

Clive & Grinshill Newsletter



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To all Contributors please note the date for inclusion in the next newsletter will be the 15th May and we can only include items that include your name.

WHAT'S ON IN CLIVE AND GRINSHILL IN APRIL & MAY 2025

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| 6 th | Clive | Music and Praise Family Service | 11.00am |
| | Grinshill | Evening Service | 4.00pm |
| 8 th | Clive W.I. | Flower Arranging Workshop | 7.30pm |
| 12 th | Clive Church | Lychgate EASTER TRAIL | 2.00-4.00 pm |
| 13 th | Grinshill | Holy Communion | 9.30am |
| | Clive | Evening Service | 4.00pm |
| 17 th | Clive | Clive Parish Council Meeting | 7.30pm |
| 18 th | Clive | Good Friday Meditation Service | 2.00pm |
| 20 th | Clive | Easter Sunday Holy Communion | 9.30am |
| 24 th | Clive History Group | Feedback Wem Road/Clive Village | 7.30pm |
| 27 th | Clive | Holy Communion | 8.30am |
| | Grinshill | Family Service | 9.30am |

MAY

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| 2 nd | Clive School | Community Garden Seed Swop/share | 3.30pm |
| 4 th | Clive | Music and Praise Family Service | 11.00am |
| | Grinshill | Evening Service | 4.00pm |
| 11 th | Grinshill | Forest school area – Outdoor service tbc | 4.00pm |
| 13 th | Clive W.I. | Underground Shrewsbury Dr Nigel Baker | 7.30pm |
| 15 th | Clive | Clive Parish Council Meeting | 7.30pm |
| 18 th | Grinshill | Morning Service | 8.30am |
| | Clive | Family Service | 11.00am |
| 25 th | Clive | Holy Communion | 8.30am |
| | Grinshill | Family Service | 9.30am |

Please check church noticeboards for latest service times

NEWS IN BRIEF

CLIVE SURGERY We will be doing the Spring Covid Boosters starting from Monday 7th April.

You will be notified by the surgery to make an appointment. The people who are eligible are:-

- adults aged 75 years and over
- residents in a care home for older adults
- individuals aged 6 months and over who are immunosuppressed

DIAL A RIDE. I have been informed that this service is only available on Tuesday at 9am to Shawbury one way journey and on Friday to Tesco or Morrisons at 11.40am pick up and return time to TBA. Cost is £2.50 if you have a bus pass or £4 if not. **Please ring 01743 450270 to arrange and check details.**

MESSAGE FROM ANN LEAH. Hi Everyone, it will soon be Easter, so time for me to distribute your free tubes of Smarties, to those who already have them but to those who don't know about this please let me explain....Every Eastertime I give out a tube of Smarties (to those interested) and then they (you) eat the contents and then fill the tube with 20p or £1 coins, if you so wish. Then, at Harvest Time (six months later) I collect them all in (full I hope) this money then goes to our Clive Church.

I have been doing this for over 20 years now and can say I have been very happy with everyone's contributions, on average I can collect about £1,000 and this is so valuable towards the cost of church heating etc. So, if you are interested to have a free tube this Easter please let me know.

Ann Leah on 01939 220547. (It does not matter if you attend church or not, but as the saying goes "Every little helps"

Thank you in anticipation, Ann Leah.

NEW ADVERTISERS.

We have quite a few new advertisers
in this newsletter,
please take a look throughout this edition.

CLIVE CROWN GREEN BOWLING CLUB

Clive Crown Green Bowling Club play at Preston Brockhurst since moving from Clive, following the loss of our green.

We are a friendly social club (we don't play in a league) but just set out to enjoy ourselves and also retrain a modicum of fitness!



Why not give bowling a try? There's a first time for everyone! We play mid April to September on Wednesday and Saturday afternoon. If you are interested please contact myself on 01939 220172 or

Dave Cartman on 220407.

If you want to have some fun and acquire a new skill and activity we would love to hear from you. Ladies and Gentlemen of all ages very welcome.

