



## **‘Oyez’ - Clapham Parish Council Quarterly Newsletter - April 2023**

### **A Message from the Chairman, Terry Gale**

A busy time at the Parish Council as we prepare for the May elections that take place every four years. The end of the financial year is also upon us with independent checks being undertaken to provide assurance that the Parish Council is operating correctly.

We have a new Facebook group so please join up to see the various notices and updates that will be posted from time to time. Look out too for further details of the Annual Meeting of the Parish, one for parish electors not council related business, and make a date for your diary, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May, 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

The reverse of this newsletter is an invitation to your household to celebrate the occasion of the King's Coronation and we look forward to seeing you on the day.

And finally, last but not least, a heartfelt THANK YOU to BOAZ CORNFORD, for his fantastic efforts in keeping the village free of litter. Sadly so much rubbish is being discarded along our roadsides and verges, some of which finds its way into the village, so all this hard work is really appreciated. Lots of great feedback on the efforts of the litter-picking team generally, so thank you to everyone else involved too.

### **South Downs National Park**

A review of the Local Plan is underway and as part of this we have been asked to provide details of openly accessible spaces and facilities available to the Parish. There is also the opportunity to create a Parish Priorities Statement, summarising the principal needs and prevailing views of the local community.

The recent planning application for the old Gravel Pit has highlighted how important the land is to the community so a nomination has been made as part of the Authority's 'Call for Green Sites.'

### **Celebrating the King's Coronation, May 2023**

We have been lucky enough to have received some more National Lottery funding to replace the two old seats on the Recreation Ground with ones to commemorate the King's Coronation and these will be ordered shortly.

### **A Message from Clapham and Patching C of E Primary School**

Here at Clapham and Patching CofE Primary School we have had a busy term. Back in January we packed up some of our books and sent them out to a school in Gambia. In the Easter holidays Mrs Almond (one of our teachers) is heading out to Gambia to meet up with our books where she will help the 'Sponsor a Gambian Child' charity in setting up their school. Once a year in the wet season the school gets washed away and everyone has to help rebuild it! We also had a cake sale to raise some money for Mrs Almond to take with her to buy some lidded plastic boxes so that when she arrives and meets up with our books they won't get washed away too!

### **Surveys and Consultations**

Arun District Council has now approved a Community Transport Plan and Community Transport Sussex needs help in gathering detailed information from across the district. Their survey is designed to identify gaps in the availability of transport locally and the particular needs of individual communities. You can take

part in the survey for Clapham which runs until April 30<sup>th</sup> details of which are on the Parish Council website and our Facebook page too.