

## THE CHISLEHURST SOCIETY

### SURVEY OF THE CONTENTS OF THE COCKPIT AND CHISLEHURST REPORT, 1961 TO DATE

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- The following is a survey of newsletters of The Chislehurst Society that we have in our archives. It was prepared by Roy Hopper, a member of the Executive Committee since December 1993, and Editor of The Cockpit since the edition of January 1996. He was formerly Branch Librarian at Chislehurst Library from July 1973 to 1990. Then, as a result of restructuring the service, he became one of a team managing seven smaller branches in the Borough of Bromley, including Chislehurst. Roy retired from the library service in May 1998.
- The newsletters themselves have been copied, and are available for review here.
- The first newsletter we have been able to identify was 'Chislehurst Resident. There appear to have been at least three editions. No 1 was published in December 1961, No 2 was distributed in January 1963, and No 3 in December 1964. We have been able to locate copies only of the first edition. The Cockpit was first produced in 1966, and served as the only newsletter of the Society for almost 30 years, covering current news, and increasingly including articles of historical interest. In 1994 Chislehurst Report was introduced to cover current affairs, leaving The Cockpit to focus on local history.
- The surveys of the newsletters are listed below in date order, and copies of each of the newsletters can be accessed by clicking on the relevant heading.

#### **The Chislehurst Resident No 1 December 1961**

- Proposal to keep members informed: Summary of recent events including proposal to demolish the Water Tower, and to build 72 apartments in Kemnal Road
  - History of Chislehurst Residents' Association, including formation of Chislehurst Ratepayers' Association, list of Chairmen since 1945
  - The Water Tower: Summary of activity since learning of the proposal to demolish this landmark, including:
    - Launching an appeal fund for the campaign
    - Organising a petition (signed by 2,673 people)
    - Attempt to have the Water Tower listed
  - The Trees in the High Street: A deputation to a full hearing of Bromley Council, requesting that the trees in the High Street should be protected in the event of a proposal to widen it
  - Social Evening for members: At the library, 12 December, including Ronald Elvey, entertaining, local quiz, Kent in colour, and games (on tape)
  - Appeal for new members, and for members to pay their subscriptions.
- In 1965 it was proposed that another edition of their magazine should be published. The idea, together with new name, The Cockpit – the journal of the Chislehurst Residents' Association, was part of a fresh drive for increased membership. Talking about the proposed new magazine, Mr F Grundy, who suggested the name, said he felt that in view of the change in Local Government, it was more than ever essential that the Ratepayer had an adequate representation on their Association in order that their voice might be more effectively heard

#### **The Cockpit No 1 September 1966**

- Accounts of Stewardship of Committee since AGM in February 1966
- Conservators: Administration in accordance with Act of 1888 and new Chairman
- Cricket Ground Road: Exact boundary of Commons here
- Shepherd's Green: Unauthorised use of Common Land for access to Masonic Homes new building
- Walls in Ashfield Lane: Excessive height, Chestnut Cottage and Yelsen
- Noise nuisance at Caves entertainment
- Rates: Sub-committee to examine
- Education: Proposed reorganisation of schools
- Public Transport: Trains problems
- Parliamentary representation: Alastair MacDonald MP and thanks to Dame Patricia Hornsby-Smith

- Chislehurst Chamber of Trade: Importance of
- Postal facilities: Postal collections and telephone vandalism
- Pavements: Condition of, and dog fouling
- Planning application
- May Queen: Report on May event
- Preservation of Common Rights: Annual walk of boundaries in cricket ground area
- Social evening: To be on 5 October
- Membership reminders: Form included on last page (a regular feature for many years)

### **The Cockpit No 2 February 1967**

- Notice of AGM: 28 February at Library
- Report of Committee for 1966: Officers and Committee
  - Finance: Collection of annual subs a problem as mostly done by Committee members. Appeal for street wardens
  - Membership: Stood at 748 at 31 December 1966 - needs to increase
- Rates: Special attention by Committee
- Education
- Caves: evening entertainment causing problems
- Commons encroachment: at Shepherd's Green, horse-riding on footpaths, clearance of undergrowth on Village Green, Annual walk in September
- Commons Registration Act, 1965: Rights of Commons protected under 1888 Act, application for exemption from Registration rejected
- Public Transport: Rail and bus problems
- Postal facilities: Earlier collections a problem, and proposals for a S.E. postal area rejected, with 'Kent forever, SE never' slogan.
- Telephone service: Vandalism of boxes
- Local press: Amount of Woolwich, Eltham etc. news, and lack of Bromley, resulted in more of latter included
- Federation of Ravensbourne Residents' Association: Our representatives
- Commons, Footpaths and Open Spaces Preservation Society: CRA has joined
- Social Evening: Successful and attended by MP, Chairman of Commons Conservators and Deputy Mayor of Borough as guests
- May Queen: Bad weather, so in hall of Red Hill School
- Varia: Welcome to new MP
- Accounts for 1966

### **The Cockpit No 3 October 1967**

- Progress reports: Including congratulations to Alderman Mrs AL Gunn, JP on election as Mayor of LLB, and to Cllr Miss Bertha James, JP on her elevation to the Aldermanic Bench
- AGM reported
- Know your Councillors: Changes in representation in Chislehurst Ward – Farmer, Parkinson and Reed
- Planning Applications: Report on a few cases, including
  - Norland Nursery Site in Cricket Ground Road and Summer Hill
  - Foxbury and Liskeard Lodge (development adj common land)
  - Development at Leasons
  - Chislehurst Caves (need for regulation via Licensing Bill)
- Chislehurst Common: Boundaries re Cricket Ground Road
- Chislehurst High Street: Car parking on verge on west side 'is very old right'