Len Flack

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CLIVE PARISH COUNCIL

News Report – April 2025



Local Elections May 1st 2025

By the time you read this you will hopefully all be aware of the upcoming local elections on May 1st. This year, there will be elections at the Unitary level, i.e. Shropshire County Council, and at the Town and Parish Council Level. The deadline for nominations is 4pm on April 2nd, so I expect most candidates will have already submitted their nomination forms by the time this newsletter reaches you.

Other important dates to be aware of

- From 14th March – poll cards will be delivered to registered voters
- 5pm on 11.04.2025 – deadline to register to vote in the May elections
- 5pm on 14.04.2025 – deadline to apply for postal vote, or postal proxy vote
- 5pm on 23.04.2025 – deadline to apply to vote by proxy (NOT postal proxy)
- 5pm on 23.04.2025 – deadline to apply for Voter Authority Certificate (VAC) if you don't have an acceptable form of photo ID
- 01.05.2025 – Polling day! Remember to bring your photo ID or VAC. You won't be allowed to vote without ID

Pre-election period

For the 6 weeks prior to an election we will be in the Pre-election period (which used to be known as “purdah”). Council work can continue during this time, but we are not allowed to give any publicity to any Councillors' campaigns. We can continue to update you via the newsletter, but the info must be about local issues and a-political, and we have to be careful not to publish anything on controversial issues, or seek to influence voters in any way. So please bear that in mind when reading this newsletter update!

Shropshire Local Plan to be withdrawn

Shropshire Council had prepared a project plan to address Planning Inspectors concerns with the Local Plan within a timeframe of six months. The Planning Inspectors have since concluded that the necessary work cannot be completed within six months, and have therefore recommended the withdrawal of the Local Plan. On 6th March 2025, Shropshire Council announced via its Newsroom website that the Local Plan would be withdrawn and the Council would instead focus on preparing a Plan for the period of 2025-45. More updates will be shared as they become available.

New Councillor email addresses

In addition to our new gov.uk website (www.clive-pc.gov.uk) Clive parish Councillors are now using gov.uk email addresses. As we are in the pre-election period, we can't promote individual Cllrs, but should you need to reach anyone on the Council.

Parish Council Budget and Council tax 2025-26

The budget for 2025-26 was finalised at the Council meeting in Jan 2025, and is available on the Finance page of the PC website. The Council also agreed a precept of £19,326, a 9.7% increase on last year's precept. This equates to a band D council tax equivalent of £77.58 (for the Parish Council's portion of Council tax), which is an increase of £6.54 or 9.2% from last year. This increase is needed to cover increased national insurance contributions, as well as additional funds to the Renshaw's Field Association for tree maintenance costs.

Highways safety

Community Speed watch – you can play a part too

If you are interested in joining the Clive Community Speed watch volunteers, please contact the Clerk on clerk@clive-pc.gov.uk.



Dog fouling

Please do continue to report dog issues to SC via the channels below.

What can concerned residents do?

Please report dog-related issues directly to Shropshire Council; this will demonstrate the extent of the problem and will help the dog warden plan appropriate enforcement action in Clive.

Quickly and easily report concerns via:

1. FixMyStreet mobile app
2. Shropshire Council's website: <http://www.shropshire.gov.uk/street-care-and-cleaning/environmental-maintenance/dog-fouling/>
3. Customer Service Centre by calling **0345 678 9006**.



**Call 0345
678 9006**

Next Council meetings: Thurs 17th April, 15th May (Annual Council Meeting) June TBC

Council meetings are usually held on the third Thursday of the month (no meetings in Aug/Dec), at 7.30pm, in Clive Village Hall. All are welcome to attend and there is an Open Forum at the start where members of the public have an opportunity to speak on agenda items.

Clerk: Miss Lydia Bardsley
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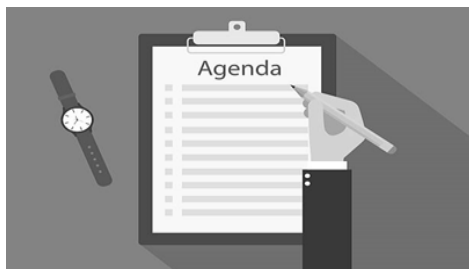
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Grinshill Parish Council March 2025 updates and more.

The Parish Council held its regular bi-monthly meeting as normal at Grinshill Village Hall 7pm on the 3rd March 2025.

