

Chair's Report. May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025

- VE Day tomorrow Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup>, 80 yrs

The war had an effect on our village and many of our villagers tell their stories, read the stories on the Facebook page. The airfield really brought the war to us. Pam Miller's experience is quite amazing.

- We had the Annual Village Meeting, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, which was well attended. Some questions regarding housing and potential new housing. In the report I celebrated the repair of the path under the Oak Tree and thanked our then OCC Councillor for all his hard work

I attended the OCC mtg for parishes hosted by the Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils on April 3<sup>rd</sup> which I have reported in the Village News and hope to have deepened some working relationships - the Head of Highways was well aware of our move to 30 mph

A number of villagers attended the Declaration Ceremony for the appointment of John May, one of our villagers) as the new Sheriff of Oxfordshire - also on April 3<sup>rd</sup>

Susan and I have met and discussed strategy for completing the NP Review with the village survey to be prepared and circulated shortly. We also discussed forming a committee to discuss issues. All decisions to be made by the PC. Yesterday I learned that there are concerns that the area around villages in the Green Belt would be considered Grey Zones & hence ripe for development. So, we now need to move quickly to try and protect the expansion of our village

Food Bank was tremendous on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> with a total of 102.20 kgs of food collected. It was gratefully received at the Bicester Food Bank.

-TO COME - May 14<sup>th</sup>

- update from Pou du Fuy on planning

On Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, the ONPA is hosting a zoom conference on housing/employment site assessment and allocation. Susan and I are attending. I've read the presentation and it is very thorough

June 11<sup>th</sup> is CDC's ~Parish Liaison Meeting, please indicate your willingness to attend and meet team leaders at the pre-mtg plus speakers at the main meeting.