- Gas and Electricity prices
- Walls of excessive height re the Meadow and Ashfield Lane
- Pedestrian crossings: At foot of Summer Hill and in High Street
- Federation of Bromley Residents' Association
- Chislehurst Chamber of Commerce
- May Queen: On 6<sup>th</sup> May last
- Trains, Dartford loop: 'Improvements' not made at Mottingham
- Road Safety: CRA has two reps on Orpington and Chislehurst Road Safety Panel
- Refuse deposited on Common: Report any sightings
- Social evening: To be at Graham Chiesman House 22 November
- Committee changes
- Subscriptions: Pay using form (printed in this issue); New members to be encouraged
- List of Committee members

#### **The Cockpit No 4 February 1968**

- Notice of AGM: To be on 27 February 1968 at Library
- Report of Committee for 1967
  - Deaths reported of Leslie Hammond and HN Beecher Bryant, former committee and Council members respectively
  - Officers for re-election
  - Finance; accounts not yet audited
- Foxbury and Liskeard Lodge: CMS' proposal for development adjoining common land referred to, Foxbury to be added to 'list of buildings'
- Article: 'All the way one penny', by A.N.Oldun [probably Tom Bushell] with picture of first motor omnibus in Chislehurst, 1912, and useful details of route
- Evening entertainment in Chislehurst Caves: Private Places of Entertainment Act 1967 adopted by GLC will enable Bromley to control conditions
- Chislehurst Commons: Annual walk was on 7 October, some details of registration quoted
- Walls of excessive height
- Sports Pavilion, Walden Open Space: Questioning propriety of amenity project costing £32,000
- May Queen: On 4 May
- Town and Country Planning Bill, 1968: For discussion
- Social evening: Report on event
- Membership: Now at 986
- List of Committee members

#### **The Cockpit No 5 November 1968**

- Town's Meeting at Methodist Church Hall: Friday 25 November to discuss various matters
- Leasons/St Paul's Cray Roundabout: A large roundabout was envisaged which '*would swallow nearly an acre of common land*' with alarming possibility of road being widened to four lanes, '*a speedway cutting both commons into two halves*'
- September floods: Problems in Lower Camden, 14-15 September; Mentions 'fall of cliff at Lower Camden over a former entrance to the Caves' and part of footpath known as Kangaroo Walk was carried away; this was at the quarry behind Willett's stables and the small chalk mine in it, that features in Chelsea Speleological Society Records, vol XI [part 4] pp 3-6 with diagrams on p 4, contains account by Tony Turner of these events. This had no connection at all with main Caves

- Registration of Common Land: Mentions special meeting with Conservators – full agreement reached on boundaries to be registered at Cricket Ground Road, Verges in High Street and Royal Parade, which Committee claim to be Common Land, to be registered, (though not coming under jurisdiction of Commons Conservators)
- The Sheppey Group: Anti 3<sup>rd</sup> London Airport on Isle of Sheppey proposal
- Road Safety: CRA reps on Chislehurst and Orpington Road Safety Consultative Panel named
- The Rates
- Playing Fields: Re Walden Open Space Area
- Seat on site of Water Tower: Borough agrees to hand over relics of Water Tower
- Refuse on Commons and elsewhere
- Dartford Loop: Protests re Mottingham Station stops successful
- Town Planning
- May Queen: Still a joint effort between CRA and Men of Kent
- London Ambulance Service: Undue delay caused long wait for pensioners
- Membership: Now exceeds 1200
- Committee – list of members
- Article: All our yesterdays (by A.N.Oldun) about visit of Duchess of Albany for official opening of Albany Road, 29 June 1898 [useful historical details, repeated elsewhere], with photograph

#### **The Cockpit No 6 January 1969**

- Notice of AGM: Report of Committee for year ended 31 December 1968
- Chislehurst Caves: Passing of Act has caused cessation of regular entertainments
- Commons Boundaries: Cricket Ground Road
- Walls of excessive height
- Camden Place Ltd: Rejection of CRA offer of 'Historic House of Kent' plaque
- Water Tower site seat: Agreement on concrete base
- Masonic Homes: Welcome to incoming new residents of Prince George Duke of Kent Court, opened by Duke of Kent [in 1968, but not mentioned in Cockpit]
- Summer Hill: Crossing difficulties for pedestrians
- Old Hill: Parking dangers
- Officers and Committee
- Finance
- Floods in Lower Camden: Further news and events outlined
- Proposed roundabout at Leasons Corner: Full Hall for meeting, a unanimous vote against proposals (304+platform); 100 copies of Chislehurst Kentish Times bought for Minister of Transport, Town Clerk, Borough Officials, 10 Aldermen and 60 Councillors 'so that they could be in no doubt as to the wishes of the people of Chislehurst'; News of local petition of 1,500 signatories similarly publicised
- Attacks on Women and Girls: Concern at number of cases on commons and in Kemnal Road
- Sheppey as site of airport: Supporting speech against by MP Macdonald
- London Ambulance Service: 3 ½ hours to collect and return man needing 5 minutes treatment at Queen Mary's Hospital
- Planning applications
- May Queen: Low balance of cash in hand
- Federation of Ravensbourne Residents' Associations: Membership of CRA continues
- Minutes Secretary engaged
- Membership: Now 1212 at 31 Dec 1968

- Social Evening: To be at Graham Chiesman House 16 April 1969
- Subscriptions now due
- Article: Prickend by A.N.Oldun: Includes toxophilic explanation of name and reason for playing 'March of the Bowmen' [by Frederic Curzon from his 'Robin Hood Suite']. Mentions Chislehurst on 'Down Your Way' Radio programme.

