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Poppies

We hope you all enjoyed seeing the wonderful Poppies erected on local roundabouts. This initiative, from our Borough Councillor, Tony Virgo, was a poignant commemoration of all our men and boys who fought, gave their lives or were injured in World War 1. Many people have commented on how much they like the poppies, and other local government organisations have now made enquiries about these. You saw it first in Bracknell Forest! What a pity that it has been reported that one of them has been stolen from Peanut Roundabout! Shame on those vandals!



Update on War Memorial in Chavey Down

Memorial designs have been submitted to the Oxford Diocese and quotes obtained for a wall mounted memorial to be placed at St Martin's Church. Residents have been very supportive of this. If anyone in the village would like to make a donation towards this (no matter how small), please contact Ruth Timbrell on 882068 or via the email address above. Approximately £5000 needs to be raised (the previous amount reported in the local newspaper was an estimate). Cheques should be written out to the Parochial Church Council of Winkfield, and endorsed to The Chavey Down War Memorial Fund, St Martin's Church on the back, and delivered/posted to St Martin's Church, Church Road, Chavey Down, SL5 8RR.



Flag Flying

You may have noticed the Village Flag and Union Jack being flown together at half mast on 4th August in memory of all those heroes who lost their lives or whose lives were changed by World War One.

Summer Outing –26th June 2014

Thank you again to Tina Chapman for organising another super outing for our local residents to this year's venue, Eastbourne. There is a lot of work and planning to go into such a day and she always does such a wonderful job for us!

Traffic Lights at the Royal Foresters Junction

There are still problems occurring at the traffic lights at The Royal Foresters junction on the London Road. We have noticed recently that there is a delay between lights changing on Swinley Road with those on Priory Road, which means that traffic is rushing to cross in front of the Priory Road traffic. More importantly we are still having cars crossing from London Road (Bracknell) in front of traffic coming from Swinley Road (whose lights are green). Please continue to report these incidents to Rob Brown at the Highways Department on 01344 352000 to help motivate Bracknell Forest Council to find a solution.

The Memory Garden

Thank you to those who turned up at our last tidy up morning in June (albeit we were rained off), and again on 9th August. The next date will be for our Autumn clear up on **Saturday, 1st November at 9.30 am**, where we also plan on moving some of the plants to space them out a little better. Please bring garden tools, garden bins/recycling bags.

Priory Road Cemetery Tidy Up

Cllr Tony Virgo has organised another tidy up session at Priory Road Cemetery (located down the footpath) halfway down Priory Road (not at Ascot Priory) on **Saturday, 6th September at 10 am**. Please bring rakes, secateurs, etc. Bags will be provided.

Speed reminders for placing on dustbins

You may have seen that a number of Locks Ride residents have 30 mph speed reminders on their dustbins. This seems a great idea to encourage traffic to take note and therefore, in a further effort to try to help reduce traffic speed (having tried just about everything else) we will order some "20 is plenty" speed stickers for North Road or Church Road residents who want them to put on their dustbins to remind people using these roads as a cut-through that this is a residential area and to slow down. We will also order some 40 mph stickers for the residents of Priory Road and Long Hill Road and 30 mph for residents in Locks Ride and Chavey Down Road if anyone needs them.

If you would like a sticker(s) for your dustbin, please contact Adrian on 883330 or email us at the above email address giving your address (so we can issue you with the correct sticker). Remember you have more than 1 bin!

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Planning

14/00528/ful – Lapland UK - This is a Section 73 application for the variation of condition 2 (time operation) of planning permission 13/00428/T. It seeks to remove the restriction of Tour Times: Monday - Friday between 13:00hrs and 15:30hrs, a restriction which was imposed as part of condition 02 by BFBC to ensure local traffic was not adversely affected. Pending decision.

14/00569/ful – CALA Homes – Land at Palm Hills, Dolyhir (London Road) and adjacent to Sandbanks, Long Hill Road. Erection of 62 dwellings comprising 5no. 1 bedroom flats, 10no. 2 bedroom flats, 29no. 4 bedroom houses and 18 no. 5 bedroom houses, including the demolition of two existing residential dwellings (C3 use) and two building associated with guest house/hotel (C1 use), landscaping. vehicular access from London Road, parking, open space and pedestrian/cycle link to Long Hill Road. Pending decision.

14/00433/ful – Warfield Park. The erection of an additional 142 mobiles. Withdrawn.

13/01023/out – Land Adjacent to Wimbrell, Long Hill Road. Outline application for the erection of 1 house outside settlement area. Appeal currently on hold.

