

CRA NEWSLETTER- July 2021

FOCUS ON CHALKLANDS

Community Spirit Alive and Well

We residents all love the much-admired spirit of Chalklands which reaches out beyond the confines of our own estate, but we thought that it would be a nice idea to highlight a few recent examples which will have enhanced its reputation in the wider Bourne End community – and beyond! So let's celebrate the achievements of Daska, Selena and Evan, three out of many who deserve special mention and our congratulations and thanks.

Let us lead with a few heart-warming stories ...and, if you have any others, please let US know.

DASKA

As some of you may already have heard, Daska Emery at No 31 has been awarded **THE BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL**.

The story goes back to the start of the pandemic when a group of volunteers in Bourne End set up the COVID S.O.S. service for all Bourne End residents to use if they required medications delivered to their home. This facility was very greatly welcomed and was used by several households on Chalklands. What many of us did not know was that, not only was Daska involved in that service, but she was the main instigator and driving force from the very outset. Other members of the group recognised this and got together to report her excellent work to the appropriate committee and VOILA !

She will receive her medal from The Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire and will be invited to afternoon tea at Buckingham Palace. Enjoy all that Daska!!

Many, many congratulations Daska!! Accept this well deserved honour for yourself and for all the volunteers who provided an excellent service when we were panicking with the Pandemic.

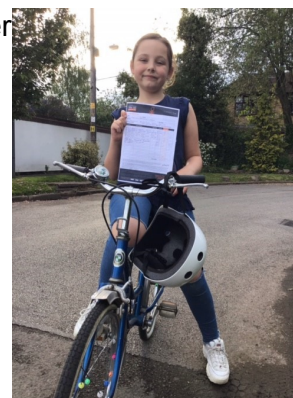


SELENA

During the pandemic, Captain Tom was an inspiration to Selena at No 45 leading to her designing and creating a 100th birthday card for him. Saddened by the news of his death just before his 101st birthday, and hearing about the foundation, Selena wanted to do something to honour his memory. She had the idea of riding around Chalklands on her classic Puch bike, and despite part of the estate being dug up for resurfacing, achieved her goal of 100 laps. It wasn't at all a smooth ride, and the additional motivation of a cycle buddy was needed after some 70 plus laps. Mum can vouch for the bumpiness on 2 wheels!

Amazingly Selena raised **£115** just a week before her 8th birthday and received a thank you letter back from the Captain Tom Foundation (see photo).

On a poignant note, Selena used her achievement to officially retire her cherished Puch. Sadly outgrown but never forgotten, as her first "big girl" bike.



EVAN

If you were out exercising or going to the shops in April you might have spotted Evan Bowers of No 121 running round Chalklands. Evan, 20, was supposed to be competing in the Southampton Marathon —to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support but, like many such events, the original April date for the marathon had to be cancelled. Following talks between Southampton City Council and the sponsors, the date has now



been moved to September 5th by which time the Covid restrictions should have eased. Rather than putting his training to waste, Evan decided to run the full marathon distance in a series of circuits around Chalklands and past his family home. Despite the April heatwave and running alone he achieved a remarkable time of **03hr:22 min:10sec**.

Thanks to the support of the residents of Chalklands and Bourne End Evan ended up raising a terrific **£620 for Macmillan** (which was 6 times his original target) and his JustGiving link is still open for any further donations.

RESURFACING / PAVEMENTS

Nobody in Chalklands could have failed to be aware of the weeks of substantial work and the final 140 metres of resurfacing to the road surface – all paid out of your CRA subscriptions – and to



the new pavements and drives (all paid for by the 21 houses who joined the project). The result - a very smart, new section and, more importantly, a safer area for young and old. Our thanks, again, are for Tim Bowerman who worked closely with the workmen and spent an unbelievable amount of his private time on the project and for those residents who helped at weekends to get the area back in good shape.

We only have space for a small number of photographs – many more can be seen on our CRA website – www.chalklands.uk - under the “GALLERY” heading. So take a look!

Parking implications: Of course, now that these road / pavement improvements have been concluded it makes sense to continue to deter cars, vans and skips from parking indiscriminantly on them – this is surely appropriate too for all of Chalklands.

SWISH BROADBAND

This nationwide rollout is quite evidently approaching us locally. The Committee is looking into the implications of this rollout for Chalklands and has organised a meeting with the Project Manager concerned. We will update you all as soon as we have more information from that meeting .

STAY SAFE, STAY WELL and thank you all for your continued support.

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