This article will highlight a number of actions the Parish are following through with partners.



1. Parish Council Information:

The Parish Council continues to engage at a series of levels on behalf of Parishioners with a number of partners to improve the local area. The main partners are Shropshire Council with whom the Parish Council continues to have dialogue about the 511 provision of public transport and how that can better serve the village. RAF Shawbury also continues to be engaged both in terms of their own night flying details, policies on drones and the high vis campaigns for horse riders. Parishioners wanting to find out more or to report any concerns are free to use the links set out below.

Website: <https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-shawbury/>,

Low Flying Complaints Email: SHY-LowFlying@mod.gov.uk,

Low Flying Complaints Telephone: 01939 251712

Engagement and Media general enquiries Email:

SHY-EngagementMediaTeam@modgovuk.onmicrosoft.com,

<https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-shawbury/flying-info/>, for information on the High Visibility Campaign during 2025.

<https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/drone-code>

Aries Magazine: Winter Edition (2024 Edition 4) is available online at the link - <https://www.rafmags.co.uk/>,

Combat Stress and Digging History UK Request – A new project:

The charity Combat Stress have teamed up with Digging History UK to raise funds through metal detecting events. They are looking for land that they can use for their metal detecting events. If any landowners could help they can contact Combat Stress through the Engagement and Media Team at RAF Shawbury or direct to Combat Stress - rosie.gibbons@combatstress.org.uk,

Also as part of this dialogue the trainees from the base continue to help out on environmental projects particularly within Corbet Wood on the steps project and wetlands project. The Parish Council also lobbies the Local Police Neighbourhood Teams based at Wem in terms of the speed of the traffic along High Street which causes concerns at different times during the day. A strong request has been made for the Police to undertake targeted work during those times – so speeders watch out!

2. Public Rights of Way Project:

Members of the Parish Council are working with Shropshire Council to 'walk' 'report' and 'repair' local rights of ways (ROW) across Grinshill. Any Parishioners wishing to get involved please contact the Clerk on the details set out below if they would like to be involved in this project.

3. IMPORTANT NOTICE: Local Parish Council elections 1st May 2025 – your support is needed now more than ever to help the Parish Council function over the next four years. Over the last 12 months the Parish Council has only been functioning at 50% of its capacity with only four Parish Councillors out of eight. This notice is therefore a call to Parishioners interested in helping out within their community to step forward to stand in the 1st May 2025 local elections for Grinshill Parish Council. If you are interested please visit the following web site:

www.shropshire.gov.uk/elections-and-electoral-registration/voting-and-elections/local-elections-2025,

or ring Electoral Services on 0345 6789015, or email elections@shropshire.gov.uk, or contact the Parish Clerk on the details at the end of this article.

4. Community Hub and Village Hall update:

The subjects of the shelving of the Community Hub project at present until others come forward in the future to develop it and initial work on the extension of the lease at the Village Hall were raised at the last Parish Council meeting. These two projects will therefore form the basis of the Parishioners meeting on **Monday 12th May 2025, 7pm at Grinshill Village Hall** for Parishioners to raise any further comments as the new Parish Council sets out on it's work for the next four years.

5. Preparing for Emergencies – Community Resilience:

The Parish Council has prepared a short leaflet for Parishioners in terms of emergencies. This information is attached to this article and should be kept ready and accessible in safe place in case it is needed in future emergencies in the parish.

For further information, or to see how you can get involved in your local community, please contact the Parish Clerk, Graham Bould E: gbouldparish@yahoo.co.uk M 07792300702 or one of the Parish Councillors who details are available on the website highlighted below.



Grinshill Parish Council
www.grinshillvillage.com

Visit the Grinshill Parish Council Website for village info, meeting details, planning information and more!

www.grinshillvillage.com
You can also receive information, updates and more by signing up to our email alerts on the website.



Grinshill Village Hall

is available for hire

Suitable for Small Parties, Rehearsals, classes, children's parties, meetings etc.

Facilities include:

Main Hall, well equipped kitchen, disabled toilets, oil fired heating, comfortable chairs.

