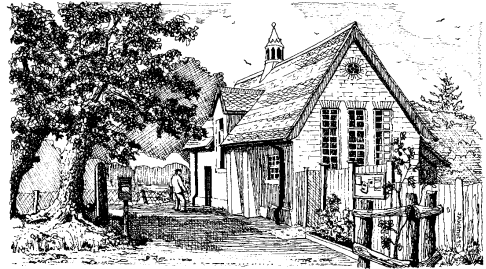


**CHARTHAM HATCH
VILLAGE HALL SOCIETY**

Spring Newsletter 2004



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

Headlines

**Long-awaited Village Hall renovations to begin during February.
Wine and Wisdom, Saturday, 13th March. Get your table booked!
Come to the Annual General Meeting of your Hall Society on 15th April.
And how about standing for the Committee?**

The days are getting longer, the daffodils are blooming and Spring is just around the corner. Please remember that your Village Hall is always just around the corner, whatever the season. And as the New Year gets fully under way, Newsletter time is here once again so that you can see what we are planning and how you can take part in Village life.

Winter events 2003

The end-of-year events were all very successful in their own way. The Arts and Crafts Fair (November 16th) was not as well attended as in previous years, but there was a good array of new crafts on display to tempt those who did come.

The Christmas Carol Concert (December 12th) was a great success. The Hall was full and the music was excellent. The chosen charity was the Canterbury Hospital Radio and a cheque for £205 has been sent to them. We have received a letter of thanks, which is displayed on the notice board.

The much-heralded Aerobathon took place on February 7th and we had a fair turnout of people willing to punish their bodies! Mel Lee put us through our paces and the whole event was great fun. Approximately £149 was made for the Village Hall refurbishment fund so the pain was worthwhile. We would like to say a very big thank-you to all who attended, but especially to Mel for her tireless enthusiasm.

Future events

We will be arranging the usual programme of popular events for the coming year. Please put the following dates in your diary.

Spring Wine and Wisdom, Saturday 13th March, 7.30pm

We always hope that this event will be good fun for all and not an episode of Mastermind! Tables are for 6 people and a ploughman's supper with wine and soft drinks is included in the cost of £5 per head. The hall is limited to 12 tables so book early to be sure of reserving your space. To book your table please telephone John Lewis on 730191. If you are short of numbers to make a table, please phone anyway and we can put you with others in the same boat.

Annual General Meeting, Thursday April 15th, 8pm.

This is the time to let us know what you think of how the committee is running the Village Hall. So how about breaking the habit of a lifetime, and making the effort to attend the A.G.M.? It may not be the most exciting event of the year, but it is important. We are in desperate need of new blood on the committee. Surely there is someone out there who would like to make a really useful contribution to village life?

So, come on residents of Chartham Hatch. Shock us by making this the year that the Village Hall was full for the AGM.!

Other parish events

Sunday, 15th February - Talks on the changes over the years to **The North Downs Way and the surrounding area** by Tony Gower, KCC and local residents, as part of the Lost Landscapes project, preceded by a short walk along the North Downs Way. **Walk – 2 pm, talks – 3 pm.**

Other events in the Calendar

Plant Sale	Saturday, 15 th May, 2pm (ring 731395 for a table)
Painting Exhibition	Sunday 6 th June, 11 am to 3 pm. Chartham Hatch Painting Club's output will be on display. With light refreshments.
Hatch Treasure Trail	Sunday, 13 th June. More information later but this is a new and exciting event.
Summer Band Concert	Friday, 25 th June, 7.30pm.
Wine and Wisdom	Saturday, 23 rd October, 7.30pm
Arts and Crafts Fair	Sunday, 21 st November, from 11am.
Christmas Carol Concert	Friday, 10 th December
New Year Party	Friday, 31 st December, 9pm.

Village Hall Refurbishment

The long-awaited renovation work on the toilets is due to start in the next couple of weeks. While it is intended that disruption will be kept to a minimum, there is bound to be a certain amount of temporary disturbance. We are confident that this will be very worthwhile when set against the long-term improvements. The Hall will be satisfactorily usable and available for hire throughout the work and our regular events will take place as usual.

Regular events in the Hall

Mel Lee (711767) runs a **Keep Fit / Aerotone** class: **Monday evenings, 6.30-7.30 pm** during school term time; £3 per session.

Keep Fit for those at home during the day: **Thursday mornings, 9.30 am**; £1 per session. Very mixed abilities. All ages welcome. The class lasts for one and a half hours but you are not expected to jump about for all this time! Ring Rose (731427) for more information.

Painting Club meets on **Thursday afternoons at 1.30 pm**, costs £1.50 and includes a cup of tea. Experts, amateurs and beginners are all welcome. Phone Jill (738585) for more details.

Ladies' Group is on the first **Thursday** of the month at **7.30 pm**. Contact Gill Dodds on 731546

Over 50s Club: Every other Monday afternoon. Contact Julie Fegan on 730522.

Mother's and Toddlers Group: Every Tuesday from 9 am to 11 am. Contact Nicola Johnson on 730172.

Hey Diddle Diddle: Toddlers musical group. Term time Tuesdays from 11.15 am to 12.15 am. Contact Shirley Andrews on 730541

Gardening Club: Second Thursday of every month, 7.00 pm.

Did you know that details of Parish events are listed in the Church magazine? Ring Ruth (738395) if you would like a copy delivered every month (£4 for 12 copies).

**The Hall is available for hire at very competitive rates
£3.50 per hour to villagers and £5.50 per hour to others
To book, ring Janet Hitchen on 738093**

Chartham Hatch Village Hall Society

Chairman - John Lewis 730191; Treasurer - Jenny Harries 731395; Secretary - Pat Lewis 730191

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