

CHARTHAM HATCH VILLAGE HALL SOCIETY

2005

A Late Summer or Early Autumn Edition



Chartham Hatch Village Hall From an original drawing by Jon Wilmot, 1995

We hope you are all still enjoying what's left of the Summer. It is hard to believe we have a hose pipe ban as the weather has not been so wonderful so far but not enough rain it seems. The gardens and the countryside have looked very colourful this year – was it because of the Garden Treasure Trail held on 12th June? The event was lovely, the gardens beautiful but where were you, oh people of the Hatch, you missed a treat!

Or maybe it was the plants purchased at the Plant Sale on 22nd May. Some lovely bedding, hanging basket and vegetable plants changed hands, so maybe that is why the gardens look so colourful!



The open day for the Chartham Hatch History compilers held on 5th June was another excellent event held in the hall – a great success and much enjoyed by the many visitors who came, some of whom came from as far away as North Wales, Eastbourne and Luton! The hall was buzzing all day with meetings and reminiscences and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who came, many with photographs and new information, those who helped on the day and those who volunteered to help us further with the project. We are planning to have a repeat exhibition as part of an Over 50s afternoon,

so if you missed it, or would like to come again, keep your eyes open for notices. We are unearthing more information all the time from our visits to the archives – more trips are planned, so again, if you would like to help, please let us know.

Another treat this year was the Band Concert held in the Playing Field on 16th July. The day was perfect for this event – warm, sunny and it was lovely sitting by the trees for shade. The band played a great variety of music, there was much foot tapping in time to the beat. The children enjoyed swinging, etc. during this great afternoon.



The annual Clean-up Day on 24th July was another day well spent; the hall looks, feels and smells fresher. Thank you to all who came and worked for our common interest, the Village Hall, our own Jewel in the Crown!

Yet another exhibition was held in the hall on 17th July. This was an exhibition of Art from our Painting Group. The members were pleased to see their work properly mounted and framed – they did look good. The Painting Group meet weekly on Thursday at 1.30 – 4.00 p.m. - if you would like to either come and have a look or join in, ring Jill 738585 for further information.

The Ladies Group, which meets on the first Thursday of the month at 7.30 p.m. in the hall, had a delicious lunch on Friday 5th August. This was a combined effort by the members and, judging from all the lunches held so far, the variety of food on this occasion reached a very high standard. (I give them 10/10 - it was lovely - Jill). Ring Gill Dodds on 731546 for further details of the club and for what's on next.

Amongst the other events organised by the Village Hall Committee to be held over this next Autumn/Winter period are:

- 8th October** **Wine & Wisdom, 7.30 pm** - Please ring **Mike Armstrong** for details and table bookings **738243**
- 12th November** **Slide Show Quiz on Canterbury and roundabout, 7.30 pm** with supper
- 20th November** **Craft Fair** - Local crafts people offering Christmas present ideas
For a table please ring **Julie Blyth** on **738583**
- 9th December** **Christmas Band Concert** with refreshments suitable to the season

Watch out for details on our White Board and in the Kentish Gazette!



Other Parish Events

“Bellissimo” – To celebrate the 400th anniversary of the bells in St. Mary’s Church, Chartham, the church will be hosting various events over the Bank Holiday weekend, Saturday to Monday, with a Flower Festival, crafts, etc. On the Saturday evening at 7.30 pm, 27th August, there will be a performance of music and readings on the theme of Bells and Flowers by the Church choir, musicians and the Chameleons, the local drama group. Cost £2.50 including refreshments. And for children, on Monday, 12-2 pm, there will be a treasure hunt, picnic and games.

The Chartham Society is hoping to organise a Fungus Foray walk later in the year and will be holding its annual AGM in November, with speaker. Details are still to be finalised, but, again, look out for notices and in the Kentish Gazette. You don’t have to be a member to come along. The Historical section of the society has produced a ‘just for fun’ quiz sheet with pictures from around the parish for identification and, as it’s grouped by location, it doesn’t have to be done all in one go! At 50p from either Ruth (738395) or Norton (731395), it’s ideal for a gentle afternoon stroll to see how many you can find.



In the last newsletter donations were requested towards a thank you gift for Ray our postman at that time. £55 was collected by Audrey Copus who purchased Book Tokens for Ray who was delighted.

Do you, or have you, used the library which travels to the village on Fridays between 4.30 and 5.00 p.m.? A good selection of books is available. This is another case of use it or lose it – please use the facility, if not for you, think of the children.

For those new to the village, there is a list of all the regular events that are held in the hall in the notice board outside the hall.

The Hall is available for hire at very competitive rates
To book, ring Janet Hitchen on 738093
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