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CLENCHWARTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Clenchwarton Parishioners

Welcome to our January edition of the Parish Newsletter.

First of all we would like to wish you all a **VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR** and hope that you all celebrated a joyous Christmas.

It has been very busy for councillors and the CCP committee towards the end of the year.

We welcomed Mr. Ray Mace onto the Parish Council, which now gives us the full complement of 12 councillors.

Several councillors attended training courses provided by NALC (Norfolk Association of Local Councils) on issues like Data Protection, Budgeting and Employment laws.

Around Your Village

Litter

The village litter pick back in October once again produced 20 bags of litter as well as a go-cart, a portable television, a full plate of dinner wrapped in cling film and a pregnancy test, mmmh. Luckily the cleanup team collecting the bags took the lot. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who turned up to do their bit. It was lovely to see whole families turn out and enjoy themselves. We hope all the little feet soon recovered and you will all come back and bring a friend next time round. Here is the date for your diary: **Saturday 17th/ Sunday 18th March**. Usually we do about two to three hours worth of litter picking. However, it is entirely up to each individual how long they want to spend with us. Hopefully spring will be in the air by then! SEE YOU THEN. As usual we'll meet on the Playing Field car park 10 am

both mornings.

Staying with the issue of litter we have to tell you that there has been an incident of fly tipping on the car park at the top end of the playing field. Several bags had been dumped overnight in the middle of the car park full of just household rubbish, i.e. dirty nappies, food wrappings, old clothes, some toys etc. Nothing that would not have gone into a black bin. It was a sad sight to see but the good news is that an envelope with an address was found and after a lot of phone calls and e-mails the Borough Council's environmental team are investigating. Let's hope the perpetrators can be brought to justice. We will keep you posted on the outcome.

Flood Summit

A meeting took place between County Councillor Alexandra Kemp, Borough Councillor David Whitby and representatives from Highways, Anglian Water, Freebridge and members of the Parish Council. The group inspected several locations prone to flooding in the Robin Kerkham Way and Clapper Lane area. It was agreed that dykes should be cleaned out on a regular basis and parties concerned are looking into ownership issues. Anglian Water is also looking into issues regards updating pumps.

Milestone

The village milestone has been re-sited with the help of the Milestone Society and a local farmer who just happened to come by at the right time. A parishioner has adopted the stone and it is going to be painted. The Parish Council has made a donation of £50 towards the works. We hope you agree that it looks very nice and **THANK YOU** to all involved with the work.

SAM2

We hope you have all noticed our new SAM2 sign is now up and running. This vehicle activated sign (VAS) shows the speed of an approaching vehicle and if more than 10 miles per hour above the limit will display 'Slow down'. The data will be downloaded and passed on to the police so they can do targeted speed checks. We eventually will use four sites: 2 on Main Road, Station Road and Hall Road. It was purchased with the help of a grant from Norfolk County Council.

Trees

An evergreen oak tree in the closed part of the church yard has been causing problems for a neighbouring property for quite some time. We have now been in touch with the Diocese and are hoping that the problem can soon be rectified without too much red tape. By the time you read this, with a bit of luck, the work might even have been done which would be great news and not fake either.

We have also been notified by the Borough Council that the oak tree on the right-hand side on the approach to the pavilion has now got a TPO (Tree Preservation Order) on it which is great news.

CCP UPDATE

The big news is that planning permission for the New Memorial Hall has now been granted. As with everything new one can always argue for and against. At our CCP meetings in November and December a good number of Parishioners attended and a very good, constructive discussion was had. This the members of the CCP very much appreciate and we hope we could alleviate some of your fears, explain points of concern or simply make you think again. Can we please reiterate that all plaques and memorials will be re-instated at the New Memorial Hall. There will be restrictions on how late functions can go on for. Sound proofing will obviously be up to the latest standards and doors won't be allowed to be left open with music being played inside.

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, 20th January, 9 am**. As always, everybody is welcome to attend.

Fundraising

The word to be used is: **ONGOING**. We are looking to provide as many of the following events as the village would like to see, so your feedback would be greatly appreciated:

- Quiz Nights
- Race Nights
- Bingo sessions
- Easter Egg Hunt on playing field
- Have a go at the GEAR run as a group

And that is only within the first 6 months of the year. Please keep your eyes peeled to the Notice Boards around the village for dates and times as well as the Parish Church Magazine. There will also be an announcement in Your Free Local Paper under '**What's On**'. As always, we are appealing for Prizes for Bingos and Raffles. For our first Bingo in November we had brilliant prizes from local businesses and we raised a respectable £ 110.50. **Many thanks to all who donated prizes and came to support us by playing! The next one will be on 15th February. Eyes down 19.00.**

Please let us have your ideas for fundraisers. Take part and make it happen.

DON'T FORGET: FUNDAY ON 16TH JUNE, 2-8.30 PM

Our new dedicated e-mail address is: ccpcommittee@outlook.com. Please use it and get in touch.

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Borough Council Office - fly tipping etc. 616200

UK Power Networks - info on power cuts 08003163105 (free)

Citizen Advice Bureaux: Hanse House, South Quay, King's Lynn, PE30 5GN

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DON'T FORGET THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS EVERY

FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM.

(Apart from Election Days)

COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY

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