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East Clandon Parish Council - for the Annual Village Meeting

ANNUAL REPORT 2018 – 2019

Welcome to our Annual Meeting where we review the year's activities and finances for 2018 – 19.

FINANCES

We thank our previous Parish Clerk, Alyson Blackwell, and current Diana Thornhill who reign over our finances and guide us. The Parish's finances are healthy with a reserve of £14,979 unaudited at March 31st 2019.

Our income over the year was £15,792, arising from four on-going sources and a donation:

- Guildford Borough Council (GBC) precept of £7,902 and a GBC concurrent functions grant £2500
- Income directly from the parish – the tennis court subscriptions of £914 and £1,637 income from rental of Tunmore Fields
- Closed Churchyard grant of £260
- VAT refunds of £776
- A grant from the Shere Hill Climb of £1000 for the village pond

Our outgoings for the year total £12,547. During the year, the ECPC funded

- Tree surgery at the War Memorial and at the Rec
- The village gardeners, Groomed Gardens, payments for maintenance of open spaces
- Cleaning and de-mossing the tennis court to improve its surfaces
- Stipend and laptop upgrade for the Parish Clerk

VILLAGE ACTIVITIES AND HIGHLIGHTS

East Clandon continues as a village with a great spirit of togetherness. Thank you to all who make it this wonderful close-knit village. From mothers arranging the delightful children's Christmas Carols at Hatchlands each December, the Easter Egg Hunt in April and Halloween Happening in October, the intrepid Carollers entertaining the village on Christmas Eve, to our Rector Barnaby and Church Warden Jane Thorold for bringing to life Christian traditions such as Palm Sunday to lead the congregation to church with a real donkey and celebrating summer's end with Harvest Supper and more, we salute you all.



Village Open Spaces and Playground.

Spring 2018 saw the arrival of the new village garden team, Groomed Gardens, who took over from our venerated, veteran gardener, Jim Bacon. They have settled in well after a difficult start with an early and vigorous spring challenging their pace. We are pleased to report that the open spaces, the Rec, the Common, the Churchyard and Graveyard, Tunmore Triangle are all looking trim and the new team have settled in well.

We have also removed the unsightly garden waste/bonfire area on Tunmore to make this a more attractive amenity to all those who use it. And we ask that all villagers now dispose of their garden waste by composting or using the GBC brown bins. Thanks to James Eves for rallying to this task on our behalves.

The 'new' village playground with all its improvements is a wonderful facility for our burgeoning numbers of children and grandchildren. Thank you again to the team, the village donors and Big Lottery Fund who made this possible.

Celebrating Jim Bacon August 2018

40 villagers collected at Tunmore Triangle to celebrate Jim Bacon's wonderful contribution to village life, to East Clandon's village open spaces and its gardens. He is one of the ORIGINALS! Jim's contribution to village life goes beyond his meticulous care for the green spaces and the pond, to being the force behind the flagpole which he donated and is placed outside our Church of St Thomas of Canterbury. Every morning, Jim hoists the flag and lowers it at dusk. Jim planted an English Oak on Tunmore Triangle and the plaque marks his contribution to our village.



FROST's Activities – Friends of St Thomas of Canterbury

Bingo, Safari Supper, Quiz Night and more ... what an active group of villagers we have. FROST provides a series of fundraising communal events through the year, to engage and entertain. This raises invaluable funds to protect and enhance the fabric of our beautiful 10th C church and is more glue for our active community. Bravo.



The Village Fete – June 2018

Glowing in summer sun, the gardens and grounds at Home Farm were the perfect spot for our village fete and again generously hosted by the wonderful 'Queen and King of Hearts', Bug and Neil Robertson. Bug with her intrepid committee of East Clandoners set to organising this lovely event which attracted over 500 people who really made the most of the Pimms and Teas in the baking sunshine, whilst chilling to the sounds of the Rock band. East Clandon's fete again raised a whopping £5,000 to be divided between the three village charities – Cherry Trees, The Church (PCC) and Village Hall.

The East Clandon Car Tour June 2018

An annual summer event organised by Paul Richardson and Roger Nickolds attracts some 30 classic and sports cars. Starting and ending at the Queen's Head and seems always to find the sunniest day of the year adding hugely to its festiveness! The Queen's Head team produce a terrific send-off with bacon butties and coffees from 9am.



More cars! Shere Hill Climb – September 2018

Five years since its inception, the Shere Hill Climb team have raised over £90,000 for various charities...besides giving motor enthusiasts a great day out. Martin Warner, lead organiser said, "a fantastic event and thank you to the village of East Clandon." Richard Duncan and Jude Brendon both support by allowing the organisers to have use of their fields. The Shere team have again donated £1,000 to our village for the pond refurbishment project. Thank you Shere Hill Climb organisers.