Contact Marie Barber on 01939 220678 for details

Grinshill Parish Council

The Parish Council has been encouraged by other authorities from across Shropshire to consider preparing their communities for emergencies – but what could this mean for individual households within Grinshill? Our first message is that neighbours need to look out for one another particularly if you are aware of older people living close by on their own who may require a little bit more help from time to time when things happen or change.

This leaflet has therefore been split into a series of headings which the Parish Council hopes are helpful – you may consider keeping it in a safe place in case of emergencies.

Fire prevention and safety: If there is a fire, get out, stay out, call 999.

The emergency services are trained for a wide range of emergency situations. However, there is a lot you can do for example. Fit a smoke alarm, make an action plan so everyone knows how to escape in the event of a fire, take care when cooking, never leave lit candles unattended, ensure cigarettes are stubbed out and disposed of carefully, never smoke in bed, keep matches and lighters away from children, have your chimney swept regularly.

National Emergency Alerts: Emergency Alerts is a UK Government Service that will warn you if there's a danger to life nearby. Follow this link to find out more <https://www.gov.uk/alerts>, Additional advice is to Go In, Stay In and Tune In to local BBC Radio Shropshire 96FM

How to prepare yourself for emergencies:

Be prepared for example with suitable insurance covering risks, fit and maintain smoke alarms, prepare a first aid kit, sign up to a community messaging and information service. The following web site will be of help www.gov.uk/prepare, <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/weatherready>,

Accidents and system failures:

Electricity: during a power cut call 105 and to find out more visit: <https://www.powercut105.com/>, <https://www.nationalgrid.co.uk/power-cut-information/power-cut-advice>,

Water: Some tips are to wrap up your pipes, know the location/s of stop tap/s, for more information visit – <https://www.stwater.co.uk>,

Communities prepared

Gas: In the event of an emergency call 0800111999 – 24hours a day and/or visit <https://www.nationalgridgas.com/safety-and-emergencies/emergencies-and-safety-advice>,

Natural and Environmental hazards:

Severe weather: Check for weather warnings at, Met Office helpline 03709000100 or at <https://www.metoffice.gov.uk/weather/warnings-and-advice/uk-warnings>,

Flooding: Flood-line 03459881188 or follow @EnvAgency on Twitter and the latest updates from – www.gov.uk/check-flood-risk,

Heatwaves: If feeling unwell consult your GP or call NHS 111 or call 999 for an ambulance. For more information visit the following site – <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/>,

Cold Weather: for more information visit – <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/>, the cold weather plan on the following – <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/nhs-winter-planning>,

Human diseases: most up to date information relating to Covid-19 can be found on the following link – <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>,

Neighbourhood Matters: This is a messaging service that keeps you in touch with the latest information from your local Policing Teams. To sign up go to – <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/>,

Contacts for Shropshire Councils Resilience Team for other information:

<https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/shropshire-prepared-emergencies-and-major-incident/>,

The Parish Council Clerk can be contacted via email on gbouldparish@yahoo.co.uk, text or ring on 07792300702 or write to the address highlighted below.

Thank You

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Here is the latest from RAF Shawbury

Night Flying

The next period commences on 31 March and is planned to 15 May. Night flying periods are usually for seven weeks with three weeks in between periods. There will be posts on the RAF Shawbury Facebook/Twitter advising on the night flying periods and we are grateful for the tolerance of this essential training. There is also information on the RAF Shawbury webpage with contact details for complaints or concerns. Night flying will commence typically 30 mins after sunset and may continue until 02:30.

Helicopter Liaison Group

The latest Helicopter Liaison Group Newsletter (No1 of 2025) has been issued and should be distributed to all Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin Town and Parish Councils. There are options for regional groups to be addressed by appropriate RAF Shawbury executives if warranted.

Airfield Works Programme

The airfields work programme is progressing well. These works will maintain the airfield operating surfaces for many more years to ensure our flying training continues. Where possible the main Contractor is sub-contracting local companies to bring benefit to the local area and lower the carbon footprint wherever possible.

Hi-Viz for Horse Riders

Watch our social media posts (Facebook and X) or website <https://www.raf.mod.uk/our-organisation/stations/raf-shawbury/flying-info/>, for information on our High Visibility Campaign for 2025. Our next delivery is expected in May.

