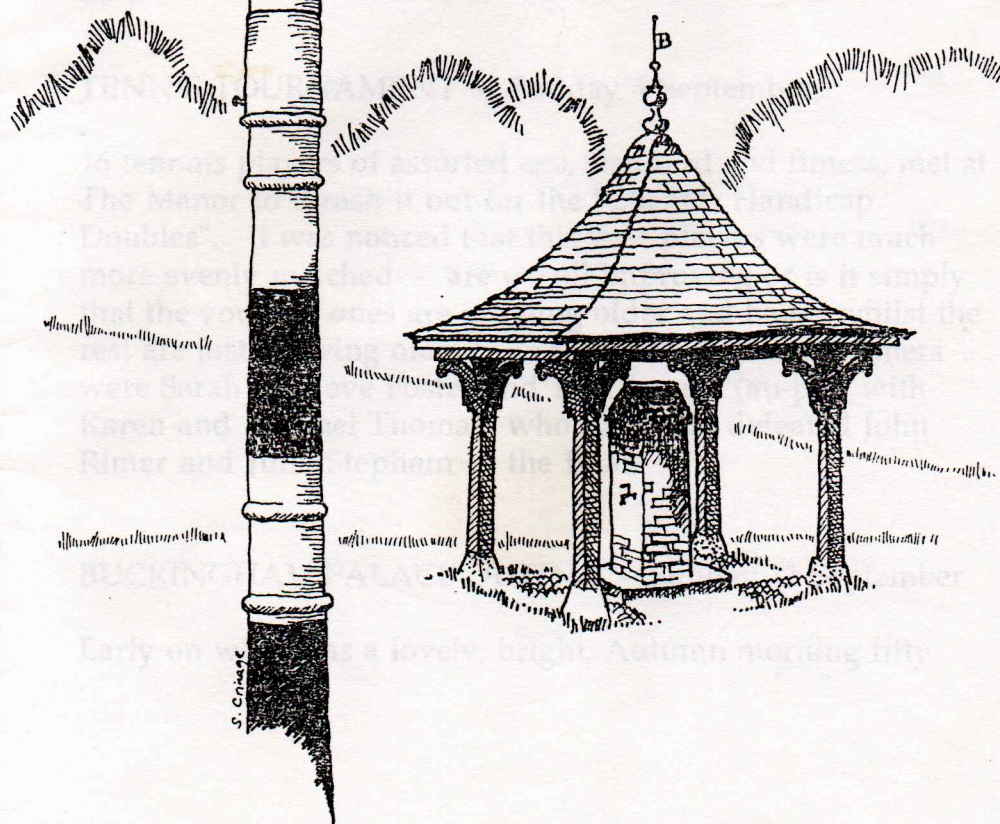
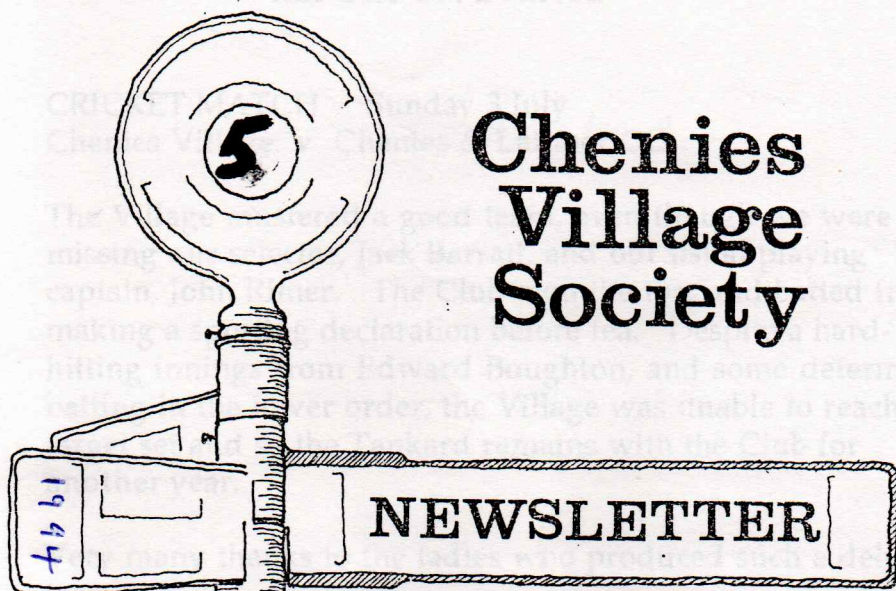