#### **The Cockpit No 7 April 1969**

- Social evening on 16 April: Details of programme and people there
- Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting on same date and venue re officers of CRA
- May Queen Ceremony
- Annual Meeting: Report in essay format of 10 February event, which gives a sidelight on verge in High Street and Royal Parade and perceived threat to trees there
- Planning applications
- May Queen: Appeal for young male members of CRA to help preparation of arena on 3 May this year

#### **The Cockpit No 8 November 1969**

- Water Tower Seat: Details of donations list and appeal for support
- Public lectures by T.A.Bushell: "Old Chislehurst" (in black and white) at Village Hall on 26 November, and 'Chislehurst old and new, in colour' at Library, 2 December.
- May Queen: Brief account of event on 3 May
- Road safety: Continued attempts for controlled crossing at foot of Summer Hill
- Federation of Ravensbourne Residents' Association: Representative Alex Drage
- Bromley Consumers' Group and Civic Planning Association: CRA affiliates to both
- Chislehurst Public Library: Long debates on proposed repairs and extension; majority of committee felt £21k unjustified; Town Clerk said why it was needed in a letter; extended canvass of members found most in favour of extension
- Marlings Park Property Owners Association; Wound up during the year; balance of funds, £30 given to CRA and 97 members admitted as members of CRA
- Chislehurst Water Tower; with drawings of F Snocken's design and some history, including ironic reference to Sidcup Councillors wishing for a double decker bus to Bromley and still waiting for it

#### **The Cockpit No 9 February 1970**

- Notice of AGM; and agenda on 26 February
  - Committee's report: refers to issues 7 & 8 of this newsletter, having given full reports of work up to November 1969, so issue 9 gives a summary [with useful financial details in re: water tower seat, finance and subscriptions
  - List of road stewards with addresses
  - Balance sheet of CRA, May Queen Joint Committee and Chislehurst Water Tower Commemorative seat Appeal Fund (£86.13.6)

#### **The Cockpit No 10 March 1970**

- AGM: Report on 26 February – now possible to hold it in March or April – gives more time to prepare accounts – hope that better weather will give better turnout; Question of charges for use of car parks; vote to return to GMT in winter [nationwide debate on advisability of staying with Summer Time all year]
- Social Evening: Arranged for 16 April at Graham Chiesman House – Mayor and Mayoress, Chislehurst Aldermen and Councillors, Presidents of Chislehurst British Legion, Chamber of Trade and Rotary, Chairman of Board of Conservators, other leaders of civic life in Chislehurst invited
- May Queen: To be crowned 2 May [strong links still existed between MQ and CRA]

#### **The Cockpit No 11 March 1971**

- Notice of AGM: with agenda: Committee Report
- Social evening: 21 April: 1970 attendance 134
- May Queen
- Affiliations to various bodies
- Planning: Note of concerns at large size of proposed Art College in Walden Road, and demonstration with plans and model at October meeting
- Rates: method of direct debiting not recommended to members
- Imperial Centenary: Committee formed to commemorate events of 1870 and all planned events carried out
- Water Tower seat: not enough collected, so modified plan to be considered
- St Nicholas Church: reordering proposals
- Subscriptions: wording to be 15p and 5p, not 3/- and 1/-; Committee list of members
- Accounts for CRA and May Queen Joint Committee

#### **The Cockpit No 12 November 1971**

- Report of AGM: 6 April [was almost non-existent]
- Social evening: on 21 April
- May Queen on 1 May
- Parish Church: proposed reordering at St Nicholas Church – useful details of proposals [which seem to me like desecration and positively Cromwellian]; CRA Committee members attended special meeting at Church, 12 July, to have possible changes explained; important point made that CRA is non-sectarian and cannot involve itself beyond architectural and historical aspects
- Ramblers' Rest: Access road made up by Brewer caused disturbance of minds
- Borough Conservation Area Consultative Committee: no definitive map yet agreed by GLC, but scheme good for Chislehurst
- Bromley and District Consumer Group: Affiliation to by CRA renewed
- Chislehurst Cricket Ground: Might be affected if rumours of amalgamated West Kent and Bromley Clubs occurs
- Water Tower Seat: Looks like happening due to £100 gift from Chislehurst Garden of Remembrance Association [now defunct]
- Burlington Parade Car Park: Fence damaged on Albany Road Gardens side
- Belmont Parade: Bus lay-by problems
- Planning applications
- Subscriptions: Reminder
- Collection of Rates by Direct Debiting: CRA Committee still feels unable to recommend this method of payment
- List of Road Stewards

#### **The Cockpit No 13 March 1972**

- Notice of AGM: for 13 April at Library
  - Committee reports: covers names of retiring members
  - Water Tower seat
  - Conservation Area: thanks to Bromley Council for designation of
  - High Street and Royal Parade Verges
  - Bus Shelters
  - Planning Applications
  - Telegraph Path

- May Queen: Appeal for fresh record of 'Tune for Maypole Dancing' (HMV 7EG8559) is worn out and is no longer produced
- Social evening: to be on 19 April at Prince George Duke of Kent Court (Shepherds Green)
- Road Stewards: Some new names
- Committee members list
- Chislehurst Camera Club: meeting every Friday night at Library; Miss M Scroggs, hon. sec.
- CRA statements; Chislehurst May Queen Joint Committee accounts

