#### **Clerk Completes 25 Years**

Carol Leversha, our Parish Clerk, has recently completed 25 years in the post. Times have changed, as have the rules and regulations governing Parish Councils, but Carol keeps up with it all. She has guided the Council through a maze of ever-increasing legislation as well as providing a wealth of knowledge on the history of local issues. Over the years Carol has seen many Councillors come and go and has served five different Chairmen. CVPC would like to give its heartfelt thanks to Carol for her dedication to the Council.



#### **Pilcot Road**

For some years now we have been fighting long and hard for a footpath along Pilcot Road. We have the support both of Dogmersfield School and the many parents who would like to walk their children to school safely. So far we have been unsuccessful in persuading HCC Highways to support our request. Recently, they agreed to re-mark the road, put up signs warning that pedestrians may be in the road and to a proposal for a reduced speed limit of 30mph.

## **A287 / Redfields Lane Junction Changes**

CVPC has consistently expressed concern over the safety of this junction and the ever increasing delays we have all experienced turning onto the A287. To help with the problem, HCC recommended additional signs and road markings. Whilst not strictly a CVPC project, Cllr Ney has worked for the last two years to get speed-sensitive signs installed and they are now finally operational. We wait with interest to see what impact these signs will have on the problems with this difficult junction and should welcome your views.

## **Village Notice Board**

You may have noticed a new noticeboard near the Post Office in Crookham Village. This was purchased by CVPC to replace the previous smaller board which was both rather too small and in need of serious attention. To accommodate the larger structure, the amenity area layout has been adjusted and the village map moved to beside the telephone box.



#### **Meet the Team**

#### **Pauline Greenwood**

Pauline Greenwood is your new Councillor for the Netherhouse Moor Ward of Crookham Village Parish Council. Living on Netherhouse Moor, she is a member of the Parish Council Planning Committee and a Parish Tree Warden.



#### **Obituaries**

#### Iris Knight

We are very sad to report the death of Iris Knight on 23 October, aged 83. Iris was a lifelong Villager, being born at the Old Horns on Redfields Lane. She trained as a teacher and after a period away returned to teach in Aldershot for some years. She married Stan over 50 years ago and came to live at Hazelcroft in the Street. Like Stan she was active in village life as well as the essential support to Stan in his manifold local activities. They were both keen 'twinners' and led the Parish Council's links with the Commune of Lévignen.

Iris was a very popular member of the Village and we shall greatly miss her charm and vivacity. We extend our sympathy to her children Anna and Adrian and to her grandchildren.

#### **Noel Dent**

We are also very sad to report the death of Noel Dent on 2 July, aged 83. He served as Chairman of the Twinning Association for 4 years and also as a Parish Councillor. Noel was brought up in Farnham, did an engineering apprenticeship in Guildford and went on to become managing director of an engineering company. On retirement, he taught offshore sailing and moved to Poulters Bridge Cottage when he left the sea 13 years ago. We send our condolences to his wife. Jeanne, and to his family. He will be greatly missed by his friends in the parish.



## **Meetings of the Parish Council**

The Parish Council meets on the first Monday of each month (except August), alternating between Velmead Community Centre, Zebon Copse and the WI Hall, The Street, Crookham Village. Meetings start at 7:45 pm and there is an opportunity for members of the public to make 3 minute representations near the beginning of meetings.

Note that meetings scheduled for Velmead will be moved to the WI Hall if building works dictate. See notice boards and <a href="https://www.crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk">www.crookhamvillage-pc.org.uk</a> for details.

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#### Welcome from the Chairman - Cllr Simon Ambler

Last May, as Chairman, I was invited to Lévignen in France to renew our twinning charter. This year is the 25th anniversary of the original agreement between our two villages and I had the honour of signing the oath of renewal on behalf Crookham Village. As always the hospitality extended to all the visitors was exceptionally warm. In addition to the formal ceremony, a themed dinner dance took place on Saturday evening followed by some keen rivalry at the on the inter-village games on Sunday. If you are interested in finding out more about twinning please contact Charles Hicks on 01252 850657



Daniel Leger, Mayor of Levignen, with Chairman Simon Ambler

## **Velmead Community Centre**

CVPC would like to apologise for the delays to the start of this important project. Having had the approval for the money to refurbish the centre, tenders were put out for the work. Unfortunately, all of the responses were over budget and CVPC have had to revise their requirements. The invitations to tender have now gone out again and responses are expected by the end of the year. Early in the New Year, we hope to be in a position to notify users and residents of the timetable and way forward.

# Boardwalk at the Junction of Footpaths 2 & 14 and Hillyburrow fencing

A new boardwalk is now in place across the boggy crossing on footpath 2 at its intersection with footpath 14 on the south side of Hillyburrow. This was funded by CVPC with support from Hampshire County Council (HCC). In a bid to reduce the incidence of flooding, the stream has also been dug out on the upstream side. However, since this area is a water meadow which reduces the risk of flooding downstream, this area will still be liable to flooding in the wettest weather.





CVPC has also, with the agreement of the landowner, erected a fence round the copse at the summit of Hillyburrow to protect these landmark trees from being eaten by the horses in the field.

## **Netherhouse Moor Footpath**

You may have noticed that a new footpath has appeared from the end of Swan Way across the open space to Larmer Close. This proposal had been discussed with CVPC by the Hart District Ward Councillors concerned, but we were just preparing to seek the views of local residents when we discovered that the path had already been installed. If you have an opinion on this, like it or hate it, we should still welcome your comments.



## **New Planning Rules**

New rules came into force on 1 October and give greater freedom for adding extensions etc to domestic properties without needing planning permission. At the same time, new restrictions have been introduced for hard standings in front gardens. Details are on line at <a href="https://www.planningportal.gov.uk">www.planningportal.gov.uk</a>, including an interactive 3D guide.

Hart Council planning help desk on 01252-774419 can advise whether specific proposals require planning permission. Article 4 restrictions still apply to listed buildings and within conservation areas.

Building Regulations must be complied with even if planning permission is not required.

## **Contacting the Parish Council**

Correspondence should be addressed to the clerk at:

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Contacting individual Councillors and Officers

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