

# Chedworth Parish Council

## News from our July Meeting

### **Do you fancy joining our ranks**

Notices have now been posted and you have until 29<sup>th</sup> of this month to call for an election to fill the vacancy on the council.

If 10 people do not ask for a poll, or if there are no candidates for an election, then the parish council will co-opt a new member. If you are interested in joining the council why not have a chat with one of the councillors or come along to our meeting on August 8<sup>th</sup> by which time we will know how the new councillor will be chosen.

### **Flooding on Tuns Hill**

The parish council, and in particular Matt Fulford, has been working hard to try to get something done to solve the problem of flooding on Tuns Hill which has continued throughout the summer.

We have persuaded the county council that a trial should be carried out to see if the deposits which are blocking the pipe can be removed.

In order to persuade them to agree to the trial going ahead we have agreed that, if it fails, we will pick up the bill, but, if it is successful, the county will pay for the cost of the work. If the trial works, the next challenge will then be to persuade the county council to carry out the work to clear the pipe which is going to cost many thousands of pounds. We have been told that there is no money in the budget this year but the parish council feels it would be completely unacceptable for the flooding to be allowed to continue through another winter so will be putting pressure on once the trial has been done.

### **Fight for better service continues**

The council is continuing to fight for better service from Thames Water and has now decided to involve our local councillors, our MP and the Consumer Council for Water in the battle.

Since our first letter to Thames Water the village has suffered yet another disruption to supply and despite their promises of 'exceptional customer service' there was no information about the problems in Chedworth on the water company website and customer services staff gave out contradictory information. Our MP has agreed to contact Thames Water for further information on the problem and also to find out how they intend to remedy the problem and we will keep you updated on any news.



## Be prepared

By now you should have received a sticker with the phone number on which you need to call if you need the defibrillator brought to you in an emergency.

We all hope that it's a number we will never need to use but it's well worth having a plan in case we face a crisis.

We have been told by the ambulance service that they only inform callers that there are defibrillators available if they live within 250 metres of one of them. This means that only a small proportion of the village will be given that information.

Their reason for this is that they don't want distressed people driving and potentially causing an accident – they consider that 250 metres is the distance which can be walked to collect a defibrillator and get back to the casualty in time for it to be effective.

Because we have the VETS emergency telephone system, which will call 10 numbers simultaneously, and you can ask for the defibrillator you need to tell the Ambulance Service that this is an option.

While this may seem an easy thing to do when everything is calm and under control, in the middle of an emergency it may well be the one thing which gets forgotten. So, put the sticker by your phone and every time you see it just think about what you need to do if you find yourself on your own with a casualty in need of the defibrillator.

First **CALL 999**, then **TELL** the ambulance service that there is a number you can call to get the defibrillator, then **CALL 610230** to get one of the three defibrillators brought to you.



## Help for Chedworth Show

The Parish Council has agreed to make a donation of £250 towards the first Chedworth Show which is due to take place next month, we have also agreed to underwrite losses up for a further £250. The organisers hope that a large proportion of villagers will turn out to enjoy the show and to encourage as many people as possible there will be no entry charge so our donation will help to offset the loss of income.





### **Collection Request**

The afternoon collection from the post box near the village hall has been stopped so if you want your letters to be collected after 9am then you need to use the box by the Old Post Office on Cheap Street. The parish council felt that the box by the hall was probably one of the best used in the village, with easy parking and handy for those collecting their children from the school so we have asked Royal Mail to reconsider their decision and reinstate the late collection.

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To contact the council, email the clerk, Elizabeth Broad ([clerk@chedworth-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@chedworth-pc.org.uk)), or call her on 720313. You can also contact any of the councillors direct.