

Chenies Village Society



NEWSLETTER

Over the last few months we have had a number of events. In July the Society was the host for the 'Oldies Group' of the local women's group. Funds for the National Children's Hospice were raised by a raffle and the work of 200 hours of voluntary work.

On Saturday 12th October the Society had their annual 'Fete'. The weather was excellent and there were many visitors.

The weather was mainly as predicted so we were organising the 'Fete' around the hall but the sun shone in the end. Games included a tug of war, a more elusive 'hunting' game with sticks and a scatter in the sun.

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CHENIES VILLAGE SOCIETY

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Committee Members:

Jack Barratt (Chairman)	Sandy Homewood
Melanie Lilley (Vice-Chairman)	Nigel Ince
John Rimer (Treasurer)	Tony Leach
Joy Skinner (Secretary)	Kathryn Le Neve Foster
Barney Arnold	Alistair Macleod Matthews
Jeremy Birkett	
Diana Boughton	Peter Parr-Head

REPORT ON EVENTS

Since the last Newsletter we have had a number of events in the village.

In July the Art Exhibition in the School Hall by the Wildacre Group very successfully raised funds for the School and the SW Herts Hospice. It was interesting to see art work by local village people.

The proposed bonfire in commemoration of VJ Day unfortunately had to be cancelled. The materials were all there, but the conditions were so dangerously dry that we had to call it off. Thanks to all for the effort. We did however meet in the Garden Room and paid our respects to those who suffered and died for our tomorrows. There was also a well-attended service in Christ Church, Chorleywood.

The Gardens Open Day was a great success making £2100 for school funds. This must give great satisfaction to those who took part and those who organised the event. I am sure the Headmaster was pleased!

The weather was certainly against Kathryn when she was organising the Tennis Tournament, but she soldiered on and got there in the end. Damp but triumphant! Let's see more people about next time, which will probably be earlier in the summer in 1996.

The Chenies & Latimer Produce Show was held on 16th September and did very well. A lot of work goes into this event and it deserves to be well-supported.

About 30 or so of us went to Hampton Court Palace by coach on Sunday 17th September. It was a very good day out - not as many people as Kathryn would have liked, but well worthwhile and very enjoyable.

Any suggestions for future events are welcome. The Cricket Club held their annual Bonfire Night fireworks which was well attended. They would be pleased to see more social and playing members.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Saturday 9th December is a date to keep open for the **Village Christmas Party** in the School Hall at 8.00pm. By now the invitations should be with you - we would love to see you and to welcome any members new to the Village. Members of the Committee will be calling round to see if you are able to help with contributions of food and/or tombola prizes - thank you in anticipation.

On the afternoon of **Thursday 21st December** there will be the **children's Christmas party** in the School Hall. Sandy Homewood and Stella Marsh, with others, will make sure that they have lots of fun.

PARISH NEWS

As you will see in the Parish Council News, the traffic problem is still with us, despite much representation to County Highways, Cheryl Gillan, our MP, and anyone else who will listen. Your individual letters to the County Highways Dept requesting a 30mph speed limit and traffic calming would be most helpful.

A tree warden is still needed in the Village, and it may be of interest to know that information on trees and the regulations on their preservation

are available through the District or Parish Councils, as is information regarding planning applications, and the rules concerning listed buildings - if in doubt it is advisable to consult the Planning Dept at Chiltern District Council.

Plans to mark out the site of Flaunden Old Church have been put back until after April 1996 - shortage of money!

Also in 1996 there will be events to mark the 150th anniversary of Chenies Village School.

PARISH COUNCIL

Traffic: the Parish Council met with Cheryl Gillan MP and Cllr Bernard Simpson on 20th October to walk the road through Chenies. We believe that Mrs Gillan was genuinely concerned by the volume and speed of the traffic, and recognised the urgent need for a speed limit. She has agreed to do all that she can to assist us in obtaining one, although she cautioned us against being too optimistic.

Latimer crossroads: the Parish Council learned of the Highways' intention to fell a number of important trees within our Conservation Area near the crossroads to improve the vision splay. Following our representation it has now been agreed that the hedgerow in the area will first be removed before a decision is taken to fell these trees, and the hope is that at least some of them will survive.

Telephone box: we have now received a letter of support from Chiltern District Council in our efforts to persuade BT to reinstate the traditional red box. We are awaiting further support from the District Tourism Officer before going back to BT.

White Lion Road: there are proposals afoot to restrict traffic flow along White Lion Road and Chenies Parish Council is doing all it can to ensure that any measures taken in that area do not increase traffic flow through Chenies.

Glebe Land: there is nothing further to report at present.

FINALLY

We remember **Bill Laver**, who lived in Red Lion Cottages for many years and died on August 7th, **Fred Hudson**, Treasurer of the Village Society, who lived until recently in Bedford Close, and who died on August 8th, and **Connie Buck** of Home Close, born in Chenies, and involved in all village life when younger with her husband Len, who died on 25th October. She was the daughter of farmer and village butcher Jack Hughes.