



## Churt Parish Council Newsletter December 2020



The Parish Council wishes you all a very Happy Christmas



### **Christmas 2020**

This will be like no other Christmas, with Covid restrictions in place. We have travelled a long journey over the past nine months and the end could be in sight with vaccinations starting. We must not, however, lower our guard and become complacent. There is an opportunity to visit family and friends over the Christmas period from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> December. Please remember that we are still on high alert and in Tier 2 (although the remainder of Surrey as of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December will move to tier 3), so please remain extra vigilant and as the Prime Minister and others have advised, please do not regard the Christmas relaxation as a "must do" but rather a "can do" with sensible precautions taken.

### **Christmas Service - Redhearn Green**

At 4pm on Christmas Eve there will be a short outdoor service on the green in front of St John's Church with the floodlit church as the backdrop. Carols will be sung together with a number of Christmas readings. Parking will be very restricted so please try and park elsewhere.

## **Churt Community Support Group**

The Churt community rose magnificently to the challenge of the Covid pandemic and what a response that was with the formation of the Churt Covid Community Support Group. I, the clerk and councillors would like to sincerely thank all those involved in the group. It is apparent that the wish is that the group should continue even when this crisis is over and so it shall. It is now known as the Churt Community Support Group.

If you need assistance the number to call is: **07760 473056** The volunteer group can help with shopping, prescription collection, friendly phone calls or dog-walking for elderly, vulnerable, quarantining or self-isolating Churt residents when necessary. It does not replace Waverley Social Services or other established village organisations. The phone line, manned by a small team of duty officers, is open to take calls Mondays to Fridays only between 10am and 6pm. Please leave a message and a member of our team will get back to you as soon as possible, but always within 24 hours, to discuss your request and how it will be met.

## **Crime and Security**

Incidents of crime reported to the Police in Churt are still very low. Please, however, take all precautions and please do not forget to report all incidences of crime to the police. As previously stated, your information could just be the final small piece in a much larger jigsaw. Stolen property is recovered from time to time and if you have not reported your crime, any property related to it will never show up as stolen.

## **Abandoned vehicles**

Recently, a blue Seat Altea car had been apparently abandoned on Redhearn Green outside the Church. It had a flat tyre and enquiries revealed that the car was untaxed and had held no MOT certificate since 2017. Under those circumstances it could and was reported to Waverley Borough Council for action

and possible removal. Immediate action was taken, a notice was affixed to the car within 48 hours and the car was removed within a week. My thanks to Waverley Borough Council for such prompt action. Please be aware, however, that action can only be taken in this way, should a vehicle be untaxed.

## **Christmas Lights**

My thanks to Councillor Roger Rowe, the retailers in our main street and the village hall committee, for providing the usual impressive and discreet Christmas display.

On that final festive note it just remains for me, on behalf of the councillors and clerk, to wish you all a very merry Christmas and happy New Year. Let's hope that 2021 holds a much better and positive future for us all.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of Churt Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Trust will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7.30pm. We expect these meetings to be conducted by virtual means.