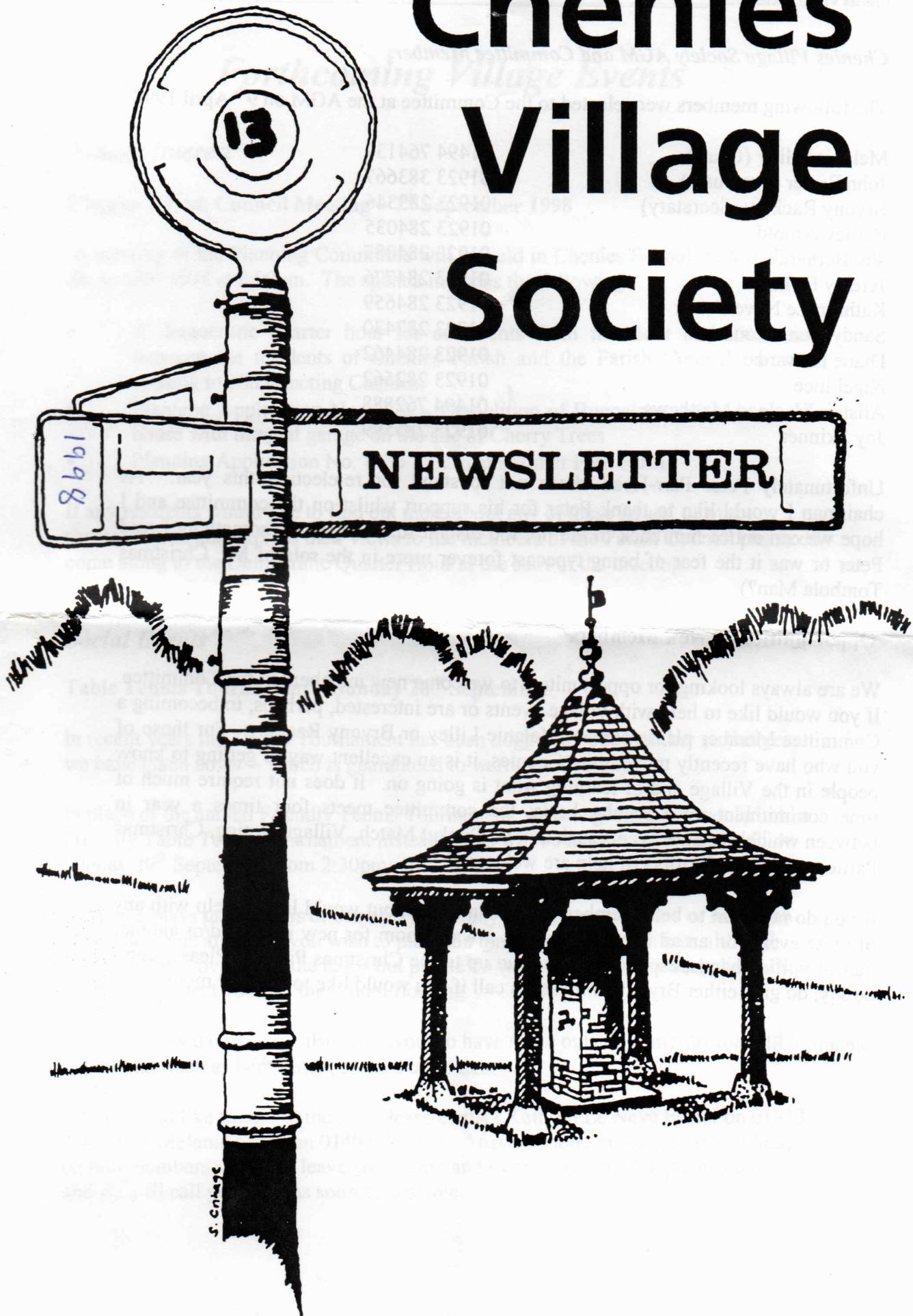


Chenies Village Society



Chenies Village Society AGM and Committee Members

The following members were elected to the Committee at the AGM on 9th April 1998.

