

### **Christmas Tree**

Once again our tree at Ware Pond looks really good. Many thanks to Councillor Penny Evershed and to everyone who helped her with its installation and lighting.

### **Vacancy for a Parish Councillor**

A notice of the vacancy caused by Gerrard Barker's resignation was displayed on December 1<sup>st</sup> on the Council notice board opposite The Plough, and on the MGPC website. Ten electors may require an election if they notify the AVDC Returning Officer within 14 days. Further information from AVDC or our Clerk. Otherwise, Council will decide at its January meeting whether and how to co-opt someone new.

We have currently had two firm expressions of interest and a third person has discussed the possibility. If you are interested in offering yourself for election or co-option, please contact either Carole Jackman, our Clerk, or one of the councillors.

The other six councillors are Ian Metherell (chairman), Richard Cross (vice-chairman), Penny Evershed, June Smith, Liz Taylor and Derek Leonard.

### **Leisure and Sport Facilities**

At its next meeting Council will propose to AVDC our suggested uses for the potential £100,000 'Section 106' contribution expected if Ewelme sites A and C receive planning permission. The options include a new rope climbing 'tree', skate-boarding, improvements to the swings at the Hall, and the Village Hall's and Sports & Social Club's needs. Your suggestions are welcome.

### **Precept for 2017-18**

Council's budget for next year will be agreed at the Finance Committee on December 6<sup>th</sup>; followed by setting the MGPC precept at the Council meeting on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Simply Walk**

The first walk is next Monday 5<sup>th</sup> starting from the United Reformed Church at 10.15. It's just a free and easy 45-minute walk around the village, led by a volunteer, followed by refreshments at the URC. If you know anyone who might want to come along, please let them know. It could become a weekly outing if people wish.

### **Rights of Way**

If you could help in a project to restore and protect local footpaths for future generations, by checking routes and records, please contact Ross Osborn, who is co-ordinating the work for the County Council. Email: [rossosborn41@gmail.com](mailto:rossosborn41@gmail.com).

### **Remembrance Sunday**

MGPC laid a cross on behalf of the parish at the war memorial at St Mary's Church.

### **Seasonal Greetings**

We wish everyone the compliments of the season and best wishes for the New Year.

### **Next Meetings**

Plans Committee will meet on Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm in the village hall, followed by Finance Committee, not before 8.00pm. The next Council meeting is on Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8.00 pm in the village hall.

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