence with fines in magistrates' courts of up to £50,000 and may include up to 6 months' imprisonment, however this does not seem to deter them.