### **The Cockpit No 14 March 1973**

- Subscriptions drive sees membership rise by 53%: From 912 on 1 Jan 1972 to 1398 by 31 December
- May Queen: Photo (KT acknowledged) of last year's May Queen, Maureen Shefford, being crowned by retiring Queen, Judith Archer; Golden Jubilee this year on 5 May
- Notice of AGM: on 17 April at Library; agenda with some proposed amendments to rules; Committee's report and officers and committee
- A208 road: Poverest roundabout to Chislehurst War Memorial proposed 'improvements' – extensive report
- Chislehurst Heritage Fund: opened as a fighting fund to protect as needed
- Commons Registration
- Planning
- Conservation
- Road Safety: Representative S.W. Mack
- Village Hall: Suggestion of 'phasing out' causes alarm
- Civic Trust
- Social Evening: reported [200 attended incl. Mayor and Mayoress]
- May Queen: Reminder of joint sponsors, CRA & AMKKM [easy as Tom Bushell and others were on both committees]
- Water Tower seat: Consents obtained after 10 years
- Summer Hill crossing: whispers of a footbridge
- Statements of account: Heritage Fund; CRA; May Queen; Water Tower (Commemorative Seat Appeal Fund)
- Article: The Prince Imperial of France at Chislehurst by T.A.Bushell; major article on pp5&6 with two illustrations
- Article: Tom Bushell: Farewell and Hail? – Major article on 'our chairman for the past 12 years' announcing retirement, with much useful detail and picture of TAB with Alex Drage, former Treasurer, in 1971
- Committee and members lists
- How to get your tree for '73: refers to DoE leaflet 'Plant a tree in '73'
- Social Evening: 1 May at Prince George Duke of Kent Court [tickets 50p]
- America notes our gypsy moves: refers to BFR (later Bromley Federation of Residents' Association) opposition to gypsy encampments and environmental damage caused, noted in a newspaper in Mid America
- Proposed M24 & A233 interchange at Westerham: BRF opposed
- Ringway 2: BRF opposed and interalia 'A208 improvements scheme'
- London Amenity and Transport Association: Improving public transfer and reducing congestion in Greater London and strong opposition to Common Market proposals to increase load limits of heavy lorries
- Other matters: Concessionary fares for elderly, casualty treatment centres and problems of Dutch Elm Disease

### **The Cockpit No 15 November 1973**

- Change, yes, but there is much to conserve: Report of Notable AGM on 17 April, incl. reference to election of Tom Bushell to President [this name and title was on top of front page for first time]; election of Hubert

Sharpe as Chairman and reference to his small part in getting IMPERIAL name for telephone exchange; useful statements by him, reflecting heading

- Have you paid up? Membership matters
- Committee's report:
  - Social success (cheese and wine with Mayor of Bromley, Local councillors, May Queens of 1972 and 1973 and of 50 years ago (Mrs Olive Armstrong)
  - Federation at Chislehurst: 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BRF
  - Rules: Major amendments made – new print enclosed with original, now lost
- Allotments request: Plan to build new St Nicholas School on Bull Lane
- Civic Trust: CRA accepted as associate member
- Summer Hill danger: GLC thinking footbridge, CRA thinks pedestrian crossing more satisfactory
- Loop Halt: Give way sign at Loop Road and Ashfield Lane junction
- Commons Conservators: J.H. Easden's re-nomination not successful
- The Planning Challenge: Long article on CRA approach to planning applications
- Conservation? In our view this means buildings: Cllr. Christopher Reeves on the idea of a conservation area – architecture, not landscape, countryside, or woodland areas
- May Queen – Memories of 50 years ago: Olive Everest recalls how she was chosen as first May Queen ever
- Your Road Stewards: full list
- What is Chislehurst? The postal district defined, with statistics
- A new Old Hill – when lorry fumes disappear: New plan to close Old Hill to through traffic [idea was to form a cul-de-sac from Common to just above Lubbock Road]. At its end, the question of origin of name Susan Wood – 'even our historian president is baffled too' [James Taggart's will of 1834 refers to it, so it is pre-Victorian at least]
- Personal viewpoint (by HTA Sharpe) on Commons
- May Tree gift: at May Queen site
- A208 silence
- Thanks to Stewards: informal get-together on 7 December

#### **The Cockpit No 16 March 1974**

- The puzzling case of Woodclyffe Drive: Controversial planning application
- AGM: Notice, agenda, 24 April at Library
- Committee's report:
  - Subscriptions
  - Summer Hill Crossing: footbridge agreed by GLC
  - Perry Street: pedestrian crossing at Beaverwood Road rejected
  - St Nicholas School: still no new site
  - Road Steward social: great success
  - CRA social: postponed because of unsettled conditions and continued industrial action
  - High Street development: proposed 3 storey development opposed
  - Meeting with Borough Councillors: CRA views agreed in re High Street development, and Borough Council has no proposals for 'improvement' of A208 – now under GLC control
  - Bromley Resident's Federation: Appreciation recorded for much assistance rendered by former MP, Dame Patricia Hornsby-Smith, over many years; thanks to 3 local councillors, and to 'our charming Kentish Times Reporter' for attending meetings and reporting our activities
- Message from Treasurer R.W.Oblath: omission of annual accounts to leave more room for news and articles, and a brief verbal report with a few figures in lieu

- Now that we own an airfield: Article by HTA Sharpe on history of Biggin Hill and its airport, and balance to be struck between no flying at all, and idea of full commercial airport
- Planning sub-committee: report
- Little conserved, nothing improved: a reply by Charles Dunn to Cllr Reeves' article in Cockpit 15;
- News: of a new and fully illustrated history of Chislehurst by President Tom Bushell – subscriptions invited; inquiries to EC Waters & Son, 8 Royal Parade

