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The Spring 2003 issue of the Cheswick Green News is expected to be published in March/April. If you have any item that you think might be suitable for publication, please offer it for inclusion to Cath Duffill 01564 703264 by end of February.



Youth Club

2003

Our village hall appears to offer something for everyone, from toddlers at the playgroup to the over 60's club, but no, the youth of the village are not well served. For a long time there has been very little for teenagers in Cheswick Green.

This is about to change.

Starting on 17th January, a youth club for the over 11s' will be run at the village hall from 7.30pm - 9.30pm for three Fridays each month. There will be games, table tennis, music and a tuck shop.

Members of our local parish, attending either St. Patrick's church, Sailer Street or St. James' church, Shirley will lead the club. They will have been trained, had the benefit of advice from the Birmingham Diocese youth advisor and also had full police checks. Interested parents would be warmly welcomed and they are assured that they would never be left on their own, as the supervision would always consist of at least six adults.

There is tremendous enthusiasm from the Youth Leaders, as they are aware of the need for a club like this in Cheswick Green. Already they are making plans for trips out in the future, if the venture is a success; so encourage your children to try it out - it might be exactly what they have been waiting for!

**IN THIS ISSUE: HAPPY NEW YEAR: DIVORCE: DISCO PICTURES:
BLYTHE VALLEY: MUSIC WITH MUM: WORD SEARCH: POETRY: AND
MORE!!!**

New Years Eve Disco

Once again the popular New Years Eve disco was held at the village hall. The tickets were a sell-out, in fact we could have sold many more, so if you are keen to go to the next one don't forget to book early. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and the music was fabulous - provided by our own local D.J., James Sill.



James entertained us with a very professional disco that looked and sounded really great. Remember if you need to book a disco in the future, you don't need to look outside Cheswick Green, there is everything you need right here on your doorstep!



See if you can spot yourself or your loved ones in the rest of the pictures.



During the course of the evening the prize-draw from the CGRA annual subscriptions was held and the prizes were as follows:

- £50.00** Goldingay 78, Cheswick Way
- £50.00** Owen 1, Osbourne Croft
- £25.00** Marshall 2, Nugent Grove
- £25.00** Fox 41, Saxonwood Road
- £25.00** Holden 6, The Pines
- £25.00** Turner 266, Creynolds Lane

When your subscription is collected in the summer, reflect on this list of happy prize-winners and comfort yourself with the thought that it could be your turn this year. Alas, not quite the Lotto, but then the chance of winning is much greater!

Growing Through Divorce

Family breakdown is costly in many ways and young people are often the innocent victims caught in the middle. The charity - Growing Through has worked with single parents for over 5 years. They seek to support parents going through divorce to enable them to "grow through" divorce.

Pete & Mandy English recently joined Growing Through to set up a brand new initiative to support teenagers who are struggling with the loss caused by separation from a parent. They live locally in Cheswick Green and have both been involved in schools and youth work for over 15 years.

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Pete is developing a unique course for use in secondary schools to enable teens to identify and manage their feelings. Anger, denial and shame are just some of the feelings which young people experience if their parent's split up.

The teenager is not always able to understand how this is affecting their life. Often they need a listening, sympathetic ear and the company of others who have experienced similar situations.

Growing Through also run courses for single parents and can offer support groups to those going through divorce or separation.

You can get more information on this project by phoning Pete on 01564 200093 or email peteenglish@lineone.net

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Skill and Integrity

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At the beginning of a New Year each of us has our own dreams and aspirations, but inevitably living a human life means that we have to bear both the good and the bad. Each year will have its ups and downs, sad and happy memories for us all. However, in my role as treasurer (following on from being secretary for a few years) I have become very much aware of the word "communication". Without this aspect in our lives, our world falls apart! Then suddenly the word "community" comes very much to the fore. These are two very strong words that play very important parts, not only in the world, but also in our village!

Your Residents Association is fairly strong and works hard on your behalf but we would appeal for some of our younger residents to join us now please - come and see how we work and are motivated. Through this group we have made many friends. We meet just once a month, socialise on occasions and accomplish quite a lot. This year has seen us lose through age, illness etc. some of our magazine distributors and subscription collectors. We desperately need more help here. The job consists of delivering four quarterly magazines, selling Fete programmes and collecting the annual Residents Association subscriptions each year. Please come forward - the task is not hard - it is a case of "many hands make light work"! I must take this opportunity to thank those of you who have personally brought subscriptions to my home. It has been so helpful and appreciated and proves that communication does work!

On behalf of your Residents Association I must sincerely thank all of our collector/distributors on our present list. Together they prove that the "community spirit" of our village is strong, even though it can feel daunting at times, knocking on doors and asking for money. From the responses from you this year, it is apparent that you very much want the Residents Association to continue! I would also like to thank those who for a variety of reasons have given up rounds this year; they supported the local community very well.

The year 2002 was a good year, with the Jubilee dance back in June and the Fete in July. This year the Fete will be in September, so we are hoping for further success with your support.

Because communication and community have "shone forth" with meaning this Christmas, I have looked in the dictionary to find similar words with which to close this article, I will leave them for you to digest and discover: command, commando, commend, comment, commission, commiserate, committee etc. Finally there is the word commitment, and each member of Cheswick Green Residents Committee is committed to serving you and the village. So come on, do join us. We will be waiting for your response.

On behalf of the Residents Association I wish you a happy, healthy and prosperous 2003.

Barbara Lintern, Treasurer. Telephone: 0121 745 6715

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Would you like to introduce your child to music in a fun, exciting and yet educational way?