REPORT ON EVENTS

Chenies Village Society



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CRICKET MATCH - Sunday 3 July
Chenies Village v Chenies & Latimer CC

The Village mustered a good team, even though we were missing our selector, Jack Barratt, and our usual playing captain, John Rimer. The Club won the toss and batted first, making a sporting declaration before tea. Despite a hard-hitting innings from Edward Boughton, and some determined batting in the lower order, the Village was unable to reach the target set and so the Tankard remains with the Club for another year.

Very many thanks to the ladies who produced such a delicious tea.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT - Sunday 4 September

16 tennis players of assorted age, standard and fitness, met at The Manor to thrash it out for the "Chenies Handicap Doubles". It was noticed that this year players were much more evenly matched - are we all improving or is it simply that the younger ones are growing older and better whilst the rest are just growing older? In the end this year's winners were Sarah Le Neve Foster and Tina Lampe (au-pair with Karen and Michael Thomas) who narrowly defeated John Rimer and Julie Stepham in the final.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE OUTING - Sunday 11 September

Early on what was a lovely, bright, Autumn morning fifty

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Christopher Robins and Alices left Chenies on a coach bound for the Palace. Our journey was greatly enlivened by the scenic tour our driver gave us en route and his entertaining running commentary. Visiting the Palace was most interesting - it was fascinating to get a glimpse behind the scenes and to see the wonderful paintings - and we all enjoyed the convenience of the coach. It has been suggested that another "charabanc outing" be arranged next year - the theatre or a stately home, perhaps. Suggestions to the Committee, please.

CHENIES & LATIMER VILLAGE SHOW - Saturday 10 September

Heather Ensor gives us this report on the Village Show -

To grow a marrow was the Village quest,
The heaviest marrow was to be the best.
By car, in arms and even wheelbarrow
Came the fruit, veg. and the MARROW!

The sun shone on the cooks and flower growers,
The floral artists abandoned mowers
To visit the display with anticipation,
To see their rewards for participation.

Children too contributed their best,
Artistic talent was put to the test.
Flowers in mugs, decorations on jelly,
Better than anything seen on telly!

Male cooks of the Village made wives sit up,
For 32 cakes did the judge have to sup!
Michael, the champion for all to see
Will no doubt be inviting us all to tea!

Many thanks to those who helped on the day.
The many willing helpers to make the display.
The clearing up too was quickly achieved.
Now to next year, to receive our seed!

Heather wishes to point out that she has completed her agreed two years as Show secretary and would wish someone else to organise the Show next year. Volunteers are required by the end of October as the Judges have to be booked by November. Please contact her as soon as possible - 0923 282660.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Please note the dates in your diaries

The Children's Christmas Party will be held at the Cricket Clubhouse on Tuesday, 13 December. Please contact Julie Stepham (283685) for further information.

The Village Christmas Party will be held at Chenies School on Saturday 3 December commencing at 8 p.m. This year we will be entertained by The Barber Shop Singers, there will be a raffle, good food and drink and the best of company - provided you come!

Help will be needed for both events so do please respond to requests for contributions towards food and the raffle when asked.

MISCELLANY

LIBRARY VAN

Do you use the library van, which is at The Village Green from 3.45 to 4 p.m. every Friday?

HARVEST

The harvest in the Village this year was the earliest since 1976.

METROPOLITAN LINE

Users of the Metropolitan Line will be well aware of the state of the rolling stock. Much of it was made in 1962, making it over 30 years old. London Transport planned a replacement/refurbishment programme in 1993, which had to be cancelled when the central Government subsidy was withdrawn. At that time Peter Ensor wrote to our MP, Mrs Gillan, saying that there needed to be access to private capital to provide new rolling stock, perhaps through leasing. Mrs Gillan received an unhelpful letter from the Department of Transport saying that was not permitted.