#### **The Cockpit No 17 November 1974**

- The fight for the Commons: Article by HTA Sharpe on Commons' history following decision by Conservators not to wish to register the land as such; CRA pressed them, and reluctantly they agreed; subsequent hearing reported; Alex Drage's argument appended illustrating modern application of 'rights of common'
- AGM reported
- St Nicholas School: Lack of progress in re siting
- Loop Road/Ashfield Lane
- Commons registration
- Biggin Hill Airport
- Green Belt development: Sparrows Wood and Old West Kent Golf Course (Bickley area), proposals opposed by CRA
- High Street developments
- Old Hill: Experimental closure
- Chislehurst Caves: Drink licence opposed
- Bus Route 227 and Bickley Arms: hooliganism; Bickley Arms 'disco'
- Bromley Residents Federation: Links maintained
- May Queen Ceremony: Big crowd and reference to Christmas bazaar in aid of funds
- Bromley Social Workers: seeking cooperation in re local people who might need their help
- Stop Press: Closure of Old Hill; residents support Council's experiment
- Wanted: more members and Road Stewards
- Chislehurst Traffic – a desperate situation: article by editor, Vernon Leonard, on ideas to alleviate problems
- Stop this Waste! Rates rise warning; suggestions from a CRA member that Council should exercise more control over expenditure and waste of resources

#### **The Cockpit No 18 March 1975**

- AGM Notice: 30 April, Methodist Hall
- Subscriptions: To be increased in re rule 4 – 20p single, 40p household, 10p pensioners
- Changes in Officers and Committee – good wishes sent to President, Tom Bushell [he was in hospital for a while]
  - Secretary: Mary Holt resigns, A Drage covering
  - Editor of Cockpit: V Leonard gives up [hence changes in appearance, with issues 14 to 17 having bold headers and more visual impact]
  - Chairman: Mr Sharpe decides not to accept nomination (after over 41 years of service with CRA and its predecessor, the Chislehurst Ratepayers' Association)
  - Committee resignations: Colin Pilgrim, Mrs O Jarrett, V Leonard
- Committee Reports
  - High Street development rejected, mainly in re garage and service station, site still unfenced
  - Conservation area: Demolition and felling need local council permission
  - Loop Road/Ashfield Lane junction: no progress
  - Rates increase: suggestions for economies put forward by CRA

- Walnut Close & High Street: Rowdyism and nuisance in these areas discussed with Police Inspector Donkin
- St Nicholas School re-siting: Financial restrictions likely to delay for years
- Neighbourhood Councils: Consultative paper by DoE
- Heavy Lorries – local scheme: width restrictions proposed
- Road Stewards’ social: financial considerations prevented this
- BRF notes
- Appreciation expressed to MP, GLC and Local Councillors, KT reporter, Road Stewards and members
- Treasurer’s Report: brief; full details to be at AGM
- Chislehurst National Trust Woodlands: Statements and account of history, appeal for membership and donations
- Commons but not now Common land: HTA Sharpe on decision that removes commons from registration [because they are managed and therefore ‘cultivated’ to a certain extent, so outside definitions of Common Land of 1965 Act]
- Subscriptions: Warning if unpaid
- Planning Sub-committee: List of some cases, including: Chesil House, Farringtons Junior School [then in Ashfield Lane], Claverley & Greentops, and Coed-Bel, both in Lubbock Road [these last were proposed demolition and both refused, so presumably the houses were still standing then]

#### **The Cockpit No 19 November 1975**

- Rates: 55% increase; public meeting at Methodist Church Hall, 8 October, reported; ATC Jones, new Chairman, Cllr Barkway and local Councillors Parkinson, Reeves and Bryant
- Village Hall: Proposals to rebuild on same site [the Victorian Hall had been destroyed by fire]
- Bull’s Head/Tiger’s Head
- Traffic irregularities: no improvements
- Heavy Lorry bans: local scheme – no action yet
- Old Hill: Survey of accidents and incidents submitted to Council
- High Street development: Further talks with developers
- Bromley Consumers’ Group: News of existence, ‘watch-dog’ activities
- Planning matters
- BFRA: news and request for help
- Water Tower seat: Summary of history of Water Tower and difficulties in carrying out proposed work
- Membership of Association: statement of Treasurer
- List of Road Stewards

#### **The Cockpit No 20 March 1976**

- An Appreciation: Notice of death of Tom Bushell on 27 January [coincidentally at the same time there occurred the disastrous fire that destroyed Scadbury House, and prior to that, late in 1975, the death of John Marsham-Townsend]
- AGM notice
- Committee Reports:
  - Loop Road/Ashfield Lane: no progress on stop signs
  - Summer Hill Footbridge: Work expected to commence this year
  - Old Hill: Still undecided
  - Water Tower memorial seat: now erected thanks to Wates’
  - Traffic irregularities, Bull’s head, Tiger’s Head: It took a formal complaint to Commissioner at New Scotland Yard to produce police activity

- High Street Developments: Considerable detail listed of formal objections; site not enclosed
- High Street and Royal Parade verges: Still trying to register as common land and attempts to landscape them
- The Rates: attempts to peg for 1976-77
- Planning: Council's Publicity for applications: They had decided to discontinue, but full council 1 March rejected resolutions to do so. CRA advised members to look at plans in library and CRA planning sub-committee continues its vigilance
- Planning Committee procedures: Notes that details of objections are not always made known by Councillors
- Appreciation: as before
  - From our Hon Treasurer, RW Oblath, with brief statement of statistics (membership up to 2,372)
  - From our Chairman, ATC Jones, words of appreciation to all for past year's work
- Social evening: advertised for 6 May at Graham Chiesman House
- Stop Press: Public Hearing on Verges on 30 March at Watergate House, Adelphi, WC2
- **The Cockpit No 21 December 1976**
  - Rates and Council Expenditure
  - Chislehurst Water Supply: complaints
  - Old Hill: Closure proposals
  - Water Tower Memorial Seat
  - Summer Hill Footbridge: Start delayed
  - Planning applications: Change in Executive Committee procedure
  - Age Action Year
  - Road Stewards: acknowledgement of service and list of names
  - Chislehurst 77 Committee report: (Campaign for High Street Improvements)
- **The Cockpit No 22 March 1977**
  - Notice of AGM: Wednesday 13 April at Methodist Hall; Agenda
  - Obituary: Raymond Oblath (died 16 January 1977)
  - Committee Report for year
  - Loop Road/Ashfield Lane junction
  - Summer Hill Footbridge
  - Width restriction barriers
  - Old Hill width barrier experiment
  - 73/87 High Street development delayed
  - Pop-in Parlour
  - Bromley Consumers Group
  - Rates and Council Expenditure
  - Planning: Problems of Council refusals being reversed
  - Road Stewards Lists: rearrangement
  - Chairman's notes
  - Chislehurst 77 Committee report
  - May Queen Society established
- **The Cockpit No 23 November 1977**
  - Progress, regress, or inertia: Progress reports
  - Summer Hill footbridge: started

