



Chairman's Monthly Newsletter March

It was super to see so many parishioners at our Queen's Jubilee tree planting ceremony on March 11th, marking the seventieth day of the year in which the Queen marks the seventieth anniversary of Her accession.

We were particularly privileged to be joined by John Apps, who was born in the village, and Annie Foreshe, who, in the early 1950s, caught the eye of a young Slindon cricketer - not so far from one of the English oaks we have planted and has spent the rest of her married life here. John and Annie led the ceremony, ably assisted by Andrew Griffith, our local MP, who admitted that he rather enjoyed tree planting, evidenced by his readiness to muck in and get his shoes dirty!

Just three months after becoming our MP Covid struck and Andrew no doubt found his plans to meet his constituents quite restricted. However, he seems to be more than making up for that now and his enthusiasm to chat to locals and general pleasure at being part of our community event was great to see. He has also championed our grant application to the South Downs National Park Authority to replace the ageing play equipment on the Top Field. We will keep everyone posted on the outcome and any ideas or suggestions for improvements are always very welcome.

As ever it has been a busy time here, with the pond project almost complete and the end of our financial year fast approaching. An external audit will be required this year as our income has increased through the Operation Watershed grant funding. The A27 Consultation process concluded on March 8th and the Council's response has been posted to the Parish Council website, incorporating the feedback provided to us by residents. We have also been co-ordinating the service of the defibrillators and the logistics of collection and loan equipment – no mean feat.

Sally the Community Responder, has kindly agreed to run another familiarisation session on Monday May 16th in Coronation Hall at 11 a.m. This will cover:-

- CPR - adult and paediatric
- The Chain of Survival
- Using a defibrillator

Please let Sarah know if you would like to come along.

We are also looking forward to welcoming everyone to the Annual Meeting of the Parish on Monday May 23rd for 7 p.m. and there is sure to be plenty to catch up on, with COVID preventing us from meeting for the past two years. We hope that the event will be as popular as ever and we will have time to socialise afterwards with a glass of wine in the newly licensed hall!

Jan Rees, Chairman, for Slindon Parish Council

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