



Churt Parish Council Newsletter November 2019

Councillor Myra Johnson

Following the resignation of Councillor Susan Ryland, I am very pleased to welcome Councillor Myra Johnson who was unanimously co-opted to the council at our meeting of 20th November. Myra, who has been a Churt resident for over 40 years will be well known to many of you. She is a governor of St John's School and is very active within the Scout movement in Churt. Myra's professional life was within the IT field, but she has since studied in her own time and holds a degree in Natural Sciences. She is passionate about the environment and has agreed to take the Parish Council lead on environmental matters. This is a huge and important issue and I am delighted that Myra agreed to join us.

A very special day

On Saturday 26th October, our daughter Emma was married at St John's Church, followed by a reception at Quinnettes Barn. It poured with rain and everyone got just a bit wet! Ann and I would like to thank everyone involved in making it a very special day. It seemed that the entire village community had some form of input in making the day a huge success. A huge compliment to the people of Churt and our thanks to you all. It is quite remarkable that our small village has all the facilities for a very successful wedding.

Five Year Parish Plan - Your chance to input

Your Parish Council is in effect a small business. All successful businesses have a medium to long term plan. We have decided that we should develop a five year plan which should focus on such things as:

Leisure, highways and transport, the young and elderly, crime and the police, housing and planning and the environment.

A first draft of such a plan has been written by Dawn Barrow our clerk and Councillor Myra Johnson has already written some excellent content about environmental matters.

We are still anxious to hear from you with suggestions as to what the Parish Council should focus its efforts and priorities on over the coming years.

Any ideas or comments should be sent to churt_pc@btinternet.com or via the village web site www.churt.org

Prepare for Winter

The weather is already getting much colder. The Met Office has published advice on preparing for winter which is contained via the following link on the village website. Please find a few minutes to study this very relevant advice.

<https://www.churt.org/post/met-office-annual-public-information-campaign>

SSEN Priority Services Register

If you have not already done so, please can I once again urge all those eligible people to join the Priority Services Register? This gives those people registered a priority service from SSEN in the event of a power cut. Please see further information on the SSEN website via the following link

<https://www.ssen.co.uk/PriorityServices/>

It is quick and easy to sign up either via the website or on the telephone. Other utilities also offer similar schemes.

Storm Drains

Surrey County Council has informed us that all the storm drains on the A287 through the village have been cleaned and jetted. Let us keep our fingers crossed and hope that this will alleviate the problems we have experienced of local surface flooding.

Scope Clothing Recycling Bin

Please don't forget the recycling bin at the pavilion provided by SCOPE, the disability equality charity. We encourage all to recycle their unwanted clothing via this container and to support this worthy charity. We are assured that it will be regularly emptied. This must be a far better option rather than sending unwanted clothing to landfill, so let us make full use of this facility.

Village Cheer

The annual Churt Village Cheer will take place in the village hall from 11am to 1pm on Saturday 7th December. This is the occasion when we welcome newcomers to the village. All residents and newcomers are invited to attend and to enjoy a glass of mulled wine and seasonal refreshments. It is a wonderful village event for which there is no charge, so please do come along.

VE Day 75th Anniversary Celebration

Initial plans are underway for a celebration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The event will take place in the village hall on 8th and 9th May 2020. I have heard rumours that this will be something quite special, so please make a note of the dates in your diaries. Further details will follow in due course so please watch this space and the village website.

David Crossley. Chairman

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Weds 18th December 2019 in the pavilion at 7.30pm