Drones

If anyone flies a drone/model aircraft locally we recommend checking the Drone Code which is available on the CAA website. There are legal restrictions near all airfields, civil and military, regarding the flying of drones and model aircraft. <https://register-drones.caa.co.uk/drone-code>

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Kind regards, Adrian

A P Vine: Flt Lt: Engagement & Media: 03001 685228
95531 7572

CLIVE & GRINSHILL CHURCH REPORT

*All Saints Church,
Clive*



There's been some lovely worship services at our churches in recent months and more to come through the spring. It doesn't seem that long since Hadnall church was full of angels and sheep for our crib service and we've had some lovely informal family services since led by our team of creative lay people, with craftwork for the children and a relaxed atmosphere for the adults. At Clive, our new Music And Praise family service on the first Sunday of the month seems to be going from strength to strength and

appreciated right across the community....from babies bopping to the rhythms through to ninety year olds bopping too. It's been a breath of fresh air, or as we say in theology a real movement of the Spirit. The monthly meditation service at Hadnall on the third Sunday of the month is also a deeply spiritual time together of listening for God's voice and sharing the fellowship of his community.

In the service rota you'll see our spread of Good Friday and Easter Sunday services across our team of churches, hopefully a time and place to suit everyone. And animal and outdoor services are now being planned as the spring unfolds, more details to follow. So, lots of good ways to look outside the everyday cares of our increasingly vulnerable world and up to the heavens in gratitude for all the blessings we have and can share.

How nice it has been to finally see more sunny days over the last fortnight. I hope we can all take heart from a bit more sunshine after the unsettled weather of so much of last year and the beginning of this. I'm a big fan of that Gerry and the Pacemakers song '*When you walk through the storm, hold your head up high.....at the end of a storm there's a golden sky and the sweet silver song of a lark.*' I heard my first lark of the year last week in a field at Buildwas. We truly will never walk alone, with God's care and each other's fellowship. So, let's *Walk on with faith in your heart* and with hope for a good year ahead.

Vicar Paul



Renshaw's Field Association

Ten years on...2015 - 2025

2015: The field was purchased by Clive Parish Council on behalf of the community of Clive through a public works loan along with a small donation from Grinshill Parish Council.

Renshaw's Field Association was established to protect the field from development and maintain it as a recreational space for the benefit of the whole community. The association is an independent charitable trust made up of trustees who are either volunteers or representatives of local organisations, including the Parish Council, Village Hall, School, and Church.

2016: Planning permission was sought to change the access way to a splayed drive with grants from the Wrekin Housing Trust and Big Lottery Award.

Clive & Grinshill WI donated funds to install a pedestrian gate, noticeboard, rubbish bin, and benches.

2022: A 3m Willow Dome & Tunnel was purchased and planted with a grant from Community Resourcing and the Twemlows Community Energy Fund.

2023: The Drawwell Wall Reinforcement & Rebuild Project was funded by a grant from the Big Lottery Fund and a donation from Clive Parish Council. Don Trow retired from the ground maintenance of the field. Adam Page steps up to the task.

A community event was held to plant trees and hedging (donated by The Woodland Trust) for The Queen's Green Canopy in January 2023. This event was commemorated by plaques inset in Grinshill stone.

2024: Two new picnic benches were installed with support from grants from Community Resourcing, the Twemlows Community Energy Fund, and Freedom Fibre.

On 7th December, Storm Darragh changed the landscape of the field as tree T2 fell. Unfortunately, property was damaged, but thankfully no people were harmed.

2025: Don Trow returns from retirement...



Figure 1 Renshaw's Field 20th November 2024 12022025RFA

At the February meeting 19 members and visitors enjoyed an interesting talk given by Brian Smith - a volunteer rider for the Blood Bikes charity. Generous donations were collected to support this amazing nationwide delivery service that saves the NHS thousands of pounds per year.

The March meeting welcomed 20 members and visitors to the craft evening hosted by Nic Bane who provided materials and guidance for creating some very artistic greetings cards.

In April we will be making individual flower arrangements for Easter using supermarket flowers. The session will be run by Judy Mackey of Shawbury Flower Group.

A walking group will be starting in April, the first walk around Ellesmere followed by cuppa and cake at the Lakeside Cafe.

Dr Nigel Baker will be giving a talk on 'Underground Shrewsbury - County Town Secrets Revealed' at the May meeting.

