

NEWSLETTER

Chalfont St. Peter Community Association

Winter 2009

Another year later.

The Association's year ended in August, just before the 52nd Anniversary of its founding.

At the AGM in October, which was conducted by the president, John Tappin, a new Vice-Chairman was elected, in the shape of David Burbidge, to replace Meg Sheppee, who decided not to continue.

David was Chairman of the Tennis Club for many years, and is still a player and Committee member. He is also Chairman of the Chalfont Bridge Club, which meets in the Centre on Wednesday evening.

The other officers were all re-elected. New members appointed to the General Committee, as Trustees of the Association, were Glenys Price (Quilters), Norman Dennis (Table Tennis Club) and Nathan Minchin (Chamber of Commerce). Bryan and Meg Sheppee and Ray Franks stepped down, otherwise, all of the existing Trustees were reappointed or re-elected.

But not deeper in debt.

Also at the AGM, the Treasurer, Peter Partridge, presented initial Annual Accounts, which still have to be examined by the Independent Examiner.

It appears that the Association made a surplus of nearly £8000 in the year, aided by a grant of some £4600 from Chiltern District Council (which will be the last for the foreseeable future), a profit of £1200 from the bar, and well over £800 from various fund raising events. These monies are a valuable contribution to the reserve which, except for unforeseen emergencies can be used for capital purposes, eg. Preliminary work for the proposed new centre and/or car park improvements.

A development fund is to be established, mainly for the work towards a new Centre, although it will be available for any unforeseen happenings.

Talking about the New Centre.

Preliminary work continues. A helpful exploratory meeting has been held with the Chief Executive of Chiltern District Council, to discuss a number of related topics. Formal enquiries have started, to see if the Council would be prepared to transfer the freehold of the present site to the Association. And, by no means least, initial contact has been made with a possible major source of funding.

But it is going to be a long haul, 2017 remains the target.

At last, the 200 Club.

The District council licence finally arrived and the 200 Club was officially launched at the AGM, Unfortunately by the November Executive meeting only 21 members had joined.

It was therefore agreed that the date be extended to the 1st January 2010. Provided 50 applications have been made, the first draw will take place at the General Committee meeting on January 5th 2010.

Please support us - Just £15 a number. Money raised to go towards the Centre Development Fund. Application forms available from the Office.

Craft Fair.

The Craft Fair, which was held on the 17th October, attracted more than 20 stalls, and Rhona Fazakerley, with her band of helpers, provided refreshments. Together with a raffle, over £450 was raised for Association funds.

Feast of St Peter.

The next celebrations on Gold Hill Common will be held on Saturday 26 June 2010. The organising Committee has just started work and Heather Glasgow has joined it representing the Association, so now you know where to send comments and suggestions. (She can be reached through the office.)

For the adults.

Chalfont Community Services Ltd, which used to run the bar in the Community centre, has ceased trading and is being wound up.

In future, the bar will be run directly on behalf of the Association by a sub-committee consisting of David Burbidge, Peter Partridge and John Long (Designated Premises Supervisor - used to be known by the simple title of licensee; progress !)

And for the kiddies.

Artificial turf has been laid, and a canopy erected outside the Chiltern Room, so that the children attending the Teddy Bears Playgroup can exercise outdoors in all weathers, which is now a requirement. This work was fully funded by the Bucks County Council "Early Years" scheme through the efforts of Donna Clark (Trustee).

Sits Vac....

The Editor has been beavering away over 2 years and, with the aid of his back up team of Jenny and Martin Everitt, has produced 6 issues. Is there someone out there who would like to take over and bring in some new ideas and a fresh outlook? Contact Jenny.

Committee members will be needed to organise the Craft Fair and other possibly new events. Again contact Jenny, in the office to volunteer. Several Affiliated Groups have said that they would like new members. You are never too old to try! (Bridge, art? or whatever takes your fancy) Contact the Office to see what is on offer at the Centre.

And finally,

The Centre will close from 10.30am on Wednesday 23rd December 2009 until 9.00am on Monday 4th January 2010.

Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year to all readers, members and users of the Centre.



**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR
TO ALL OUR USERS.**

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