



LITTLE CHALFONT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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Platinum Jubilee Edition



W.I.'s crown on the triangle



Flypast on 2nd June after Trooping of the Colour



W.I.'s jubilee cream tea



*Unveiling of the W.I.'s silver birch on the village green
(see articles on p4 and p8).*



DCHS cake competition

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A selection of street gatherings and parties held in Little Chalfont....



Amersham Way



Westwood Drive



Latimer Close



Birkett Way



Birkett Way jubilee cup cakes!



Loudhams Wood Road

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published with
appropriate
permissions*

**More residents' street parties on
the next page.....**



Village Way



Park Grove

More jubilee street gatherings.....



Village Way children's best crown



Church Grove



Loudhams Road street party and cream tea gathering



Community Association News

Threat to our Green Belt

The parish council's spring newsletter reported that the planning application for developing the land between Burtons Lane and Lodge Lane was about to be considered by Buckinghamshire Council. On 21 April the council's planning committee decided unanimously to refuse the application. We posted this information on Facebook, on our website <http://savelittlechalfont.org.uk/>, and in communications to LCCA members.

We are now expecting the developers to appeal the decision and as soon as details are available, we will post the information with comments on our website <http://savelittlechalfont.org.uk/>.

Following recent statements from the government on planning policy, Buckinghamshire Council has now begun to move forward in preparing the Buckinghamshire Local Plan. It is still at an early stage but the Coordination Group (acting for the parish council and community association) is monitoring progress and will keep the community advised of significant developments.



Jubilee Tree Plantings

Amersham Way

Amersham Way celebrate the Queen's jubilee and the planting of a commemorative silver birch that was kindly donated by The Flower Boutique.



Parish council

The parish council marked the jubilee by planting an evergreen holm oak tree in a small ceremony in Westwood Park.



Nature Park hornbeam planting

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, a very excited school council from Chalfont Valley Primary Academy planted a new Hornbeam in Little Chalfont Nature Park on 25 May.

Led by Acting Head Mrs Elizabeth Wilson, the children, chosen from each of the school's age groups, walked to the park from school, put the tree in place and enthusiastically took it in turns to replace the soil around it.



Hornbeams can live for over 300 years, a fitting, long lived tribute by the children to our Queen.



The jubilee tree was donated by Chalfont Valley Primary Academy and replaces an old Hornbeam, one of the Park's signature trees, which fell in a storm last year.



On the right we see the children inspecting the fallen hornbeam.

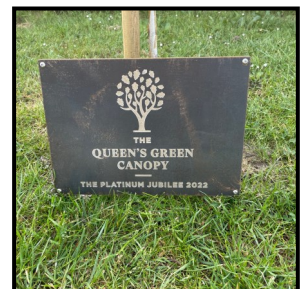
Photo above left shows Seven Henry-Ames, son of Novia Henry-Ames, one of our parish councillors, helping the parish council chairman, Mike Crowe, to plant it. On the right is Mike and vice chair Vinny Patel, next to the newly planted tree.



We look forward to seeing it flourish in the coming years.

W.I.

In January of this year, the W.I. planted a silver birch Snow Queen tree with help from Amersham town council. May saw the unveiling of the plaque on a support, devised and made by 'Men in Sheds'.



News from our Parish Council

Jubilee celebrations

Alongside its own plans for the occasion, Little Chalfont Parish Council was pleased to be involved with several other local events for the glorious celebration of the Queen's 70 years on the throne, over the weekend of 2-5 June 2022.

Sadly, the weather on some days of the celebration, over the weekend of 2-5 June 2022, was disappointing, to say the least, but no one allowed that to dampen their enthusiasm for the celebrations!

To mark this momentous anniversary, the council installed a six-metre high flagpole outside the village hall; in addition, new aluminium flagpoles were purchased to replace the old wooden flagpoles for shops and businesses in Little Chalfont. Over the celebration weekend, jubilee or union flags were flown from most of these shops and businesses.



As a more permanent reminder of the occasion, the parish council planted an evergreen holm oak tree in

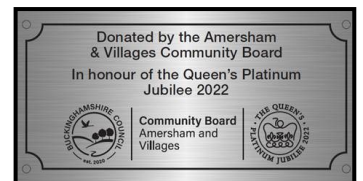
a small ceremony in Westwood Park, at which several councillors and members of the public were present.
(See photos on page 4)

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bench

Working with Amersham & Villages Community Board, Little Chalfont parish council is pleased to announce that a hardwood bench has been ordered to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



The bench will be located on the corner of Oakington Avenue and Church Grove and will afford walkers and residents alike, east-facing views over the adjacent lovely countryside towards Chorleywood.



The council referred to some excellent research on durability and sustainability, undertaken by students of Dr Challoner's High School in the village, to decide on a suitable material of construction.