The WI Calendar can be seen on notice boards at Clive Village Hall and bottom of Drawwell together with posters for each monthly meeting and on Social media.

WI members also join with five other local groups to play skittles, kurling, darts, craft workshops and social evenings.

At County level there are several events each month designed to inspire, educate and entertain women of all ages and help make our communities a better place for everyone.

At National level there are many varied online courses that are free to WI members.

Each year WI members vote nationally for a resolution to champion. This year the vote was won by 'Bystanders can be Lifesavers'. At the National AGM in June this resolution will be adopted and campaigning will begin to improve survival of cardiac arrest by improved CPR training and use of defibrillators in the community.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at our meetings. Please come along and see what we are about.

Liz Griffiths, Secretary (01939 220737 lizgriffiths56@hotmail.co.uk)
Christine Thomas, President (07792113070 chrisdot1955@gmail.com)

WI Events for 2025

MEETINGS IN CLIVE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30PM



April 8th
Flower Arranging for Easter
Demonstration & Practice



May 13th
Underground Shrewsbury - Dr Nigel Baker
County Town Secrets Revealed



June 10th
A Shrophire Lass - Alison Utting
Dame Agnes Hunt the 1st orthopaedic nurse



July 8th
Social at Village Hall Garden!
BBQ - 6pm start



August (date tbc)
Boat trip on Llangollen Canal



September 9th
Do You Know? - Police & Fire Service, Age Concern
Staying Safe & Tech Savvy



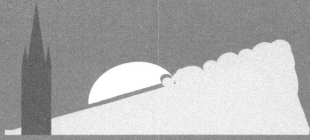
October 14th
Dealing with Life's Curve Balls - Tania West
Transform defining moments of life, in positive ways



November 11th
AGM & Chair Yoga



December 9th
Christmas Time to Celebrate!



CLIVE HUB

— **BAR • SOCIAL** —

Built by the Community for the Community

Fully licensed venue available for hire

Opening Times

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| Monday | Closed |
| Tuesday | Closed |
| Wednesday | 19:00 – 23:00 |

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| Thursday | 19:00 – 23:00 |
| Friday | 18:00 – 23:00 |
| Saturday | 19:00 – 23:00 |
| Sunday | 13:00 – 16:00 |

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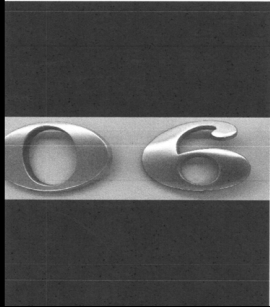
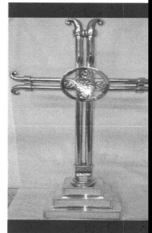
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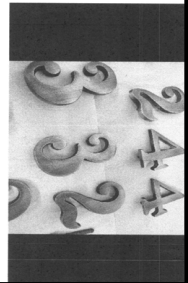
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Grinshill Village Hall Report

At recent meetings of the Management Committee, we have been considering a number of important issues.

The Lease

The current lease with the Sansaw Estate is due to end in December 2027. The lease is held by the Parish Council, and the management committee is tasked with the day to day running of the Hall. An initial meeting has been held with a representative of the Estate to discuss the potential renewal of the lease.

Finance

In common with similar organisations, GVH has been faced with significant increases in costs, particularly utilities, such as; electricity, water, and heating fuel. This has not been matched by increases in our income. The treasurer has presented a recent report that identified, in the last calendar year, there was a very significant shortfall of approximately £3000. Whilst this, in the short term can be covered from our positive bank balance, it is not sustainable, and needs to be addressed immediately. The committee have agreed a two year period to make every effort towards a break even budget.

Apart from the expenditure issues, we now receive very little income from use of the Hall by others, and surpluses from activities and events we put on. Therefore for a sustainable future, significant increases in our income are critical.

Committee Members/Volunteers

Recently we have managed to recruit some new members to the committee, and their contributions have been extremely positive, and helpful. However, the organisation of events, and day to day running still rests with a relatively small group of committee members and volunteers. In many cases, these people have been involved for many years. We feel that the only way for this to be sustainable in the long term, is for more practical involvement and support from the wider local community.

