



CHALE PARISH NEWS

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Chairman's Report

There isn't much space left in this issue for my report, but I gladly make space for others with more important things to let you know about.

On 4th April we had our Annual Parish Meeting and it was nice to see so many parishioners attending. We enjoyed reports from the various Parish representatives, especially David Whitehurst our Tree Warden, there will be more about this in a future news letter once the minutes have been agreed at the next Parish Council meeting.

The next major event for the Parish Council will be the Local Government elections in May after this the Parish Council will need to hold it's AGM. This is when the Chair and Vice-Chair will be elected as well as the various representatives to parish groups.

With all of this and with the other things mentioned in this Newsletter there is going to be a busy time ahead for the Council as we still have to carry out all of the usual business that comes before us.

Hopefully by the next issue the Parish Council will have been able to submit the application for Quality Council status and we can update you on that.

2005 ELECTIONS

As these words are written we are rapidly approaching the 2005 election time for both Central and Local Government. As most people will be aware, your Parish Council is served by six parish councillors, who give their time to serve the Community. Generally speaking, at Parish Council level party politics are considered unimportant and the emphasis should be on serving the best interests of the **community**

With all of this in mind it is important that electors take the trouble to cast a vote for their Parish Council candidates, particularly as this election because Chale Parish Council is working towards **Quality Council** status which brings fresh recognition and funding sources, providing the Council can prove an initial 80 percent electoral mandate following local elections.

Chale Recreation Ground Association

At a recent committee meeting we discussed the need to introduce new people to the Recreation Ground Association especially young people. This especially important now as the Isle of Wight Council has agreed to sell the field to the village. Once a price has been finalised we will need to establish a Charitable Trust then we will need to prove to the Charities Commission that we have a strong and pro active committee.

We would also like to see more organised sports on the field, football, rugby maybe even cricket. But to do this we need people who can lead their specialist sport.

On a positive note the bookings for the field are looking very good for this year already. You may remember last year that The Royal Pigeon Racing Association released 5000 birds. We have been sent a list of further dates for this year, the dates are:

April: 16 & 23 May:28 June: 25
July: 23& 30 August: 13,20 & 27

This is in addition to the monthly carboot sales and other events booked into the diary.

If you can help please contact John Hardy on 730660

PROBLEMS WITH THE BROWN TAILED MOTH

Occasionally Parish Councils have to deal with unusual problems. A good example of this occurred last February when the Parish Clerk received notice from the Isle of Wight Council's Environmental Health department that the Chale Recreation Ground was infested by the Brown Tailed Moth (*Euproctis Chrysoorhea*), which is a pest that has inhabited Great Britain since the early 18th Century.

Although the Recreation Ground is owned by the Isle of Wight Council, the Parish Council as lessee, is responsible for pest control so the matter was referred to the Recreation Ground Committee who promptly carried out necessary investigation and action to eradicate the problem without resorting to the need to spray with pesticides

Village Diary

- Car boot sales at the Recreation Ground
1 May and monthly throughout the
summer
- Chale Summer Show
6/7 August
- Chale Kite Festival
17/18 September (provisionally)

If you would like to publish an event please contact the Parish Office

CHALE PARISH PLAN

By the time you read this edition of *Chale Parish News* a copy of the Chale Parish Plan should have been received by every household in the Chale Civil Parish. This Plan was originally conceived in March 2003 when the Parish Council received a grant of £1800 from the Countryside Agency as part of its "Vital Villages" initiative.

The purpose of the plan was to carry out an in depth survey of the Parish, listing its assets, weaknesses, socio-economic trends and an attempt to set out a blueprint for the future that has drawn heavily on the participation and opinions of local people.

Although originally conceived and led by the Parish Council the actual work of researching and producing the plan has been carried out by a steering group drawn from local residents and organisations. This group, led and inspired by Cllr David Overton finally completed its task and published the plan this month.

Considered by outside sources to be one of the best Parish Plans to be produced on the Isle of Wight, and favourably complimented on nationally, we believe it deserves your considered attention.

This document will play a vital part of the Council's application for Quality Council Status

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