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Please inform us of any organisations not included or of changes or mistakes in this list.
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CHESWICK GREEN DOCTOR'S PRACTICE

At our Annual General Meeting in May the Doctors from the new Practice in Cheswick Green spoke on their plans for the new surgery, facilities and services. We have invited them to submit an article outlining their plans for those who missed the AGM.

We are pleased to have been invited to write an update on our plans for the new Surgery, which we introduced at your recent AGM.

It was then revealed that we had satisfactorily negotiated the purchase of a suitable plot of land in Coppice Walk and that Architects had been instructed to commence work on the design of a building. Further work is now being held up by the usual administrative machinery and whilst I had hoped to be able to report that building would shortly commence, it looks like being delayed for a month or two yet.

When the initial problems are overcome we shall proceed swiftly to build what we feel is an ideal Surgery for the estate. There are plans to develop a large comfortable waiting room with adequate private reception facilities. Our brief from the Solihull FHSA is to design and complete a Surgery which will comfortably house a "two Doctor" Group and design it so that if local needs increase it will easily be adaptable to a "three Doctor" building. There will naturally be facilities for the disabled and plenty of room for our Nurses, Physiotherapist and Midwife. We will of course

perform all the necessary Child Health Surveillance at the Surgery and all the usual Clinics associated with a big modern Practice will be provided. Family Planning, Cervical Smear Clinics, Heart Disease Prevention and "Well Person" are just a few of the facilities. A most successful Asthma Clinic which is running at Park Surgery will naturally be introduced at Cheswick Green, as well as the slightly more exotic Aortic Aneurysm Screening of men over the age of sixty years. Minor Surgery performed by the Doctors will of course be offered as at Stratford Road, when a suitable operating room is available.

The Practice hope to go Fund Holding in April 1993 and this should bring many advantages to all patients. We hope to be able to control, purchase and arrange hospital admissions and various services much more efficiently and conveniently for patients and if everything works to plan we even hope to be able to hold hospital Specialist Clinics at the Surgery!

We hope it may eventually be possible for the Health Visitor to provide a "drop-in" "Well Baby" clinic to save young mothers a trek to the Monkspath

Clinic.

The Fund Holding Office headquarters for the whole practice will be incorporated in the Cheswick Green building and the two surgeries will be fully linked by computer.

A Fax link is already established at both surgeries and this will obviously make communication between the Surgeries, Hospitals and Health Authorities easy, quick and reliable.

Our new lady partner, Ela Patel, is now well established with us and already proving a delightful and popular member of the team. Janet Leese who so ably presented further aspects of our plans at the AGM is now of course on Maternity Leave and hopes to be back with us around the start of October. We all offer her our very best wishes for the safe arrival of her second baby.

This is a sketchy outline of our aspirations for the real future and we hope to have more to show you very shortly!

BOYS BRIGADE

The Boys Brigade in Cheswick Green continues to flourish with lots of activities in all three sections.

Our Anchor Boys (5-7 years old) have been busy with their usual full programme which includes games, craftwork, cookery and music. They recently entered two teams in the

Divisional Potted ports Competition and won 1st and 3rd places.

Junior Section boys (8-11 years old) have been taking part in all sorts of competitions including, chess, uni-hoc, swimming, football, athletics, and Top-of-the-Form. They have also spent a very enjoyable weekend under canvas. The new session in September will see even greater fun as we celebrate 75 years of the Junior Section (The Boys Brigade is 109 years old, the first and dare I say best organisation for boys). Part of our celebrations will include a sponsored walk, (money raised will help village projects), a celebration camp and grand party, plus lots more activities.

Company Section (11-18 years old) are looking forward to their Company Camp at Cannock Chase where a side variety of activities have been planned.

At the end of this session Peter Tonks who was responsible for the formation of our Company will retire as a serving officer although he will continue to lead our band. We thank Peter for all the hard work he has given to the Boys Brigade over the years. The new session in September will continue to offer a wide range of activities which encompasses our own Achievement Awards alongside the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

Anyone interested in finding out more about our organisation please ring Dianne Roberts, Company Captain E.2629.

EDITORIAL (>

The Annual Meeting of the Cheswick Green Residents Association, held in the Village Hall early in May, marked the beginning of a further year in the Association's activities. The elected committee (listed elsewhere in this issue) will, I am sure, continue to work to fulfil, as effectively as possible, the objectives.

