

Churt Parish Council Newsletter May 2018

At the annual meeting of Churt Parish Council on Wednesday 16th May, I, Councillor David Crossley was re-elected as chairman and Councillor Kevin Lower was re-elected as vice chairman. I was saddened, however to receive the resignation of Councillor David Gay who has decided to stand down after some 5 years' service to the council. During his time as a councillor David has been a member of both the Planning Committee and Recreation Ground Committee of which he was chairman for 4 years. I would like to thank David for his commitment and valuable hard work over that time. He will be missed but we wish him well with his new projects and endeavours.

You may have noticed that the village website has been modernised. To mark the relaunch of the site, we are running a very simple competition the prize of which will be a family ticket to Churt Village BBQ to be held on Saturday 23rd June. The tickets (2 x adult and 2 x children) to the value of £30 will entitle each holder to live music and BBQ food. The competition will launch very soon, so please keep checking the website for further details.

Surrey Police have been advising us of various crimes committed in the area ranging from garden tool thefts, thefts of and from vehicles and even the odd burglary. Can I again please urge you all to maintain strict security - for example keep houses and outbuildings secure even when working in the garden, do not leave keys in your cars or leave them visible from a window in your house and do not leave any valuables in your car. Police are also warning of telephone crime. Please beware of any unsolicited telephone calls offering ways of making easy money. There are various "scams" doing the rounds at present. Please do not be taken in and Police advice is that if you are in any doubt just hang up on cold callers. A bank or building society will never ask for your account details.

Spring is now well and truly here and before we know it, it will be summer. Hedges tend to start growing very quickly. Could I please ask you to keep an eye on any of yours which adjoin footpaths and could obstruct them.

A few weeks ago some appallingly horrible and obscene graffiti appeared on the back wall of the pavilion on the recreation ground and to a lesser extent on one of the walls of Churt Club. This has been removed at a cost of several hundred pounds. The matter has been reported to police and is under investigation. It is regrettable that such behaviour should occur anywhere, let alone our lovely village. Maybe the only deterrent is installation of a CCTV system, something the Parish Council is seriously considering.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Weds 20th June 2018 in the pavilion at 7.30pm