



# NEWSLETTER Christmas 2010

Chalfont St. Peter Community Association

## Here's a taste of what goes on at your Community Centre:

### Who uses the place?

Figures presented at the AGM showed that there were 2846 lettings in the year, an average of about 8 for each day that the Centre was open. The two largest categories of users were "health, fitness and dance" with 710 bookings and "infants and young children" 652 bookings.

### Events. (Past and Future).

The revived and revamped **Quiz Night**, held in October, was a great success, with nearly a full house of thirteen teams of 6 taking part. A team from Chalfont Line Dance Club won, with a team from St Peter Players coming a close second. A new "at the table" service of drinks proved particularly popular, and, together with a raffle, raised the total profit for the evening to around £725.

The Activities Committee had to press gang some help and so thanks Denise Simon for a busy evening as a waitress, Ian Glasgow, for an equally busy evening as scorer (almost missing his included fish and chip supper in the process) and Martin Everitt for setting the questions. All seem to have survived the experience.

The **Christmas Craft Fair** in late November was also successful, attracting 31 exhibitors. Zelia Reed and her band of helpers provided the refreshments. The final financial position has been established but it appears that the profit should be over £450.

The members of the Activities Committee have discovered that they are pretty ignorant when it comes to **Beetle Drives**. They have obtained some equipment and plan to have a couple of dry runs. The Drive is planned for early April, more details to be provided in our Spring newsletter and web site [www.cspca.net](http://www.cspca.net)

### Any ideas for other events?

### The end of an era.

September marked the 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the founding of the Association, but it also marked the beginning of the end.

At the AGM in October it was decided to hand over the running of The Centre to a new charitable Company ("Chalfont St Peter Community Centre") established for the purpose. The Association will remain in existence for a short period, to complete various, financial formalities, but it is expected to be dissolved early in 2011.

The officers elected at the AGM, for this final period, were President: John Tappin, Chairman: David Burbidge and Treasurer: Peter Partridge.

### Who now runs the place?

So that you know who to speak to, the Directors of Chalfont St Peter Community Centre are currently **David Burbidge, Donna Clark, Heather Glasgow, The Rev. Wendy Graham, John Long, Peter Partridge, David Swift and John Tappin.**

Chiltern District Council has transferred the present premises lease to the Company. This expires in 2025, but negotiations are now in hand to extend it (hopefully to the end of the century.)

### Finance 2009/2010.

The preliminary accounts, presented to the AGM, for the last year of the Association's existence showed a surplus of around £10,000. This was due in the most part to a reduction in maintenance expenses compared with recent years (although still costing about £225 per week.) Hiring income remained fairly static.

The annual accounts still have to be independently examined and formally approved.

### **New Centre Building.**

About a year ago, the sub-committee carried out a survey which showed strong support amongst regular users for the long term aim of replacing the Centre with a new building in next 10 years. An application was made to Community Builders for funding for such a building and they provided a consultant, free of charge to help with the necessary preparatory work.

In the event, the application was not successful, mainly because Community Builder's timescales were too tight for the Association to raise the necessary partnership funding. Nevertheless, the work carried out will be useful in the future. The sub-committee remains in existence under the chairmanship of Cllr David Meacock, with some slight changes in membership, and is now considering their next move.

In the short-term, ways to increase the usage of the Centre at times when it is currently under used need to be explored.

### **Website.**

If you have access to a computer, visit the Centre Website ([www.cspca.net](http://www.cspca.net)) It is regularly updated and filled with information including details of organisations that use the Centre.

### **Christmas Closure.**

The Centre will close at 10.30pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2010 and reopen at 9.00am Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

### **Activities Committee:**

**Jenny Everitt**

**Heather Glasgow**

**John Long.**



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

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