

# NEWSLETTER

Summer 2009

Chalfont St. Peter Community Association

## **Forward thinking at the Community Centre.**

The next CRAFT FAIR will be held on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2009, between 10am and 2pm. (setting up from 8.30am). Bookings for tables are already being taken at £15 (reduced to £12 for Affiliated Groups, "non profit groups." Contact the Association Office, phone on 01753 885778, or drop in any week day before noon.

This year's COTTON FABRIC SALE, with quilting accessories, will be held on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Various other ideas are being considered to link with it including a Jazz Evening,(the Vice-Chairman, Meg Sheppee, is at work again.)The band has been booked tickets will be on sale, mid August at £12 each.

You will have to wait until at least next Spring to be indulged. Miracles take a little longer, but the project is still being developed.

## **Association Website**

The website has now been updated and re-launched and can viewed at [www.cspca.net](http://www.cspca.net).

The purpose of this site is to publicise all the activities that take place in the Community Centre and outline details if hire charges, the layout of the Centre etc.

**Every effort has been made to contact all the users of the Centre, however if you have been omitted please either e-mail or contact us as above.**

**Additionally we would ask if anything is incorrect or you have any changes in the long term relating to the user details, again please contact us.**

**We hope you find the site useful and ask you to pass the word on that it has been updated.**

## **And Forward Planning in the Association**

The A.G.M. of the Association will be held in the Community Centre at 8pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October. If you are already a member, come along and cheer or jeer. If not why not join? It costs only £1 per year, to be an individual member, contact the office, as above.

As usual, Affiliated Groups and Statutory Bodies will be asked to nominate their representatives to the general committee, which meets four times each year, to set the associations broad policy and to the Executive Committee, which meets eight times each year to carry out the day to day management. So, as someone once said "Be Prepared".

A number of structural improvements to the buildings for pre-school activities, which form an important part of the Association's services to the Community, are being examined. At present it appears that these could be almost fully grant aided, but planning approval is needed. Nothing is ever simple.

## **Talking of Premises**

That is the Community Centre and adjacent buildings. These are owned by Chiltern District Council, but held on a long lease by the Association, including full maintenance responsibilities.

Current work in hand is varied, such as to renew a failed double glazing window, repair a window catch, repair wall tiles , renew exterior timber framework and cladding, patch up part of the roof and so on. In total such items normally represent about 25% of the Association's total income per year.

## **200 Club 2009/10.**

The Association is planning to run a 200 Club from November 2009 to October 2010.

In total, the cost per entry, for a unique number will be £15, for twelve draws at the monthly committee meetings, starting in November 2009, (these are normally held on the last Tuesday in each month ) and for the grand annual draw to be held at the Annual General Meeting in October 2010.

Any number of entries may be made.

Full details and application forms will be issued shortly. (with regular mailings such as accounts!)

## **Food for thought.**

Difficult to put actual figures to it, lacking full research but, without doubt, a large proportion of the inhabitants of Chalfont St Peter, seldom if ever, set foot in the Community Centre, while a fair number of people from adjacent areas do so. Curious, interesting, inexplicable or what ? Any ideas?

## **And now to Booze.**

Unfortunately, the Community Centre bar has gone the way over 30 pubs in this country every week, it is no longer profitable to open on a regular basis.

However the Association still holds a full Chiltern District Council Alcohol Licence, proudly displayed on the notice board, as requires by law. (just check!)

Saturday bookings for the Main Hall will continue to include the provision of bar as now. The current plan is to offer other bar facilities only by prior arrangement with the Association Secretary (Jenny Everitt), and at extra cost, contact her at the office to discuss.

Now, there will be a somewhat reduced range of drinks, although attempts may be made to meet the needs of individual events, given sufficient demands and by prior consultation with Jenny.

And so to bed

It would be nice to get some feedback. What do you think about the content and style for example? And what about some contributions?

A date for your diary, the feast of St. Peter celebrations in 2010 will be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup>.June.

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