

# Chislehurst Report

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## THE CHISLEHURST SOCIETY SUMMER BARBECUE AT FOXBURY 3 JULY - BOOK NOW

The Chislehurst Society will hold its Summer Barbecue on Friday 3 July 1998 at 7 for 7.30pm in the grounds of Foxbury, Kemnal Road. The barbecue will be prepared and cooked by the Foxbury staff and served to members and their guests on the terraces. (In the event of inclement weather food will be served inside).

Foxbury was built in 1875 for Henry Tiarks on what had been Kemnal Manor land. It remained in the family until the 1930s when the Church Missionary Society turned it into a centre for missionaries going to, or coming from, overseas postings. Apart from the war when the Ministry of Defence took over for the duration, the CMS remained until 1975. When the Woolwich Building Society bought it for use as a training and conference centre. It still retains much of its original ambience and character, thanks to careful maintenance and restoration. This is therefore an ideal opportunity for Society members to see the house, to look around the beautiful gardens and to meet other members of the Society in convivial surroundings.

Numbers of necessity are limited and the price of tickets (inclusive of all taxes and charges) will be £12 a head. Drinks will be available from the bar at Club prices.

Tickets can be obtained from:

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| Eddie Cox         | 851-6365 | Brenda Calver | 467-2510 |
| Nicolette Comport | 467-5726 | Sue Thorogood | 467-2411 |

In the light of the popularity of the Social Evening held in the Bull's Head last November you are encouraged to book early to avoid disappointment.

EDDIE COX

## YOUNG AND INTO SPORT and .... SHORT OF FUNDING? CHISLEHURST PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION

In the early 1950's several businessmen in Chislehurst opened a trust fund in order to provide and upkeep a sports field for the use of residents in Chislehurst - particularly young people, so the CPFA was formed. Over the years the objectives have changed, yet the trust fund is still in place.

The present trustees meet twice a year to allocate the funds (substantial yearly interest) to any sports club or society specifically run for young people, youth group or individual who live or have their activity in Chislehurst. Their next meeting is on 3rd October 1998. If you wish to apply for a grant please do so in writing to the Hon. Secretary, stating for what purpose the money will be allocated and enclosing any previous accounts (in the case of a sports club).

Most recent recipients of funding have been a local scout group, a football club, riding stables and a young Judo champion. In the past church youth groups, other sports clubs, individuals for yachting and athletics and specific school sports projects have been considered and have received financial help.

The trust fund is there, all we are waiting for are some specific

requests. Write now to:

The CPFA Trust  
Hon. Secretary  
1 Furzefield Close  
Chislehurst  
Kent BR7 5DE

## TREES IN CHISLEHURST

Why did you choose to live in Chislehurst? Many of us did so to enjoy the abundance of trees not only on the Commons and around playing fields, but also those in streets and private gardens.

In 1997 there were 63 applications to fell trees in Chislehurst, and alarmingly in the first five months of 1998, there have already been 61 applications to fell trees. Some of these may be justified, but many are not.

A large part of Chislehurst is designated as a Conservation Area, which among other issues, protects all trees, in addition to those already protected by Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs).

The Law relating to Conservation Areas is in Part II of the Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990. in which trees are considered to contribute to the "special character of a Conservation Area".

The extensive detail of this would take up several Chislehurst Reports, but the essence of it for us means that: "any proposed tree work requires permission from the LBB Tree Protection Officer, Ms C Gibson, (Civic Centre Telephone: 0181 313 4516), if proposed tree work concerns trees over 7.5cm (3 inches) diameter at 1.5 metres high. She may visit the site, give advice and make a decision. Illegal felling can attract a fine of up to £2,500 per tree. If you think a tree is at risk from illegal felling or lopping, ring her or the duty officer immediately, and someone will come to deal with the matter.

"Tree News" is the magazine of the Tree Council, published twice a year in Spring and Autumn. It provides news and views concerning tree plantings, management and decay, and information about research and findings, especially the relationship with insects, fungi and other wildlife.

It is free on request to "interested individuals", although a small donation will not be refused! Write or telephone The Tree Council, 51 Catharine Place, London SW1E 6DT - Telephone 0171 828 9928.

PAT HOWLEY

## THE ALUN AND JOY JONES ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES AWARDS

Each year for the past eight years, children and students attending local schools and Foundation Students at Ravensbourne College have been invited to submit individual and group entries for these awards. Additionally some entries have been received from pupils from schools outside Chislehurst.

