

Chadwick End community quiz

The most popular evening social event is taking place on Friday 2 June in the Chadwick End village hall. Tickets will be on sale nearer the date and will be limited in number. So, you may want to get your team of 8 brainboxes organised ready to buy as soon as the tickets are available. Don't forget that all important team name! More details to follow, just put the date in your diary now.

Chadwick End parish plan

The parish plan was published in March and you can see the full plan on the Chadwick End Parish Council website, <http://www.chadwickendparishcouncil.org.uk/> Please visit the site to view the plan and also register to receive regular automatic updates of news and events in the Parish. If you want to get involved with any of the work needed to complete the actions please email Hilary, the Parish Clerk, at chadwickendpc@hotmail.com, we can never have enough volunteers so please get in touch today, thank you.

How can I be more active in the Chadwick End community?

There are lots of ways to get involved in our community life so there has got to be something that takes your fancy!

- Become a Councillor, we have vacancies for two co-opted Councillors
- Join our Speedwatch team
- Be a member of the litter picking squad
- Help organise the fete by joining the steering group or just volunteer to help
- We need 'pathfinders' to check and report on the state of local walks
- Support all the activities that are organised, including those groups who use the village hall and hire the hall for your next party, it is a great venue.

Just contact Hilary at chadwickendpc@hotmail.com

Chadwick End Parish Council



Newsletter Spring 2017

Welcome to this edition of the Chadwick End Parish Council newsletter. We hope that this newsletter will be used by all of our villagers to keep themselves informed about key issues which are taking place in the Parish.

If you have any questions, contact the Parish Clerk on 07703 647 883 or email: chadwickendpc@hotmail.com or go to our new website:

www.chadwickendparishcouncil.org.uk

How do I hire the village hall?

It is a very simple process. Just send an email to Hilary, the Parish Clerk at chadwickendpc@hotmail.com, stating what date and between what times you want to use the hall and what is the occasion. Hilary will advise if the hall is available and send all the other information you will need. If you would like to check out the hall first, just ask Hilary and a visit will be arranged. The hourly hire rate is £15 and a refundable deposit is required.

Superfast broadband

Residents have been asking if this is available in the parish. The answer is yes, but it depends where you live and if you are prepared to pay for the service. If the BT box nearest to your home has been upgraded to fibre optics there is every chance you can get superfast speeds on the internet. If not, sorry, the speeds you receive will still be slow. The CSW project has done a lot in this area and the latest news bulletin can be seen at <http://chadwickendparishcouncil.org.uk/superfast-broadband/>.

What and who are Chadwick End Parish Council?

Many residents in the parish have told us they do not know enough about the Parish Council and the Councillors. The latter is easily solved, Rob Horsfield (Chair), Jeff Davies (Vice Chair) and Simon Carter are the current Cllrs. All live in Chadwick End. Further details and contact information can be found on the CEPC website, <http://chadwickendparishcouncil.org.uk/who-who-at-chadwick-end-parish-council/>

The Parish Council is effectively run by our Parish Clerk, Hilary Goodreid, who is also the Registered Financial Officer. Hilary was born and lived locally for many years and now lives in Sutton Coldfield. Her email is chadwickendpc@hotmail.com, telephone number 07703 647 883 and postal address Chadwick End Parish Council, PO Box 16443, Sutton Coldfield, B73 9WA. As a small Parish Council we only employ Hilary on a part time basis so the parish office hours are 11 am - 12 pm, Monday - Wednesday.

So what do we do? Our primary reason for existence is to serve the community

and help make our parish a safe and lovely place to live. This is why it was decided to form our own Parish Council in 2014, as we thought we could do a better job ourselves than rely on others. Our main source of income is the annual precept, which is itemised on your council tax bill from SMBC. We supplement this with fund raising events, hall rent and other grants. From this income we operate and maintain the village hall, playground and park, all of which we own. At our bi-monthly meetings we discuss local planning applications, projects to improve our community and issues that may affect our lifestyle. Residents are welcome and can raise any points during the meeting. Most important, we agree the finances of the council and how money is spent on the various matters arising. Past agendas and minutes can be viewed at <http://chadwickendparishcouncil.org.uk/admin/meetings/>. If you have any questions please email chadwickendpc@hotmail.com.

More general information about Parish Councils and Councillors can be found at <http://www.nalc.gov.uk/library/publications/801-good-councillors-guide/file>