14/00572/ful – The Conifers, Chavey Down Road. Erection of 2 no. detached 4 bed dwellings with integral garages within the grounds, including new accesses from Woolford Close. Pending decision.

14/00137/trtpo - 3 The Pines Long Hill Road (now Sandby House) Application to fell 24 trees. Withdrawn.

14/00167/TRTPO - Foxbury 104 Locks Ride Ascot. Application to Fell 1 tree and prune 1 tree. Pending decision.

14/00160/TRTPO - 86 Locks Ride. Application to Fell 1 tree and prune 1 tree. Withdrawn.

14/00159/TRTPO – Also 86 Locks Ride. Application to fell an area of Laurel. Withdrawn.

14/00208/ful – Meadow View and Eden Vale Chavey Down Road. Erection of two-storey rear extensions to both Meadow View and Eden Vale and a single storey side extension to Meadow View following demolition of existing single and two storey extensions. The erection of 2 x 5 bedroom detached dwellings with garage to the rear of Meadow View and Eden Vale, car parking, access and landscaping to Meadow View and Eden Vale. Refused.

13/01018/T – Land Between Merrymead and Pine Acres Birch Lane Ascot Berkshire. Change of use of land for use as a residential caravan site for 1 no. gypsy pitch, with retention of a total of 2 no. caravans, 1 no. portable amenity building, stable block and hard standing for a period of five years. Refused.

Update on trees at Pump Rough (Locks Ride/Sandy Lane) – A letter has been sent from Bracknell Forest Council to SE Water giving them 6 months to conform to the requirements of the replanting order or enforcement action will commence. Their deadline ends 19th November 2014.

Good Neighbours Scheme

From time to time the CDA makes donations to local charities. Many of you will know the Winkfield and North Ascot Good Neighbours Scheme and may have indeed benefited from this very valuable local service. This is an organisation run entirely by volunteers that provides drivers to take local residents to hospital or doctors appointments and only costs you the petrol. Obviously the scheme has running costs in the form of telephone calls and administration and the CDA is pleased to have made a substantial donation to help boost funds. If you would like to make a donation please call Doris Young on 01344 426773 or perhaps you would like to become one of their volunteer drivers. There are no set hours, you just help out as and when you can. If you feel you would like to get involved why not give Doris a call and have a chat.

Diamond Wedding Anniversary Congratulations

Congratulations to Ray and Glenna Platt of Church Road who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on 26th June. Ray and Glenna have been members and supporters of the CDA for many years.

Alan Plumley

Regretfully we must report on the sad death of Alan Plumley of Church Road who passed away in June. Our sincere condolences to his wife, Maureen, and their family.

Overhanging Foliage

Please can we ask residents to check whether they have any overhanging foliage. Bracknell Forest Council are within their rights to employ contractors to cut this back if this is seen to be obstructing highways including pavements (and then charge you for the privilege!). So please take time to take a look and get out with those secateurs/loppers.

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AGM

Thank you to members and invited guests who attended our 52nd AGM on 16th May. Ruth Timbrell gave an interesting talk about the effects of WW1 on local families in Chavey Down and prepared a display of photographs and memorabilia. Unfortunately it appears that one of the silk postcards that she had on display has gone missing. If anyone has found this, please let her know, as it is part of a collection she has.

All of the committee were re-elected. There were still 4 places to fill and we have subsequently co-opted 2 additional committee members being Paul Davies who has previously sat on the committee, and a fairly new resident of North Road, Richard Hyslop. We are still looking for a Minute Secretary so please do contact us if you are happy to volunteer.

CDA committee

Chairman:	Jacque Lovell
Vice Chairman:	Colin Yates
Secretary:	Ruth Timbrell
Treasurer:	Adrian Hoare
Committee members:	Eileen Biggane, Paul Davies, Richard Hyslop, Ivan Parr and Tracey van Oeffelen,

Subscriptions

For those of you who have forgotten to renew your subscription, please do so as soon as possible, as otherwise you could lose your entitlement to the benefits that membership brings. These should be posted to the Treasurer at 26 Church Road (or pass them to one of the other committee members if this is more convenient). Subscription rates remain as previously at the following rates:

- Senior Citizens (age 60 before 1st April 2013) - £1.50.
- Individual Membership £2.50
- Family Membership £4.00

Thank you to everyone who made an additional donation. These really do make such a difference as they allow us to fund activities throughout the year such as the summer outing, Christmas hampers, and helping with the running costs.

Fireworks

We know it's only September but Firework Night is only a couple of months away, so this is a plea to residents to please take care with your fireworks, and consider local wildlife and our pets.

