

Newsletter February 2022

Christmas Fayre December 2021



Members of the Parish Council would like to offer a belated thanks to all who helped with and came along to, this very successful event, from those who ran the craft stalls and manned the car park to those who cleaned away after. We particularly wish to thank the businesses and residents who donated prizes for the very popular raffle.

Donors of raffle prizes included:

The Bull's Head Earlswood

Cheswick Green Post Office

Pretty Sweet Boutique

Miss-You - Pet Bereavement Counselling

DB Wholesale Meats

Olivia's Hair and Beauty

Wedges Bakery

Cheswick Green Pharmacy

John Pettinger

Michelle McCormack

Christine Standley

Cllr Michelle Smith

We would also like to thank **Silhill Brewery** for its donation of a barrel of beer, **The Saxon** for running the bar (and the outfits!), the musicians for their entertainment and also those who provided teas etc.

£1500 was donated to Combat Stress our chosen charity

Save the Date: **Sunday 4th December 2022** is booked for the Christmas Craft Fayre and Light Switch on 2022. We hope you will join us. **#cheswickcraftfayre**

Improvements to Parish Council Land



Work has been undertaken by Warwickshire Wildlife Trust along the River Blythe. Three new ponds have been created which help to relieve some of the flooding in this area, non-native species removed and new planting undertaken. Wildflower seeds have also been sown. The area has been fenced off to protect the new plants and encourage wildlife. It is accessible via the small gate, but we ask that you keep dogs out if possible and avoid trampling on the newly planted areas so that plants can get established. Year 6 pupils from Cheswick Green School recently visited to learn more about this new area of our parish.



New trees, donated by SMBC, were planted in the park near to the river; as well as two cherry trees on the green and one at the war memorial on Coppice Walk.

6 new benches are on order to be placed on Parish Council land in various locations around the Cheswick Green. One of these will replace the bench removed from the green last year. This was placed by the Parish council in memory of the Nall brothers some years ago, it had become rotten over time. Godfrey and Desmond Nall also donated 2 inshore lifeboats to the [RNLI](#) these are still in use today in Blackpool and North Wales.

We are hoping to upgrade the children's play equipment in the near future. Why not come along to the **Annual Parish meeting** on **Wednesday 20th April** to share any ideas you have with us about this or any other aspects of the Parish?

Proposed expansion of Cheswick Green Primary School

The Parish Council is still actively opposing this proposal on a number of grounds, especially traffic issues and concerns that this expansion is not actually needed. If you wish to see the details of the objections submitted, please go to our website (www.cheswickgreen-pc.gov.uk) and follow the links to the relevant documents from the items on the recent news page.

Cheswick Place

It is likely that SMBC will adopt this development in April. The Parish Council have made it clear to both SMBC and Bloor Homes that there are issues that residents are far from happy with:

- The gravel footpaths still leave much to be desired with some parts still being used by the local cat population
- Others that are getting full of weeds or turning to mud.
- The bridge and path between Saxon Wood Road and Kingfisher Way is not safe; the gradients are too steep and the path floods every time there is heavy rain.
- It has also become quite muddy as the surface has been washed away in places.

Some work is meant to be being done on these but we are not convinced that they will be much better at the time of handover.

The Parish Council will continue to seek improvements here.

Update on proposed housing south of Dog Kennel Lane

Three members of the Parish Council attended the Examination in Public session of the Solihull Local Plan when this site was discussed. The Parish Council's objections to the development of this site were clearly stated:

- mainly the loss of Green Belt land
- the creation of an artificial Green Belt boundary when Dog Kennel Lane forms a clear boundary at present
- flooding issues
- transport problems
- the complete lack of adequate infrastructure!

Others also supported our viewpoint and it is hoped that the examiner will take notice of the issues this would create. We await the outcome of the examination which should be known fairly soon.

Planned event(s) for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee



Planning is underway for events to take place during the first weekend in June to celebrate the 70 years our Queen will have been on the throne (she actually succeeded her father on 6th February 1952). If you have any ideas you would like to put forward for this please contact Sarah Bridge, Chairman of the Jubilee Events Committee - Cheswick Green. - sarahlouisebridge@yahoo.co.uk