

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

SOUTH NEWTON AND STOFORD PARISH COUNCIL 2017

Good evening Ladies and Gentlemen, may I welcome you all and thank you for giving up your time to be here for the AGM of the Parish Council 2017. Please feel free to raise any questions that you may have tonight.

I also wish to extend a warm welcome to our newly elected Councillor Pauline Church. Welcome Pauline and we look forward to working with you.

My first duty of the night is to thank, on your behalf, all of my fellow members of the Parish Council. They work tirelessly for us and are a huge asset to our community. As your Chairman, I could not do my job without such fantastic support and I add my personal thanks to all of you for your sterling work and for your diligence and commitment to the parishioners of South Newton and Stoford.

Review and update on matters from last year:

Good progress is being made with fund raising efforts for the new extension to the Village Hall. We continue to exploit all avenues for grants and fund raising.

I shall mention again, that we have a clothes bin for recycling in South Newton village, which helps fund the Air Ambulance. We are ever mindful of this service given we all live near such a dangerous road.

The G283 Stoford Bottom road continues to cause us all grief. It is being used by many more drivers and increasingly by HGV's following their Sat Navs. Hopefully, remedial work will be carried out sometime soon and we anticipate that a weight restriction may be secured.

The residential roads in South Newton village are becoming more dangerous due to cars being parked where the roads are narrow. After many near accidents and complaints by villagers, we are trying to encourage everyone to use the car parks which have space.

Events:

The Summer Fete

We were not able to hold our Summer Fete last year. However, we did manage to hold the Dog Show which has become a great favourite, drawing in our four legged friends and their owners from far and wide.

This year, I am delighted to announce that we shall be holding The Summer Fete and the date for your diaries is Saturday 8th July. Please come along and enjoy the day. We shall be holding the Doggie Show again, so bring along all your doggie friends. There will be the tea, coffee and cake stall, plant stall, white elephant stall and many more. The children's sport races are, as always, competitive as any Olympics! There is a great feeling to the day and lots more events to enjoy.

The Football Club six-a-side tournament

This annual event is always a highlight of our year, with the Ladies being held on the Saturday and the Men's on the Sunday. The dates for this year are 17th and 18th June, Sunday being Father's Day again. The Village Hall Committee will be providing the refreshments and food and any help you are able to offer will be very gratefully received. Once again a big thank you to everyone who gives up their time to make this a very successful occasion for everybody. Please attend if you can and support your local football club and village hall on a very enjoyable day for all.