

## Speech at Parish Meeting 6th May 2021

Welcome to this Zoom on line meeting.

What a strange time we have lived through, Covid 19 struck in January 2020 and became a Pandemic by March followed by a total 3 lockdowns in the UK to control the spread of the disease.

I am not aware of any deaths in the Village, some people have caught it and survived.

The roll out of vaccine has progressed well in the UK and shortly all adults in the Village will have been offered a Jab.

All social activities in the Village have been curtailed.

Despite this we held a social distanced celebration of VE day 8<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

Villagers have taken up walking the many footpaths that radiate from the Village and this has helped us a lot to keep sane and has been positive when people stop for a short chat.

The Parish Council have managed to undertake the following:-

- A Light has been fitted to the front porch of the Village Hall to provide extra light to Main street in addition to the street light on the corner of Church lane and the light by the church Gate.
- The second Asbestos garage has been removed from the parking area in Church lane and the area cleared to provide the fourth parking space, that has now been let.
- The area by the new parking space has been landscaped and 15 native trees have been planted.
- Bee friendly seeds have been planted near the trees by some children, so we hope this area will become a nature and wild life refuge.
- Two Oak trees have been planted along the side of Thrussington Road to replace one that was damaged and one that died.  
These will be dedicated to Mike Preston who organised the planting of the row of trees for the Millenium and Mic Wells who undertook the monitoring and replacement of lost trees.
- A Defibrillator has been provided and fitted to the side of the Village hall.
  
- The Book swap in the old Telephone box is proving popular with Villagers and also people from Sileby and East Goscote.
- On a Sad note the Old Boat house finally fell down on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Hopefully we will be able to hold face to face meetings in the near future and Village functions will be able to restart.

Lets hope the next 12 months are less traumatic .

Tom Chaplin