

Chairman's Report 17.10.18

- The Parish Council is marking the centenary of World War 1 by supporting an evening of music/poetry and drama on November 6th in St John's Church at 7.30 pm. The evening is arranged and presented by pianist Charlotte Forrest, who has recorded with the BBC Concert Orchestra and Monteverdi Choir, ENO, and performed at the Royal Opera House as well as performing with Paloma Faith and Tom Jones. Charlie lives with her husband and son in our village. She will be joined by soprano and actress Sarah Gabriel on the evening; Sarah performs regularly in Europe, Glyndebourne, the Aldeburgh Festival and has broadcast on BBC TV and radio. Excerpts by Siegfried Sassoon, Dorothy Parker, Spike Milligan, Ivor Novello, George Butterworth, and Pablo Casals will be performed. **This event is free.**

Saffron Screen will show Journey's End on November 9th in the Church at 7.30 pm (doors open 6.45). Tickets will be £6.00 for adults and £4.00 young people under 18.

Mulled wine, wine and soft refreshments will be available on both evenings.

- We are purchasing two metal Tommy's from funds donated by Murdoch's, the Rotary Club, KMD Wealth Management and James Wallace Jarvis amongst some anonymous donations. These will be sited near the War Memorial in the Church grounds.
- This year the service will begin in the Church at 10.15 am and depart for the naming of soldiers who gave their lives, and the traditional wreath laying and silence at the War Memorial at approximately 10.45 am. We hope to also have representation from Municipal Council of Rungis, our twinning partner in France, who will also lay a wreath and read a lesson at the Church service.
- The Parish Council's response to MAG's proposed expansion of Stansted Airport will be published on our website. We will have a representative speaking on behalf of the Parish Council at the Special Planning Committee on November 14th. Public speaking sessions have been

arranged for November 6th and 7th – with the request for a slot to be submitted to UDC before 12 noon on November 5th.

- We are to meet with a local housing association LEAP, who have a base in Saffron Walden to discuss future possible arrangements to promote the use of the funding from the sale of the Alms Houses in Stansted. This will also be attended by Cllr Alan Dean who is working with the PC to secure an appropriate project for future local social housing.
- I am pleased to report that following an update meeting at UDC attended by our Clerk, the PCSO recruitment has been signed off and will progress to internal advert, before any wider recruitment campaign. It has also been clarified that only in the event of a significant incident will the post holder be expected to support officers in a different locality. The funding Parish is also able to decide how the PCSO spends their allotted time in the area e.g. availability in the hub/at the youth club/railway station /recreation ground/Speedwatch etc. They will start and end their days at Saffron Walden to receive and pass on information and recordings.
- A draft of the Neighbourhood plan is to be discussed at our next meeting on Thursday 18th October. This has progressed over the last few months and we hope to be in position to consult our community on the document by the new year.
- I attended, along with a colleague on the Twinning Group, a very enlightening Town Twinning Association Conference in Dunmow last weekend, also attended by the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Mayor and Mayoress of Dunmow, and the Town Crier. Some members had been twinned for forty years, twenty years and so on and they were delighted we were continuing to forge cultural and friendship as well as business links with our French partner.

We learnt many lessons from the stories told and came away with lots of ideas to promote strong links and friendships. We need to promote our hosting and chaperoning to enable exchange visits to progress. Any individual or family willing to host or chaperone a visit from our French friends, and then have a reciprocal visit please contact geraldineallars@gmail.com or give your details to staff in the Parish office.

- Following what appeared to be a very good meeting (with Mike Gogarty – Director for Wellbeing and Public Health and Dipti Patel (primary Care and Pharmacy lead), that acknowledged many of the issues we raised in relation to the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment for Stansted and West Essex localities, and our growing need for another pharmacy in the south of Stansted; we were given the impression that we would be able to present to the Health and wellbeing board our reasons to enable the issuing of a supplementary statement to register an additional pharmacy.

Dipti has canvassed the HWB Board who feel that the process of an external presentation would constitute an appeal, and therefore our presentation to herself and Mike Gogarty will be reproduced without our input.

We will be sending a copy of our issues and evidence that is omitted from the PNA to each member of the board prior to the next meeting.