If so come along to "Music with Mummy"

Music with Mummy is a **structured** programme of **pre-school** music education, especially written for children aged between one and three years old. Weekly sessions give children the chance to have fun whilst learning basic musical concepts. Learning to listen, confidence building, social skills and body awareness are all encouraged through singing, dancing, rhythm and movement.

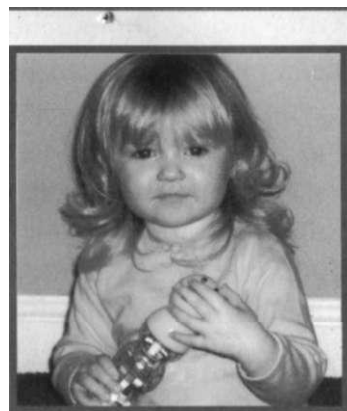
Rhythm exploration using simple instruments encourages the children's natural sense of rhythm, which in turn helps with language development and creative expression.



Counting, colour and shape recognition, with a little help from an adult, helps the children to feel proud of themselves.

Each child is individually encouraged to participate and, for a shy child, holding another child's hand for a moment is a big achievement.

If you have a younger child, why not come along to a "Jolly Babies" session? These are designed especially for babies under one year of age



and enhance bonding, develop a sense of rhythm and promote speech development.

It is a great way to make friends, especially if you are a first time mum.

Greeting and action songs, percussion for tiny hands and feet all combine to create exciting learning experiences for your little one.

Repetition reinforces learning and the gradual introduction of new songs and dances all help to provide a sense of security whilst having fun. Many babies recognise certain songs after only a couple of sessions and actually express a preference for percussion instruments at an early age!!

Sessions are available Monday to Friday, a.m. and p.m. and last for half an hour. Because of demand, and interest from parents who work during the week, there are now sessions available on Saturdays.

Mums and dads, grandparents and carers - you and your little ones will all be made very welcome.

For more information call Becky Gaffney on 01564 70341 or Judith Hughes 0121 744 5117



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Can you find these names in the box?

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 NUGENT
 SAXONWOOD

To date only one resident has contacted the "News" with a suggested name for the recreation ground next to the village hall. This was "The Village Park" - a good suggestion and one that will certainly be borne in mind, but come on readers, along with other, earlier suggestions of Jubilee Park, Cheswick Green Park and Brookside Park, there still must be many other good ideas.

This is a great opportunity for you to make your mark on the village so don't let the chance slip by - contact the editor like our other community spirited reader did and turn it into a real competition.

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Blythe Valley Business Park Petition

In April 2001 Barbara Lintem and Karen Masterton took up the issues arising from the development of the Blythe Valley Business Park (BVBP). We drew up a petition and took it to the residents of Creynolds Lane plus any other interested parties in the village. We were encouraged by the excellent response, 80 of the 93 residents signed the petition along with other concerned villagers.

We took the signed petition along to Solihull Council, and we also sent a copy to all relevant councillors along with a copy to our MP Caroline Spelman. Some responded and we got to work constantly reminding everyone who we felt could help that we were still here.

Eventually (and in no small way due to Barbara's terrier like persistence) a meeting was arranged at the Civic Suite on November 5th 2001. Present at the meeting were, myself and Barbara along with other residents, Mark Willets of Solihull Council Planning Dept, Ian Yallop an Architect representing Prologis the development company and various Councillors.

At this meeting all the petition points were discussed and as a result Mark Willets and Ian Yallop undertook to come along to Creynolds Lane and view the problem for themselves. They agreed to review the lighting issues and to look into building up banks with fast growing evergreen trees in order to offer some screening. This lighting reduction took the form of the striking fascia lights on the Centrica building being turned down, a small victory.

Other issues in the petition such as the weight restriction sign for Creynolds lane being placed prominently on Stratford road was finally done last year (2002).

We were advised to take our issue about the speeding along Creynolds Lane to the Parish Council which we did last year raising it at the Hockley Heath Parish Council meeting and we await news of that patiently.

However in October 2002 they turned the Centrica building lights back on..... here we go again. After many phone calls I was finally given a phone number for the site manager of BVBP, and what very nice, knowledgeable ladies they turned out to be. The Centrica lights were turned back off within the week and I have now found out that Oracle who owns the big red sign are the only building owners on site, everyone else on BVBP rents. This creates a problem in so much as the site manager does not have much control apart from goodwill with them. However Oracle have taken up the issue but due to key electrical changes **required** the sign will not be toned down for a few months.....We are still pursuing the implementation of screening and will keep ringing until this is **confirmed**.

This has been a long running, continuing saga, some might say an irrelevant one, we disagree. We know there has to be progress, it happens everywhere but surely it can be done sympathetically and with some degree of care for the surrounding residents who at the end of the day **do** pay very high Council taxes.

So if you have an issue you want to raise about BVBP, just contact Barbara and if it's possible we will pursue it for you.

Barbara Lintern and Karen Masterton

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BODY LANGUAGE

Where can a man get a cap for his knee?
Or a key for a lock of his hair?
Can his eyes be called an Academy
Because he has pupils there?
On the crown of his head what jewels are found?
Who travels the bridge of his nose?
If he wanted to shingle the roof of his mouth
Would he use the nails on his toes?
Can he sit in the shade of the palm of his hand,
Or play the drum of his ear?
Can the calf of his leg eat the corn on his toes?
Then why not grow corn on his ear?
Can the crook of his elbow be sent to jail?
If so, what did it do?
How can he sharpen his shoulder blades?
Hanged if I know. Do you?

ANON

Godfrey Nail has submitted this amusing little verse as a good example of the difficulties that face anyone who is attempting to learn to speak English.

PEOPLE WHO WORK ON YOUR BEHALF

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(The CGRA Committee usually meets at 8.00pm in the Village Hall on the first Wednesday of each month when observers are always welcome.

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