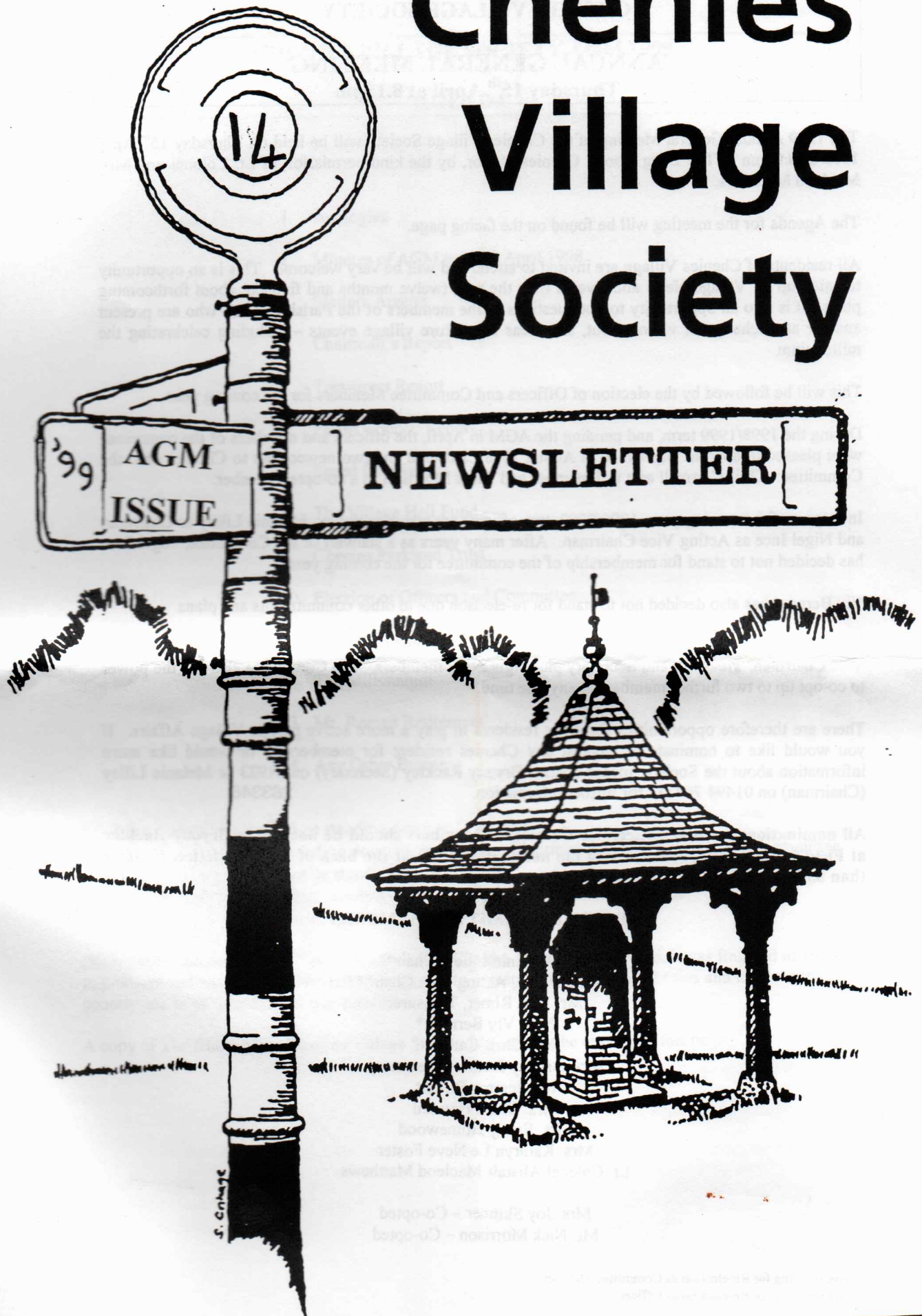


Chenies Village Society



CHENIES VILLAGE SOCIETY
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday 15th April at 8.15pm

The 1999 Annual General Meeting of the Chenies Village Society will be held on Thursday 15th April 1999 at 8.00pm in The Long Room, Chenies Manor, by the kind permission of Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Macleod Matthews.

