Jubilee Celebrations

Its nearly here! Shame the weather isn't looking great but things can change …….

We all look forward to welcoming you to Stinchcombe Jubilee weekend and here is a note of what to expect.

It all starts on Thursday at 10 am with a playtime before the punch and judy show by Tom Foolery, all the well-known characters will be there: Punch, his wife Judy, Baby, Joey the Clown, The policeman, Crocodile, Ghost – and – of course – the sausages.

This is followed by the teddy bears picnic and home-made Queen's Platinum Crown Competition. If you are attending these, hopefully you have already put your names down with Margaret Wannell and please remember to bring your teddy and lunch.

The hog roast looks set to be a great evening, we have around 130 people attending! The hog will be ready to serve from 6.15/6.30 with a serving of 75 people half hour – so plenty of time to mingle, chat, and have a drink. Thank you to everyone who has entered the pudding competition, we can't wait to try your pudds! Limited tickets remain, speak to Dave Clare if you need some!

We will do a quick toast to the Queen at 8pm now (was going to be 8.30pm) to allow a little more time to walk up to the beacon for the 9.45pm lighting. The bar at the village hall will remain open while we light it and be there when we get back. There won't be any refreshments at the beacon location and it may well be dark on the way back, so bring a torch.

For Saturday, we are running Family fun and games for the energetic of us! A fairly informal series of popular games like sack and 3-leg races and a few with a twist as well.

This is probably the only event that is weather dependent, so fingers crossed the current forecast is wrong. The games will start behind the overspill car-park at 2pm, and the bar will be open then too! You may want to bring your own water if you don’t want to visit the bar.

Afternoon tea is served from 4pm to 6pm in the village hall.

The weekend then closes with Thanksgiving Evensong at the church on Sunday at 6pm. This will be followed by cheese and wine.

Any questions, ask any of the village hall, PCC, or parish council members.

Looking forward to seeing you at some point over the weekend.

Chairman’s Report

Chairman’s Report to Annual Parish Assembly to be held on Monday 30th May 2022

Since the last Parish Assembly in 2021 there has been the AGM and 9 full Parish Council meetings, most of which were attended by the County and District Councillors. The PC aims to meet every six weeks, primarily in the Committee Room at the Village Hall unless dictated by COVID regulations.

At the AGM on the 26th May 2021 the following appointments were confirmed:-

Footpath Wardens – Mr Snellock and Mr Packer

Tree Warden – Mr Kirkham

Playground Equipment Warden – Mr Cheetham

Rep to Village Hall Committee – Mrs Shaw

Snow Warden – Mr Davies

Snow Plough Operator – Mr Longstreth

The following were also appointed as representatives of the Parish Council to other organisations:-

Stinchcombe Hill Trust Ms K Hudson

Stinchcombe United Charities Mrs J. Thomas

Dursley United Charities Mr R Holloway

Village Hall Committee Mrs M Shaw

Berkeley Stakeholder Group Mr C Davies

Parish Councillors

The Council is operating at full complement, Simon Packer took over as Chair last year with Kath Hudson acting as Vice Chair.

I would like to thank Marian Shaw for her hard work as departing Chair and helping me as I settle into the role.

Since the AGM, Chris Snellock has stood down as footpath warden and John Thomas has taken it on. Laurie Bradley has also replaced Russ Holloway as Dursley United Charities representative. Many thanks to Chris and Russ for their work.

Kath Hudson has worked very hard on Speed Watch and getting the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) ready to install – more

later.

We will all miss Richard Cheetham and are grateful for all his efforts over the years.

Financial Matters

As a result of a survey last year, the precept for 2021/22 was increased from £3,550 to £5,500 to facilitate the provision of traffic calming measures in the village and exploratory Playground works. This will be maintained for 2022/2023.

Planning

There have been 28 planning applications within the Parish and Parish Councillors have seen, consulted and commented on them all.

Notification was received from Planning of a screening request for proposed 60 dwellings, public open space and ancillary works at land north of Taits Hill Road, which caused considerable concern among residents. A Residents' Association was formed across Stinchcombe Village, Taits Hill Road, Clingre Down and Orchard Leaze, including parts of Cam parish as well as Stinchcombe, which sought advice from a planning consultant.

Facilities

A new bin and replacement flagpole were installed by the church – Many thanks to Craig Lawful for fitting them. A further bin is ready for installation by the bus shelter outside the Village Hall. This will replace the bin that DRC had at their entrance there.

A new notice board has been obtained and is ready to be installed to replace the one knocked over at Old Hill Lane.

The Playground group have presented their proposals at a combined Hall, Church and Parish Council meeting. The designs

look good but there are still a number of unanswered questions about insurance, maintenance and public consultations that need sorting.

Highways

Standle Lane has been completely resurfaced with thanks to all those who helped push this one through.

The Speed Watch group now have a preferred make and model of VAS and the evidence to support the recommendation. The final steps are getting the nearby residents' agreement to the installation, buying it, and installing it. If anyone knows a "street works" accredited contractor, please let Kath know.

Design for the village gateways is complete with a series of options ready to go to residents for consultation. Work on the planters has gone ahead – thanks to all those involved

After the parking issues with the rugby club earlier in the season, we had a very constructive meeting with a series of actions that I am pleased to report seem to have solved this problem.

Footpaths and Rights of Way

There was a litter pick held in March this year had a poor turnout but nevertheless produced more than 20 bags of litter.

There have been ongoing discussions between the owners of Piers Court, PROW officers and Parish Council representatives regarding the use of public footpaths on Piers Court land.

General

It's nice to see a lot more collaboration between the various village bodies in the last year, I hope that that continues – Don't forget the Jubilee celebrations on the 2nd and 4th of June!

Thanks go to Kath Hudson and Nola Bradley for continuing production of the village Newsletter and to the team who distribute it. Richard Bartlam continues to update and maintain Stinchcombe E-News for which we thank him. Richard would welcome Stinchcombe news and photographs to include in E-News.

Summary

Thank you to my fellow Parish Councillors and Clerk for their help and support over the past year. Thank you also to the Tree, Footpaths and all the appointed Wardens for their time and efforts in keeping our Parish running smoothly and such a pleasant place to live and to our County and District Councillors for their time and support which are very much appreciated.

Feel free to join us for the AGM and assembly on 30th May in the Village Hall.

Simon Packer