

# NEWSLETTER

Spring 2008

Chalfont St. Peter Community Association

## The Hand That Rocks The Cradle Rules The Association.

For the first time in its 50 year history, the Association has two ladies at the helm.

At the last AGM, Beryl Brown was elected Chairman, the first lady to hold the post since Mary Smithells, some 40 years ago. Beryl has been active within the Association, in various posts, for over 20 years, most recently as Vice-Chairman, Beryl is well known in W.I. circles, being their National Treasurer at one time.

The new Vice-Chairman is Meg Sheppee, who is also Secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce. Meg is a keen quilter and, with her husband Bryan, used to run an antiquarian bookshop in the village.

## Talking of Quilts.

Have you seen this splendid example hanging on the wall in the Members Room?



It was a gift, at the AGM, from the Chalfont Quilters group, to mark the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Association in October 1957.

P.s. do you ever actually use the Members Room? In there is a Book of Remembrance containing the names of all village residents killed in the two World Wars.

## A New Centre?

The existing Community Centre building is timber, and the front section, containing the main Hall, Mary Smithells' room and bar, is 46 years old. Maintenance is costly, nearly £20,000 per year.



As a result, the executive committee has set itself the task of securing a new Community Centre by the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Association in 2017. If you don't have a dream you can't have a dream come true!

Other new local Centres are being examined but what would you like to see in one, and what about where to put it? Answers on a postcard please, to the office.

The Association is also keen to hear from local business men and women who would be prepared to spearhead the fund for the new centre, and possibly donate. City bankers would be especially welcome.

### **Talking of Maintenance.**

Have you looked at the River Misbourne side of the centre recently? New windows and new exterior cladding? And Chiltern District Council has at last filled in some of the pot-holes in the access road to Apex Physiotherapy and the Garden Club hut. (What river you might ask - but that is beyond the control of the Association).

It is planned to replace the windows in the main hall later this year, but this work is eye wateringly expensive, around £12,000.

### **Website.**

The Association is in the process of establishing a website. If you can access the internet, you can check the progress on [www.cspca.net](http://www.cspca.net) (be careful with the "net", because "com" will connect you with the Chinese Shar-pei Dog Club of America, or perhaps you would prefer that!)

### **100/200/300 Club.**

A 100 Club is being considered (could be larger) at a cost of £15 per year, with regular monthly draws and one bigger annual draw. To gauge support, could you express your interest to Rhona Fazakerley, Meg Sheppee or John Long or drop a note to the office

### **Future.**

Craft Fair (with associated bric-a-brac sale) 10am - 2pm Saturday 22 November 2008 at the Community Centre. Tables cost £15 each (or £10 if booked by an Affiliated Group of the Association or by a craft exhibitor before 30 June) Application forms from the office.

A sale of quilting cotton fabrics is planned at the Centre on September 27<sup>th</sup>, 10.30am - 3pm. (Guess who suggested that.) Watch this space. Longer term, a music festival is being considered for June 2009.

### **And finally.**

Well this is the first attempt. Hope you enjoyed it.

It is planned to produce future issues, (don't know when ) and your input would be welcome.

Please drop your contribution into the office but remember, the editor's decision is final.



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