The jubilee bench is expected to be installed in late summer/early autumn this year.

Amersham & Villages Community Board

The Amersham & Villages Community Board agreed their priorities for the 22-23 financial year and are focusing on:

- Health & Wellbeing
- Supporting our Young People
- Enabling a Safe and Thriving Community
- Improving our Environment

You can get involved with your local Community Board in many ways:

- Attending board meetings - our next one is taking place on Thursday 28 July at 6:30pm online.
- Submit a new idea and discuss it with us to see if we can find a local organisation who might be doing something similar or would like to take on something new.
- Apply for funding if you're an established local voluntary or community group that is developing a

new project of your own.

- Join our mailing list to
 - ◇ Receive information about new funding applications and share your views on whether you feel it should be approved
 - ◇ Keep up to date on local activities via our newsletter
- Follow us on Facebook ([@AmershamCB](#)) and Instagram ([@amershamcommunityboard](#))

Projects in the pipeline... Can you help?

We are looking for volunteers to help setup Grow to Give in our local area. The aim is to redirect surplus produce and give it to those in need of support within our community.

- Are you a local grower who would like to donate?
- Are you a volunteer who would like to help with collection and/or distribution?

Contact us on Amersham@Buckinghamshire.gov.uk to get involved or find out more.



Community Improvement Plan (CIP)

The Little Chalfont Community Improvement Plan (CIP) represents the views and aspirations of the community, together with projects adopted under the priorities of the Amersham & Villages Community Board. All the current projects are joint initiatives between the parish council and the community association.



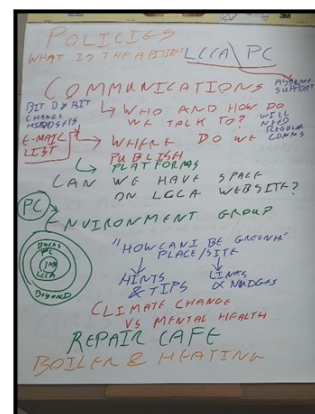
Environment and Climate Change There has been lots going on in Little Chalfont to progress ideas around the environment and climate change. Quarterly Environment Cafés are arranged in the Village Hall (**next event 17th Sept 10am-12 noon**) and local residents have started discussions around how best to co-ordinate efforts.

We are currently talking to similar groups in Chesham and Amersham about setting up a "Sustainable Little Chalfont" group to help co-ordinate and plan any climate and environmental projects. This group will meet more often and will aim to bring about the change we know we need to see at a local level. The local priorities that came out of the first environment café focused on pollution/traffic reduction, litter and the local footpaths. We have had lots of embryonic ideas that range from community fridges, community transport, energy reduction and insulation, plastic free initiatives, repair cafes to bike racks.

Watch this space for more information about how these ideas are progressing. If you would like to get involved, please contact environment@littlechalfont.org.uk



A group at the Environment café on 25 June



Environmental ideas board



Dementia Friendly Village Café 22, the first stage of becoming a 'Dementia Friendly Village', is going from strength to strength but still has capacity to welcome more guests, their carers and volunteers from Little Chalfont to the weekly café on Thursday mornings – 10am to 11.45am.

Becoming an independent charity is now being progressed and, at the same time, the Management Committee is collaborating with Amersham, with a view to setting up a single organisation, which will embrace the same objectives for the whole of our Community Board area and even beyond.



The party in full swing



Our volunteers and their party food.

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, all involved in **Café 22** held a party over the jubilee weekend, which was a great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Also in June, the café was visited by girls from Dr Challoner's High School, who provided wonderful entertainment with a recital of music. This was very well received and there is now an arrangement in place for this to be repeated on a regular basis during each year. 'Thank you' girls and indeed to the school for recognising the great benefit of music to our guests. If you would like to be part of this success story, in whatever capacity, please contact Helen Tyers at 01494 762395 or email

goodneighbours@littlechalfont.org.uk.

Community News



**50% off
for new
members**

Open Day Sunday 17 July 2 - 4 pm

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Coaching and Holiday
Camp enquiries

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Contact Colin at any time to arrange a free 30-minute trial
session <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/ColinWilliamsTennis>

www.litchalfonttennisclub.co.uk

www.facebook.com/LittleChalfontTC



**1st Amersham Common Scout
Group: Scouting for All**



Our group have been busy, with lots of activities and our numbers growing. The highlights were two of our Scouts winning the Annual District Shooting competition and a group summer camp where fun was had all.



We are looking for
people to join our
leadership teams. If
interested please contact Victoria
Golby
on 07770 782 922 or at
victoriagolby@live.co.uk.