Melanie Lilley (Chair)	01494 764137
John Rimer (Treasurer)	01923 383667
Bryony Rackley (Secretary)	01923 283346
Barney Arnold	01923 284035
Viv Bernard	01923 284087
Jeremy Birkett	01923 284776
Kathryn Le Neve Foster	01923 284659
Sandy Homewood	01923 282430
Diane Howard	01923 284462
Nigel Ince	01923 282562
Alistair Macleod Matthews	01494 762888
Joy Skinner	01923 285599

Unfortunately Peter Parr-Head chose not to stand for re-election this year. As chairman I would like to thank Peter for his support whilst on the committee and I hope we can entice him back in the not too distant future. (Was it something I said Peter or was it the fear of being typecast forever more in the role of Mr. Christmas Tombola Man?)

Opportunities for New Members

We are always looking for opportunities to welcome new members to the Committee. If you would like to help with village events or are interested, perhaps, in becoming a Committee Member please contact Melanie Lilley or Bryony Rackley. For those of you who have recently moved into Chenies, it is an excellent way of getting to know people in the Village and of learning what is going on. It does not require much of time commitment on a regular basis; the committee meets four times a year in between which there are events such as The Cricket Match, Village Outing, Christmas Parties etc where all offers of help are welcomed.

If you do not want to be a member of the committee, but would like to help with any of these events on an ad hoc basis there's **always** room for new ideas and/or another pair of willing hands, especially in the run up to the Christmas Parties. Please, don't be shy, do give either Bryony or myself a call if you would like to find out more.

Melanie Lilley

Forthcoming Village Events

Village Interest

Chenies Parish Council Meeting – 7th September 1998

A meeting of the Planning Committee will be held in Chenies School on Monday 7th September 1998 at 8.00pm. The agenda includes the following:

- A democratic quarter hour for comments from the floor and discussions between the residents of Chenies Parish and the Parish Council on issues relating to and affecting Chenies.
- Planning Application No. 1323 – Demolition of Bungalow and erection of a house with integral garage on the site of Cherry Trees
- Planning Application No. 1333 – Barn at Latimer Park Farm

If any residents would like to find out more about any of these issues, or make representation and express their views to the members of the Parish Council please do come along to the Democratic Quarter Hour at the start of the meeting.

Social Events

Table Tennis Tournament – Sunday 20th September

In recent years the Tennis Tournament has been dogged by bad weather so this year we have taken cover - which is guaranteed to warrant a fine day!

In place of the annual Friendly Tennis Tournament, we thought that we would hold a Friendly Table Tennis Tournament instead. This will be held in the School Hall on Sunday 20th September from 2:30pm on.

If anyone plays table tennis or even played/ enjoyed table tennis in his or her youth please do come along. If you wish to play you may bring your own bats although these will be provided on the day – but please do wear suitable footwear, plimsolls or trainers to protect you and the school flooring.

If it is a sunny day we will also endeavour to have some outside games available for casual play such as badminton, skittles or boules.

If you would like to join in the fun, please contact Kathryn Le Neve Foster on 01923 284659 or Melanie Lilley on 01494 764237. Answer phone messages are available on both numbers so please leave your name and evening contact telephone number and we will call you back as soon as possible.

Liquid refreshments will be provided. Cakes and biscuits for light sustenance would be very much appreciated.

Village Outing – Saturday 3rd October 1998 – Windsor Castle

This year's village outing will be to Windsor Castle to view its restoration since the fire with the opportunity to visit the exhibition showing the rebuilding, refurbishment and restoration stages, plus St. George's Chapel, State Apartments, The Dolls' House, Albert Chapel; also with going in October we can also view some of the semi-state rooms not usually open in the summer including, The Crimson and Green Drawing Rooms, The Octagon and State Dining Rooms and The China Corridor.

If any of you do not wish to visit The Castle you may join us for the coach trip and then make your own plans for a leisurely afternoon in Royal Windsor including shopping, a walk along the river, Tea at The Castle Hotel or at Monties on Eton Bridge, or whatever your preference.

