



Hambrook District Residents Association



Built around 1800 as a malt house and converted to a Village Hall in 1925, Chidham & Hambrook Village Hall is about to embark on a comprehensive renovation and improvement program to bring its facilities up to date. Rooms are available for hire on two floors. Upstairs there is also an impressive stage waiting for an amateur dramatic group to adopt it! Contact the Bookings Secretary on 07544-988387



Replacing the old St. Wilfrid's tin tabernacle church in Scant Road, this building has been serving the church and community since 1971. The kitchen facilities have just been updated and the Hall is available for hire. Contact Harry Bates on 01243-576331

Editorial

Do you remember that in my editorial in the last edition I mentioned that we were urgently seeking a new sponsor to cover the printing costs of the Newsletter? Well I'm delighted to announce that Paul Bridger of Alandown Motors has generously come forward to save the day! On Page 4 he explains a bit about himself and his business. I'd like to sincerely thank him for his generosity.

In his column Andy Collins tells of HDRA's support (both in principle and financially) for the purchase of the Cot Lane open space site. The financial support was only possible from funds raised from member's subscriptions - A topic which Nigel Else returns to in his piece.

A review of local venues is included in this edition in the hope that it may encourage people to use their own halls instead of going elsewhere. We have a duty to use and preserve these buildings for future generations. The hiring fees are needed for running costs and maintenance.

The Millennium Meadow is owned by the Transport Agency. We have had an agreement to care for the site whilst it has been in their ownership. They have now indicated their intention to sell the land. If the price is right we may be able to secure the site for the future. Meanwhile any capital outlay on the area has been put on hold.

Remember, this is your Newsletter. All those of you who have been meaning to contribute an article - delay no longer - send it in today! Your Editor needs you!

John Wingrove

Buildings serving the Community

Any community will benefit from having venues which can be hired by groups or individuals for meetings, entertainment and social or sporting activities. In Chidham & Hambrook there are three such venues. Chidham & Hambrook Village Hall is held in a trust for use by the community. Major improvements to the building are planned soon. St. Wilfrid's is owned by the Church but is also available for hire. Finally there is the new sports hall at Chidham School. Opened in 2006 this hall is available, with restrictions, by contacting the school on 01243-572380.

Chairman's Notes

Well the weather is improving if nothing else and they are predicting a warm summer this year. Let's hope they are right. We seem to be surrounded by a sea of oilseed rape, which I'm sure, must be affecting all those who suffer from hay fever. And should we be worried about swine flu?

As we go to press, I am pleased to say that the purchase of the piece of land in Cot Lane is close to completion. The eight-acre site will be a much-welcomed recreational site for the village and enable the prospect for community activities requiring a large open space.

At our General Meeting in March it was agreed by those members present to increase our existing donation towards the acquisition of the Cot Lane site. Your committee discussed this and agreed to donate an additional £800 on top of the existing £200 already with the Harbour Trust making a total of £1000. It was felt by the members of the committee that overall, if used wisely, this piece of land would be of benefit to the whole community.

Over the years this association has donated money, time and support to village events, groups, individuals and infrastructure and we are happy to continue doing so. To help improve Broad Road the Association donated £250 to the Parish Council towards the planting of additional trees. This will not only improve the appearance but once fully-grown should help reduce the speed of vehicles using the road. We make regular donations towards the running of the local village website and from our efforts at the local Fun Days, contributed towards the A259 crossing.

Each year we try to recognise a local member of the community who has selflessly devoted their time and effort for the benefit of all and expected nothing in return. One such person refurbished the bridge across the ditch to the Millennium Meadow with new safety rails. This year we are inviting members of the Association to nominate a person or group who they would like us to recognise. Please forward your nominations to the editor.

The funding for the Association is mainly from member's subscriptions without which we could not exist. Our social events can also help although they are mainly to provide a mechanism for people to get to know each other and have a good time. The more you support us the more we can do, but remember this is your Residents Association.

