

## **Bench Working Party Report**

**The cold weather restricted our activities for the last four weeks.**

### **Parish Council**

The large dog poo bin that was lying, broken, in the Parkfield Rec car park was replaced with a previously repaired similar one, and the broken one is mended and now in the Memorial Hall boiler room as a spare. This is the second one to be broken and then repaired. Clearly not fit for purpose. We tried to lift up the reclining tree on the lower part of the Upper Green but it was too heavy. Now we need to decide what to do with it. (Consultation with the Parish Clerk needed). We filled the potholes in the approach road to Parkfield Rec car park.

The whips that have been stored on Pete Desborough's allotment were dug up and taken to Parkfield Rec, ready for the contractor to plant them.

The whips planted last year around the western boundary of the Parkfield Rec car park have been damaged – knocked over, broken, probably by dogs running down after thrown balls, or maybe footballs. The incidence of dogs running around in both the recs, not on leads, seems to be increasing. We have tried to protect the remaining surviving whips, but if we want to grow them to make a hedge we may have to make a fence to enclose them.

We did more 'siding out' particularly along Church Path, The Green and Canham Close. The grass that grows onto the tarmac from the verge (about 12 inches at Canham) can have a very bad affect on the tarmac

### **Community**

The wall that fell down in Church Lane was tidied up to make it safe. Some of the bricks have been saved in case they are needed for a replacement wall. The rubbish was taken to Jake Harding's brick pile on his farm. A bench that was in the Corner Stores front area was relocated to replace the broken one at the top of the Ron Hyde Gap – known as the Skipper Bigg bench.

### **Church and Churchyard**

We cleaned off the limed oak notice boards in the church. We raised a sunken grave and tidied up another one.

### **Memorial Hall**

Many small maintenance jobs were carried out in the hall such as replacing broken bulbs.

### **Bob Finch**

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