Prices for the Castle Visit and The Coach will be as follows:

Coach To Windsor – All £ 6.20 (on a 33 seater)

Windsor Castle – Adults £ 9.00
Concessions £ 7.00

Parties in excess of 15 people, booking in advance will qualify for a 10% discount for Windsor Castle.

Bring a packed lunch with you which can be either enjoyed on the coach or on arrival at Windsor. Places are limited and must be booked and paid for in advance. Please contact Melanie Lilley on 01494 764137; cheques should be made payable to Chenies Village Society. If on calling you get the answer phone, please leave your name and telephone number and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Chenies Village Adults and Children's Christmas Parties

Dates for your diaries:

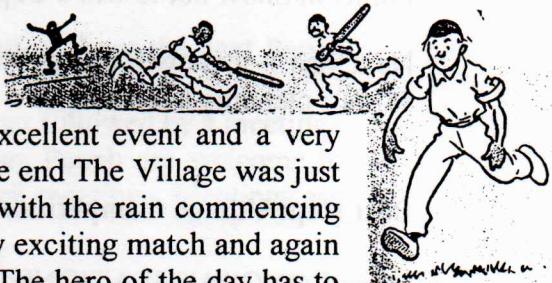
Adults Christmas Party; Will be held in the Village School on Saturday 5th December. You will all be delighted to know that The Kings of Herts have kindly agreed to join us again this year.

Children's Christmas Party; will be held in the Village School on Saturday 19th December. Contact Sandy Homewood on 01923 282430 or Bryony Rackley on 01923 285599.

Report on This Year's Events to Date

The Village v The Cricket Club

Held on May Day Bank Holiday Monday, this was an excellent event and a very exciting match with a nail biting last half-hour or so. (In the end The Village was just 12 runs short of a win). The sun shone for us throughout with the rain commencing just as play ended. Congratulations to both teams on a very exciting match and again to The Club on their win - but watch out for us next year. The hero of the day has to be Michael Thomas who having sustained a broken finger, still wanted to go on playing!



Thanks to everyone for all their help, especially to Kathryn Le Neve Foster and all the chefs – Barny Arnold, Jeremy Birkett, John Rimer for an excellent BBQ lunch and to Diane Howard and everyone who contributed to the gargantuan tea! Four trestle tables of cakes and sandwiches were very much appreciated by all who attended and took only three-quarters of an hour to consume! The legend of The Chenies v Club Cricket Match Teas is alive and well. To those of you who have never sampled this delightful typically English day, please do make a point of joining us next year.

Chenies & Latimer Produce Show – July 1998

Those of us who just turn up and enjoy the day are unaware of all the time and planning which goes into making this show such a pleasure. Well Done and thanks to all members of The Show Committee and to all participants on a highly successful event. Profits from the event of £547.09 are to be donated to Chenies County Combined School.

Special Congratulations must go to the cup winners as follows:

Chenies Produce Cup	Mr. Jack Barratt
Latimer Produce Cup	Mrs Olivia Staughton Mr. Jeremy Le Neve Foster
Flower Arranging	Mrs. Jo Lambert
Cookery	Mrs. Sylvia Arnold
Craft	Mrs. Nan Howe
Children's Craft	Daniel Howard
Photography	Mr. D. Barnard (Latimer)



The Produce Show Continued:

Winner of the Most Overall
Points In Show not to win a Cup

Mrs. Diane Howard

Next year's show will be held on 18th September 1999. All entries will be welcomed so start planning now.

Best Kept Village Competition

More CONGRATULATIONS: this time to all the residents of Chenies Village. As Chairman of The Village Society I was delighted to receive a copy of a letter to Chenies Parish Council from Chiltern District Council, announcing that Chenies has won the Leofwine Shield.

The Leofwine Shield is awarded annually to the town or village within the District which achieves the highest number of points in The Best Kept Village Competition.

The Shield will be presented to The Chairman of The Parish Council, at a brief ceremony at the meeting of the Chiltern District Council on 29th September.

Thank you to everyone for cherishing the village we live in and for all your help with the litter blitz duties both before and during the competition period.