- Loop Road/Ashfield Lane junction
- 73/87 High Street site
- Width restrictions
- Bus terminus: Adelaide Road area
- Bromley Consumer Group
- Borough Council: Information Handbook
- Bromley Community Health Council
- Civic Trust
- True or False: Tree-felling problems
- Appeal from Chairman
- Flooding of Kyd Brook: Local flood committee set up [NB source of Kyd Brook in Darrick Wood]
- Rates and Council expenditure
- Planning
- Chislehurst 77 Committee
- Chislehurst May Queen Society

#### **The Cockpit No 24 March 1978**

- AGM Notice and agenda
- Chairman's notes
- Committee reports: including references to new supermarket planning
- Loop Road/Ashfield Lane
- 73/87 High Street
- Width restriction barriers
- Bus terminus: Adelaide Road area
- Kyd Brook
- Rates and Council expenditure
- Planning
- May Queen Ceremony: 29 April 1978

#### **The Cockpit No 25 September 1978**

- Sonnet to a Kentish Village: reprint of Clive Birch's poem in 'Imperial Chislehurst' and reflections on work of the Residents' Association
- AGM: Brief report and names of those elected
- Wonders of Chislehurst: April snowfall
- Sainsbury supermarket development: report
- Conservation Area: enlargement urged
- Width restrictions
- Bus terminal
- Flooding
- Metropolitan Police" review of local police stations
- Brenchley Close: undeveloped site problems
- Village Sign: renovation scheduled
- Developments
- Planning applications
- Perry Street/A20 junction: second hand car sales problem
- Summer Hill footbridge
- Traffic irregularities

- Chislehurst 77: terminated
- Bus stop: White Horse Hill
- Council Lotteries
- Overhanging trees
- May Queen Report
- CRA social on 31 May
- Commons, Open spaces and footpath Preservation Society
- Civic Trust Heritage
- Bromley Consumer Group
- Bromley Community Health Council
- Cockpit: trying to increase to 3 or 4 per year [at this time it was produced as a newssheet on CRA's views and activities. 'If it is not catering for your needs as you would like, please make your wishes known to your Road Steward']

#### **The Cockpit No 26 February 1979**

- Vigilance: Reflections on the work of the CRA
- Objects of CRA
- Development and Planning applications: Included sale of Convent of Mercy to Unification Church
- 73/87 High Street problems
- Sale of Recreation Ground land by LBB without consultation
- Bus terminal
- Width barriers
- Kyd Brook Flooding
- Borough Development plan: Appraisal Area Report
- A222: Road Improvements
- Traffic irregularities
- Looking ahead
- Civic Trust
- Unmade roads
- Loop Road/Ashfield Lane
- Village Sign
- Chislehurst High Street: In lieu of Chislehurst 77
- Trees: Loss of views across Commons due to tree growth (a road steward's opinion)
- Footpath on Common land: not metalled
- Council lotteries
- Chislehurst Goods Yard Action Committee
- Road Stewards' Social
- Bromley Federation Residents' Association: Its borough-wide role

#### **The Cockpit No 27 April 1979**

- AGM Notice: Monday 30 April 1979
- Chairman's notes
- Chairman's tailpiece [really lovely – worth quoting sometime]
- Committee reports
- Cromlix site: enquiry [top of Summer Hill]
- A20/A222: Improvements and potential problems
- Members Social

- Bromley Federation Residents' Association
- May Queen: Saturday 28 April 1979 – Appeal for membership secretary

#### **The Cockpit No 28 August 1979**

- CRA AGM; Brief report and those elected
  - Alex Drage wants to retire
  - Appeal for Road Stewards
- Borough Development Plan
- Traffic irregularities
- Ashfield Road/Loop Road
- Sale of Recreation land
- Kyd Brook flooding
- Liaison Committee
- Cromlix enquiry
- GLC 30 year plan
- Development and planning
- Width barriers
- Council lotteries
- Trees
- Bromley Federation Residents' Association
- Village sign appeal
- Goods Yard
- Commons Conservators: Public meeting on 23 May
- Local Passions: use of Cockpit and local papers
- Abbeyfield Bromley Society
- Civic Trust News
- Offending neighbours
- May Queen ceremony: report
- CRA Social: 4 June report
- Heritage Society: Men of Kent and Kentish Men
- House for Sale: a 1944 advert

#### **The Cockpit No 29 December 1979**

- Alex Drage retires
- Borough Planning procedures: application for two private hospitals, one at Beaverwood, one in the grounds of the Cedars (Willett's own house)
- A20/A222: New junction proposed – objections
- Sale of Recreation ground: Further difficulties
- Ashfield Lane/Loop Road
- Chislehurst Community Centre
- Bus terminal Adelaide Road
- Village Sign renovation fund
- Chislehurst War memorial: Proposed renovation and rumour of re-siting it is without foundation

#### **The Cockpit No 30 April 1980**

- Notice of AGM (28 April) and Agenda
- Chairman's review (death of Mrs Bushell noted)
- Why live in Chislehurst? Thoughts mainly on the new development in High St