Village Facebook and Twitter – November 2018

The village should be all agog. We have a Twitter and Facebook (FB) presence, thanks to Peter Smart, Greg Ganjou and Al Mundy. This supplements our superb village googlemail system. So to access, or 'like' or read the news of upcoming events and to post, here are the links twitter@eastclandon.org.uk. Facebook: go to <https://www.facebook.com/eastclandon> (or @eastclandon)



Village Litterpick. Big Turn-out. Big Haul! March 2019.

This must be the biggest turn-out and biggest haul of roadside rubbish in the last decade....and really gratifying to see so many of the village youngsters joining in, too (Is this the FB effect?). Over 40 East Clandon villagers collected 60 sacks of rubbish. Homemade cakes and coffee and a tidier village were the reward. Thanks to all for your unceasing energy.



Snelgate Planters February 2019.

Village energy again! Two large planters have been built, filled and planted at the end of Snelgate to create a lovely area and deter littering at the end of the cul de sac. Thanks to Al Mundy and Clare Goodall for leading the taskforce of village helpers.

NEW PEOPLE FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL

We welcome James Eves who took over Ray Corstin's mantle in March and is Vice Chair and whose portfolio is Open Spaces. And now we also welcome Matt Pitt to join us as a sixth councillor as of today. We have been granted permission by GBC to add to our team of councillors as there is so much we need to achieve and having extra 'person-power' is a boon to the village.

We welcome **more villagers coming forward to play their role in the ECPC**, to consider being a parish councillor and we say '**PLEASE TALK TO US**'. Having a vibrant and capable Parish Council is essential to our small village being able to punch above its weight...and in ensuring we have the ability to lobby for extra funds necessary to keep our village in great order.

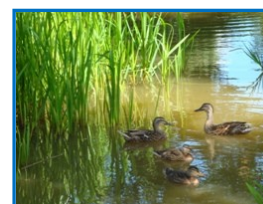
LOOKING AHEAD

The Tennis Court – planned for October 2019

The tennis court fence will be replaced after 20 years of sterling use. Two applications for funding are active and we hope to report that we have been granted the funds for this and a new football post and net.

The Duck Pond – planned for October 2019

This will be dredged and cleared of extraneous weed and mud – necessary since the last clear-out in 2004. Quotes are being obtained and funding will be partly by the ECPC, partly by GBC and a donation from the Shere Hill Climb fund.



The War Memorial - planned for Summer 2019

Roger Nickolds had taken on this challenge on our behalf and has completed an immense task of coordinating various agencies. The final hurdle is near. Ron Ward will coordinate the final stage with a stonemason to re-etch the engravings. We thank both for their huge commitment.

Affordable Housing Questionnaire – planned for May 2019

At the behest of Surrey Community Action, East Clandon villagers will be canvassed by confidential questionnaire for their views on need and type of housing requirement that families within the village and near-family wishing to remain part of the village may have. Thank you to Clare Goodall for leading this.

The Village Family Fun Day – planned for later September 2019?

At the inspired suggestion of Chris Ross to the ECPC to continue to build on village cohesiveness and pride, a village-led task-force is looking at a village Fun Day, possibly at the Rec and tennis court. We thank Monika Mundy for leading on this idea and eagerly await the plans as they develop.

PLANNING AND APPLICATIONS

The rate of planning applications has been steady.

The village remains greatly concerned by the impact that the GBC Local Plan will have and which has now been adopted against immense opposition by various parties. The outcomes will have an impact on our amenity, on traffic and general threat to the surrounding Green Belt and Surrey Hills.

PARISH COUNCIL - MEETING ATTENDANCE & COUNCILLORS

The ECPC has met 9 times during the past year and Councillors' attendance is good.

THANK YOU

Parish Clerk. Our especial thanks go to the fabulous Alyson Blackwell who 'retired' in November and we now welcome Diana Thornhill to this important role.

Further and grateful thanks go to

- Ian Peacock and his team for running Village Speed-Watch to encourage drivers through the village to observe the 30 mph speed limit!
- Liz and Chris Ross who run our village 'tennis club' facility and collect subscriptions.
- Arthur Hunking for acting as our internal auditor
- Adrian Thompson for distributing the Village Welcome Packs to new villagers.
- Peter Smart's team for watching over our village website / google group/ social media
- Pix Pickering acting as Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator
- Skip McMullan for the extra heavy-lawn mowing duties/ snow warden duties.
- Julie Iles, our SCC Councillor, for your active support for our village
- GBC Councillors, Jenny Wicks, David Reeve and Matthew Sarti for their superb service to us and we are sad to say farewell as you step down at the next election. We wish you a happy 'retirement'.

Finally, I would like to thank my ECPC colleagues, all of whom are volunteers; James Eves (Vice Chairman and lead for Open Spaces), Clare Goodall (Planning guru), Al Mundy (IT) & Ian Peacock (Highways supremo!). To all, thank you for your support, advice and zest with which you attack the many tasks you undertake for our village to enable it to thrive and to make it such a lovely village to live in.

You and all other villagers who play roles and whom I have not mentioned by name are examples of our great community spirit.

Sibylla Tindale

Chairman: East Clandon Parish Council

29th April 2019