The Wildacre Art Show

The show, which was held on 24th, 25th, 26th July, exceeded expectations. The quality and variety of exhibits were exceptional and the number of visitors topped last year, as will contributions to Chenies County Combined School Fund and The West Herts Hospice, both of which will receive in the region of £576. The final figure will be confirmed in a later newsletter. Another thank you to Nan Howe and The Wildacre Art Group for all the work which they put into organising this annual event and for supporting our village school.



Parish Council News

Meetings

Please refer to the first page of this newsletter for information about the next Parish Council Meeting

The remaining meetings for 1998 will be on the 7th September followed by a meeting On the 2nd Monday in November. All residents of Chenies Parish are welcome to attend the democratic quarter of an hour at the start of each meeting. Meetings are held in the school hall and commence at 8.00pm.

Bedford Close Garages:

Following recent representation by The Parish Council to Chiltern Hundreds Housing Association on behalf of Chenies residents regarding the letting of Bedford Close Garages to others outside the village, the response and reassurances shown below have been received:

PO Box 6
Hundreds House
24 London Road West
Amersham, Bucks.
HP7 0HD

Telephone: 01494 433000
Facsimile: 01494 726520

Our Reference: Mrs Maxine Wilson
MW/JS

Your Reference:



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HOUSING
ASSOCIATION

Miss B Rushton
Chenies Parish Council
41 Chenies Village
Rickmansworth
Herts

17 April 1996

Dear Miss Rushton

Bedford Close Garages

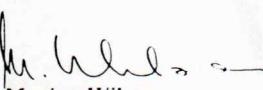
With reference to your letter dated 12th April 1996, I regret I cannot give assurances that new garage lettings will be tied to occupancy in Bedford Close. Should a garage become vacant and no-one in the close interested in renting it, the garage could not be left indefinitely vacant and would therefore have to be allocated from the waiting list.

The qualifying criteria for garage applicants states that an applicant "should live within a reasonable walking distance of the garage" and hopefully this will ensure allocation to a local resident.

The current lease agreement for garages does contain a clause which prohibits use of the garage for purposes other than storing a vehicle.

However, as I have explained previously, the Association cannot take action to enforce this against lessees who have older leases where the prohibition clause did not exist.

Yours sincerely


Maxine Wilson
Head of Housing Management

Traffic Calming through the Village

This matter is constantly at the top of The Parish Council's priority list. Having approached Mr. Jim Stevens of Bucks County Council, Mr Stevens drew up a plan and traffic-calming scheme involving gates, road markings, width restrictions and signage. The total cost of the scheme, which only covered one side of the village, would have been in excess of £50,000, none of which could have been implemented without the installation of street lighting. The implications for the Parish precepts would have been significant!

The Parish Council will continue to 'fight this battle' on our behalf.

Millennium Project

Suggestions for Millennium projects have included a stone or attractive wooden seat on The Green and a flagpole for the School, which would be very well received. In addition, linking into the topic of traffic calming, the idea of specially designed signs at the entrances to Chenies has been suggested. The proposal is that these signs might carry a message similar to the following: 'Welcome to the historic Village of Chenies – Please Take Care of Our Children'. These signs could be one of the village's Millennium projects.

Grants are available for some millennium projects. Before we can apply for a grant however, we do need your views and ideas on what you, the residents of Chenies, would like to promote as millennium projects - also your views about possible social activities. Should we for example have a big Millennium Party or other social event and if so, what and when? All suggestions will be very welcome and can be passed to Nigel Ince, of the Parish Council, Melanie Lilley or Bryony Rackley of the Village Society. These will then be discussed at the Parish Council Meetings and the meetings of The Chenies Village Society Committee and communicated to The Village in future Newsletters for comment.

And Last, but very importantly

'Welcome back' to our policeman, Paul Carr, who has recently returned to Chenies as our local Beat Officer. It's good to have you back Paul - and by the way what are you doing next May Day Bank Holiday (1999) because we've heard a rumour that you may be helping The Village Cricket team to win the cup!