The awards are made possible through generous support over many years from Barclays Bank, and from the Woolwich Building

Society over three years. Also Roy Hopper contributes financially in addition to giving support as librarian and member of the judging panel.

There is one principal requirement. Each entrant's study project must be based on Chislehurst, eg. on any aspect of the built or natural environment, contemporary or historical, or on any aspect of Chislehurst which an individual candidate or school group wishes to study.

This year's entries were submitted by a record number of eight schools. There were individual and group entries; the age range was 5 to 19 years, and much work of a high standard was seen by the judging panel, which once again included Saskia Hallam of the Civic Trust, and also this year, Henson Davies and Warren Powell, who is an LBB Advisory Teacher.

The results were as follows:

### INFANT SECTION

#### Farringtons and Stratford House

£30 book token for a group collage, "Queen Mary's Visit in 1925".

#### Mead Road Infant School

Olivia Hough, for writing "Mead Road School" a £5 book token.

Adam Stammers, for "A Mead Road poem" a £5 book token.

### JUNIOR SECTION

#### Chislehurst C of E St Nicholas School

David Lamhourne, for writing "A Victorian walk around Chislehurst", Commended.

Honor Watson, for writing "A Victorian walk around Chislehurst", Commended.

Charlie-Ann Lott, for writing "The Methodist Church", Commended.

#### Farringtons and Stratford House

£20 book token for a years 4 & 5 group project "Reflections on the history of the School".

£20 book token for a year 6 group project "School during the War Years".

#### Red Hill Primary School

£20 book token for a year 4 group project "Around Chislehurst".

£40 book token for a year 6 group project "Chislehurst High St. - a contemporary view".

"Poems about Chislehurst and Red Hill" - a group project by pupils aged 9-10 years. Commended.

### INTERMEDIATE SECTION

#### Babington House School

Natasha Challenger, a £10 book token for a photo collage.

#### Beaverwood School for Girls

Lucy Brown, for a study "Our Local Area", a £20 book token.  
Tanya Davis and Emma Wood, for a study "Chislehurst Caves", Commended.

#### Coopers School

A group project "Deep inside Willett Wood", Commended.

#### Farringtons and Stratford House

£30 book token for a group project "Year 8 girls at work on the School's Nature Trail".

Helen Reed, a £10 book token for print "Chislehurst Pond".

### SENIOR SECTION

#### Babington House School

Louise Bellamy, a £20 book token for a collage.

Naomi Burgin, a £15 book token for a collage.

Zoe Muller, a £15 book token for a mono print of the School.

Nicole Reef, a £30 book token for paintings of the School.

#### Farringtons and Stratford House School

Yuka Funayama, a £20 book token for a print "The Pond".

Sarah Gawler, for a collage "Woodland", Commended.

Christina Wong, a £20 book token for a collage "Woodland".

Kerry Williams, a £50 book token for ceramic Harvest Jug.

Linda Zhou, a £60 book token for a ceramic carved relief "St. George's".

Jeannie Cho, receives **THE JOY JONES AWARD** for the most outstanding entry by an individual, a £75 book token for a carved ceramic relief "Chislehurst".

### COLLEGE SECTION

#### Marjorie McClure School

£50 book token for a media link course group project, "Royal Parade".

**THE ALUN JONES MEMORIAL TROPHY** is awarded annually to the School submitting the most outstanding entries overall.

For the third successive year, the judges decided unanimously that the trophy should be awarded to Farringtons and Stratford House.

The Awards Ceremony took place in Chislehurst Library on the evening of 6 May 1998 with some 150 children, parents and teachers present.

Mr Michael Bull of Barclays Bank once again kindly made the presentations and, as always, this was a very happy occasion.

Winning and Commended entries were on display in the library, then for three weeks in the Civic Centre, Bromley, after which some were shown at Barclays Bank, Chislehurst.

As Chairman, I have to say that I regard this annual environmental project for young people as an extremely important function of the Chislehurst Society. I am quite sure that we must do all we can to nurture in young people a real interest in, and concern for, the local environment in Chislehurst. I am quite certain that Alun, Joy and Stephen Jones would share this view with me, as do so many teachers, parents, members of the Society and other friends.

My thanks to all who encouraged entrants and helped in various ways, Brenda Calver with the publicity, Henson Davies with judging and display, and the library staff who were unfailingly supportive.

BRUCE HURN

### PO BOX 82

If you wish to contact anyone on the Executive Committee, and are not quite sure which one, address your queries or comments to Box 82, and they will be forwarded to the appropriate committee member. (Full address at the end of this publication).

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