

# CHARTHAM HATCH VILLAGE HALL SOCIETY

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

This newsletter gives the Village Hall Committee a chance to welcome any new residents to the village and also to inform all residents of what goes on in the village hall! It provides a focal point for the social activities of the village giving everyone and all ages a chance to make use of the hall.

Examples of how the Hall is used at present:

- A meeting place for various local clubs and groups such as the Ladies Group, Keep Fit, Ballet and Brass Band rehearsals.
- A venue to hold our regular Wine & Wisdom evenings, Carol Concert, Plant/White Elephant Sale, etc.
- 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, and other villagers, give their time freely to ensure that the Hall is kept in good condition and that its use is properly managed for the enjoyment of all. 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 make special appeals to sponsors and residents.

## **Village Hall Events to come this year:**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March` Wine & Wisdom Evening 7.30 pm.**

Tickets are £6 per person which includes wine, ploughman's supper, soft drink and water. Tables of six can be booked by ringing Chris or Liz on 01227 738682

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May Plant Sale/Hall White Elephant Stall 2.30 pm.**

Contact Jenny on 731395 if you wish to have a plant stall or have items to donate in advance to the White Elephant stall or the Hall Plant table. There will be a separate **book stall** this year, so dig out your old books and come along to buy some more! (10% of proceeds of Plant Stalls to Village Hall Funds)

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July Summer Band Concert – No Man's Orchard**

This year we are holding the concert in conjunction with the No Man's Orchard Anniversary celebrations where there will be many stalls and activities. The City of Canterbury Brass Band will be playing from 2.30 pm.

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October Wine & Wisdom Evening 7.30 pm.**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Bazaar**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Carol Concert – Canterbury City Band 7.30 pm**

## Other Parish Matters

**Proposed Train Cuts** – The parish council have heard that there is a proposal to cut train services in Chartham, Chilham and Wye on Sundays and they are encouraging people to write and complain. Please contact the Parish Council for the address and/or further details of the campaign.

**Hatch Lane** will be closed for several weeks for work on the junction with A28. When completed there will be a 40 mph restriction in place. If anyone has any complaints or suggestions regarding this work, they should contact Kent Highways and ask for Mrs R Goudie.

**Visit to Kew Gardens – The Chartham Society** are organising a coach trip to Kew Gardens on 17th May. Tickets £21 inclusive (slight concessions reduction) are available from Sandra Cook on 731247 or at [sandra862@btinternet.com](mailto:sandra862@btinternet.com). The Chartham Society are also hoping to organise a “Bat Walk” with a local expert in May/June. All welcome.

Several events are being organised throughout the year in aid of the **St. Mary’s Church Raise the Roof Appeal**. Look out for notices in the Kentish Gazette and in the Parish Magazine.

## HGVs

Most villagers are probably aware of the problems we are currently having with HGVs cutting through the village from the A2 to reach Newmafruit or Nickle Farm, and the meeting of the juggernauts at the cross roads just before the Carol Concert even made it to the Kentish Gazette! Jenny Harries had been e-mailing Kent Highways with no result since last July but, following an incident along Denstead Lane involving her husband, their car and a large lorry, she got in touch again and this time, after some persistent e-mailing, a promise has been made of signs on the A2 at the end of Denstead Lane warning of the unsuitability of the road, the low bridge and stating no access to Howfield.

It was suggested at a recent Chartham Society meeting that a log be kept of incidents in the village involving HGVs and Paul Hill kindly volunteered to be the telephone contact (738219). At the last Hall Committee meeting Liz and Chris Anderson also volunteered to be the e-mail contact ([e.anderson245@btinternet.com](mailto:e.anderson245@btinternet.com)). We think it is important to start a log in case the signs do not materialise/do not have any effect/prove to be needed elsewhere, e.g. at the end of Bigbury Road. Therefore, if you know of any instance where an HGV has caused a problem (i.e. not just seen driving through the village), please let either Paul or Liz/Chris know – stating the date, time, lorry’s name and nationality, nature of the incident. If you do have occasion to speak with the driver, please ask him where he is going to.

## Adverts

From time to time, we are asked if we can run an advert in the Newsletter. We are happy to do this, providing there is space, for a nominal donation of £5 per Newsletter. Contact Jenny on 731395.

### **LOSE THOSE EXTRA POUNDS WITH**

Hello my name’s Becca and I’ve just opened a new Weight Watchers meeting on Ashford Road in Canterbury on a Saturday morning. I joined WeightWatchers myself a number of years ago, lost nearly 2 stone and went down 2 dress sizes, and have kept the weight off ever since. So I’m living proof it works!

I don’t have a magic wand, but what I do have is a never ending supply of encouragement, support and enthusiasm, all spiced up with a sprinkling of fun, and of course successful members that speak for themselves. If you’d like some help to lose those unwanted pounds then please come along and join us.

We meet every Saturday from 10.00pm – 11.00pm at the Ashford Road Community Association, Ashford Road, Canterbury. For further details contact Becca Clarke on 0784 706 5557 or email [beccawuk@yahoo.com](mailto:beccawuk@yahoo.com). Looking forward to meeting you!

**Meeting fee £5.50 / £4.95 (concessionary) or £4.14 with a monthly pass**

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