- Old Hill: not to be closed
- Flood liaison: Kyd Brook, and caves flooding [important whole page article]
- Conservation: Leaflet, The Conservation Area
- Village Sign
- War Memorial
- Elmstead Woods: tree felling
- Road Stewards: talk
- Bonfires
- Free drain clearance
- May Queen to be on 26 April

#### **The Cockpit No 31 August 1980**

- Report on AGM: including testimonial to Alex Drage, and request for more Road Stewards
- Development in Chislehurst: A reminder of the important role of CRA
- Conservation in Chislehurst: Charles Dunn's views
- High Street development: [even at this stage it was referred to as an office block, but not named as Sainsbury]
- Listed buildings: A selection of notable local ones
- The Cedars: Garden development for hospital refused
- Cromlix: Enquiry – Wates' appeal allowed
- A20/A222 junction: further news
- Local traffic problems
- New sale of Recreation Ground land
- Borough Development Plan: That for Chislehurst not yet published [this became the eventual Appraisal Area Report]
- Tree Preservation
- Health Council meetings
- Bonfires: complaints
- CRA social: at Graham Chiesman house, 9 September
- Kyd Brook Flood Liaison Committee: Important notes on old culverts, their condition and other related problems
- Death of Alex Drage

#### **The Cockpit No 32 November 1980**

- Appraisal Area Report: Detailed assessment
- Royal Parade: Development proposals rejected – eternal vigilance
- Kyd Brook: Detailed report; surface water etc.
- Members' Social
- Reminder and appeal: Subscriptions increased 100%, from 30p to 60p (individuals), households, 50p to £1, OAPs, 20p to 40p

#### **The Cockpit No 33 March 1981**

- AGM: to be in the Methodist Church Hall on 28 April
- Agenda
- Chairman's Review
  - Death of Alex Drage
  - Subscriptions and Road Stewards
  - Cromlix site
  - Cookham Dene: on the market

- Sunnymead: Opposing use as offices, wanted return to residential use
- Conservation Area
- Fight Vandalism: A criminal act – contact 999
- Bickley Arms disco raised similar fears
- Parking on verges and footpaths
- Parking in roads
- Road safety
- Flood liaison report
  - Cromlix site
  - Coed-bel site, Lubbock Road
  - Flood emergency leaflet
- Arboriculturist wanted for Tree preservation sub-committee
- Village Sign: Due back in March
- 5<sup>th</sup> Chislehurst Scout Group: Restoration of old stables at Hawkwood
- Community Health Council Meetings dates
- Bromley in Bloom
- May Queen on 2 May

#### **The Cockpit No 34 August 1981**

- [Notable change in appearance]
- Planning: A report on decisions and development proposals; Beaverwood; Sunnymead; Scadbury; Backland; Cromlix; New LLB Officers; Advice to residents
- Another Successful Year
  - Report of the AGM by ATC Jones, Chairman
  - List of Officers and Committee for 1981/2
  - Appointment of new sub-committees
- Parking: Dangers and inconsiderate
- Fight Vandalism: Residents' views upheld over discos
- Trees: Report by C Weniger
- Advisory Leaflets: A new CRA service – looking at possibilities
- Chislehurst News in Brief
  - War memorial – no renovation
  - Royal Parade
  - Empty office space over Sainsburys
  - Death of John Easden earlier this year – son will take over
  - Social Evening report
  - Flood Liaison Committee
- Late News: The Cedars – no development to be allowed in grounds

#### **The Cockpit No 35 December 1981**

- Scadbury Park: No to Golf Course; Ministry of Agriculture says it should be retained for farming
- Chislehurst Station: renovations [note error in stated date of opening s/b 1865]
- Chislehurst Conservation Area: Special report with map on Centre pages
- Cookham Dene: Future uncertain
- Barham Road/Hill Close: Parking problems
- Belmont Parade Bus Terminus: problems
- Behind the scenes: things not usually reported

- Street trading in High Street
- Flood reports
- Book wanted: In trust for Chislehurst [reprint was many years away]

#### **The Cockpit No 36 March 1982**

- AGM notice
- Chairman's Review
  - Conservation Area Success
  - Scadbury and other planning matters
  - New activities
  - Local problems: Buses, fly tipping, parking
  - Colleagues: Resignation of Bill Page as Treasurer, Christopher Miscampbell volunteers to take over
  - Cooperation from MP, Councillors, Council officials, Chairmen of committees and our local librarian
  - Nominations for officers
- London Borough of Bromley: review of organisations and committees
- Royal Parade: Change of use from shop to take away
- Green and pleasant land: Problems of rubbish dumping
- B1 bus route: concern over route problems
- Wall vandals: destructive elements
- Your membership for 1982 [subs 60p per member, £1 per household; OAPs 40p]
- Road Stewards: List of roads not covered
- Bromley in Bloom: competition
- May Queen: 1 May
- Late news: Aggregate depot in goods yard; Edgebury Open Space, Parking in Hill Close

#### **The Cockpit No 37 September 1982**

- On Display at the Chislehurst Fair: Photo shows display boards, two villagers, Alun Jones and Nicolette Comport. Details of Conservation Area shown
- AGM – Chairman's Report
  - Officers and Committee for 1982/3
  - Sub-committees and members
- Trees in Chislehurst: Tree care – 2 new leaflets distributed to all households
- Falklands Memorial: Proposal to plant an oak near War Memorial corner
- Cookham Dene: Fate still not determined and brief summary of housing proposal on site; also account of opposition to this leading to Committee decision to totally oppose
- The Camden Group: set up, affiliated to CRA, to deal with problems in Kyd Valley
  - Amey Roadstone: depot an example of unacceptable development at station yard with proposed bulk handling aggregate
  - Bickley Arms Dive Bar: another problem here
- Gosshill Road: Fly tipping
- Belmont Parade: Bus terminal
- Chislehurst Railway Station: Demolition of station buildings on southern boundary
- Fred Snocken: Brief obituary
- Empress Drive: Bumps and potholes (no official care of road surface)
- Restoration of Village Sign: completed; also horse trough at top of Old Hill, and War Memorial
- Children's Art Competition: Prizes for good ideas, subject Chislehurst
- Bonfires: Action can be taken

