



Chairman's Monthly Newsletter April

The pond project is nearing completion and now we just need a long hot summer to dry out over 20 years' accumulation of silt! We have received lots of interesting suggestions around the pond, although the advice currently provided to us is to be patient, let the area recover over the coming year and then consider what changes might be made. Low cost and low maintenance are key considerations. Several people have come forward, keen to get involved with the ongoing management. Please let us know if this is something you would like to do as we definitely need more volunteers if we are to implement some of the ideas being made!

We have had a heartfelt plea to avoid feeding the ducks and we will be arranging some signs to remind visitors about this.

As we look to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we have been awarded a National Lottery Community Award to buy two new commemorative seats, replace several ageing noticeboards – the one by the village hall and one on the Recreation Ground – and an accessible picnic table for the Top Field. In addition to which we also have money to improve the external lighting at the Coronation Hall and whilst we do not anticipate any planning issues, we are just waiting for confirmation that we can go ahead and place the orders. Hopefully this can all happen in time for the bank holiday weekend celebrations!

Our defibrillators have now been serviced and the pads and batteries replaced. We are looking forward to welcoming Sally, Worthing Community Responder, to run another CPR session on Monday 16th May at 11 a.m. and we still have spaces available so let us know if you are interested to come along.

The Council is now busy preparing its end of year finance reports which will require an external audit both this year and next as the Operation Watershed project means we have exceeded the level at which we can exempt ourselves from this overview.

And finally, we have lots of interesting guest speakers for the Annual Meeting of the Parish so we look forward to welcoming as many residents as possible on Monday May 23rd at 7 p.m. A reminder will be posted nearer the time.

Jan Rees, Chairman, for Slindon Parish Council

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