The Agenda for the meeting will be found on the facing page.

All residents of Chenies Village are invited to attend and will be very welcome. This is an opportunity to catch up on Village News and Events over the past twelve months and find out about forthcoming plans. It is also an opportunity to put questions to the members of the Parish Council who are present and for an exchange of views about, and ideas for, future village events – including celebrating the millennium.

This will be followed by the election of Officers and Committee Members for the coming year.

During the 1998/1999 term, and pending the AGM in April, the officers and members of the committee were pleased to appoint Nigel Ince as Acting Vice Chairman and two newcomers to Chenies onto the Committee: Chris Cartmell as a full member and Nick Morrison as a co-opted member.

In respect of the coming year, 1999/2000, two officers are standing down; Melanie Lilley as Chairman and Nigel Ince as Acting Vice Chairman. After many years as a stalwart of the Committee, Nigel Ince has decided not to stand for membership of the committee for the coming year.

Viv Bernard has also decided not to stand for re-election due to other commitments and plans.

The Rules of the Chenies Village Society make provision for a Committee of four officers: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary plus eight other members. The Committee also has the power to co-opt up to two further members at any one time.

There are therefore opportunities for other residents to play a more active part in Village Affairs. If you would like to nominate or suggest any Chenies resident for membership or would like more information about the Society, please contact Bryony Rackley (Secretary) on 01923 or Melanie Lilley (Chairman) on 01494 764137 for further information. **283346**

All nominations for new Officers or Committee Members should be notified to Bryony Rackley at Field Cottage, 49 Chenies, using the nomination form at the back of this newsletter, no later than 8.00pm on Tuesday 12th April 1999.

PRESENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Miss Melanie Lilley, Chair**
Mr. Nigel Ince, Acting Vice Chair***
Mr. John Rimer, Treasurer
Mrs. Viv Bernard*
Ms. Chris Cartmell
Mrs. Bryony Rackley, Secretary
Mr. Jeremy Birkett
Mrs. Diane Howard
Mrs. Sandy Homewood
Mrs. Kathryn Le Neve Foster
Lt. Colonel Alistair Macleod Matthews

Mrs. Joy Skinner – Co-opted
Mr. Nick Morrison – Co-opted

* Not standing for Re-election as Committee Member

** Not standing for Re-election as Officer

CHENIES VILLAGE SOCIETY AGM 1999

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of AGM held 9th April 1998
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. Parish Council Report
7. Speed Restrictions
8. The Village Hall Fund
9. Chenies Parkland Trust
10. Election of Officers and Committee
11. Future Village Events and Social Activities
12. The Millennium
13. Mr. Reeves Retirement
14. Any Other Business

- Miss Melanie Lilley will be standing down as Chairman
- Mr. Nigel Ince will be standing down as Acting Vice Chairman and as a member of the committee
- Mrs. Viv Bernard will not be standing for re-election
- Mrs Joy Skinner will not be standing for election as a full committee member

Note: 1999 represents the 43rd Anniversary of the Chenies Village Society which was founded in 1956 to promote and encourage a community spirit and to preserve the village of Chenies and its surrounding countryside in an unspoilt and tidy condition.

A copy of The Rules of the Chenies Village Society is given on the reverse of this page.

REPORT ON EVENTS PAST & FUTURE

Village Outing 1998 – Windsor Castle

For those who have not seen the refurbishment's to Windsor Castle following the fire of ----, a visit during 1999 is highly recommended.

On a rather chilly, but dry day in October, 34 of us experienced a most enjoyable afternoon at Windsor. The refurbishments are superb and mostly the result of the immense skills, dedication and hard work of local craftsmen of all ages; the sheer scale and impact of the fire is really brought to life by the accompanying exhibition. We also benefited from visiting out of season which meant that we were able to view some of the seem-state rooms, specifically the Red and Green Drawing Rooms and the China Corridor.

