

SEER GREEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Whilst our Council Meeting minutes and other notices are displayed on our notice board, we are very much aware that not many Parishioners read them. We have therefore decided to issue to all households regular newsletters advising what is happening or about to happen in the Village that we are involved with. We hope that this will be appreciated and you find it useful.

PARISH PLAN

We are delighted to report that over 500 villagers responded to the Parish Plan Questionnaire. This high level of interest is very encouraging and the questionnaires are currently being analysed.

As a continuing Parish Plan activity we are holding two forums where villagers can meet Parish Councillors and see some of the results from the questionnaire and be able to give their ideas by writing on sticky labels that they can then place on the appropriate board. The comments from the labels will be analysed and used by the respective steering group in putting together the Parish Plan.

YOUR PARISH PLAN

Open Day

Seer Green School
Village Day Saturday 14 June

11.30 to 14.30

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Open Coffee Morning

Parish Church Hall
Saturday 21 June

10.30 to 12.30

Removing Blackthorn from the Recreation Ground



Members of the Chiltern Society with some help from Parish Councillors and villagers cutting down and removing blackthorn from the land adjacent to the football and cricket pitches.

The Parish Council thanks all those who helped in removing this fast growing and quite dangerous plant.

Have you walked your Seer Green Jubilee Trail?

Features include:

- The 'Cherry Pie' Village.
- Hall Place where Edward, the Black Prince rested when hunting nearby.
- Green Wood, an example of England's forest heritage.
- Numerous species of wild flowers, trees and wild life.
- A disused pumping station.
- Beautiful bridleways and footpaths.
- Friendly pubs and shops.

Approx. 6.5 miles.

Allow at least two hours (optional break points on route).

Good to firm walkways but some stretches may be soft after heavy rain. Some parts are not suitable for wheelchairs and prams.

For a copy of the Guide please contact Parish Clerk.

RECYCLING BINS AT THE RECREATION GROUND

The paper and plastic bottle bins are normally emptied on Mondays and Fridays and the glass bin on Thursdays. If the bins are full, please do not leave your waste but return on another day or go to the Amersham Road Depot.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

At 7.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd July in the Parish Church Hall prior to the main Parish Council meeting, we have Deborah King from the Rural Housing Trust who specialise in arranging provision of affordable housing for local people in rural villages.

Her talk will include the role of the Rural Housing Trust in England and opportunities that may be available to Seer Green, if we so wished, to provide this type of housing.

This is a very important subject and we recommend that villagers attend the meeting and learn and debate this very important and relevant subject.

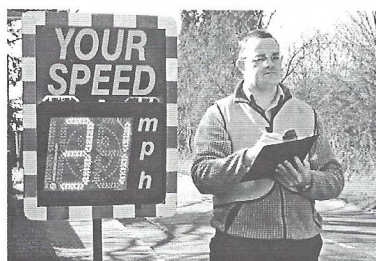
DOG WALKERS ALERT!

The 'Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996' came into effect on 22nd April 2003, making it a criminal offence to allow your dog to foul on all carriageways (this includes the roads, pavements and grass verges) with a speed limit of 40mph or less. In addition the following areas within the village have been designated under this Act:

Green Meadow Play Area, Jubilee Walkway, Recreation Ground and the Cemetery Entrance.

It is, of course, a common courtesy to not expect others to walk in what your dog leaves behind, but remember, it is now against the law to do so!

SPEED CONTROL



A volunteer using the Speed Indicator Device (SID) on loan from Bucks CC for a week in March. Your Parish Councillors and volunteers used the SID at various times for a week.

Whilst most drivers were driving sensibly, more than 20%, of drivers many of whom were local residents exceeded 35mph, with several at more than 50mph. The highest speed recorded was 70mph.

Your Parish Councillors would like all the roads in Seer Green outside the 30mph zone to have a speed restriction. A petition for a speed restriction on New Barn Lane has been submitted to Bucks CC for consideration. Seer Green, due to the lack of serious personal injury in recent years, is not considered to be a priority. However, New Barn Lane and the other village roads will be considered as part of the overall speed management strategy review in 2004/05.

PLEASE DRIVE WITH DUE CARE FOR OTHERS

PLAYGROUND

The play equipment in Green Meadow continues to be a much-used asset for the Village.

We have applied for funding to match that provided by the Playground Committee plus an added contribution by the Parish Council. If this funding is successful we will acquire a large piece of play apparatus suitable for Primary aged children.

NEW VILLAGE POLICEMAN

PC Paul Shovelton is the policeman now responsible for Seer Green and Jordans. He can regularly be seen in the village and is getting to know local people.

You may have seen him and other police officers out with the speed gun recently. Initial results indicated that 80% of people exceeding the speed limit lived in the village.

It is very important that no matter how small the damage or theft, that all incidences are reported to the Police by either telephoning 686192 or by email to paul.shovelton@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk

BOY KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR

On 13th May a car on School Lane, outside Green Meadow, knocked down a young boy. Fortunately the boy suffered no serious physical injury and we understand that the car driver was not to blame.

With the limited car parking near the school, it shows just how easy it is for an accident to take place and the need to take care and be vigilant at all times.

PARISH COUNCIL AGM.

The AGM was held on the 7th May and elected were:
Chairman: David Matthews 678890
Vice Chairman: John Forsaith.681818
Treasurer: Dennis Scourfield 672167

Parish Council meetings are held on the first Wednesday each month other than August. The meetings start with an open session where members of the public are able to speak and after, if they wish, are welcome to stay for part of or the full meeting.

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