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The spring term programme will include:

An Introduction to Archaeology

Wednesdays 10.30-12noon. Paul Clarkson will share his love of archaeology with you. This 5-week course starts on 15 January and will cost £15.



The Old Testament from Scratch

Wednesdays 10.30 -12noon. Nick Moir will help you to explore the Old Testament from a literary and historical point of view. This 5-week course starts on 26 February and will cost £15.

So you want to be an activist? If you do, then Michael Bond will offer some suggestions on 16, 23 and 30 January from 7 until 8pm.

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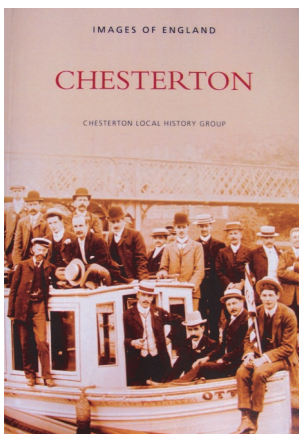
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30 Years of History



In May 2013 Chesterton Local History Group celebrated being 30 years old. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday in the month at 2.30 pm in St. Andrews Hall for a talk on local history.

The subject for the May meeting, attended by 25 people, was Reminiscence of the Queen's Coronation. To celebrate the anniversary there was a cake, actually two cakes, one in the shape of a 3 and one in the shape of a 0 to make the number 30. These were enjoyed along with cup cakes iced with letters to spell '30 years of Chesterton Local History'. In the evening 21 members attended a meal at the CRC King's Hedges restaurant.

Also to mark the anniversary we have reprinted the book of Chesterton photos from the 1890s to 1970s, including of Pye, the river, pubs and other buildings. The book costs £12.99 and is available by contacting Alice on 357 395 or emailing chestertonlocalhistorygroup@yahoo.co.uk

David Stubbings, Chairman

Lil Speed Award 2013

Nominations are invited now for the Lil Speed Award 2013, which recognises the contribution made by volunteers to our Chesterton community. If there's a Chesterton resident you'd like to put forward, please first get their permission and then contact Sally Roden via 420309 / sally.rodan@cambridge.gov.uk for an application form. The deadline for nominations is Friday 10 January, and the award will be presented at the Chesterton Festival Promotional Evening on 6 February.

Eleanor Whalley

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Chesterton NEWS

EAST AND WEST TOGETHER

DECEMBER 2013

New for Chesterton

Chesterton has some exciting developments in the offing and these are not just for Christmas: St Andrew's Hall has won consent for its extension; and improved access to the Halingway path and a community notice-board on the Riverside bridge are already in place. On page two we give more detail of other plans to make greater use of our community assets - we have a number of churches and associated halls, a couple of clubs and some excellent pubs.

Chesterton Community Association hosted a beer tasting at The Haymakers in October that we hope will be the first of many social events

that will support our work for Chesterton and get more people involved.

The common theme is that, apart from the pubs and clubs, our community facilities are mostly run by volunteers. You don't have to be a member of a committee or a church-goer to help and support their activities. Chesterton Festival is a good example of an event with which everyone joins in to make it the success it is. So what else can we get stuck in to? If you have ideas send them to enquiries@mycca.org.uk, and meanwhile read on to find out what goes on now.

Michael Bond

Chesterton Community Association

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Would you like to get involved with Chesterton Festival 2014? You could run a stall, perform on the arena,

volunteer on the day (the Festival will run from 20-22 June, with a Fun Day on Pye's Rec. on Saturday 21 June), help distribute publicity or put on an event that could fall under the Festival banner. Come and join the Festival Steering Group and other past and potential participants at our promotional evening 7.30pm on Thursday 6 February at Chesterton Methodist Church on Green End Road to find out more and offer your ideas. All welcome!

Eleanor Whalley

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St Andrew's Church Access for All Appeal

'A Haven in a sometimes absurd world.'

That's just one of the comments left in our visitors' book. St Andrew's has been open six days a week for many years (and – thanks to the efforts of church council members - is now open on Saturdays too). We welcome thousands of visitors a year who come for a moment of peace, to gaze up at the wonderful 15th century doom painting, to give their children an experience of being in a 'sacred space', to light a candle and pray for a loved one, to listen to the organ, to sing and make music – and, of course, to worship God and connect with the worldwide fellowship of the church.