The Village Christmas Parties

It has been said by some that the 1998 Adults Christmas Party, which was attended by almost 100 people was one of the best, if not the best, ever. It certainly was an enormously successful evening, thanks especially to the Kings of Herts who as always entertained us royally. Thank you to everyone for their generous donations of food, tombola and raffle prizes and to the members of the committee who worked so hard to make it such a good event.

Special thanks are extended to Anne Rimer and her team for organising a first class buffet, Mike at The Red Lion, (for quenching some very great thirsts with his beer), the Bedford Arms and The Van Hage Garden Company for all their support and the generous donations which they give to Village Events; also to Mr. Reeves, Headteacher of Chenies County Combined School for the use of the school premises.

And finally ... thank you to Father Christmas who found time in his hectic pre-Christmas timetable to put in a surprise visit to the Children's Christmas party – a visit which delighted Children and Adults alike! Well done to Sandy Homewood and Bryony Rackley for making this traditional event such an exciting and enjoyable start to Christmas festivities for all our village children.

Forthcoming Events:

The Village v Chenies and Latimer Cricket Club; Monday 31st May 1999

This annual event has, over the years, been established as another highly enjoyable Village tradition, With the splendid lunch time Bar-B-Q to prepare all for a demanding afternoon's play, and players and spectators sustained by the renowned 'Chenies Cricket Tea', this is a popular occasion and one of the first opportunities of the year for members of the Village to come together as a community, catch up on happenings over the winter months and enjoy a friendly, but non the less very competitive cricket match.

Last year was a really close match, which The Club won. It was played in lovely bank holiday sunshine and the finish was so tense and exciting that even the clouds and the rain dare not show their face until the instant that the last of the players had strolled off the field. Perhaps 1999 will be the year of The Village.

If you are an aspiring Botham, Gatting or Gower and would like to help The Village win the cup this year, please make contact with Kathryn Le Neve Foster or John Rimer when you come to the AGM or give them a call.

Chenies County Combined School Fete – 12th June 1999

Please support our Village School by attending this event and look out for further information. If you think you may be able to help then do contact the School Secretary.

Good Bye to Mr. Reeves – but not quite yet!

Some of you may not be aware that Mr. Reeves, Head Teacher of Chenies County Combined School or 'The Village School' will be retiring at the end of the summer term. We will all be very sorry to see him leave us. Since his appointment as head Teacher of the school in June 1982, he has been dedicated to the school and the children who attend it and has achieved a great deal. He was instrumental helping us all celebrate the school's 150th anniversary in 1996, (you may recall seeing a copy of the commemorative photograph in the newsletter of the time) and last year the school was recognised for the high level of achievement of its pupils when the results of SATS tests placed them No. 2 in Buckinghamshire. I am sure that Mr Reeves, and all the children who have been lucky enough to attend the school, have many more stories and achievements to tell and remember.

In addition, Mr. Reeves has been very supportive of Village Society Events and has generously extended the use of the school for many Village events including the Christmas Parties, The Produce Show and The Parish Council, for which we are very grateful. The Village and his pupils will miss him – but it's not goodbye just yet.

In a recent letter to the Village Society Mr. Reeves wrote; 'in June 1982 I was appointed Headteacher of this school, and the last sixteen and a half years have been for me the most enjoyable and worthwhile part of my teaching career.....'

I am sure that there will be an opportunity before I leave for me to express my thanks for all the magnificent support I have received during my time at the school. I would like to say at this stage how much I have appreciated all the encouragement from governors, staff, parents, children and the village community, and my thanks are due to each and every one of you for all the help and understanding I have received....'

NB: And do Remember the **TESCO Computers for Schools '99** promotion that is currently running which ends 11th April 1999. The school would make very good use of any vouchers you may collect in the next few weeks.



