

Church Steps



Wear and tear, and ground movement on the steep bank had resulted in the main steps becoming too dangerous to use. These are a very important visual feature of the village, and sympathetic repair was essential.

Thanks go to Peter Smith who undertook the heavy task of lifting and resetting every stone step. Funds were provided by the Parish Council

Summary

Living in the country has been made increasingly difficult by a succession of central government interference that reduces what we get and charges us more.

It is however still evident that more people want the type of lifestyle for themselves and their families that small rural communities such as our provides. It is important that we all try and support and maintain what we have so that we can all enjoy it for the future.

According to the latest global warming predictions, we will become Warmington-on Sea around 2120 when the Motorway finally floods as far as Mollington. That should reduce the traffic noise considerably!

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Geraint Lewis Chairman

Warmington



Annual Parish Meeting

Chairman's Report

10th June 2009

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Please use your village website and support local businesses and services.

There is a lot of useful information and news updated every week.

There is now internet access in the village hall.

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Highways

After lengthy and persistent insistence from the Parish Council there have been some minor repairs and cleaning carried out of drains and gulleys to alleviate the surface water problems.



The road to Mollington has not however been repaired despite recent attempts by Shotteswell and Warmington to get Oxford CC to agree that the surface is dangerous.

There will be a speed limit review in Arlescote during 2010 that will hopefully result in a new 30mph zone.

Warmington Pond

No not the picture above, the ones below!



The last time the pond was completely cleaned out Bob Pick remembers watching as a boy. This time he was more actively involved in the clearance of over 180 tons of sludge and debris. The water depth has been restored to four feet in the centre and the repairs have created a pleasant clean water area ready for



replanting.

There were no items of interest found, apart



from a few penny coins. It was interesting to see that the black sludge had corroded most of the metal items, and the coins came out shiny and pink due to the extreme acidity. Exactly what the pond conservation trust had told us, and why the pond diversity was so poor.

In the past week children have been wading in the cold water, they appreciate the work carried out, and a few lilies have regrown.

Motorway Noise

The issue of noise from the motorway has been a recurrent problem ever since the road was built. There are a few specific causes, and one of these is the low level field to the east of the Farnborough Road. The Parish Council has approached a number of possible consultancy partners with a view to establishing the actual noise levels, and the possible solutions. The local universities have no relevant expertise and further ideas are

needed to progress this project. The noise levels have definitely increased over the past few years, however the regular noise checks carried out by Highways Agency have shown that the levels are still below the limits where they are prepared to install noise reduction measures.



Village Hall

The free internet wifi point is working in the village hall. The log on details are.

Network Name Warmington.
Password is 1BB9BC4B4B

The result of the village survey on the proposed redevelopment came out in favour of a modest refurbishment and redevelopment to update the facilities.



Parish Councillors

Mark Burstall (Deputy Chairman)

Jeff Deakin

Jenny Handscombe

Geraint Lewis (Chairman)

Susan Stevens-Hoare

Clerk Ms Christine Walker

Warmington & Arlescote Parish Council is responsible for a number of local services of benefit to our community and is the publicly accountable elected body representing some 250 electors in these two communities and the surrounding area.

Review

Two projects have been completed during the year, The Parish Council provided the funding for the major repairs to the main church steps, returning these to safe use after a number of years of disrepair and the clearance of over 180 tons of sludge from the pond has restored one of the defining features of the village.



Best Village

Following the major changes to the competition last year the village entry was co-ordinated by Alec and Liz Newman. A detailed submission including all the positive aspects of the facilities and opportunities available to everyone in the village was created. The judges no longer consider the visual impact of the village location and amenities, the emphasis has altered, and there were a large number of entries. There were various categories, and entries were submitted for all the relevant sections. Warmington won two categories, Business and Heritage, with a cash award of £150. This has been put towards a new LCD projector for the village hall.



Planning



The usual planning applications continue to be discussed and commented upon by the Parish Council to ensure that the essential character of the village is maintained. There have been a few instances where unacceptable alterations have been undertaken without the relevant planning permissions being sought. The Parish Council ensures that the relevant

authorities are notified and enforcement undertaken.

Youth Forum

The forum continues to meet each Thursday evening providing interesting activities for children and teenagers in the village and surrounding areas. A recent away day to a local water park saw the children learning to sail and kayak. Further outings are planned during the summer months. There will shortly be another bar-b-q with games on the green. Details are available on the village web site.

Emergency Planning

Two Parish Councillors attended an emergency planning meeting at Stratford where details of the county procedures for dealing with a number of emergencies were outlined. This was put to the test when the unusual snowfall in February created chaos across large parts of the country.



Heavy rain during the summer brought a few isolated flooding issues that have been dealt with. It is hoped that continued pressure by the Parish Council on the relevant authorities will ensure that the effects are minimised. It is evident that small villages such as ours need to be self

sufficient for the first few days until local or central authorities can react and provide support.



Refuse and Recycling

Following a few false starts, and a great deal of confusion by Stratford District Council, new recycling and refuse bins were delivered to all properties. The arrangements now allow for fortnightly collections of general waste, recyclable items and green waste. The reduction to two weekly for general waste has been widely condemned by a number of health bodies, but cost savings were the primary driver. In a rural environment where the bins are kept safe before collection it is unlikely to present any major issues.