'A place to catch a few moments from everyday madness... Allowed myself to find that moment of peace and togetherness.'

'Thank you for leaving the church open for children to play—it's serenity and stories without imposition.'

'I like to come daily.'

'Nice to come and visit God.'

'Been released from prison. THANK YOU. God bless.'

'We were married in this church 60 years ago today...'

A happy memory in a happy life. Thank you for being open! I have reached a big low in my life and to be able to walk in and talk to the Lord in a quiet and peaceful and beautiful church is fantastic.'

We are pleased to be open and to be a haven for people of all ages and walks of life. We are home to a lively and diverse church community – a people of faith – but recognise that St Andrew's belongs to us all. It is a public building and a space we would like used as much as possible. Prayer and worship is of course at the heart of what we do, including being host to the many rites of

passage that are marked here – christenings, marriages and funerals. But we also play host to an increasing number of concerts, music rehearsals and even study courses.

Every week hundreds of people cross our threshold but our welcome to those with disabilities is not as good as it should be. We have wrestled with this for a number of years as installing a proper ramp and suitable doors in a grade I listed building is not always easy – or cheap. The solution for us involves replacing the rather inadequate inner porch and swapping round the old doors to the south and north of the church. Together with levelling the porch, ensuring proper drainage and making our very inadequate toilet accessible, the bill will come to £50,000.

The church community raises (mostly through voluntary giving) about £95,000 in order to pay for its ministry, support the wider church and pay for the regular bills and maintenance of the church (the insurance bill alone is nearly £4,000). In addition we support and raise money for a number of local and international charities. Church members also give generously to these big capital projects – in recent years we have spent £120,000 on restoring the stonework and £20,000 on the windows – but we need help! The church community is committed to giving and raising 25% of the total needed and the Friends of St Andrew's is also giving 25%. We are hopeful of getting grants totalling about £15,000, but that still leaves £10,000 to raise. Can you help? If so please go to the St Andrew's website www.standrews-chesterton.org for more information, or pick up an 'Access for All' leaflet from the back of church – you are always welcome!

Nick Moir

The Friends of St Andrew's aims to engage support from those who value Chesterton's medieval parish church building and its surroundings as part of the community and local area, and to preserve and improve the fabric of the church building. Since The Friends was founded in 1974 it has raised in excess of £100,000 for this purpose. The most recent large donation was £20,000 for church window restoration. The Friends of St Andrew's is now raising funds to help pay for alterations to the north porch.

For more information please contact John Reynolds on 249591.

Letter from a Minister

As I write this the leaves are only just beginning to fall from the trees after our Indian summer. But you are reading this as Christmas is fast approaching and hats, scarves and gloves will be back in use again. Christmas is a way of coping with winter – something to look forward to as the nights draw in and we remember what it's like to be cold.

It's also the time of year when some city council or other gets a bashing in the press for dropping Christmas and having 'Winterval' instead. Well, I'm all for putting Christ back into Christmas, but I also know that winter festivals predated Christianity – we have the relics of them in our fiery Christmas puddings, Yule logs and the holly and the ivy.

I don't think the church owns Christmas; I am just grateful that over centuries our culture has chosen to welcome Christ into its winter festivities just as the innkeeper welcomed him all those years ago. I don't suppose he regretted it and millions won't this Christmas as they sing a carol, light a Christingle or share in the Midnight Mass.

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A happy Winterval/Christmas* to you all.

(*Delete as applicable)

Nick Moir

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CHRISTMAS EVENTS & SERVICES

CHESTERTON METHODIST CHURCH, GREEN END ROAD

Sunday 22 December
4.00pm Christingle & Nativity Service

Christmas Day, 25 December
10.30am All-age celebration

ST ANDREW'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND), CHURCH STREET

Sunday 22 December
4.00pm Christingle & Crib Service, followed by Christmas crafts in the Hall

Christmas Eve, 24 December
7.30pm Nine Lessons and Carols
11.30pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day, 25 December
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am All-age Communion

Monday 6 January
7.30pm Epiphany Procession & Carols

ST GEORGE'S (CHURCH OF ENGLAND), CHESTERFIELD ROAD

Christmas Eve, 24 December
4.00pm Christingle Service (especially appropriate for families)
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day, 25 December
10.00am All Age Worship with Holy Communion

ST LAURENCE'S (ROMAN CATHOLIC) CHURCH, MILTON ROAD

Christmas Eve, 24 December
5.00pm Children's Mass
11.30pm Carols and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day, 25 December
9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass

Other local churches include:
Arbury Road Baptist Church and the Church of the Good Shepherd (Church of England), Mansel Way. (These are members of the North Cambridge Council of Churches and details can be found at www.northcambchurches.org.uk.) City Life Church, which meets in St Andrew's Hall most Sundays, 3-4.30pm. See citylifechurch.net. St Luke's Church (United Reformed/Church of England), Victoria Road, which is part of the Church at Castle group of churches (www.churchatcastle.org).

