

CHAVEY DOWN NEWS AND VIEWS

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The Chavey Down Association

The Association was formed some 59 years' ago in response to an outcry from local residents regarding plans to create a Cement Weigh/Batch Plant. A group of people in the village got together and formed the Chavey Down Association and its inauguration was in 1962. Since then the Association has gone from strength to strength and is highly regarded by Bracknell Forest and Winkfield Parish councils as well as the community it serves.

The CDA's aim is to maintain to preserve and to improve the amenities and rural character of the area; to foster and to encourage the growth of community spirit among the residents of Chavey Down and to protect the interests of the residents and their environment. The CDA endeavours to keep members of the association informed of local issues through newsletters, email and use of the CDA Noticeboard outside St Martin's Church.

Many of you have been members of the Association for many years but we have a number of new residents and we would love you to join us. The subscription fee is minimal and pays for the cost of producing newsletters and other running costs for the Association as well as going towards maintaining local amenities that are not provided by the Council.

We attach a membership form and, if you are not already a member, we really do hope you will join us. Our success as an association is by having a large number of members to reflect the voices of the majority of the village. With the suppression of normal life now beginning to recede, let us take this opportunity for revitalisation and re-engaging with fellow residents.

Priory Road

Some residents in Priory Road have indicated that there has been a marked increase in speeding, particularly over the past year, and would like the speed limit reduced to 30 mph. We would very much welcome your thoughts on this and would ask you to please email us at chaveydownassoc@yahoo.com or if you prefer to write a note, please send/hand deliver to the Chavey Down Association, c/o: 38 North Road, Chavey Down, SL5 8RP.

If ultimately this is something that you wish the CDA to pursue we will need support from residents such as evidence from Priory Road residents – date, time and details of incident, examples of when this regularly occurs (times of day etc), evidence from other residents who are walking or driving in Priory Road, etc. Would anyone in Priory Road be prepared to join the CDA and be part of a Priory Road Traffic Group? We would also need to implement some speed tracking sessions so would require volunteers (training would be given).

Secure the future of St Martin's Hall, Church Road

St Martin's Hall and Car Park are valuable assets for the whole community, entirely funded by the donations from the St Martin's congregation and the fees from hiring out the hall. With the hall being closed due to Covid restrictions for most of the past 18 months, the income at the Hall has been hit hard. To help secure the future of the Hall - you can support in a number of ways:

The Hall is available for Hire to residents at a reduced rate and is ideal for parties and gatherings and has availability most weekends. It has kitchen facilities and a large event room which can hold 140 and a small room that is great for small groups of 6-8 people. Please contact: churchhallstmartins@gmail.com for bookings.

A new Charity Lottery has been launched that will help support the hall running costs - please contact the Treasurer for more details: colinjates@hotmail.com.

The Hall is managed by a registered Charity (No. 1165536) and is kept open with the help of volunteers. Any donations would be most welcome or volunteers to help with the on-going maintenance and managing of the Hall. Please contact the church office - admin@winkfieldandcranbourne.org.uk

We thought it might be useful for residents to know about some of the weekly activities currently held at the Church Hall:

Monday	AM: Pilates with Amanda Mann PM: Ascot Bridge Club Evening: Chavey Down WI (every 3 rd Monday)
Tuesday	AM: Irene Clark Yoga
Wednesday	AM: Zest Fitness with Zoe Paxton AM: Extend Exercise with Lizzie Wright PM: Ascot Bridge Club
Thursday	AM: Music with Mummy (Amy Gardner) PM: Line Dancing
Friday	TBC
Saturday	Available for bookings
Sunday	Available for bookings

Parking: The Hall has now re-opened and is in use most days, please be considerate for Church and Hall users and keep the car park clear.

Gravel

We have also been asked to remind people with gravel drives to please sweep any spilled gravel from pavements and roads. Loose gravel is a hazard to pedestrians and motorists alike, as well as being a contributor to road gully blocking.

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Parking

We have been asked to remind people to please park in a neighbourly manner. This means not blocking in cars or driveways, ensuring drivers have room to manoeuvre their cars and finally ensuring that drivers have clear visibility when exiting roads. We have also been asked to remind people that it is not safe for pedestrians to walk in the road in Long Hill Road, so please allow people enough space to use the pavements.

Speeding

With the return of schools and more people returning to work, we are seeing a marked increase in speeding throughout the village. Unfortunately, much of this is coming from drivers using Priory, Long Hill, Church and North Roads as cut throughs to Warfield (to avoid the traffic lights at the Mercedes Benz garage). However, regrettably, it is also some Chavey Down residents. We have fought hard to get speed limits reduced due to requests from residents so kindly ask that everyone is conscious of their own speed when driving through the village. We therefore thought it useful to remind everyone of the current speed limits in the village:

Church Road	20 mph
North Road	20 mph
Chavey Down Road	30 mph
Locks Ride	30 mph
Long Hill Road	30 mph
Priory Road	40 mph

AGM

Just to give you the heads up we hope to be able to resume holding the CDA AGM next May 2022, subject to government guidelines.

Memory Garden

We will be doing a tidy up of the Memory Garden (located between Church and North Roads) on 17th October at 11 am. We would welcome some help so please do come along and join us. There are lots of weeds to clear (again) and once cleared, we hope to spread some extra bark to try to deter further reoccurrence.

Brown Bin Garden Waste Collections

Unfortunately, Brown Bin garden waste collections have been cancelled for the foreseeable future due staff shortages at Suez due to Covid 19. Those people who pay an annual fee for this collection will have their account credited for the loss of service. Bracknell Forest Council hope to resume this service soon. In the meantime, you are able to dispose of garden waste by booking a slot at Long Shot Lane via this link: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/bins-and-recycling/recycling-centre-tip>

Planning

The latest planning applications are as follows:

21/00762/CL – Victor Lodge, 8 Church Road, SL5 5RR – Certificate of lawfulness for conversion of loft into habitable accommodation with rear facing dormer, rooflights and erection of single storey rear extension. Pending consideration.

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

21/00599/FUL - Beech Croft 27 Locks Ride – Proposed erection of first floor to create first floor accommodation plus erection of single storey rear extension. Pending decision.

19/00847/OUT – Palm Hills, London Road. Demolition of existing Palm Hills complex and redevelopment of site to provide 81 dwellings (15no. one bedroom, 8no. two bedroom, 49no. three bedroom and 9no. four bedroom) with associated car parking, landscaping and amended access onto London Road.

The CDA, along with councillors Nigel Atkinson and Dorothy Hayes, objected to this planning application as the proposal is for an excessively large and dense development that is out of keeping with the local area and will intrude on neighbouring properties, as well as having negative impact on the environment. We also have significant concern about the impact on the local infrastructure and local roads. Finally, there is concern about its proximity to Strongs Wood landfill, the gas vents associated with it and the possible movement of leachate to the lower ground. Regrettably, the Inspector has overruled the Council's decision to refuse this planning application and has allowed the development to go ahead.

21/00772/REM – Palm Hills London Road

Reserved matters application following successful appeal against refusal of outline application

And finally...

Christmas Village Carol Concert – 28th November 2021

St Martin's Church are planning on holding a Family Christmas Carol service on Advent Sunday on 28th November at 5 pm. This is usually followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the church hall. Please do make a note of this on your calendars.