CCTV

A CCTV camera, donated by a local resident, is now in place at the layby on Longhill Road, together with notices about fly tipping. This is an area which seems to regularly be targeted by fly tippers and hopefully the installation of this camera will discourage them.

Bonfires

Every year, neighbours are unable to enjoy their gardens, open windows or hang washing out because of bonfires. They are a real nuisance and probably the most polluting way to dispose of waste. Bonfires produce smoke causing pollutants such as carbon monoxide, dioxins and particles, and, burning things such as plastic, rubber or painted materials, will not only create an unpleasant odour but also produce poisonous compounds.

Bonfire smoke also causes problems for asthmatics, bronchitis sufferers, people with heart conditions and children.

Please be considerate towards your neighbours and dispose of waste using the recycling bins or by taking it to Longshot Lane Waste Disposal area.

Heritage Open Days 11th-14th September

This year's Heritage Open Days are from Thursday 11th September to Sunday, 14th September. For more information go to www.heritageopendays.org.uk.

Christmas Celebration

Richard Hyslop is organising a Chavey Down Village Carol Service which will take place on Saturday, 13th December at 18:00. The service will be held in St Martin's church and will be followed by mulled wine and homemade mince pies. This service is open to all villagers and we hope that as many as possible will join us for what promises to be a special service to get us all in the festive spirit! A choir made up of villagers will perform on the night. If anyone would like to join the choir they are more than welcome and can contact Richard on 07974 133651 for further information.



Website

The Chavey Down Association now has a website up and running (albeit is still a work in progress and some pages are still under construction). We are most grateful to Ian Valentine of Long Hill Road for all his help with this. The website address is www.chaveydown.co.uk.

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Trial of New Westerly Departure Routes from Heathrow

A trial of new Westerly Departure Routes from Heathrow starts on 25th August and finishes on 26th January 2015. We understand that the aim of these trials is to reduce the intervals between take-offs by using more departure routes and using routes which diverge more significantly from each other than the currently approved routes. Heathrow would then be able to have more departures while still meeting the legally stipulated safety criteria for separation between aircraft.



There are six new routes, four of which will track over **Ascot, Sunningdale, Sunninghill and Bracknell** compared with one which currently tracks to the east of Sunningdale. One of the new routes tracks south west over Cheapside, another tracks west of the racecourse at which point it turns south, and the third tracks south west over Sunningdale to Lightwater before turning south. The fourth route tracks south west over Bracknell town centre. By the time aircraft are in our area they will be at 3,000 feet or higher. There is no information about the frequency of departures on these routes.

According to Ascot News (20/08/14) a Heathrow spokeswoman said "It is all part of the airspace modernisation strategy which has not been upgraded for 40 years". The same paper quotes a NATS Holdings spokeswoman as saying "Basically it is upgrading technology and streamlining old designs".

It is hard to believe that anything has remained unchanged for 40 years, where air travel is concerned!!!

The problem of aircraft queuing for take-off is certainly many years old, so why only instigate this test now?

The test period, in the quieter months of the year may be the best period from the point of view of causing least disruption on account of any teething problems, but it will not give a true indication of noise nuisance for the busy summer period.

At present, it is understood that the burden of noise is shared around the affected areas, by changing flight paths during each day or every few days. If more flight paths are to be used routinely, the scope for such sharing will be curtailed.

If a third runway were to be built at Heathrow, the extra flight paths which are the subject of the proposed test would be needed permanently since, although an extra runway would allow more aircraft to take-off, with less delays on the ground, once in the air they have to be distributed. There would be more flights and a more dense use of all flight paths.

Finally, it should be noted that in the next few months or in a year or two a decision will be made regarding the siting of any new airport capacity in the UK.

The proposed test of more flight paths could be taking place at this time as part of Heathrow's attempt to persuade the government that it should be chosen for that capacity.

Aircraft noise is relevant to the protection of our environment. There are specialist groups who concentrate on aviation matters so we suggest that any members or residents who wish to comment should contact specialist and accountable bodies such as:

- + Bracknell Forest Council as they are members of LAANC and will pass on comments;
- + HACAN ClearSkies [Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise] at www.hacan.org.uk;
- + Heathrow Airport at www.heathrowairport.com/noise

and copy SPAE (Society for the Protection of Ascot and Environs) – secretary@spae.org – on any communication.

Another website link which is certainly worth looking at is the following:

<http://www.ascotandthesunningsnp.com/new-heathrow-flight-paths-trial-over-ascot-and-sunningdale/>