You may have seen that the Northern Line, with rolling stock over 30 years old, has now received Parliamentary approval to lease new rolling stock. Peter Ensor has again

written to Mrs Gillan asking her to pursue the matter for the Metropolitan Line, pointing out that there is only very limited capacity for building the coaches and that even if agreement were to be reached in 1994, it seems unlikely that new rolling stock could be provided much before the year 2000.

May we suggest that anyone in the Village who uses the Metropolitan Line should write to Mrs Cheryl Gillan MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA, asking her to progress the matter?

INSURANCE - USE OF POST-CODE

If you are dissatisfied with your insurance premium rating, you may find it helpful to approach an insurance broker who could research the insurance market on your behalf and endeavour to find an insurer who is prepared to assess your requirements using the postal sector defined by the fourth and fifth digits of the post-code, because these identify the area as being Chenies, Bucks, rather than Watford, Herts.

PARISH NEWS

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

We were delighted to be successful in winning the Gurney Cup for the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village 1994 with a population of under 500. The Cup was presented at a ceremony on The Green on Saturday, 17 September, which

was attended by a presentation party and a large number of residents. The presentation party included Mr Frankie Vaughan OBE, Deputy Lieutenant for the County of Buckinghamshire and Councillor Richard Pushman, Chairman of the Best Kept Village Co-ordinating Committee.

The ceremony was completed by a cream tea in front of the Village School organised by Barbara Ruston, Denise Surey and a number of helpers to all of whom we are greatly indebted.

GLEBE LAND

The difficulties which attended the negotiations by the Parish Council for the proposed acquisition by the community of the Glebe Land are best summed up in the letter which John Rimer recently wrote to all those residents and friends of Chenies who so generously responded to the appeal.

"Following receipt of a large number of pledges this Council was able to submit a substantial bid to the Solicitors acting for the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance by the required, and in my view extremely 'tight' deadline of 20 June. In doing this we were greatly and most generously assisted by Mr Peter Pemberton of Bidwells, Chartered Surveyors, who act for the Tavistock family, and by Mr Evan Bazzard of Bazzard Norris & Co., Solicitors.

Upon receipt of bids it is this Council's understanding that the Oxford Board's Glebe Committee met to determine which, if any, would be accepted. We

believe that a decision was made in early July and that it was necessary for the decision to be passed to the Church Commissioners in London for ratification. The Church Commissioners were due to consider the matter at a meeting on 20 July.

As we had not heard from the Oxford Board within a reasonable period following that date your Councillors endeavoured to obtain an explanation by contacting both Lady Elizabeth Higgs, Chairman of the Glebe Committee, and Mrs Margaret Laird, Third Estates Church Commissioner. Despite these efforts, all that we have had by way of communication to explain the delay has been a photocopy of a letter from Lady Higgs to Mr and Mrs Cottingham, dated 11 August, which states that '..... we do hope to receive a reply [from the Church Commissioners] within the next week'."

It is extremely disappointing to have to report that, despite all the efforts of the Parish Council, the Village Society and others, confirmation has very recently been given to the Reverend David Lambert (although still without the courtesy of any word to the Parish Council) that the land is to be sold to Mr Cottingham.

TRAFFIC AND SPEED

A petition for a 30-mile per hour speed limit throughout Chenies, which had been signed by substantially all of the residents and a large number of other interested parties, was presented on our behalf by Councillor Bernard Simpson to the Highways Committee of the Buckinghamshire County Council. We were hopeful that such a strongly supported

request, together with Councillor Simpson's enthusiastic support, would be taken seriously, but regrettably the Highways Committee decided otherwise.

It seems that in the view of the Highways Committee a speed limit is unlikely to reduce vehicle speeds through the Village, particularly since the representative for Thames Valley Police advised the Committee that they have insufficient resources to enforce any new speed limits.

The Parish Council is now seeking advice as to what further action can be taken to establish speed restrictions in accordance with the wishes of residents.