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## Cheswick Green



### CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

*(This is the information from Cheswick Green Resident's Association which was ready to appear in March's mag, but as I was unfortunately unable to produce Village Life in March, here it is now)*

#### Snow and Ice

It's been a very snowy winter. More snow than usual causing the slippery problems, Some people in Spinney Drive found that their 'hill' was more like a ski run than a road: hoping to improve the situation they turned to the Grit box only to find it empty. I wonder who is responsible for keeping it topped up?



No Spinney Drive wasn't quite this bad.....!

Despite the difficulties it did look very beautiful, and the children loved the opportunity to have fun.

## Beautiful Cheswick Green



The (new) Parish Council have set up a Public Spaces Advisory Group, to focus on Playing fields, shrub beds, the Mount, etc.

A representative of the Residents Association has been asked to attend their meetings. This seems a very positive move: everyone has their own particular brainwave or gripe (mine is that we need a rubbish bin at the top of the Green where it adjoins Spinney Drive, so that when people walk up from the shop drinking their drink or eating their snack, there is somewhere to unload the bottles and wrappers) and hopefully we will be able to pass these suggestions on to the Advisory Group.

If you have any ideas please contact Dot Lambert on (01564)-703631

**Notes from previous Committee meetings:**

### **Village Hall**

We learned that the contractor has inspected the insulation in the roof space and reported that it is sufficient



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and does not require additional insulation.

Two Committee members have fitted metal strips to the external doors in both large and small halls. This is to prevent any further attempt to set fire to the curtains from outside as reported at last month's meeting.

We decided that yellow & black hazard warning tape should be attached to the tops of the removable flood barriers to warn of a tripping hazard.

### **Flood Warnings**

Did you know that the Environment Agency issues warnings to householders when there is danger of flooding in their areas? Ian Sill has managed to persuade the Agency of the dangers to the Village Hall, and is now on the list for flood warnings.

It was noted that the number of chairs having to be stored in the large hall that are used once a year for the party in the park are also using up much-needed space. Members wondered whether someone with a little space in their garage would allow us to store a few chairs: contact Ian Sill on (01564)-702653 if you can help.

**National Floodline -  
0845 988 1188**

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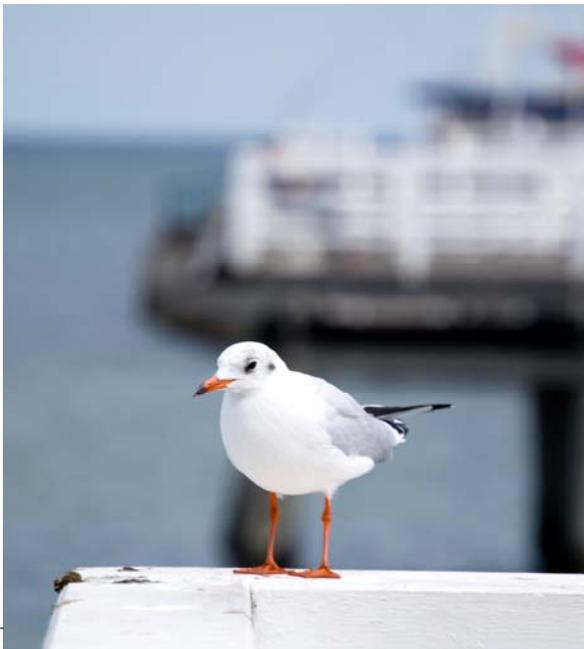


### Subscriptions

Recently you will have received an appeal and an envelope in which to return your annual subscriptions. The subs that you give are the only income that we receive to fund events such as the Party in the Park, and the children's Christmas parties. Many envelopes have been returned already – if you have mislaid your envelope, or simply forgotten, Margaret Daniels at 8, The Pines (01564-703298) will be delighted to hear from you.

### Coach Trip

For our trip this year we considered that it should be more family oriented - Bristol Docks is the confirmed destination on May 15th, Saturday. Further details will be seen on posters around Cheswick Green.



### S4 Bus Service

Latest news is that the S4 service is safe until 5th June when it goes out to tender. The service is currently under review. Brian reported that Chris Nobel had met with CENTRO to discuss the situation.

George obtained a lot of useful information that greatly strengthens the case for providing a decent bus service.

Notably that an estimated £94,000 of CENTRO's funding came from residents of Cheswick Green. That Cheswick Green has the third highest distance by road from a food store with only Hampton in Arden and Chadwick End having greater distances.

Cheswick Green has 540 residents of pensionable age, many of whom would be dependent on the bus service, not to mention buses with easy access.

There are currently three No 5 buses per hour between Monkspath and Solihull. Cheswick Green Parish Council is looking to hold a public meeting to discuss all of this. Details will be published on the notice boards shortly.

# **PARTY in the PARK**

**A date for  
your  
Summer  
Diary:**

**17<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

**(missing the World  
Cup Matches !)**

## **APRIL - CHESWICK GREEN RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION.**

As with the onset of Spring things are beginning to come to life not just in nature but also with plans of the Residents Association. A coach has been booked for our annual outing and this year we have chosen Bristol Docks, on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May, there will be posters with further details of timing and how to obtain your tickets.

We hope that our choice will encourage families as the venue has lots for all ages.



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Party in the Park is on the agenda for July 17<sup>th</sup> and we also hope to arrange some World Cup family evenings, again the details will be posted around the village nearer the date.

We would like; to take the opportunity to thank all residents who have returned their subscription envelopes and to remind those who are still 'thinking about it' that we would be hopeful of receiving some if not all of the 500 envelopes not yet returned.

The Chair of the Parish Council attended the monthly Residents meeting and informed the meeting that their priority was to repair the road surface on the approach to the village hall. Please also note that the new Parish Clerk, once appointed will be available in the parish office in the village hall two days a week for residents to have the opportunity for discussing parish matters.

As always we are looking for new members to join the Association, next meeting 8.00p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Meetings are held every 1st Weds of the month at 8pm in the Village Hall.

Thanks to all who helped with the car park clean-up.

And the website has been re-vamped - [www.cgra.org.uk](http://www.cgra.org.uk) - worth a visit (and thanks to Ian).