Andy Collins

And now a word from our Sponsors:

I'm a long term resident of Hambrook and the owner of Alandown Motors Ltd. in Havant. I think the HDRA Newsletter provides a valuable service to the community and I always enjoy reading it. When Marshalls withdrew as the Newsletter sponsor I decided to step in to ensure the future of the Newsletter in its current form. The Editor has asked me to write a small piece about my company. The garage has operated under its present name since the early 1960s. Upon leaving the RAF in 1968 my father worked there and after several years became the proprietor . He ran the business for 25 years but when the freehold came up for sale, he sold the business and became employed by the new owner. I became interested in car mechanics from an early age and used to help after school and at weekends. On leaving school, I did a 4 year apprenticeship and worked initially for a local Vauxhall dealership. Later I worked alongside my father at Alandown Motors. Some years later I was fortunate to acquire the business myself, with my father then working for me! He retired in 2003 and I continue to run the company with the motto he would approve - "The customer comes first". My father taught me that making money is not as important as honest service. This way we have built up a customer base that includes several generations of the same family.

Paul Bridger

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Farewell to an “Old Friend”



Late last year an “old friend” who had served the community well disappeared from the village. This was the end of an era as the widespread use of mobiles meant that the phone box at the junction of Broad Road and Scant Road West was seen as redundant by BT. For those of you who missed the event, the photo shows how the old phone was briefly “mobile” itself!

Secretary’s Corner

While talking to village residents and particularly people using the Broad Rd Children’s Play Area I always enquire if they are members of the Association.

A common reply is ‘ We get the Newsletter so we assume we are automatically members.....’

This is not so. Every household gets a Newsletter so that we can get across to all local residents what we are about and in doing so encourage non-members to join.

We do need your membership fees. We have continuous expenses to meet e.g. June sees the inspection of the Play Area equipment so that the insurance can be renewed. This annual inspection by RoSPA costs £90. May I suggest that, especially if you or any of your wider family use the Play Area, you should really be a member. Membership will, of course, never be a condition to enjoy the use of the Play Area. Go on! – it only costs a few pounds per household - £5 per year or £10 for 3 years.

We have just made a new portable stand which will appear at all functions with applications forms and details on how to join. You can also download application forms from http://www.chidhamandhambrook.info/organisations/hadra/HDRA_membership_application_form.pdf

Charlotte Edmead is the Membership Secretary. She is on 574437 and will help you dispel any hesitation in joining! **Nigel Else**

Dates for your Diary

Saturday 13th June - Sussex Day Event at Southbourne
Saturday 20th June - Village BBQ
Friday 13th November - Annual Skittles Match

Social News

Our Cheese and Wine evening, Barking Mad, was well attended and from the comments made to me on the night, all had an enjoyable evening. The talk given by our local Dog Warden, John Rosser was both amusing and informative. John kept us entertained with a series of stories and anecdotes.

Coming up on Saturday 20th June is our annual BBQ with live music, dancing for those who want to, quiz, raffle and of course good food. Please put this in your diaries and tickets will be on sale from any member of the committee (see the back of this News Letter).

We are also taking part in the Southbourne Fete on Saturday 13th June in the Southbourne Recreation ground (see adverts for times etc). We are running the beer tent, which we hope will provide some additional funds for the Association. Further ahead, our Skittles evening is in November.

Andy Collins

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ORGANISED BY HAMBROOK DISTRICT RESIDENT'S ASSOCIATION

Time: 7pm Saturday 20 th June

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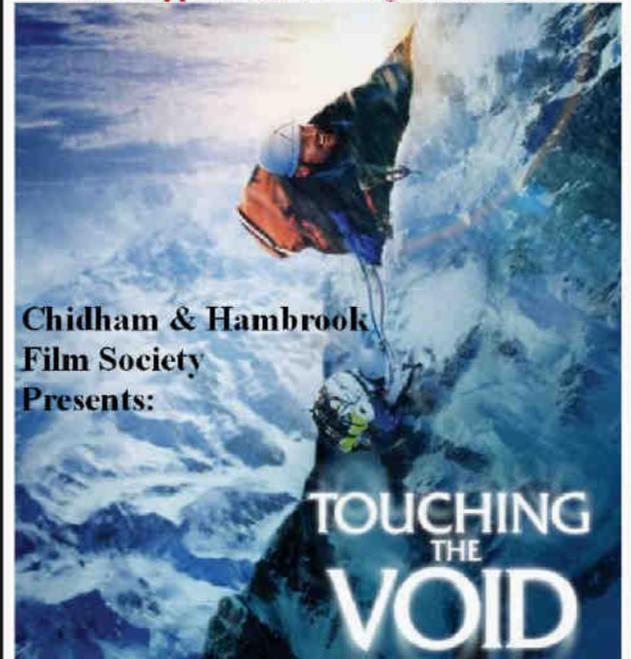
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All proceeds to the hall restoration fund