

NEWSLETTER

Spring 2009

Chalfont St. Peter Community Association

What goes on?

Towards the end of last year, a man remarked that he never came to the Community Centre, therefore he did not know what was on offer, and so he never came to the Centre. There is some logic in that comment.

To make a start, in no particular order,

- 1) Available weekly (or more frequently):-

Line Dancing, Bingo, Bridge, Yoga, Art, Education, Pilates, Music, Swimming, Play school, Drama, Citizens Advice, Baby Clinic, Coffee club, Dance, Walking, Aerobics, Table Tennis, Performing Arts, Short Mat Bowls.

- 2) Available at least monthly:-

Quilters, Fine Arts, Wine, Pewter, Fuchias Orchids, Cage Birds, Young Archaeology, W.I., Friends of the Chiltern Open Air Museum, Karate.

- 3) Less frequent regular Activities:-

National Trust, Chartered Institute of Builders, Conservative Association, National Council of Women. There are about 60 different activities per year and well over 30 organisations use the Centre regularly, so there must be something to suit most tastes (if not yours why not start a group?) Full details for any activity, including contacts can be obtained through the Community Association office any weekday morning or call 01753 885778.

Thanks.

Just in case you imagine that the Editor is some kind of computer whiz kid (which he most definitely is not) he would like to record his thanks to his production team, the Everitt partnership (a.k.a. Jenny and Martin) who actually do the layout, artwork and printing.

Writing a few words is the easy task, the rest is delegation.

Its Gone!

The legal formalities are now complete, and the Association has returned the disused electricity sub-station on the bank of the Misbourne, to Chiltern District Council, who will decide its future.

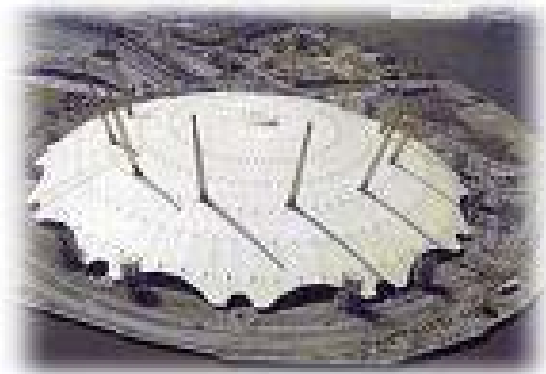
A Tale of Two Ladies.

At its meeting at the end of November the Executive Committee co-opted Donna Clark, of Teddy Bears Playgroup, to provide liaison with Sure Start and also to represent the interest of Non-Affiliated Groups, for one year. (The other members of the Committee remain as last year.)

At its meeting in early January, the General Committee co-opted Heather Glasgow of Heather's Hoofers Line Dancing to represent the interests of commercial users of the Centre, for one year. (The General Committee meets four times a year and is responsible for the General Policy of the Association.)

Both ladies are now Trustees of the Association, more petticoat power.

A New Community Centre?



The original part of the Community Centre, including the Main Hall was built in 1961 with a life expectancy of 60 years.

The entire building, including the subsequent extensions, is timber framed and clad, and maintenance has become costly, now averaging some £400 per week, about 25% of the Association's total income.

Accordingly, the Executive Committee is aiming to secure a new Centre by 2017 - the 60th.Anniversary of the founding of the Association - and a small working party has been set up to start on this project. Several new Centres have been visited for ideas, but the working party thought that it was important to seek the views of individual users of the present Centre.

A short questionnaire was prepared with space for additional comments, and distributed to regular user groups in November.

Nearly 100 replies were received, with a number of interesting suggestions. The results are being analysed and will be published in due course.

The Working Party is now beginning to examine the next, and much more difficult question, namely - why do the majority of people living in Chalfont St. Peter never use the Centre?

High Finance 2008 Style.

The Independent Examiner, Mr. Fernand Duchezeau, completed his examination of the Association's Accounts, for the year ending 31st.August,2008 on 24th.November. These were then formally adopted by a meeting of the General Committee in early January 2009. The Association is a charity, and so the accounts, together with a report on the activities of the Association during the year, will be sent to the Charity Commission.

Chalfont Community Services Ltd., which runs the bar, is a private Company, and so it's accounts and report for the same period will be sent to Companies House.

Future (in house)

The Activities sub-committee has finally woken up from hibernation. It is planned to repeat the Cotton Fabric Sale (possibly in May) and the Craft Fair (possibly in October)

A new event, provisionally called a Health & Beauty/Indulgence Day (!) is being considered for June. Watch this space. The music festival proved to be a handful, and so has been postponed, possibly indefinitely.

Future (elsewhere)

Attempts are being made to reintroduce the Feast Day Celebrations on Gold Hill Common on 27th. June 2009.



The Association has been invited to help. Further information as it becomes available.

And Finally

This is the fourth and first anniversary, issue. Contributions (particularly on Group activities) comments and queries related to the Association or the Centre, are welcome, but please remember the Editor's decision is final!

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