

Chairmans report 24/25

Good evening, everyone and welcome to the Annual Parish meeting.

We currently have 10 councillors but that means 5 vacancies so don't be shy come and join - be part of the solution.

I am going to mention things that have gone on in the year in no particular order and hope that I cover everything

This year we saw the 25th anniversary of the Somersham Community newsletter - fantastic achievement by all those involved over the years.

Coffee with a Cop is back on the 16th August at the church 10-12 pm - try to come along and say something to our local officer, even if is "milk please, no sugar!"

Remembrance Day had to be scaled down last year owing to lack of time for planning a road closure, but this is planned to happen this year - so back to normal.

There has been some much-needed repair work carried out on the Chatteris Road and Station Approach - more work is needed, but some is better than none.

Parish Councils have now been around for 130 years - a fact you may not know! The Christmas lights working party have done us proud again with a lot of private residences also putting up a good show to cheer up the dull winter evenings.

The long awaited "men shed/repair café" is now ready to be implemented, and we look forward to seeing its development into a hive of activity.

The 80th VE celebrations have happened, and no doubt brought back some personal memories and stories. My Mum and Dad had just got married and then my dad was shipped off to Singapore..... (a fantastic holiday destination these days.)

The organisers of the youth bus have brought new buses and should be back in action soon.

We had a pantomime this year "the Gingerbread Man" which it was well received by all who came.

The Parish Council have also put on some free sports sessions run by One Leisure - keep an eye out for the posters around the village.

The carnival is back on this year and we wish the organisers every success!

We are putting together a neighbourhood plan - anybody who wants further information can contact the office or stop by the stand on carnival day - we look forward to seeing you.

The battle to extend the Norwood car park trundles on with a lot of hurdles in the way by planning - we hope to see this project completed soon.

The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Steve Criswell for his outstanding contribution to the community of Somersham - he retired as County Council Councillor this year and we wish him every success with his retirement. We are fortunate to hold onto him as District Councillor for a while longer.

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