News from Chesterton Methodist Church

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The children of the new Chesterton Primary School all had a lovely time when they walked to Chesterton Methodist for their Harvest Festival. In front of some mums and dads they smiled and sang and joined in with thinking about saying 'thank you' for all that we have. A big thank you to all the families for the gifts that were donated and added to the church's own harvest gifts, and given to the Cambridge Foodbank.

Now that I am getting settled, the church will soon be saying another big thank-you to Jason, our outreach and community

worker, who is returning to concentrate on other work for the Methodist Church in the city centre.

Ian Murray



Established in 1978 at St George's Hall, this playgroup and pre-school currently has vacancies for children aged from 2 years up to school age. Places are free for 3 and 4 year olds, and for some 2 year olds. For more information contact 01223 420954, e-mail playlanders@btinternet.com



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News from St George's Church

On 13 October we celebrated the 75th anniversary of our dedication. In our services we used hymns and prayers that had been used in the stone laying ceremony for the church all those years ago. Looking through the archives we have come across the first Baptismal Roll, which was started when the church was meeting in the hall in the early 1930s, before the current church was built. We also found some newspaper cuttings showing the church surrounded by scaffolding and the procession to church with the Princess Royal in April 1938. A huge thank you to those who have started to contact us with their memories of St George's over the years, both in relation to the church and in relation to activities they attended in the church hall. We are keen to build up a store of these memories and will be having a specific "listening project" to help us gather them. In the meantime we would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to take part. Please email vicar@stgeorgeschesterton.org.uk or call 423374.

Recently I was reflecting with someone about the fact that St George's was dreamed of and built in a time when our country and the world were in a great depression and when the peace and stability of the world was under huge threat. It must have been hard to imagine what the community was going to be like in 75 years, and people may even have wondered whether there was hope for the future. As we come to the end of another calendar year we wish all the readers of Chesterton News both peace and hope for the coming year.

Ruth Adams

Registers

Baptisms

- 07.07.13 Bradley Squires (StA)
- 11.08.13 James Ralph Fitzgibbon & Ismay Caledonia Milne (StA)
- 24.08.13 Joseph Jack William Page (StA)
- 01.09.13 Alanna Eke (StA)
- 22.09.13 Noah Myles Ramsey Brutnell (StG)
- 20.10.13 Harriet Hallam (CMC)

Funerals

- 19.08.13 Anne Macrae (StG at the Crematorium)
- 27.08.13 Doris McCrory (StA)
- 03.09.13 Hazel Aldred (StA)

Marriages

- 23.08.13 Anthony Till & Ollie Smith (StA)
- 29.08.13 Niyall Page & Ying Lin (StA)
- 31.08.13 Andres Jegorov & Yelena Lobiv (StA)
- 22.09.13 Matthew Francis & Lin Sue (blessing & dedication) (StA)
- 23.09.13 Derrick Flory (StG)
- 10.10.13 Ann Winter (StA)
- 23.10.13 William Coe (StG at the Crematorium)

News from Playlanders

Every year Playlanders Playgroup and Pre-school, who operate in St George's Church Hall, take part in Operation Christmas Child. This is organised by the Samaritan's Purse charity, and through it shoeboxes full of Christmas gifts are distributed to children living in poverty, and often the aftermath of war, all over the world. This year, with the help of St George's Over Sixties club and Pram Pushers, we have managed to send a total of 70 boxes filled with sweets, small toys, hats, gloves and toiletries and wrapped in Christmas paper. Donations of shoe boxes, things to put in them, and towards the cost of postage (it costs £3 per box) are always welcome. We are now collecting for Christmas 2014! For more information call 420954.

