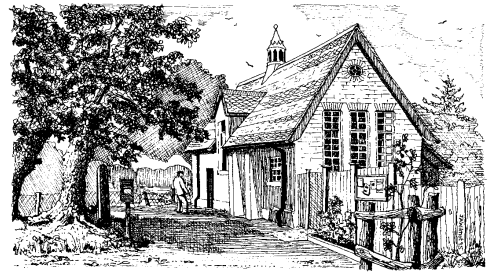


CHARTHAM HATCH VILLAGE HALL
SOCIETY

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

Hopefully we can now leave Winter behind – the snow looked beautiful for 30 minutes and then the novelty wore off. However, it did eventually melt and here is Spring!

Past Events:

There has only been one event since the last Newsletter, the **Wine and Wisdom** on 26th February. This was another successful evening with a good mix of questions, some easy, some difficult (depending on whether or not you could answer them!). Congratulations to the winners, though the losers did get a chocolate egg each (so it is worth coming last again!).

Future Events:

We have several events planned for the next few months, some new, some old favourites.

Annual General Meeting: Thursday, 21st April, 8 pm

All villagers invited to come along and hear about what has happened during the past year and about plans for the future. We do appreciate your comments and ideas for future events, so please do come along.

Plant Sale: Sunday 22nd May, 11 am – 1 pm (note new day and time)

The Plant Sale this year is on a Sunday – look out for the advance notice outside the hall. Donations to the Village Hall table are always gratefully received. If you would like a stall (a donation of 10% of your takings is all that is requested), please ring 731395. Let's hope for good weather over the next few weeks so that there will be lots for sale.

✦✦ NEW FOR 2005 ✦✦

There are four different events planned for the next few months – watch out for further details on the notice board outside the hall and in the village news in the Kentish Gazette

**** Exhibition and Reunion: Sunday 5th June, 11 am – 4 pm****

All villagers, past and present, are invited to an exhibition and reunion as part of our Local Heritage Initiative* project into researching the Hall's past. Thanks to contributions by many villagers and volunteers, we are finding out lots of interesting things about the Hall and we will have some of them on display. More importantly, though, we are seeking your help. We have some unanswered questions (can anyone remember the flag being flown? a bell being rung? What does the shield over the door commemorate?) and photos with missing names. We are also drawing up a "timeline" from 1872 to the present time showing when events have happened – can you fill in any significant dates (maybe the time when you were at the school, set up a club or came to the nursery)? Many people have asked for a reunion so we are hoping that this day will see many old friends and acquaintances with stories to tell. If you wish to join in, know of anyone who would like to come, have any old photos or newspaper clippings that you are willing to bring along and share, or simply wish to enjoy the event, please put June 5th in your diary. Light refreshments will be provided. Please contact Ann (738513), Ruth (738395), Valerie (738678) or Jenny (731395) if you would like to know more.

**** Garden Treasure Trail: Sunday 12th June, 11 am – 3.30 pm ****

A “walking” quiz round Chartham Hatch, calling in gardens on the way to solve clues. Ten villagers have volunteered their gardens (one with tea and cakes for sale), and the Village Hall will be open with stalls and light refreshments. The trail will start from the Village Hall where you can pick up a programme and quiz sheet (£3.00 per person). There is a slightly amended route with limited parking for those who may have difficulty walking a small section of the route. There will be a small prize for the winner.

**** Picnic in the Park - Summer Band Concert ****

Bring along a picnic and listen to the Canterbury City Band. The date is still to be finalised but we are hoping this will be one Saturday afternoon in July.

**** Slide Quiz – How well do you know old Canterbury? ****

We are looking far ahead for this event (November) but are hoping to make this a Supper/Quiz evening – sounds good, more information to follow.



An idea has been discussed about having a **Lunch Club**. If you like this idea and would like to come for a chat and lunch, please speak to a Village Hall Committee member so that we can judge whether this would be a viable addition to our events in the hall.

There is now a **Craft Club** that meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month between 2 and 4 pm. If you are interested, just turn up or ring Julie Bligh on 738583 for more information.

There are other weekly events listed in the Hall and in the Chartham Parish Magazine, a monthly publication at £4 for 12 copies. Please ring Ruth (738395) if you would like a copy delivered.

The **Chartham Society** is organising a walk to Horton Chapel and Milton Church on Sunday, 26th June. This is a unique opportunity to have a look round these two buildings not normally open to the public.

You may have noticed that we have a change of postman. Ray, our postman until February this year, worked in Chartham Hatch for 13 years and some villagers wondered if you might like to contribute towards a token gift of thanks for him. Audrey Copus of Chartham Hatch Stables (next to the redundant “Royal Oak”) is willing to be the receiver of any donations and we will let you know in the next Newsletter what the result is. Audrey’s phone number is 738886.



**The Local Heritage Initiative is a national grant scheme that helps local groups to investigate, explain and care for their local landscape, landmarks, traditions and culture. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) provides the grant but the scheme is a partnership, administered by the Countryside Agency with additional funding from Nationwide Building Society.*

**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**

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