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Churt Parish Council Newsletter February 2022

New Community Orchard

We were delighted to plant our new community orchard earlier in February. Located near the entrance to the Recreation Ground, the new fruit trees are intended for everyone in the community to enjoy. Please help yourself to the different varieties of apples and plums when they bear fruit. Our thanks go to Viv Raeside who oversaw the planting of the trees and to Councillor Dominic Raeside for this very good idea.

Our Woodland at Pond Lane

We provided an update about our woodland at Pond Lane in our January newsletter. We intend to preserve these 12 acres as a quiet woodland recreational area and will work to enhance its biodiversity and wildlife habitat value.

We have now chosen a name for the woodland - Wicket Wood - which seeks to recognise its past role in the village as the Old Cricket Ground up until 1921.

Bench Plaques

We received permission from Buckingham Palace this month to dedicate one of the new benches in the village to HRH Prince Phillip. This bench sits on Redhearn Green and will shortly have a brass plaque added to it. We have also chosen to commemorate the Cedar bench on the recreation ground to Cllr David

Crossley, past Chair of the Council who sadly passed away in December. He and our Clerk, Dawn Barrow, were inspired to create this bench for us all to enjoy from a fallen cedar tree in Feb 2020. A brass plaque will be added later this month.

Jubilee Celebrations

At our parish meeting this month we talked how we might best celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. We hope to organise an event on the recreation ground which all villagers will be welcome to attend. We will share more details next month. If you would like to be involved in helping plan the event, please let the Clerk know on the above email address.

Councillor Brian Adams

We were sorry to learn of the passing of Councillor Brian Adams last week. Cllr Adams had served Waverley Borough Council as the ward councillor for Frensham, Dockenfield and Tilford since 2011. Our thoughts are with his family at this difficult time and we thank him for all of his service and support on issues in Churt Parish.

Lisa Martin, Acting Chair

The next meetings of Churt Parish Council and the Recreation Ground Trust will take place in the pavilion on Weds 16th March 2022 at 7.30pm. Anyone is welcome to attend.