The Way Forward

We welcome contributions/comments from all villagers. Our meetings are open to all, so please come along if you have the time. If necessary, we would be very happy to organise an open village meeting at a weekend for a more general discussion. You can contact any committee member (including me -see below).

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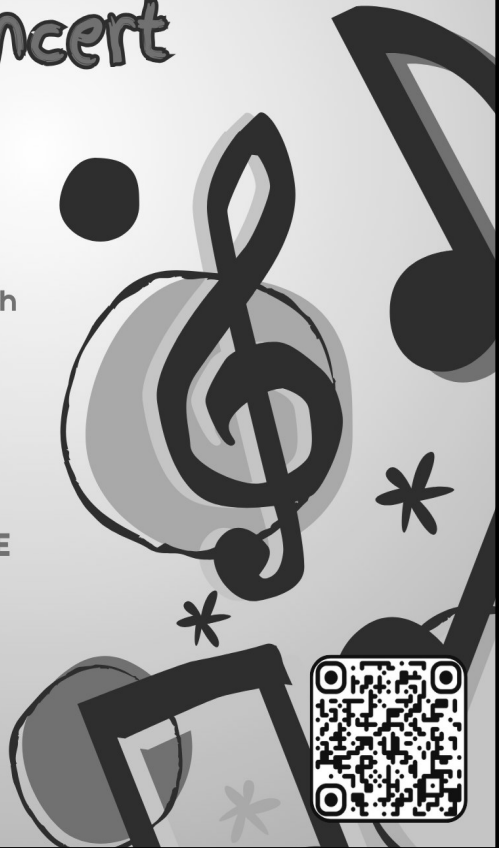
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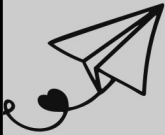
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Clive CE Primary School - Inspection News



In the last edition of the Newsletter it was reported that OFSTED inspectors had visited the school to monitor standards. The final report arrived just a little too late for us to tweak the school's contribution in the February/March newsletter. However, we are pleased to report that the inspectors found that the school "has taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection". In July 2018, the school was judged to be 'Good'. The latest inspection was what is termed an 'ungraded inspection' so no overall one-word judgement is given. Nevertheless, maintaining standards is something we are proud of.

The inspection process itself consisted of two inspectors interviewing senior leaders (Mrs Watts and Miss Brayford), teaching and support staff, parents and children as well as observation of books, analysis of data and brief observations of lessons and worship. They triangulate what they are told with what they see on the day and what the data show. If the three areas match, they can make that overall judgement. The day started off at 8am with the arrival of the inspectors. They left us at about 5pm after a full day of meetings, observations and talks with children.

The verbal feedback was extremely complimentary with the lead inspector making mention of some of the highlights he and his colleague experienced. It was a bit of a wait for the final report which didn't arrive until after the Christmas holiday but the overall findings were very good. The school is maintaining good standards in all areas. This was an ungraded inspection so they do not grade (Outstanding, Good, Requires Improvement or Inadequate) the school on the main OFSTED inspection areas - Personal Development, Quality of Education, Leadership & Management, Behaviour & Attitudes and EYFS. Nevertheless it is a very intense day for all involved.

The full report is available for anyone to read on our website ([Clive CofE Primary School: OFSTED](#)) or the OFSTED website ([Find an Ofsted inspection report](#)). Some key highlights for the school, however, are "Staff at this small school have high expectations for all pupils. They know each pupil and their needs well and ensure that all pupils are included in lessons. The school identifies the needs of pupils with SEND [Special Educational

Needs and Disabilities]. *Staff adjust what they do so that these pupils can learn alongside others and achieve strong outcomes".*

The four areas of an inspection are closely examined during the day. During their inspections, the inspectors found that the "school encourages pupils to use precise vocabulary to express themselves and to explain their thinking. This approach begins in early years. For example, pupils can confidently describe the weather for the day. Children in the Reception class can explain the relationship between numbers using words such as 'fewer' and 'more'".



In considering behaviour and attitudes the inspection team judged that the "school has high expectations for behaviour and attendance. The school expects pupils to attend school every day and many pupils do" and that "caring staff in the early years teach children the importance of being kind and listening carefully. Pupils cooperate well and try their best".