But what are these objectives? And are they still relevant now that the Village is well established? The first objective is that of promoting the benefits of the residents to "advance facilities in education, social welfare, recreation and leisure activities."; the second is to manage the Village Hall on behalf of Hockley Heath Parish Council. With regard to their relevance, I believe that the answer must be an emphatic "yes".

The Committee meet regularly to discuss (and take action when appropriate) the issues of the moment. These are wide ranging and currently include topics such as the adequacy of the bus service and the siting of the bus stops, the state of the roads and footpaths, planning applications (from illuminated signs to the latest proposals for nearby business parks), arrangements for the annual Village Fete, the running of the Village Hall, and the content and frequency of publication of the Association's magazine.

Although I have lived in Cheswick

Green for almost 20 years, it is only recently that I have realised how much the village has benefitted from the work of the Association. Facilities HAVE been improved, the local environment HAS been safeguarded. But there will always be opportunities for advancement and there will often be threats to our desired way of life. At the time I came here, Cheswick Green was being hailed as "the Village of the 70's". There is no reason why it cannot be even more successful in the 90's if your committee is given the necessary support.

Stan Proudfoot

1ST SALTER STREET SCOUT GROUP

This is the year of the 'Promise Appeal' which is a nationwide appeal to help the inner city scouts and our own local scouts with fundraising events. We have sold Cherry Trees (we still have some for sale), helped to try to break the current record for the largest tea party on one day, and held a cyclathon. As well as helping with the 'Promise Appeal', all 4 sections have had many adventurous and enjoyable activities. Now that the group is growing we need extra adults to help with the younger sections - Beavers 6-8 years and Cubs 8-10 1/2 years, - even if you don't know much about scouting (training is given). So come and visit us on one of our nights. Please ring me for further information. Joyce Brewster on E.2134.

CHESWICK GREEN TODDLERS

A lot of changes have taken place since the last issue of the magazine.

The group said a sad farewell and a big thankyou to Pauline Simper who ran the group for several years - as she decided to give up at the end of last year. Ruth Hubble took over and is now supported (most thankfully!) by a committee - Carol, Liz, Anne, Terry, Karen and Mary. Irene now looks after our refreshment needs manning the kitchen singlehandedly.

We have also changed our name to be in line with the Children's Act but also because we do include dads (chaps come along and give Simon some support amongst all the women!) Grandma's, Aunts, Nannies and Childminders. All are welcome.

We now have a more formal system of registration and application and some simple information/guidelines for the group.

But most things are the same. You will still find us in the Village Hall on Friday mornings (term time only) from 9.30am to 11am. It is still noisy! hectic! and fun! It is still a good place to come for a cup of coffee, a chat and somewhere for the children to get together without messing up your own home!

We have purchased some new toys and equipment and are arranging some outings, both WITH the children - the farm trip was a great success despite

the weather! - id without the children! We are trying to arrange regular social events.

We are planning some regular fundraising - both for ourselves (new toys etc) and for local/national charities - more of this in the next newsletter.

But finally we are also ensuring the future success of the group by producing babies at a regular rate of about 1 a month (occasionally 2 at once!!).

Congratulations to all our recent 'new' mums and those ladies-in-waiting! For more information about the group, forthcoming activities, telephone contact numbers etc, see the Village Hall Noticeboard or just come along.

CHESWICK GREEN WINE CLUB

Our small friendly club will always be pleased to welcome new members. We meet once a month in the convivial atmosphere of one of our member's homes. Just to ring the changes we make the odd foray into the world of Real Ale.

Meetings in the Autumn will be on:-

September 3rd
October 1st
November 12th
December 3rd

For further information please contact Chris Kenyon on E.3138.

CHESWICK GF"EN VILLAGE FETE

This year's fete will be held on Saturday afternoon 12 September. Attractions already arranged include:

Car Boot Sale
Steel Band
Steam Traction Engine
Steam Train Rides
Fruit and Vegetable Show
Fairground Rides
Teas & Refreshments
Road Safety Display
Crime Prevention Display
Cycle Post Code Stamping

plus all the usual stalls and fun for all. Please note the date for your diary.

We would be very grateful for anyone who can offer the use of a van or trailer to fetch tables on the day before the event and to return them afterwards; also for helpers to set up on the day. If you can assist please contact Roger Codd on E.3021.

Also please let us know if you have not already done so, if you wish to participate with a stall or any other attraction.

Please remember the date:
SATURDAY 12th SEPTEMBER.

