

Future Events.

Tables are now available for hire for the Annual Craft Fair at the Centre, on Saturday 27th November 2010, 10am to 2pm, with setting up from 8.30am. These cost £15 each, reduced to £12 for Affiliated Groups, charities and similar organisations. Contact the office to arrange one (or more).

Tickets for the Quiz Night on Friday 8th October 2010 will soon be on sale, at £10 per person, including a fish and chip supper. A pay-as-you-go service of drinks to the tables will be available. This will be a light-hearted event for teams of 6, with the emphasis on enjoyment. Do not worry if you cannot raise a full team yourself, because smaller groups will be combined on the night to fill a table.

A family Beetle Drive (remember these?) is being planned after the Christmas break, probably on 7th or 8th January 2011. In the meantime, the Activities Sub-Committee is obtaining the necessary equipment to have a "dry-run". Some volunteers to help with this would be welcome. No previous experience necessary, offers please to Jenny Everitt.

Feast Day.

As most people will already know, this was again a great success, the weather was glorious and apparently about half the population of the village attended. The Association had a stall which was well patronised, raising enough money to cover costs. Thanks to all those who helped with the erection, dismantling and manning of the stall. Particular thanks to Donna Clark, who organised a popular and successful soft toy tombola, and to Beryl Brown who baked a cake for a guess-the-weight competition, (which was won by Heather Glasgow).

Annual General Meeting and after.

The AGM of the Association will be held in the Community Centre at 8pm on Tuesday 19th October 2010.

This will probably be the last AGM in the current form because (for the technically minded) the Association is in the process of changing its status from an unincorporated charitable body to a Company Limited by Guarantee, which is organised and run in a different way.

This change is a requirement of most outside bodies who might supply major funding and also provides more protection for the people who actually organise and run things for the Association.

At the same time, the name of the organisation will be changed to "Chalfont St Peter Community Centre", which is what most people call it at present, anyway.

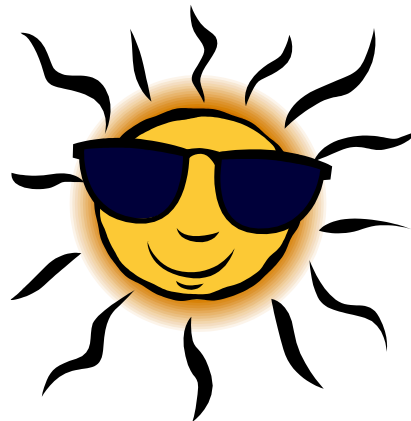


Fire Drills.

Two fire drills have been held while the Centre building was in normal use (no doubt causing some disruption in the process). These passed off successfully, but did show the need for the organisers of meetings to know who was actually present, so that it was possible to check that everyone had evacuated safely from the building. For groups/meetings of 6 people or over a register or attendance sheet should be taken. More drills are planned.

Maintenance.

Even though there have not been any really major items to tackle, unlike in the few proceeding years, nevertheless the Centre building will have cost nearly £12,000 to maintain this year. Some items, like the external staining, are apparent, but the fairly extensive renewal of rotten timber in the walls is perhaps less obvious. The Association pays for this, although the building is owned by Chiltern District Council. And talk of maintenance costs leads neatly onto.....



New Centre Buildings

Behind the scenes, there has been an enormous amount of effort by the sub-committee set up for the task. This is under the chairmanship of Cllr David Meacock, aided by an outside Consultant provided free of charge by the National Organisation for Community Associations (called, rather crisply, "Community Matters"). The aims remain firstly to obtain funding for an initial survey to find out what should be provided in a new Centre and then to design it and obtain Planning Permission, and secondly to secure the fairly massive sum that will be needed to build it. All hopefully in the next few years.

And a nightcap.

The company which used to run the bar has finally been wound up formally, and the Association is in charge. Saturday night bookings for the Main Hall automatically include the provision of the bar. It can be opened on other evenings, by prior consultation with Jenny Everitt, although there is sliding scale of charges, to cover staff costs, if the total takings fall below £100. However, be reassured! All the recent openings have been successful and no one has had to pay so far.

And what about some contributions?

You must have something to say, even if it is a grumble?

And we are still looking for fresh ideas for activities. A questionnaire will be circulated shortly.

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