Personal development is quite a broad area to inspect but we are pleased that the team found that the "school promotes pupils' personal development well. Pupils are knowledgeable about protected characteristics, diversity and discrimination".

Inspecting the fourth area of an inspection, the team judged that those "responsible for governance meet their statutory duties effectively. The multi-academy trust provides valuable support for the school. This includes, for example, curriculum development and the sharing of expertise.



Governors bring helpful support and challenge from their local perspective. Staff are a caring, supportive team who are united in their dedication to the pupils' education. Staff are carefully supported in their workload and well-being".

Whilst we are very pleased with the inspection findings, we are not complacent in thinking that everything is 'great'. It is! But we are aware of areas that still need attention. The inspection team have asked us to consider more carefully assessment and developing the maths curriculum. We were already aware of these as points for development and they are already included within our annual School Development Plan.

We are very pleased with the overall findings and will continue to work hard to give the children who come into our care for 32.5 hours a week, 38 weeks a year, the best experiences that we can. As a staff team we are grateful for the support we receive from so many parents, governors, MAT teams and the local community. Clive CE Primary School is an important part of the village and we hope to remain so for many years to come.







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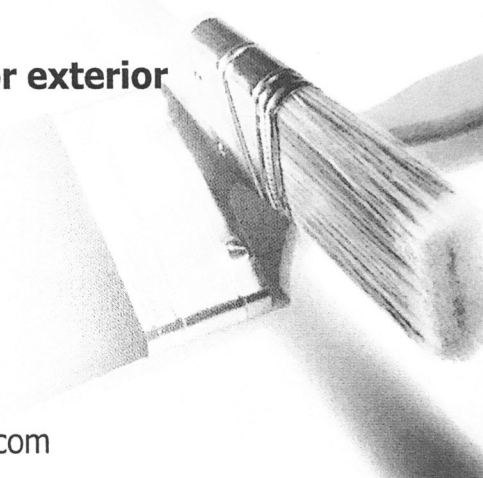
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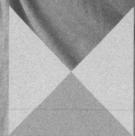
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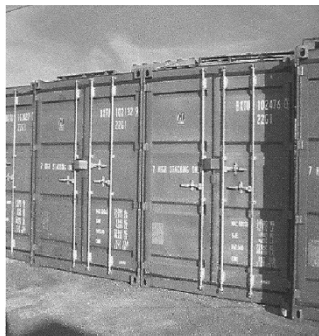


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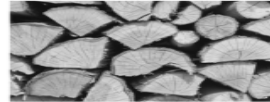
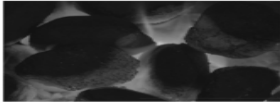
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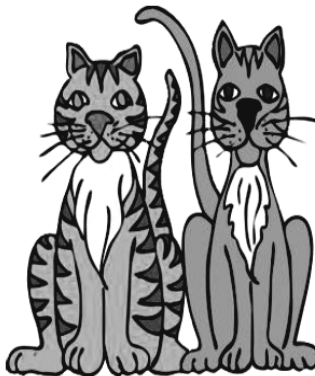
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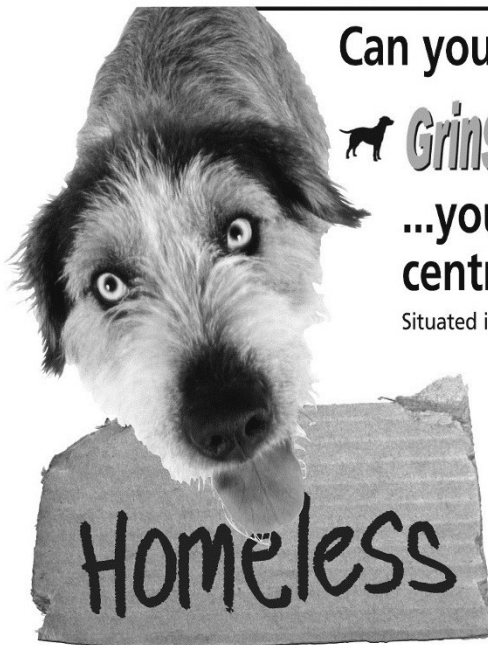
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