Little Chalfont

COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Information • Recreation • Education • Culture

The **SUMMER READING CHALLENGE** launched on 9th July and is all about the 'Gadgeteers', combining science and innovation and its impact on the world. We have invested £300 on new books to support the reading challenge and there are lots of exciting extra resources children can access online. This year there is a pre-school challenge for those under 3 and the full challenge is open to all those aged 4-11. A fun activity for the summer holiday period with a certificate and medal on completion.

CHILDREN'S JIGSAWS TO BORROW -

Following the huge success of our jigsaw lending library for adults, we now have a selection of children's jigsaws to borrow, just in time for the summer holidays.

MURAL -

We have an artist completing a fabulous mural in the children's section – it is a work in progress but worth a look. The artist is Bryony Thomson whose website is www.bryonythomson.com



The library has lots of new initiatives, so if you haven't yet joined (it's free) or visited recently, then do come along.

Library Jubilee celebrations

The LCCL Knit and Knatter group has been very busy over the last few weeks making red, white and blue bunting to decorate the library for the Jubilee celebrations. The end result was fabulous and festive.



Our talented display team decorated our display stand with a wonderful jubilee extravaganza. It had mementos of the Coronation, past jubilee celebrations and lots of royal memorabilia - all loaned

by volunteers. Royally themed books completed the display.

The library also ran a jubilee quiz, which had customers and volunteers scratching their heads. The prize - a royally themed hamper - justified all the brain power expended!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—the library is staffed by volunteers and we would like to expand our friendly team. Shifts are 1.5 to 2 hours and if you can spare some time then we would love to hear from you. Simply email littlechalfontlibrary@gmail.com and we can have a chat.

Community Information

W.I.

What an incredibly busy six months we have had!

To kick start the year we had Chesham's the Artful Mender giving a demonstration on how to mend clothes to make them last longer, this fits in with one of our key objectives of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

We had the incredible Blood Bikes, (if you haven't heard of these fantastic volunteers, I would give them a google and be prepared to be impressed and humbled in equal measures.)

March bought us science month and teams of members used spaghetti and marshmallows competing to build the biggest tower and a lot of laughter and fun was had by all. March also bought out the Easter display on the village triangle - I hope you spotted the rabbits!

In April, we had an actor regaling us of his life in film. In June, we had the

charismatic Beaconsfield Town Crier, Dick Smith, who entertained us with stories throughout his life and the way he can throw his voice was incredible.

The Queen is the President of the Women's Institute so we always like to celebrate. Our May meeting, unveiled the plaque that accompanies the silver birch Snow Queen tree we planted in January with help from Amersham town council. Chesham All Girls band came along to play for us and the plaque was unveiled by Val and Joan who celebrated their 90th birthdays during lockdown. (See photos on page 4.)



We then went back to the hall for a 1950's Street Party, egg sandwiches, jelly and evaporated milk, tea and squash, followed by Scottish country dancing with Gerrards Cross &

Chalfonts Scottish Country Dance Club (see photo on front page).

The village triangle gained a beautiful crown which was built by a very talented group of members and really was a Crowning Glory. (See photo on front page). Our talented knitters got to work and made 30 mini corgis, which were then hidden around the village for the local children to find. They were all numbered and if they were taken to the craft market in June they could find out if they had a Golden Corgi, which won an extra prize of a jubilee mug.

We also had an evening trip to The Tower of London to see the iconic key ceremony, the weather was kind and it was a very magical evening.

The next months look equally as busy, you can come for free on your first visit and we always have tea and cake! We meet in Little Chalfont Village Hall on 2nd Tuesday of the month at 19.45.

Paula Hughes – President Little Chalfont Evening W.I. icevewi@gmail.com

Dr Challoner's High School

DCHS celebrated The Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 9th June.

We wore red, white and blue for the day, then we had a jubilee picnic on the playing field, the students made crowns, held a baking competition and the whole school played jubilee bingo!

It was a really lovely day celebrating a very special occasion.



Baking competition entrant



Our thanks to Cytiva

Back in April, a team from Amersham Place undertook a successful litter pick in the Village Centre and in the White Lion Road.

Also, with a special effort being made for food donations in July, the company agreed to encourage those working in Amersham Place to join in. Their donations boosted Little Chalfont's efforts for the Chiltern Foodbank on 9 July.

Cytiva's willingness to be part of our community is greatly valued and we extend our grateful thanks. *LCCA Committee*

Dates for your Diary

Chiltern Foodbank Donations Village Centre – 9am to 12 noon

August No drop-off/collection

Saturday 10 September

Saturday 8 October

Our Bucks Councillors' Surgeries Community Library – 9am to 10am

Saturday 23 July

Saturday 24 September

Saturday 26 November

Environment Cafes Village Hall – 10am to 12 noon

Saturday 17 September

Saturday 3 December