

Chew Magna Parish Council
Chairman's report from Jon Wheatley
April 2012 to March 2013

Yet another year has passed in the parish of Chew Magna.

We have had some fantastic celebrations:

Jubilee year celebrations, a great success. I must give my congratulations to all who were involved as it was an exceptional event.

We also came third in the village of the year competition. We live in a very special place we can all be proud of and appreciate.

We entered the South West in Bloom competition for the first time and obtained a Silver Award. Thanks to Nick Hasell & Nick Scholefield & the flower group. We also won the CPRE Armstrong Cup for Best Small Village, thanks also to Meryl Leach.

The major refurbishment of the Co-Op, in the hub of the village, I'm sure you will all agree that the shop is looking great.

Congratulations:

We must congratulate Cllr. Liz Richardson who was elected to replace Malcolm Hanney, our long serving and conscientious ward councilor. Our thanks to Malcolm.

Also congratulations to Cllr Colin Timson who has been voted The Rotary Club of Chelwood Bridge Citizen of the Year.

Challenges:

Continuous planning issues relating to the centre of the village, Norton Lane and Winford Road. It would be excellent if B&ANES planners would work with us in partnership to safeguard the future of our beautiful village. And at the same time allowing some constructive growth, improving communication and services.

Flooding continues to be an issue and although we fully appreciate that we live in a valley with a reservoir and two nearby lakes the least we feel we can ask for in a joined up approach from those agencies involved in floodmitigation.

Litter: The littering of our roads and streets by persons unknown who continue to deposit drink cartons, sweet bags and debris along our roads and lanes.

Special Thanks:

Must be recorded to the Chew Magna Society for their continuous community involvement.

Also the Flower team led by Judy Kendall and Charley Dando for a fantastic job.

Adrian and Diane Urch for their continued custodianship of the Old School Room and the Village Triangle.

The many businesses in the village which in these difficult economic times continue to retain custom and viability as well as make the parish sustainable.

The School and Churches for their valuable role in making Chew Magna a caring and social community.

Also special thanks to Donna McClelland our parish clerk, for the great job you do in supporting the Council members and the residents of the village.

Finally to the work of the Parish Council who all give their time in the interests of Chew Magna Parish “The Third Best Village in the UK!”

Many Thanks to you all!

Jon Wheatley

Chairman

Chew Magna Parish Council

2nd April 2013

