

CRA NEWSLETTER - JULY 2020

Dear Residents,

We hope that this Newsletter finds you well and in good health and managing to survive in these difficult times. We thank all those people who are helping their neighbours and others who are 'shielding' or need special support. We also thank all residents who continue to cut our grass, maintain their frontages and provide other forms of general support and maintenance. Thank you all – it's great to see the Chalklands community spirit alive and well!!!

It was, of course, disappointing that we had to cancel or postpone all our planned activities and events but your committee stays in touch using WHATSAPP and ZOOM so we have been able to deal with issues as they arise; we've also started planning for our return to the "new normal", whatever that might be and whenever we might finally get there. It was tremendous to see the vast majority of residents respond to our **VE DAY** leaflet and set up their garden chairs and tables at the end of their drives surrounded by flags and bunting. Many people also took the opportunity to stroll around the road and catch up with their friends and neighbours, while others gathered their chairs into distanced circles for a group get-together. Young and old alike entered into the spirit of the event and everyone enjoyed the party atmosphere - some by candlelight well into the night. A fitting celebration of a landmark day!!



And, as if that wasn't enough, we've also had the excitement of escaping burglars pursued by police cars with helicopter support, urgent bollard removal, police dogs etc.....PHEW !!

SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are delighted to report that paid subscriptions for 2020 have now surpassed the total for last year, and as we still have a dozen or so outstanding contributions to collect, we know we are heading for a record year. This is most reassuring, particularly in view of these difficult times and your continued high level of support will enable us to complete the planned road surfacing and keep up with other aspects of estate care as and when circumstances permit.

WEBSITE

Work to develop the structure and design of our website continues. We are making slow but steady progress towards our ambition of making the site a focused information centre for Chalklands residents.

We are very grateful to Malcolm for carrying out day-to-day maintenance and updates and for his invaluable assistance in this evolutionary process. He will shortly begin preparations for a new photo gallery so if you have any useful material then please do get in touch with Bill, Brian G or Malcolm himself.



Photos will really help our site come alive! Dates and captions for historical photographs would help us to organise a photo archive for residents to explore in years to come.

CRA TREASURER

We are delighted that Jen and Matt have agreed to take up the reins as joint Treasurers.

We wish to give enormous thanks to Caroline who has given us outstanding service for more than five years and wish Jen and Matt all the very best in their continuation of this vital role. The accounts become much easier if every resident can pay the subs! ☐ ☐



HELP NEEDED?

Remember, if you need any help or support during this pandemic, or if you have any suggestions or observations for improving "our Chalklands" then please contact one of the committee members below.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Following the success of our VE Day celebrations we are planning to hold a similar "end of drive" or physically distanced event in early September. This will replace this year's cancelled **Street Party** and we hope that you will join in again. Watch out for date and announcements, and, as always, all ideas welcomed!

Thank you for your continued support

Your Committee

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