



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Kemble & Ewen Parish Council

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INTRODUCING CLIVE WILKES

Clive Wilkes has recently been appointed as the Police Community Support Officer for our area.

His role is to be involved with local people, by providing a visible & approachable police presence, and to take an active role in encouraging community spirit.

He can now be seen patrolling Kemble & Ewen on foot on a regular basis and has already helped to organize football training sessions for youngsters in Kemble, which will start in September. Clive sees this as a way of getting to know local residents and by providing useful activities for young people, he hopes to reduce the possibility of anti-social behaviour amongst this age group.

He has been involved with free football coaching in Cirencester which ran during the summer holidays—several local children attended & enjoyed these sessions. His plans for the immediate future are to spend time in the community getting to know everyone and to look for other ways of providing youth activities in our villages. He is also keen to see the skate park in Cirencester up and running.

Clive's previous career was in football. He retired from being a Premier League referee at the end of last season, after 19 years in the professional game. He will continue to work part time for the Football League as a referee assessor. His policy of zero tolerance of infringements on the pitch transfers very neatly into his new role in policing the community. His view is that any incidents must be dealt with straight away so that they do not escalate and lead on to further problems. He has been involved in following up the recent spate of anti-social behaviour in Kemble and is now working with Sue Burge, our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, to keep a close track of all incidents. He can be contacted on 01242 276500 at Cirencester Police Station.

A number of dads have already volunteered to help with the football training sessions which start on 19th September in Kemble. If anyone else is interested, please ring Sue Hill on 770796.

THANK YOU

The Councillors would like to thank David Stothard for all his hard work over many years in maintaining the approaches to stiles and footpaths in the parish. David took up the task in 1997 & has carried on the job ever since, quietly in his own time. He is now stepping down due to other commitments. This has been a major commitment on his part & we are indebted to David for his help.

MONEY FOR LOCAL GOOD CAUSES

£200 is now available to help a project which is judged to offer the most benefit to our community. This new annual award is launched this month by the Parish Council. Application forms are being sent to village groups: individuals can also apply, by contacting the Clerk on 770900 for a copy (deadline for applications is 19th November). The award will be made at the December meeting.

YOUR VIEWS

Councillors had an interesting afternoon at the village fete where they listened to your views & ideas. Planning for next year's budget is now in hand. It is hoped that it will be possible to fund a number of the ideas raised as new projects. If you have any ideas you would like to be considered, let us know as soon as possible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2004

Parish Council meetings:

- 22nd October
- 3rd December

These will be held in Kemble Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome and the public will have an opportunity to speak during the evening.

The Agenda for each meeting will be displayed on the Parish notice boards.

Parish Councillors:

- Roger Pettit, Chairman
- David Ball, Vice-chair
- Roger Somerville
- George Collins
- Colin Veale
- Edward Marriage
- Sohrab Sorabjee
- Glen Moreman
- John Gurney

Details of how to contact councillors & the clerk are on the notice boards.

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