Wildacre Art Show – 30th, 31st July and 1st August

Need an extra special painting for a particular wall or corner? Come to Wildacre Art Exhibition, the standard, variety and quality of the exhibits makes this a show not to be missed so remember to take your chequebooks.

And if you buy, you won't only get 'just what you were looking for' but you will also be supporting two very good causes for this annual event in the Wildacre Art Group's calendar, is staged in aid of the West Herts Hospice. The exhibition is held in The School Hall – for further information contact Nan Howe at Grafton Cottage, Chenies.

Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village Competition – May/June 1999

Chenies has again been entered for this competition, except this year there is a slight difference. In addition to the Best Kept Village Competition, this year a selected winner will also be entered for the "Village of the Year Award" co-sponsored by Calor Gas & The Daily Telegraph. It is proposed to enter the village which scores the highest overall mark, namely the winner of the "Sword of

Preliminary judging for the Buckinghamshire Best Kept Village competition will take place from 28th May – 16th June. This will be followed by a final inspection during early July with Winners being announced on 9th July.

Last year we won the Leofwine Shield for achieving the highest number of points in the competition – it would be great to win the cup this year.

In preparation for the Competition a Litter Blitz day, followed by a major spruce and clean up will be held shortly. Dates of these will be given out at the AGM on 15th April. However, we don't have for an organised litter blitz to look after our village, so please if you spot some rubbish, pick it up or if it is too big to manhandle or dispose of contact The Clerk of The Parish Council, Barbara Ruston who will alert the services.

Village Outing to Waddesdon Manor – Proposed date: 4th September 1999

This year's annual village outing will be to Waddesdon Manor on Saturday 4th September. The manor was built at the end of the last century by Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, to display his vast collection of 18th century art treasures. For those of you who have not been, it is a stunning French renaissance style chateau with a formal garden, parkland, a fabulous aviary and apparently wine cellars with over 15,000 bottles of Rothschild wines! (Unfortunately wine tasting may not be included in the visit).

The house was significantly refurbished quite recently. Tea is available if you wish and The Waddesdon Shop is apparently recognised as one of the best of its kind with many products being inspired by the Collection. – Apparently there is an adjacent Wine Shop which 'boasts the finest collection of wines from Rothschild family vineyards' - so for those of us attracted by the cellar but thwarted in the wine tasting all may not be lost!

Further information about this visit will be circulated nearer the time. As Waddesdon is a National Trust property admission charges will be waived for all who have National Trust membership.

The Chenies & Latimer Show – 18th September 1999

With classes for Fruit, Veg, Flowers, Cookery, Craft & Fun Classes there is opportunity for ALL to participate- so get growing and look out for further information which will be coming through your doors later in the year.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Annual Parish Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th May 1999 at 8.00pm in the School Hall and is The Annual Parish Meeting. All residents in Chenies are welcome to attend the democratic quarter of an hour at the start of this meeting to ask questions of and share your views with members of the council.

Chenies Selected for Pilot Speed Limit Scheme

After more years fighting our corner on the topic of traffic calming and speed limits than the members probably care to remember, The Parish Council were informed at Christmas that the County Council had adopted a new speed limit policy and that Chenies had been identified as a pilot site to trial this new policy! Subsequently the full Parish Council has met with the Senior Technician of Traffic management Projects within the Environmental Services Division of the County Council and confirmed Chenies enthusiasm, in principle, for taking part. The conditional "in principle" is because the scheme will need to be financed by the Parish Council, and funds are of course quite limited. However, were we to win the National "Village of the Year Award", the £3,000 prize money would go a long way to funding the project!

If you want to learn more about this trial come to the AGM on 15th April.

Millennium Projects

This subject will also come up for discussion at the AGM. We are looking for views as to how residents of the Village would like to celebrate the millennium as a community.