Sue Lister

Community Recycling Champions

All over Cambridge volunteer recycling champions are helping to get people in their communities to recycle more. From helping out at events, signing up to our newsletter to chatting to your neighbours about recycling there are lots of ways to get involved.

In Cambridge you can recycle ALL your food waste by putting it in your green wheelie bin. This includes egg shells, bones, tea bags, cooked food, meat, fish, and dairy as well as the more usual vegetable peelings and fruit skins.

Despite this 78% of Cambridge's food waste is being put into the black wheelie bins. In addition, kitchen caddies are available from all council receptions (e.g. the North Area Housing office at 171 Arbury Road, The Guildhall and Mandela House). Kitchen caddies are small buckets with lids which are a convenient and hygienic way to collect food waste in your kitchen.

If you'd like to become a recycling champion or find out more, email recycling.champions@cambridge.gov.uk, call 458240 or visit www.cambridge.gov.uk/recyclingchampions. We're happy to come along to local groups and chat about all things recycling, and if you know of any local events where we could have a recycling stall it would be great to hear about them. A local recycling champions group meets on the first Thursday of the month at 10.30am at Arbury Community Centre.



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Chesterton Festival 2014

Promotional evening

Thursday 6 February 7.30pm (CMC)

Join members of the Festival Steering Group & others to see how you can get involved in the next Chesterton Festival (20 – 22 June 2014).

The evening will begin with the presentation of this year's **Lil Speed Award** (See page 8)

Mondays

Pilates 9.10-10.10am; 6-7pm & 7-8pm. Call 07976 677540 (SAH)

ESOL Café 9.30-10.45am & **Just Talk English Class** 11.15-12 noon. Call 576110 (CCC)

Drop-in Coffee Morning 10.15-11.30am (SAH)

Chair-based Exercise Drop-in 10.15-11.30am. Call 07976 677540 (SAH)

Playlanders Playgroup & Pre-school 9.15-12.15/2.45, Mon, Wed, Fri. Call 420954 (SGH)

Drop-in Scrabble 11.30-12.30 (SAH)

The Sunshine Club (55+) 1.30-3pm, fortnightly (BF)

French Lessons for Children. From 4.30pm. Call 210900 (BF)

Young Carers 5.15-7.45pm, fortnightly (BF)

Renaissance Fitness 7.30-8.30pm (BF)

Chesterton Choral Society 7.30pm. Call 420117 (CMC)

Chesterton Lacemakers 7.30-9.30pm. Call 362961 (SAH)

Saturdays

Pilates 9-10am. Call 07939603882 (SAH)

Suzuki Cello Lessons. Call 07511940312 (SAH)

Fridays

Adult Art Group 9.30-11 (BF)

ESOL Café 9.30-10.45am & **Just Talk English Class** 11.15-12 noon. Call 576110 (CCC)

Soft Play 10.15-11.30 (BF)

Eat and Meet (over 50s & friends) 10.30-12noon (BF)

Drop-in Table Tennis 3-5pm (Adults only). Call 464336 (SAH)

Evenings of Social Card Games 7.30-9pm. Call 424040 (SAH)

Food4Food Community Café

Tuesday - Friday, 12noon - 2pm (SAH)

Info. from Rachel on 07824 634 514

www.food4foodcafe.org.uk

Christmas Menu 17 – 20 December – pre-booking essential

Chesterton Community Carols

With CSD Brass

Thursday 19 December from 6.30pm

in St Andrew's Churchyard (or in church if wet)

Just turn up (preferably with a torch/lantern)

Tuesdays

Little Music Makers 9.45-11.45am (BF)

Mummy & Me Zumba 10-11am. Call 07985200911 (SAH)

Computer Buddying 1.45-2.45 Call 526007 to book (SAH)

Over 50s Folk Dance 2-4pm (BF)

Over 60s Club, 1.45pm, fortnightly. Call 423367 (SGH)

41st Cambridge Brownies, 5.50-7.15pm. Call 07894230310

Yoga for Everyone 6-7.15pm. Call 07954388505 (SAH)

Yogabirth 7.30-9.30pm. Call 07791002064 (SAH)

Youth Club (for ages 11+) 7.30pm (BF)

Weekly/ Fortnightly Events

Thursdays

Church Mice Baby & Toddler Group

9-11.15am. Call 704791 (SAH)

Moves Fitness & Aerobics (with crèche)

10-11am. Call 07834227081 (CMC)

Pram-Pushers 10-11.30am (term-time). Call 424993 (SGH)

Thursday Together-Family Support 10am-2pm (BF)

Keep Fit Walk from Nuffield Road Medical Centre at 11am. Call 423424.

