

Chairman's Report to the Parish 2014 / 2015

Annual Parish Meeting Tuesday 7th April 2015 at 7.45pm

2014/15 has been another good year in Chew Magna. In a recent article in the Sunday Times the Chew Valley has been described as the most beautiful place to live in the UK, with Chew Magna village being the jewel in the valley. As you are all fully aware, this could not be achieved without its people, its businesses and the lovely houses and landscapes.

Volunteering is extensive and the many societies and organisations all generously contribute towards the welfare and lives of parishioners. From South West in Bloom teams, the Monday Club, the Country Market to the Chew Magna Society to mention only a few. There is a strong commitment to the upkeep and retention of strong community development of the Village as a hub for the valley.

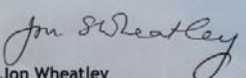
The Clean Up initiative involving volunteers has been a recent innovation and has resulted in effectively topping up the work of B&NES by our village volunteers.

We have three vibrant churches and an excellent schools together with the Community Farm and a superb business community with our pubs and restaurants, café, shops and local services.

Planning matters continue to be high on the monthly agendas for the Parish Council and at times presents challenging aspects. This may be helped by the development of the joint Neighbourhood Plan, currently evolving.

There are a number of challenges that confront us. The need for a car park, the question of how we use Section 106 money and retaining and developing existing and new businesses, not to mention affordable housing and flood mitigation. All of these will be addressed.

My thanks to all involved in every way for making Chew Magna the best place to live and we look forward to maintaining existing commitments and developing new areas and agendas.



Jon Wheatley

Cllr Jon Wheatley

Chairman

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