However, members of the Council are currently exploring a variety of options, which the Parish Council may undertake to mark the arrival of the year 2,000. These include:

- A Millennium medallion to be presented to all children at the School and/or residents in Chenies. The medallions will also be available for purchase by other residents
- A flagpole for the School has already been offered and accepted
- An ornate Chenies sign on the Green, subject to Millennium Grant financing
- Chenies Village signs on the 'gateways' where the speed limit will commence, this being part of the Pilot Speed Limit Scheme

Assistant Clerk for Chenies Parish Council

Barbara Ruston, Clerk of the Parish Council and all the other members are delighted that Dianne Howard has agreed to take on the Assistant 'Clerkship'. Once the offer was made, Dianne was straight in at the beginning with no chance to reconsider and is reported to be doing a great job.

Thank you to everyone on the Parish Council for representing the village and all its residents so well and for the tremendous work you do on our behalf.

Our Local "Bobby" - Paul Kerr

In our last newsletter we welcomed Paul Kerr back to the village as our local community policeman. For those of you who do not know Paul or have not introduced yourselves to him, this is what he looks like - in uniform. However, Paul frequently supports village events out of uniform and is also I understand a mean cricketer - so Paul, what are you doing on 31st May.





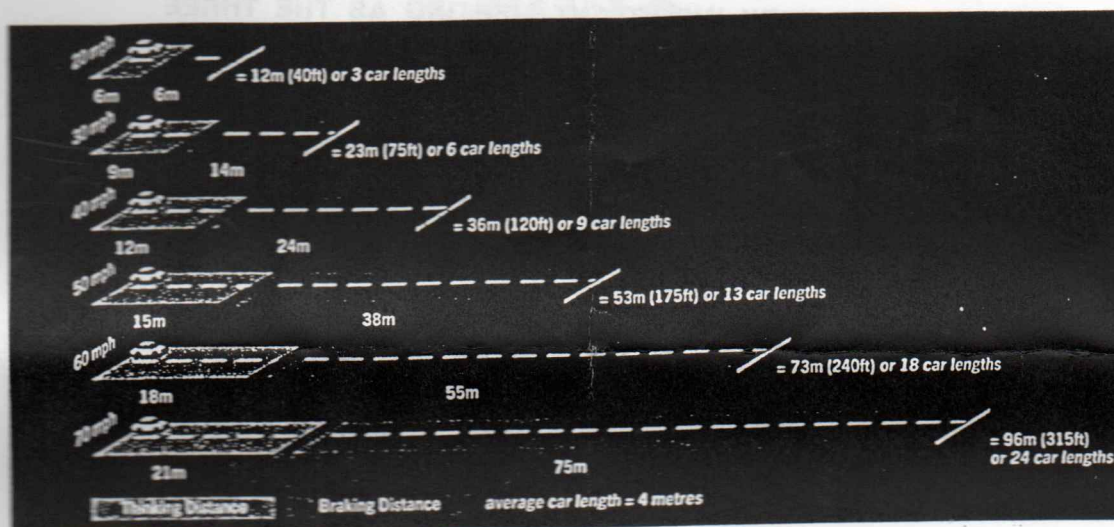
OTHER NOTICES

Arrive Alive

Is an information sheet promoting road safety through the reduction of speed. In the light of the proposed pilot scheme for the village it may be interesting to take note of just a few of the facts published in the second edition of arrive alive – I also wonder how many of us can honestly say we observe speed limits at all times. Have we not all, at some time or other, decided not to observe the speed limit because; we were late for a meeting, we had to make an urgent 'phone call, we needed to get to the shops before closing, we had to catch a train and we were running late, we were late for work, we were only keeping up with the cars in front or we were being pushed by the car behind..... sound familiar?

Look at these facts and also remind yourselves of the Shortest Stopping Distances.

Shortest Stopping Distances



Arrive Alive

Slow down!

Just a few miles per hour can make the difference between life and death.

Every driver can help.



Kill your speed



Hit by a vehicle at 40mph, 9 out of 10 pedestrians are killed.



At 30mph, 5 out of 10 pedestrians are killed.



At 20mph, 1 pedestrian is killed but 9 survive.