Over 50s Pilates 2.15-3.15pm (BF)

Junior Club 3.30-5.30 (BF)

Zumba Fitness 6-7pm. Call 07985200911 (SAH)

Chesterton Community Choir 7.15-8.45pm (BF)

KFA Moves 7.30-8.30pm (BF)

The Orlando Singers 8-9.45pm. Call 504661 (SAH)

So you want to be an Activist 7-8pm from 16 Jan. for 3 weeks. Call 353296 (SAH)

Wednesdays

Over 60s 9.30-11.30am (BF)

Good Morning Yoga 9.30-10.45 (SAH)

Coffee Morning 9.30-12.30 (CMC)

An Introduction to Archaeology

10.30am-12noon. From 15 Jan. for 5 weeks. Cost £15. Call 353296 (SAH)

The Old Testament from Scratch

10.30am-12noon. From 26 Feb. for 5 weeks. Cost £15. Call 353296 (SAH)

Family Fun 3.30-5.30pm (BF)

Girls Brigade Yr R-Yr 6: 6.30-7.30pm; Yr 7+: 7.30-9pm. Call 440644 (CMC)

Renaissance Fitness 7.30-8.30pm (BF)

HHS Residents' Association

Christmas Fair

Saturday 7 December 2.30pm (HHS)

Stalls, a raffle, refreshments & Santa

This is a fundraising event for EACH.

Free entry, but a donation would be appreciated.

Mondays

Little Mess Makers 1st & 3rd Mondays, 1.30-3.30 (BF)

Cambridge Macular Society 3rd Mondays, 12noon-2pm. Call 420117 (CMC)

Cam Sight Monday Club

1st Mondays, 2-4pm. Call 420117 (CMC)

St Andrew's Church Healing Group 1st Mondays, 7-8pm. Call 525009 (SAH)

Saturdays

Arts & Craft Club 1st Saturdays, 10-30am-3pm
Call 07795816625 (HHS)

Sundays

St Andrew's Junior Church 2nd & 4th Sundays, 9.50am. Contact Victoria: 704791 (SAH)

St Andrew's Sunday Lunch Club 1st Sundays. Call 510456 (SAH)

Turkish Kurdish Speakers 12.15pm (BF)

St Andrew's Church Youth Group (10-13s) 3rd Sundays, 5-7pm. Call 355367 (SAH)

St Andrew's Sports Club (9-13s) 1st Sundays, 3.30-5.30pm. Call 234267 (SAH)

Chesterton Forum

Logan's Meadow: Past, Present & Future

Chair: Ian Nimmo-Smith

Tuesday 18 February 7.30-9.15pm (SAH)

(beginning with a glass of wine/fruit juice)

Nick Moir (vicar of St Andrew's) will speak on the meadow's importance as a hub for the medieval village and manor, and Guy Belcher (Nature Conservation Officer at the city council) on the proposed water channel and reed bed.

Tuesdays

Kettle Club 1st Tues, 10.30-12noon for tea, coffee, a free raffle and lots of chat, all for £1.50. Call 314018 (SGH)

Chesterton Local History Group 3rd Tuesdays, 2.30pm. Jan.: 'Old Newspapers'; Feb.: Chesterton Schools. Call 368279 (SAH)

St George's Lunch Club 3rd Tues, 12.30pm. Call 425074 (SGH)

East Chesterton Women's Institute 4th Tuesdays, 7.30pm. Dec.: Xmas Party; Jan.: 'Recycling & the Rubbish Diet'; Feb.: tbc. Call 07971004405

Cruse Bereavement Care Drop-in 1st & 3rd Tues, 7.30-9.30pm. Call 778667 (SAH)

Wednesdays

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Thursdays

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Fridays

St Andrew's Church Healing Group

3rd Fridays, 12noon-12.45pm. Call 525009 (SAH)

St Andrew's Church Craft Group 3rd Fridays, 7-9.30pm. Call 704791 (SAH)

Chesterton Choral Society

Christmas Concert

'The Twelve Days of Christmas'

Saturday 14 December 7.45pm

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