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and events to come in
YOUR village in a
Quarterly Newsletter

The POST

Letter from the Chair

Alan Pipe

I am pleased to open the spring edition of the Parish Post, having virtually completed my year as Chairman. Since our last edition most of the councillors have attended a training course which will help us to fulfil our responsibilities more effectively.

We received the resignation of Richard Pakey at the end of January and the procedure for a replacement councillor was started. There was only one applicant and David Sharp was co-opted at the April meeting.

In February we had a presentation on social housing and it was agreed that a survey would be done in the village to establish what level of need there is. Assuming a need is established, it would take a number of years before any accommodation would be available.

After many unsuccessful years trying to obtain funding for a multi-play area, it was decided that the funds set aside should be used to extend the playground. This is in accordance with the survey done in early 2010 which mainly sought more play equipment for the older children. An exhibition of potential equipment, held at the beginning of March, was well attended and using its input, four large items, one smaller one and a tidy up of the existing equipment are on order. Pictures of the new equipment can be seen on the village website at <http://www.litlington.org>. The installation will take place from the 23rd May and for safety reasons the playground will be closed for at least a week.

I hope that by the time you read this many of our children will have enjoyed the party being organised for the royal wedding.

Litlington Juniors Youth Club (LJ's) and LJ's+ Cathy Smith

On the first Friday of each month Litlington Rec Centre is a busy place. From 6–7:30pm, over thirty 7 to 10 year olds come to play games, do crafts and run around LJ's Youth Club. From 7:45–9pm, twenty 10 to 13 year olds chat, hang out, play table tennis and air hockey at LJ's+. LJ's has been going for over ten years, run entirely by volunteers.

The club is now so popular we could do with extra help! If you have time to spare to help with a craft or sport activity, please get in touch. Also if you are thinking of getting rid of any game consoles, board games, Lego etc. the Youth Club would be grateful. Contact Cathy Smith on 853997.

Litlington Recreation Centre Marjorie Baker

Look up the word recreation in the dictionary — what have you got? Relaxation, amusement, agreeable or refreshing occupation. So Litlington is fortunate to have two halls for this purpose. We all know the Village Hall best, but the so-called Barn or Recreation Centre in the Rec is also a similar place.

While it is mostly designed for sport and all sorts of activity events it can also be a venue for other social ones too. For instance it is popular for parties with children, especially in the summer as the play area and Rec help to entertain them. More practical functions can also be held there as there are many advantages: if the weather is bad you can have events indoors especially where some activities might spoil the floor — this is easier to clean than the Village Hall plus a few dirty footsteps are not of too much importance. A combined indoor and outdoor event is also something to be considered.

So think about it when you need a hall for that social or other event. Do not be disappointed if the Village Hall is not available; the Rec Centre may be. The Management Committee welcomes you and hopes you will think of the Rec Centre for your functions. Enquiries via the booking secretary Tina Claydon on 853760.

Receiving the Litlington Post by E-Mail Nick Goldman

If you would like to receive the Litlington Post by e-mail in future, please send a message to Nick Goldman at goldman.nick@gmail.com. You will still get a printed copy for the foreseeable future.

LITLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

**YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL
PARISH MEETING ON**

**TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2011
7.30pm**

LITLINGTON VILLAGE HALL

**Please come along and hear what the Parish Council have
done over the past 12 months**

AGENDA

Apologies for Absence
Chairmans Welcome & Report
Minutes of 2010 Annual Parish Meeting
Matters Arising from Minutes
Financial Report 2010/2011
Townlands Charity Financial Statement
Reports - Steeple Morden Primary School
 Bassingbourn Village College
 Litlington Pre-School
 Village Hall
 Neighbourhood Watch
 Mobile Warden Scheme
 Evergreens (Over 60s)
 LJ's (Youth Club)
 Village Fayre Committee
 Recreation Centre
Possible Change to One Way System Discussion
Jubilee 2012
Other Business
Date of next Parish Council Meeting

**THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS AN
OPINION ON VILLAGE AFFAIRS**

127 Bus service. I am very aware of the importance of these routes to our local communities for practical and social reasons. I met with Mr Charter of Charter Travel, our Bus Passenger Routes Officer and the Portfolio Holder for local transport. It was a productive meeting. In the short to medium term there will be no changes and, during the intervening period, we are looking at other ways to integrate services in order to reduce costs. In brief, the 127 route is not currently under review. There will be another review in October this year but this will be in the light of any integration achieved with other services run by Mr Charter and related to the following year's budget.

