

**CHARTHAM HATCH
VILLAGE HALL SOCIETY**
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The Village Hall Committee would like to welcome any new residents to the village and also to inform all residents of what activities, etc. are held in the village hall and the events we are organising in the future.

These are some of the events that the hall is currently used for:

- * A venue to hold our regular Wine & Wisdom evenings, Carol Concert, Plant Sale, AGM and other fund raising and social events.
- * A meeting place for The Painting Club, Rainbows, Margaret Giles School of Dance, Lindy Hop, Keep Fit, Ladies Club.
- * A place to hire for wedding receptions, parties, etc.

The maintenance and hiring of the hall are the responsibility of the Committee of the Village Hall Society who act as trustees of the hall under its charitable status. They endeavour to keep the hall in good condition and carry out regular maintenance. One of the tasks of the Committee is to raise the funds necessary to maintain the hall and this is done in a number of ways:

- Hiring fees for both occasional and regular use of the hall
- Fees for 'pitches' at events such as the plant sale and craft fair
- Fund raising social events such as the Wine & Wisdoms
- The 100 Club of regular donors (*should you wish to join this please contact Margaret Pomfret on 731322*)
- On occasions when we need to raise money for more major expenditure we either make special appeals to sponsors or apply for grants. An example of this is the refurbishment of the kitchen carried out at the end of last year and which was paid for solely through grants.

We recently held a most successful fete on the Recreation Ground on a beautiful Saturday in July when the village rang out with the sounds of the City of Canterbury Band playing to a large and appreciative audience, together with the voices of children enjoying the various sideshows and races. The BBQ, Cake Stall, Strawberries & Cream and refreshments were some of the many popular stalls on display. Rides on a miniature traction engine, a bouncy castle, Coconut Shy and a Palmist were also very popular and there were a number of other sideshows to suit the young and older visitors alike. There were many prizes to be won on the Raffle and Tombola and a special attraction was the "Barrow of Booze".

The fete opened with a lovely dance display by the Margaret Giles School of Dance and this was followed by a lively display given by the Lindy Hop dancers – both these groups meet at Chartham Hatch Village Hall and we were delighted they were able to take part.

The event proved to be the most successful yet to be run in recent years by the Chartham Hatch Village Hall committee and the funds raised will go to the upkeep and general maintenance of the hall. Very grateful thanks go to all involved in organising and taking part in the fete.



*It's not just the children who
enjoyed the train ride!*



Are you being served?



...and the winner is ...

Looking Ahead

Croquet Open Championship on Saturday 28th August at 2 pm (if wet Sunday 29th August) at School Cottages, Town Lane. Why not come along and watch our athletes in action as they fight it out to see who will be the overall winner – you can also enjoy a Croquet Tea while you watch! Any donations will be given to Chartham Hatch Village Hall Society.

Heritage Open Day “A Former Victorian School in the Hop Gardens of Chartham Hatch”, 10am-5pm, Saturday/Sunday, 11th/12th September. This is a joint Chartham Society/Chartham Hatch Village Hall event with displays showing why the school was built and subsequently extended, with photos of many of the children who attended up to its closure in 1966. There will be a section on the neighbouring School House built for the headmistress and the architectural features that still remain in the hall. Extracts from the log books will give a picture of what school life was like – “November 10th 1893: - A great deal of sickness about now – a little girl died this week rather suddenly, only being away from school a week”. Many of the children had to help their parents in the orchards and hop gardens to earn enough money to buy their next set of clothes – “May 15th 1891: - Several girls absent helping their mothers in the hop gardens” – and this is illustrated in the other half of the exhibition which shows the hops gardens of Chartham Hatch and Chartham with photographs of many of these families at work. A short DVD will show three Chartham Hatch families working on Denstead Farm. There will also be some implements on display, photographs and postcards of other hop gardens in the surrounding area and a display on current research in the hop industry. And not to forget the all important refreshments! Admission is free.

Our second **Wine & Wisdom** of the year will be held on **Saturday 9th October at 7.30 pm.** This will of course be held in Chartham Hatch Village Hall and to book a table for six please ring Chris or Liz on Canterbury 738682. Tickets will be £6.50 per person which will include a Ploughman’s Supper, Wine, Fruit Juice and Water. We look forward to seeing you at this event!

Children’s Christmas Party – Sunday 5th December 2010 at 2.30 pm. As last year, children of primary school age and younger who live in Chartham Hatch are welcome to attend this party. For further information and to put your child/children’s names down please phone Fiona on 731241. There will be a children’s entertainer and Father Christmas will be calling in as usual.

Christmas Carol Concert – Friday 10th December at 7.30 pm. Our annual Carol Concert, kindly given by the City of Canterbury Band, will be held at Chartham Hatch Village Hall. Why not keep this date in mind as it is a great way to begin the Christmas season – refreshments will be available during the interval.