

ChAP Update

Autumn 2007 Edition



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Chairman's Column

"Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter!"

It is really gratifying to see people working 'outside the box', being flexible in their approach and whilst not ignoring broader strategic aims, staying focussed on making things happen now. Great master plans can and often do overwhelm, become an industry in themselves and change when the political weather-vane points in another direction.

The Special Interest Groups (SIGS) are quietly getting on with their local projects in line with the priorities identified within the Area Community Plan.

Since our summer edition, the thorny issue of which local government structure will administer services in Wiltshire has been determined by the Minister responsible at Westminster, and one uncertainty is over. However just how this will happen, and how it will affect Council Tax payers is less clear.

What is absolutely certain is that the largest (in area) unitary council in England will require co-operation and major input from all who care about local diversity in service delivery levels and decision making, party politics notwithstanding.

The work of Chippenham Area Community Partnership is continuing with little talk, few meetings, but plenty of action from the grass roots for the grass roots!

ChAP pledges to continue our work in whatever way we can in whatever structure the future holds.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to the ChAP Annual Event (details below). I am delighted to confirm that the Chippenham 20/20 Vision will be giving their update. Their recent presentations, in terms of how Chippenham should play to its strengths (the river, the Western Arches etc) were spot-on, and should work to remove some very obvious building eyesores."

Jane Clark - Chairman
Chippenham Area Community Partnership

ChAP Annual Event

Tuesday 9th October 6-8pm, Neeld Hall Chippenham

Exhibits & updates on local projects including:

- ChAP Transport Survey
- Chippenham 20/20 Vision

All welcome

Refreshments served

Perforum - Culture and Leisure

On June 20th 2007 Jane Clark, Chairman of the Chippenham Area Partnership, convened a special meeting of the Culture & Leisure Special Interest Group (SIG) at the Cove Theatre, Wiltshire College.

A wide range of voluntary culture and leisure groups and individuals were invited, along with other interested parties such as Parish Councils and representatives of local performance venues.

Many thanks to Deryck Newland for hosting the meeting and giving us a tour of the Cove.

This meeting decided to adopt the name Perforum to comprise those voluntary performing and exhibiting groups and individuals from Chippenham and surrounding villages, who wished to take part.

A 'virtual' General Meeting was called soon afterwards, and three Resolutions were passed.

1. To adopt the Constitution
2. To appoint Officers
3. To set up a bank account at Lloyds TSB, Chippenham branch

The special subject for the June 20th meeting was 'Enhancement of the Neeld Hall as a performance venue'. John Clark introduced a professional survey of the Neeld Hall that had been carried out with financial support from the Chippenham Area Partnership.

It was agreed that it was not fair to expect the Town Council to meet capital expenditure requirements for such a project, but that if Perforum applied to funding agencies in the names of its interested

members, there was a good chance that funding could be achieved. A lead group would be required for this purpose and MicroChippis Theatre Company agreed to take this role.

Other Perforum groups with an interest in taking this forward include:

- Chippenham Community Festival Association
- Chippenham Light Opera Group (CLOGS)
- Chippenham Hi-Lights
- ETCETERA, a new Chippenham-based amateur dramatic group
- Chippenham choirs...

We hope to call the next meeting of Perforum soon, so that we can report progress on the first project and seek interest for the next requirements to work on!

Any feedback from this Newsletter or any matter that comes within our remit, please do write to Jane at: jane@seagry39.wanadoo.co.uk or phone 01249 721171

Stanton St Quintin Primary School is hosting an Environmental Festival on Saturday 29th September. The theme for the day is "reduce, re-use, recycle – relax....". There is a packed programme of family activities designed to help people learn more about how to reduce their impact on the environment. 9 year old Vikki Hanks, a pupil at the school, designed the winning logo for the publicity.



For more details see website www.cave-environment.co.uk or contact Helen on gizhelen@hotmail.com or 01666 837 164 or Vicky on vwelsh@northwilts.gov.uk or 01249 706 446.

CAVE's major project for 2007 sees the launch of the county's first thermal imaging camera for public use. The project is being funded by grants and will be piloted in the autumn in Chippenham and Kington St Michael. A launch programme and more details will follow soon. The camera enables residents to have pictures taken of their house to see how well insulated their property is, and CAVE intend to offer this service free where funds permit. The camera will be used throughout the community area and later across the North Wiltshire District, and is managed by the CAVE team.



We have a call for help for volunteers and publicity for a major initiative in Chippenham. Based on the Climate Friendly Communities

and Transition Towns models which help towns and villages lower their carbon footprint, tackle climate change and reduce reliance on fossil fuels, the Chippenham initiative is in early planning stages and is building a core team of volunteers to develop a plan and follow it through with the aim of making Chippenham an exemplar sustainable town. If can help or know someone who can, please contact Sarah Singleton on 01249 462073 or email: sarah@patterdown.freeserve.co.uk.

If you have any environmental plans or ideas for 2008, please let us know, we'd love to hear from you! Contact details at the bottom of the page.

Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPT) is local Policing in the heart of the community. Using modern day Policing technology, we aim to work closely with all of our partnership agencies to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Every Town and Village in Wiltshire will have a local dedicated Officer, and all Officers have signed up for a minimum of 2 years on their beats, and will become a familiar face. We shall engage with the community, and find out what the main priorities are that affect the day to day lives of people who live, work and visit the area. The dedicated team of beat Managers, beat Officers and Police Community Support Officers will achieve this by working with the community, statutory partnerships and voluntary organisations.

Visit the Wiltshire Police website: www.wiltshire.police.uk and click on the links to NPT, or telephone 0845 408 7000 for details of your officer.

We look forward to working with you all.

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Health and Social Care

Good News! Wiltshire NHS Primary Care Trust (PCT) is addressing one of the concerns in the Chippenham and Villages Community Plan. "6.8 Waiting times for NHS treatments." The PCT held a seminar on 8th August 2007 on how they plan to achieve the "18 week wait" by the end of 2008. This is an 18 week pathway from GP referral to the start of hospital treatment and is a key target for the PCT and its commissioned services.

The Health and Social Care Group (HASC) is keeping a close eye on the introduction of the Chippenham Neighbourhood Team which will provide care and treatment for people in their own homes rather than in the community hospital. The HASC Group is particularly concerned to know how the Chippenham Neighbourhood Team will work with other statutory and voluntary organisations who provide care in the community and so will be inviting a number of representatives of these groups to their next meeting.

The HASC Group would welcome more members please contact Pam Sharratt on 01249 658141 or at 2psharratt@tiscali.co.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2007	
29th September 11am - 3pm	Stanton St Quintin Environmental Festival Stanton St Quintin Primary School
9th October 10am - 4pm	October Occasion Neeld Hall Chippenham
9th October 6pm - 8pm	ChAP Community Event Neeld Hall Chippenham
10th October 7pm	CAVE Meeting Stanton St Quintin Primary School
24th October 7pm	Perforum Meeting North Wilts District Council, Monkton Park

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