Broadband. Our Chief Executive's discussions continue with BT and others regarding the various funding options for improving Broadband infrastructure and speeds in our villages. In the meantime, I am arranging with the BT Regional Director to provide an update and briefing for this locality. Date, time and venue to be advised.

Donarbon Recycling Centre. I am arranging a visit for parish councillors and residents to view the Recycling Centre. Let me know by phone or e-mail if you would wish to attend (contact details on the back page).

Comic Relief. Volunteer staff and councillors manned the phones at the County Council's Contact Centre on the evening of Friday 18th March. The total value of the Comic Relief donations taken by the 150 strong team of volunteers at the Contact Centre was £168,681.01 — significantly up on last year's £104,000. It was a superb evening!!

St Catherine's Church Floodlights

Pam Sharp

- Feb 15th Birthday of Frank Bailey RIP
- Mar 4th Eighteenth birthday of Nick Shilton — Congratulations! We hope you had a great day!
- Mar 12th Birthday of Dudley Unsworth RIP
- Mar 13th Birthday of Arthur Meaburn RIP
- Mar 13th In memory of John Lawrence RIP on the anniversary of his death
- Mar 17th Mrs Melody reminded us all that it was St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 24th To celebrate the birth of Lou Barnes' great, great grandchild, Tyler
- Mar 31st In memory of Fred Barnes RIP on the anniversary of his death

If you enjoy seeing the Parish Church floodlit and wish to commemorate an event or remember a person, please contact Brenda Bailey (853401) or Pam Sharp (852425). The price is £5.

Village Fayre

David Sharp

The Village Fayre will take place on Saturday July 9th on the Recreation Ground, starting at 1pm. There will be a Bar, BBQ, teas, stalls, sideshows, raffle, tombola, races for children, dog show, Bassingbourn Band, BiL (if you do not know who/what that is, you must come along and find out!), bouncy castle and other inflatables, static motor cycle display and much more.

The small committee arranging this event would be grateful for help in putting up and taking down tents and gazebos. If you can give assistance, please contact Sue Jenkins on 852974 or David Sharp on 852425.

The Heroes Half Marathon

Alan Pipe

This will pass through Litlington between 9:45 and 12:45 on Sunday 12th June in support of ABF — The Soldiers' Charity. They would appreciate our support. Details can be obtained from Chris Coghlan on 07884-260841 or <http://www.endurorunning.com>.

Litlington Evergreen Club

Pam Sharp

The club has arranged a visit to the National Memorial Arboretum in Alrewas, Staffordshire on Tuesday July 26th. The cost will be £25 (less if the coach is full), to include coach travel, lunch and a guided tour. Non-members are welcome and should contact Linda Williams on 852809 for details.

Bassingbourn Youth Football Club

Tom Timms

Bassingbourn Youth Football Club (BYFC) is a thriving, friendly club. Our players come from Bassingbourn, Litlington, Steeple Morden and the surrounding villages. The club is affiliated to the Cambridgeshire FA. In the 2011–12 season we will run mixed teams from ages U6 to U10, boys teams from U11 to U15 and a girls team at U13.

For next season the U6 mixed squad (next year's Yr 1), the U13 girls team (next year's Yrs 7–8) and the U14s boys team (next year's Yr 9) are actively recruiting newcomers. If you're interested, please contact the Club Chairman, Tom Timms, at tomtimms@gmail.com or on 853148.

Your Parish Councillors

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Linda Williams	Village Hall Booking Clerk	852809
Tina Claydon	Recreation Centre Booking Clerk	853760
Gwen Biles	The Chapel (Secretary)	852533
Pamela Sharp	Evergreens	852425
Pat Bass	Evergreens	852874
Rosy Taylor	Playschool	852762
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Graham Parrish	Bowls Club	853147
Cathy Smith	L.J.'s (7 to 10yrs. Youth Club)	853997
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Janet Ferris	Gardening Club	852401
Kumar Balani	Post Office / Shop	852221
	The Crown Public House	853859
	Bassingbourn Village College	242344
	Bassingbourn Primary School	242460
	Steeple Morden School	852474
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