

# NEWSLETTER

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Chalfont St. Peter Community Association

## Tales From The River Bank

Clearly the Association has influence! Hardly had the ink dried on the Spring Newsletter, with its sideswipe at the state of the Misbourne, than fresh clear water began to flow. Just locally you understand, Chalfont St. Giles is still dry. No influence there! Very strange isn't it?

Nothing to do with the Association directly, but work is in progress to improve the riverside walk, with the aid of lottery finance. The long disused electricity substation compound, leased by the Association and used for storage by the Parish Council, could eventually be demolished. Also as part of this work, the recycling bins have been moved from the riverbank to behind the goal area of the football pitch. This grass is not leased by the Association but it was often used as parking for Centre visitors.

## Talking of Parking

We all know the Centre car park is so hopelessly inadequate at peak times, 53 spaces for a building which can accommodate 400 people!

The official overflow car park is the grassed area between the Centre building and the River Misbourne, but this is not much used, probably due to the state of the ground.

For some time the Executive Committee has had a plan to alter this area to an all weather surface, using grassed plastic

Blocks. As usual, the problem is cash. Do you know anyone with £30,000 to spare?

## So Who is the Executive Committee

Answer (at least till the A.G.M. in October)  
John Tappin (president) Beryl Brown (Chairman) Meg Shepee (Vice Chairman) Peter Partridge (Hon. Treasurer) and the foot soldiers Peter Brown, Dave Burbridge, Les Butler, Donna Clark, Rhona Fazakerley, Ray Franks, John Long, Brian Shepee, David Swift, Cllr. David Meacock and Peter Nowell.

The Committee meets eight times a year and is responsible for the day to day management of the Association's affairs. New members would be welcome, particularly under retirement age.

There are two sub committees, Premises-which looks after the land and buildings leased from Chiltern District Council, and Activities/Fundraising-which amongst other things produces this Newsletter.

## Memorial Garden



Did you recognise the picture at the end of the Spring Newsletter? It was the Memorial Garden alongside the main hall. Yes a properly consecrated Memorial Garden to the fallen in the two World Wars; not many people seem to be aware of that fact.

The original Memorial Hall, sited where the Broadway shops are now, on the corner of Market Place and Church Lane, was demolished in the mid-fifties because it was too expensive to maintain. When the new Community Centre was built in the early 1960's a Memorial Garden was established alongside, although it was not consecrated until the 1990's

### **Future**

The Sale of Quilting and Patchwork fabrics is now finalised for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. September 10am - 2pm in the Centre. Publicity will start in earnest shortly.

A Book Sale is planned for the 4<sup>th</sup> October 2008 in the Mary Smithell's room from 10am till 12 noon.

Any books in good condition hard or paper back to Jenny in the office please.

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 31<sup>st</sup> July) Application forms from the office.

A Health and Beauty day is being considered. Most of us could probably do with that!

A quite ambitious arts festival is being worked on for next year 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. June to be precise. It is hoped to include jazz, classical music, a children's concert and an art exhibition.

On a less cheerful note, the room hire charges will increase by an average of 3% from 1<sup>st</sup>. September 2008 and the Association's rent is due for review with Chiltern District Council in February 2009. It would be surprising if it went down, but you never know.

### **Bar**

Support for the bar has dwindled over the years and so it opens less frequently. Do you miss it?

An idea being considered is to open regularly but spasmodically (if that is not a contradiction of terms) say the first Tuesday in every month for example. If you have any views please talk to Tony Fox or John Long.

### **Boring Figures**

The Association was recently asked to carry out an analysis for Chiltern District Council. Over 65,000 use the Centre each year (that's not 65,000 different people!) There are 104 different activities, 2583 lettings and it all cost £84,487 last year. Quite big business.

### **And Finally**

Well this is the second attempt. Absolutely no feedback to the Spring effort. Is there anyone out there? Tell us something about your group and its doings.

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