

Churt Parish Council Newsletter October 2017

It has been a relatively quiet time in the village during the summer months and now we commence preparations for autumn and winter. Let us hope that the seasons are not too severe. May I take this opportunity to remind residents of the Priority Services Register run by Scottish and Southern Electricity Networks? This is a facility for those with particular needs who are dependent on electricity and this includes those over 60 years of age and those with children under the age of 5. The scheme gives those who are registered access to a priority phone line and extra support in the case of a power cut. Further information can be found on the SSEN website <https://www.ssen.co.uk/PriorityServices/> where it is simple and easy to register either on line or by telephone. If you prefer you can telephone on the following Freephone number 0800 294 3259 where very helpful staff will deal with your registration.

As, I am sure everyone will now be aware, the newly revamped village store opened on 20th September. The transformation is truly impressive with a threefold increase in floor area and a seven day a week Post Office newly installed. The Council is delighted with this development and particularly the provision of Post Office services.

The chairman and clerk of the Parish Council have recently joined forces with a group led by Councillor Malcolm Carter, the Mayor of Haslemere and Town Council member for Hindhead to try and improve matters whenever there is an emergency unplanned closure of Hindhead Tunnel. The group recently had a meeting with Highways England where a number of concerns were expressed. We now hope to arrange a further meeting with the Chief Operating Officer of Highways England with a view to moving things along. The main thrust of our concerns is to minimise disruption to all surrounding areas as well as to users of the A3. One interesting and slightly alarming statistic is that in recent months there have been 17 instances of motorists running out of fuel in the confines of the tunnel. This causes great danger and all are encouraged to ensure that their vehicles are adequately fuelled.

Congratulations to Churt Cricket Club! They have had a very successful season and have gained promotion to Division 3 of the Surrey Championship having finished top of their league this season. We wish them all the best for another successful season in 2018. It is great to know that cricket is thriving in the village.

Finally the annual '**village cheer**' event will be held on Saturday December 9th from 11 am to 1pm in the village hall. All are welcome.

The next meetings of the Churt Parish Council and Recreation Ground Trust will take place on Weds 15 November in the pavilion at 7.30pm