

# CHARTHAM HATCH VILLAGE HALL SOCIETY

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

Once again the Village Hall Committee would like to welcome any new residents to the village and to let all residents know what is going on in their village/village hall. We had a big 'Clean-up Day' recently to make sure the hall remains a welcoming place for people to attend meetings, art classes, yoga and dance classes and many other activities that take place in the hall on a regular basis. At the end of this newsletter you will find various contact names and numbers should you be interested in attending any of these activities.

We have already expressed our thanks to those who came to help on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June and there are still a number of items which need attention, both inside and outside the hall, and a further clean-up day will be arranged in due course at which any help will be gratefully received.

Our Annual General meeting this year was combined with a 'thank you' to members of the 100 Club. This resulted in a good turnout, and gave everyone an opportunity to hear last year's reports, to see the photos from the book launch, to hear about the plans for the DVD and to catch up over refreshments. Several new members have joined the committee – Fiona Wilkinson and Gill Dick as regular committee members, Rose Mills representing the Thursday morning Keep Fit and Jill Simmons representing the Thursday afternoon Painting Club. But, don't forget, you don't have to be a member of the committee to help at any of our events – just let us know!

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

Our next event will be the Summer Band Concert which this year is being held in No Man's Orchard in conjunction with the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations of the orchard being organised by both Harbledown and Chartham Parish Councils. The Village Hall will also be running a Tombola stall and there will be an opportunity to see some of the photos taken at the "From Village School to Village Hall" book launch (and to buy the book if you haven't already done so!).

Other events taking place include various children's activities, a hog roast, local craft stalls and other live music. The event starts at 11 am and continues throughout the day. For those who haven't visited No Man's Orchard it will be an opportunity to view an orchard whose trees have survived in the main for 60 years and to see the re-planting that has taken place.

## **Meeting : Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 7.30 pm.**

A meeting has been arranged with Kent County Councillor, John Simmonds, in the Chartham Hatch Village Hall to give residents of both Chartham Hatch and Chartham villages an opportunity to raise issues that may concern them. The local MP, Mr Julian Brazier, will also be in attendance and the meeting will be chaired by a representative of Chartham Parish Council. All are welcome to attend and if you would like to put forward any questions you may wish to ask you can either do so on the night or contact Chris Anderson, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, on 738682 before the day and let him know of any issues that concern you.

## **Wine & Wisdom : Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

The next Wine & Wisdom has been arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> October and more details will be given nearer the date. Tickets will include a Ploughman's supper, wine and soft drinks. Anyone keen enough to book a table this far ahead is welcome to contact Chris or Liz Anderson on 738682!

### **Other Dates for your Diary!**

Later in the year we will be arranging a *Christmas Fair* on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> November and the *Christmas Carol Concert* on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm.

### **Forthcoming Parish Events**

*Flower Festival "The Creation"* – St. Mary's Church, Chartham. Saturday 23rd August, 11 am-5 pm, Sunday 24th August, 2-5 pm, Bank Holiday Monday 25th August, 11 am-5 pm.

*Friends of Kent Churches Sponsored Bike Ride or Walk*, Saturday 13th September. An opportunity to visit churches that would not normally be open. Info/forms available from 01227 731977 or from St. Mary's Church.

### **Regular Events in the Hall:**

**Keep Fit**      **Monday evenings** from 6.30 till 7.30 pm. (Ring Fran on 07790 012341 for more information)

**Lindy Hop Dancing** also Monday evening from 7.30 pm.

**Yoga for Beginners** – a yoga course is being held on **Wednesdays** from 7 to 8.15 pm. and anyone interested can either ring Justine on 01227 750338 or by email [jbeba@btinternet.com](mailto:jbeba@btinternet.com)

**Keep Fit** for those at home during the day. **Thursday mornings** between 9.30 and 11 am. Very mixed abilities and all ages welcome. Ring Rose on 731427 for more information.

**The Painting Club** is held on **Thursdays** from 1.30 to 4 pm. Experts, professionals, amateurs and beginners – all are welcome. Phone Jill on 738585 for more details.

**Ladies Group** is held on the **first Thursday** of each month starting at 7.30 pm.

**Freestyle Dance and Jazz** for children 6 to 11 years. **Fridays between 4.30 and 5.30 pm.**  
Contact Fran on 07790 012341

**Ballet for Children**      **Saturdays from 9.15 am to 1.15 pm.** Contact Cilla on 742596

Jim Sanders has also been running a short course on **Understanding your Digital Camera** and it is hoped he may repeat this in the not too distant future!

**To book the Village Hall** please contact Janet on 738093  
and for any other enquiries ring Chris Anderson on 738682