PLAYAREA

All profits from this year's Fete will go towards a new Playarea in Cheswick Green. At present our fund stands at £900 and we would like to thank all those who have contributed

so far:-

TSB

Mayor of Solihull (Cllr Ron Herd)

1st Salter Street Scout Group

Hockley Heath Allotment Assoc'n

Chris Kenyon (various fundraising events)

Glenwood Drive Neighbourhood Watch

If there is anyone who could help us organise fundraising events or in any other way, please contact Ruth Stanton on E.3293.

CHESWICK GREEN PLAYGROUP

Another Playgroup year is nearly over; it's an incredible 10 months since we moved back into the Village Hall (a large cheer from all the ladies).

Since September Playgroup now includes a 2's Group. We meet on Monday afternoon from 1.30 to 3.00, and is a bridge between Parent and Toddler and Playgroup.

In our year we have had our Winter Fayre, and a very successful Easter Bonnet parade. (Thanks to all parents for their hard work.) Mrs Pearsall from the Post Office had a very hard job as judge. Thanks again to Lesley and her husband. July 9th sees our sponsored walk round the estate. All the events profits this year are going towards replacing our slide and we thank the Residents Association for the £50 which takes our total to £240; only £150 to go. Hopefully by September we shall have our new silde.

If you have a child who is 2 years old and would like to join us on a Monday or a child who could come to Playgorup, please contact Sue Luckett on E.3133 or Sue Jones on E.3210.

SAMURAI KARATE CLUB

Lest anyone think the absence of news regarding the club signifies the lack of anything worth reporting, let me put things to rights. Back in April, at the Welsh Grand Prix tournament, our team had successes with Pip Battle taking 3rd place in the under 4' 10" category, while our black belt girlmember Emnma Higgitt beat thestrongly favoured Welsh champion and went on to the win 1st place in the girls section. Our Sensei (instructor) not to be out done took 1st place in his category.

In May Stephen Greer took 2nd place in both fighting and kata in the British Open tournament held in Birmingham and followed it a week later with another win in the United All Styles competition in Dudley.

Many members, of course, come not for the competition element but just to learn this exciting and useful sport or just to keep fit. Beginners of all ages are welcome to come along. Club night is Friday between 7pm and 9pm at Cheswick Green Village Hall and other venues around the area are available to the keen student. For more information contact club secretrary Sue Battle on E.2388.

Finally, congratu) 'ons to Stephen Greer who recently" attained his 2nd Dan Black Belt status.

Mike Greer

1ST CHESWICK GREEN BROWNIES

Brownies is open to girls between the ages of 7 and 10. We meet at the School on a Wednesday between 6.15 and 7.30pm. At present we are full (24 girls) and we run a waiting list. Further details can be obtained from Beverley Prater (Brown Owl) on E.2030.

We have had another busy year and held our annual "Silly Sports" to finish the term on Wednesday 15th July. On Saturday, 19th September we are running a coach trip to Whipnade and would welcome anyone who would like to come and join us. Tickets are £10.50 to include coach travel and admission. Further details from Beverley Prater (E.2030) or Mary Best (E.3295).

Thanks to all the Brownies, to Tawny, Snowy and Little Owl for their hard work during the year and best wishes to those girls who are going on to Guides. The rest of us look forward to meeting on Wednesday, 9th September for a new session.

Beverley Prater
Brown Owl

RAINBOWS OWNIES AND GUIDES

All are flourishing but to enable more girls to join these companies we need more adult leaders/helpers. Can you spare a couple of hours a week? Anyone-interested please telephone Val Sperrey on E.3268.

CHESWICK GREEN FAMILY CHURCH

We meet at Cheswick Green School every Sunday morning at 10am. Although we are part of the Methodist Circuit, we welcone everyone, of whatever denomination, to join us. A creche is available for small children and Sunday School classes run during the service for older children.

On September 27th we shall be holding our annual Community Service when members of all the organisations on Cheswick Green are invited to join us and bring something representative of their work. This can range from giant marrows from the Allotment Association to some "interesting" samples from the Wine Club.

The weekend of October 3rd/4th sees the Harvest celebrations. We have a Harvest Supper, and a Harvest Festival on the Sunday.

For full details of all church activities (including Baptisms) please contact the Minister, Rev Geoff Dunbar on E.3267 or Church Secretary, Mrs Beverley Prater on E.2030.

LOCAL TRADESMEN

It is proposed that the next issue of the magazine, due for publication in mid-September, will carry an advertisement in the form of a listing of local tradesmen. For further details please contact Stan Proudfoot on E.2907.

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