

July and August 2022 Look Out contribution.

Annual Parish Assembly

After a two year absence owing to Covid-19 restrictions, we were delighted to hold the meeting and social get-together on Tuesday evening the 19th. May in the Village Hall. It was well attended by some 42 residents and we were given reports from the various community groups that dedicate their time in maintaining the spirit within our village. Afterwards we took advantage of the splendid buffet by the W.I. and drinks.

Our thanks to all our guest speakers including the Bowls Club, Church of All Saints, V.H.M.C., Look-Out Magazine, W.I., the Consolidated Trust and a surprise guest speaker (Steve Barnes) for the Cricket Club. No one was more surprised than Steve when he was given a minute's notice to give his report.

Thanks again to the W.I. for a splendid buffet and the Parish Council, who hosted the event.

Other news.

Gigaclear.

This is the company that had been digging the roads and verges to install fibre cables. Their initial installation was on School Road, which the Parish Council were unaware of and it did cause some disruption. Councillors did talk to the supervisors and their main office and the inconvenience was hopefully kept to a minimum. They did ask the Parish Council for permission to carry out works on the south side of the green next to Oak Farm, which we agreed to. We also made sure residents were aware of working dates and times.

Advanced Notice.

Gigaclear will be starting work on Old Road on the 1st. August until the 8th. August, so expect some disruption.

On the subject of roads, we'd like to thank Chris Clark who has been cutting the verges and triangle on the Hedingham road for some time now, unbeknown to us. He's done a great job and made exiting the village a lot safer.

And further on the subject of roads, there was disruption on Church Road at the beginning of June, when Highways created additional parking. The Parish Council have been pursuing this for 4-years and whilst we were delighted that it was eventually done, we were not aware of the start dates, if we had we would have made sure residents were also aware of the disruption. Anyway, the work has been completed and they done an excellent job.

Community Garden.

The dozen or so planters we installed next to the Village Hall pond is progressively being filled with plants, herbs and fruit trees and is starting to show a display. As it gets more established it will enhance the pond and car park area as well as attracting the birds and bees. Our thanks to the residents who have donated plants and if you have any surplus plants in your gardens we could have, please let your Councillors know and we'll collect them.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2nd. - 5th. June.

What a fantastic day the 2nd. of June was and well done to the newly formed committee for organising it. The weather was perfect and several hundred people turned up to enjoy a picnic on the Green, meet old friends and make new ones. There was a live band that flew in from Holland to entertain us and games for all ages, the ice-cream was very clever (and messy). The W.I. baked a beautiful and tasty special Jubilee cake for the occasion, big enough for everyone in the village to have a piece.

There are so many people to thank for making the day a success, but here are some of them.

The Committee for organising it, (you know who you are). Tom Broderick for playing Diu Regnare on the pipes at 21:45 along with some 3500 pipers and beacons around the country. Martin Cooper for organising the beacon and a special thanks to David Cooper who designed and constructed it. James Cleverly, our MP, turned up for the lighting ceremony and took a great selfie, (thank you to Susannah for securing the Copyright so we can print it). Kevin and the Victory Inn for fish and chips and take-away beers and for carrying on the festivities into the weekend. And finally, thank you to all the villagers, friends and relations who made it special.

Your Parish Councillors have kept busy and have personally delivered some 152 Jubilee china mugs to our parishioners. They were made in Cornwall and have been well received and I'm sure they will be kept for generations. If for some reason you didn't receive one or would like to buy one as a gift, (Christmas is only 5-months away), we do have a slight surplus.