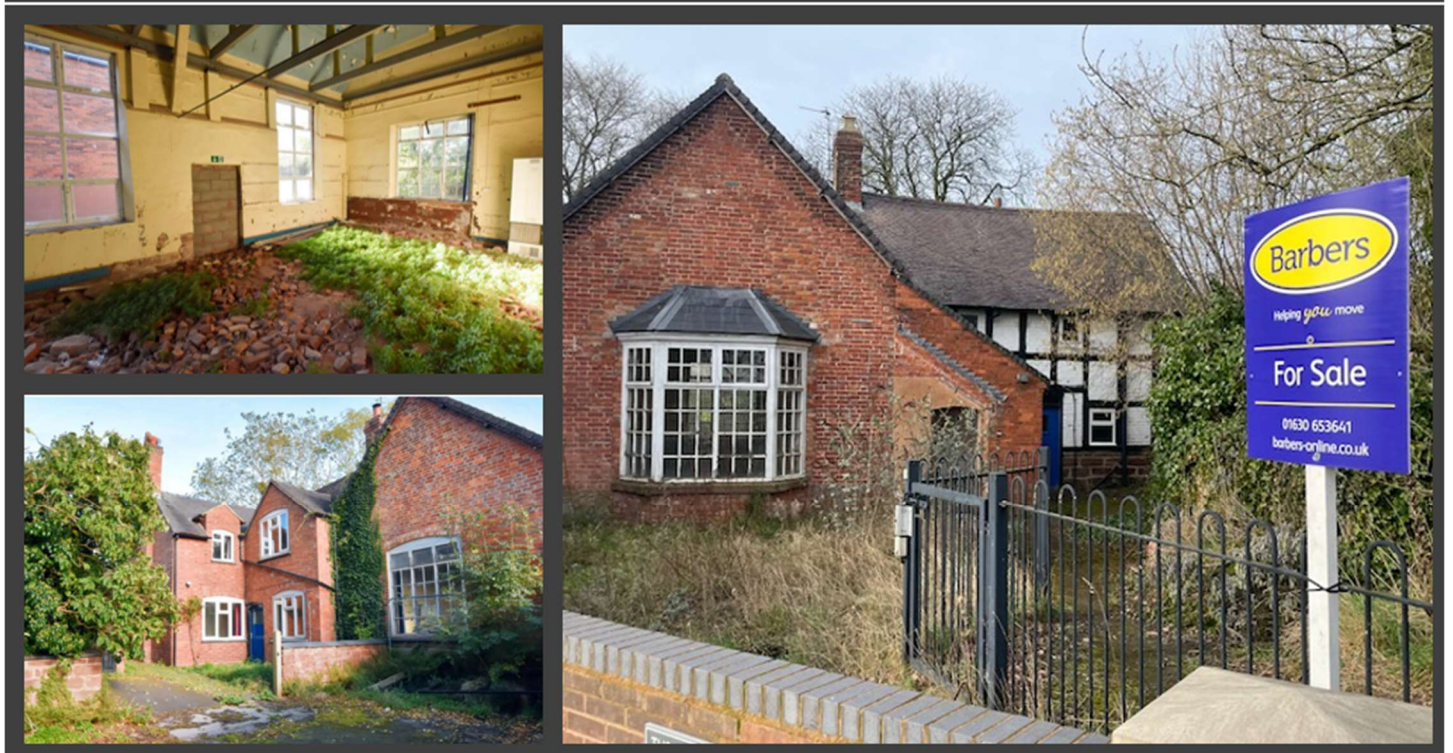


Community News

March 2025



Schools Out!



Those of you who have lived in Childs Ercall for some time, will no doubt be familiar with the old village school (pictured above). Some of you may even have been past pupils.

The school closed its doors for the last time in August 2008, with just 16 pupils on the register, when the efforts of the Diocese of Lichfield to try and keep the Church of England primary school open failed. It was a sad day when the school finally closed, but Shropshire County Council said it was economically unsustainable and the small number of pupils made it impossible to run efficiently.

Since its closure, the playground of the school has been sold off for redevelopment, whilst what remains of the building itself, although tenanted for a period, has been uninhabited for some time and gradually fallen into disrepair. You can see from the photos above that the grounds are overgrown, and the old school room (top left) has some interesting flooring. However, there is good news! Passers-by may have noticed the recent appearance of a 'For Sale' board on the entrance to the building, signifying that it is now finally on the market. At the time of going to print, there had been a great deal of interest in the property, for which sealed bids were invited, and it is now understood to have been sold subject to contract. The new owners will certainly have a lot of work to do, and it will be interesting to see what the plans are to restore or redevelop the site.

Watch this space!

Your Community Association needs you!



Childs Ercall Community Association (CECA) is desperately in need of new members/volunteers to help with events.

Over the last few years, CECA has staged a wide range of events to suit all tastes and budgets. However, they are a very small group of volunteers and with such limited resources, can only continue to put on such a fantastic array of entertaining events, if they are able to recruit some additional people to help with ongoing preparation and organisation. Through the success of their organised events, CECA has been able to fund the upkeep and maintenance

of the Jubilee Hall, the cost of which would otherwise be borne by the Parish Council's precept, which in turn would impact the amount of Council Tax we pay.

If you would like more information on how to join a fun group of people, who contribute so much to this special community we live in, please contact **childsercallca@gmail.com**

Also, check out the Village Events Calendar on the Childs Ercall Community Website and look out for the next events coming your way soon! (www.childsercall.co.uk)

In and around...

Scrambling Events.

There have been a number of complaints about the noise from the bike scrambling events on the field along the Eaton Road.

The Parish Council have liaised with Shropshire Council who have confirmed that they are allowed to undertake up to 14 events per calendar year. The council continues to monitor the extent of the concerns being raised, however, the company staging the events, do rotate around various sites they have in the local area, thereby minimising any disturbance.

Best Kept Village and Community Competition

Just a reminder that we are still looking for any community spirited people who would be interested in setting up/joining a **Village Floral Support Group**, to look at planting options around the village, sourcing the appropriate plants and helping with the required fund raising/sponsorship.

If you can help in any way, please message the Parish Council via their Facebook page, or contact James on 07595 120675 or better still, pop along and see us at the next Parish Council meeting on 19th March at the Jubilee Hall

Have Your Say

The next Parish Council meeting will be at the Jubilee Hall on March 19th at 7.00pm.

All are welcome to attend.

An on-line version of this newsletter can be found on the website. (www.childsercall.co.uk)

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