Contact :
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Flaunden Chalk Pit

Please take note of the information below, regarding the proposed extraction of chalk and infilling of Flaunden Chalk Pit which could involve the movement of 75 x 20T trucks per day.

IMPORTANT

FLAUNDEN CHALK PIT
MEETING ON TUESDAY 30TH MARCH 1999
FLAUNDEN VILLAGE HALL 7.45PM

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS WILL BE ATTENDING THIS MEETING TO DISCUSS THE ORIGINAL ROMPP APPLICATION AND THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION NOW RECEIVED.

PLEASE ATTEND THIS VERY IMPORTANT MEETING AS THE THREE MONTH CLOCK HAS NOW STARTED. A DECISION WILL BE MADE AT A HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBERS PLANNING COMMITTEE IN JUNE.

YOU MAY SUBMIT LETTERS AT OUR MEETING (OR SEND THEM IN TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS BY 6TH APRIL 1999) AND SIGN THE PETITION AGAINST THE PROPOSAL.

IF YOU WISH TO WRITE A LETTER PLEASE DO SO TO:-

**DAVID ADAMS
COUNTY DEVELOPMENT UNIT
COUNTY HALL
HERTFORD
SG13 8DN**

ISSUES WHICH CONCERN THE PARISH COUNCIL ARE:-

THE SCALE OF THE APPLICATION - 330,000 CUBIC METRES OF CHALK TO BE EXTRACTED AND THEN INFILL OF 590,000 CUBIC METRES.

SIZE AND VOLUME OF TRUCK MOVEMENTS.- THE RATE OF IMPORT PER DAY WILL BE 75LOADS/PER DAY OR 1500T/DAY STARTING NOVEMBER 1999.

ALSO TRUCK MOVEMENT FROM TAKING OUT 40,000 TONNES OF CHALK.

ACCESS AND ROAD SAFETY - TOTAL UNSUITABILITY OF THE ROAD NETWORK FOR LORRIES.

**PROPOSED THAT TRAFFIC SHOULD GO ALONG FLAUNDEN BOTTOM
FLAUNDEN BOTTOM IS STILL NOT SUITABLE.**

POLLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS - FROM TRUCKS, FROM INFILL MATERIALS. DAMAGE TO BUILDINGS WITH TRUCK MOVEMENTS AND VIBRATIONS.

NOISE

POLLUTION INTO THE WATER SYSTEM - VERY IMPORTANT HOW TO POLICE ONLY INERT WASTE.

MUD OFF WHEELS

THERE ARE MANY OTHER ISSUES - PLEASE SUPPORT THIS MEETING TO SAVE FLAUNDEN AND LATIMER VILLAGES.

Healthy Living Clinics

Please note the information below about the Healthy Living Clinics run by Chiltern Community & Leisure Services in conjunction with local health and medical centres and Do Look After Yourself.

**BOOK
EARLY**

*Chiltern Community & Leisure Services,
in conjunction with
local health and medical centres*

present

Healthy Living Clinics

*starting January 1999
available mornings, evenings and weekends*

FREE Health checks with a practitioner nurse.

Your health check will include:

- * Blood Pressure * Body Fat
- * Lung capacity * Lifestyle assessment

Also available - Full fitness testing

Chalfont Leisure Centre
Chalfont St Peter
01753 888444

Chesham Leisure Centre
Chesham
01494 791777

Chiltern Pools,
Amersham
01494 586800

*Phone now for further details and to
book your free session.*

 **Chiltern**
District Council
Community & Leisure Services

AND FINALLY

This will be my last newsletter as Chairman of the Committee and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all residents of Chenies as well as members of the committee for all the support and help you have given to me whilst I have been in post. Also for all your generosity which has helped to make the events we organise so successful; the contributions of food, the donations of raffle and tombola prizes, your time and your assistance. Thank you. But you do not get rid of me that easily and I have no intention of leaving you all in peace so I will stand at the AGM for election as a member of the committee for the coming year.