- Late News: Amey Roadstone, Corporation's bottom discharge system rejected by Council

#### **The Cockpit No 38 January 1983**

- Leisure Facilities in Chislehurst: Limits
- Cookham Dene: no further news
- Edgebury Open Space:
- Chislehurst Railway Station: Rubbish clearance
- Belmont Parade Bus Terminus
- Gosshill Road: Fly tipping
- Sunnymead
- Elmstead Lane: parking
- AGM: to be 25 April
- Resignations
- Remembrance Sunday
- National Trust: meetings
- Art Competition: Zero response
- Membership: Increase from tree leaflets; subscriptions for 1983, no change

#### **The Cockpit No 39 March 1983**

- AGM: Date change
  - Agenda
  - Chairman's Review
    - Conservation Area: Bickley
    - Election of Officers and Committee
    - Membership for 1983
- Road Stewards: List of volunteers
- Friends of Chislehurst Commons: An appeal by the Conservators
- Hill Close: Planning problems
- Scadbury: 300 acres of Green Belt purchased by LBBromley
- Gosshill Road: new proposals
- Bull Lane and The Shaw: One-Way?
- Belmont Parade: Bus terminus
- Elmstead Lane: Unauthorised use of premises (no 39) for car sales
- Sunnymead: No decision yet on developments
- Cookham Dene: Residents reject development proposals
- Falklands Memorial: Plans for engraved stone
- Better Flood Control: report by AR Turner
- War Memorial: Problem of litter
- Spring Cleaning Treasure Hunt: Making contributions to local history material, by R Hopper
- Leisure facilities: Chislehurst Leisure Committee
- May Queen to be on 7 May

#### **The Cockpit No 40 October 1983**

- The Green Belt up for grabs: It doesn't make sense; vulnerable areas; make your views known
- The Green Belt: a piece from New Scientist 18 August 1983
- Cookham Dene: Bought by Staple Dairy Products Ltd, and details of proposed modest development; section 52 development relating to it
- Illegal Parking: on paths and verges

- Scadbury: Bought by LBBromley; farming to continue
- AGM: Chairman's report; Officers and Committees for 1983/4
- Sunnymead: Development in grounds refused
- Parking and traffic matters
- Fly Tipping: Continuing problem
- Chislehurst Goods Yard: Amey Roadstone to move
- Public Footpaths: Clearance
- Falklands memorial and contributions for stone
- Bromley in Bloom: results
- Chislehurst Leisure Committee
- Representing Chislehurst: A list of recommended organisations worth supporting
- Your photographs wanted: for the Cockpit
- Chislehurst Camera Club: Welcomes new members
- Chislehurst Summer Fair: July 1983
- Green Belt: Support for CRA view

#### **The Cockpit No 41 March 1984**

- AGM: 24 April
- Chairman's Review
  - Specialist knowledge
  - Social events
  - Camden Area
  - Planning Expertise
  - Election of officers and Committee
  - Membership 1984: subs unchanged
- Falklands Tree
- Green Belt: still at amber
- CRA Leaflet; Our thanks to Roger Sims; Fight not yet over
- Keeping the Commons Clean
- Leisure Facilities
- National Trust: Forthcoming activities
- Trees: Gale damage
- Old Hill Court: Some prime trees lost
- Gosshill Road
- A walk round Chislehurst: New leaflet
- Bromley in Bloom: Eight classes for year, with awards
- Mr AW McKenzie: 58 years in Chislehurst
- Chislehurst Donkey Derby" 27 May
- May Queen: 5 May

#### **The Cockpit No 42 September 1984**

- Our Commuter Survey: shows massive dissatisfaction with British Rail Services
  - Major findings
  - Other observations
  - The immediate results
  - Local staff praised
  - New commuter association

- AGM
  - Chairman's report
  - Officers and Committees
  - Delegates (BFRA, Road safety etc.)
  - Road Stewards Social: a report on it
  - Members' social: 3 November (Graham Chiesman House)
  - Bromley Federation Residents' Association: What it is about
- 1984 and all that: Sainsburys
- Conserving and Enhancing Chislehurst: Through our representation on the LBBromley's Conservation Advisory Committee [useful information]
- True or False: Re-quoting item from Cockpit, November 1977 about tree-felling ambitions in newcomers
- Probus Club of Chislehurst: Brief reminder
- Enjoying Petts Wood and Hawks Wood: thanks to the National Trust [very useful reminder of what it is, its history and present status]
- Prince Imperial Exhibition: Coach outing to Hampshire
- Green Belt doubts: A message from the Men of Kent and Kentish Men Association [rather misleading reference to 'Tudor Building' at Scadbury, used as apple store]
- Continuing Flood Risk Danger: View of A.R.Turner; Kyd Brook Flood Liaison Committee
- Commons Conservators: A public meeting, Wednesday 10 October
- History of the Residents' Association: Recollections of past Chairman, H.T.A.Sharpe, CEng, FIEE
  - 1933 Inaugural meeting
  - Residents' Association [post war]
- Charity Fair: June; a successful day

#### **The Cockpit No 43 February 1985**

- MP's tribute to CRA: At members' social – Roger Sims' views
- Rail Users' Association now formed – arising from last year's survey; Results promised – an association formed 'CEWRUA'
- Enough is enough: CRA halts the march of the offices down the High Street – another Building Society Office refused by Bromley planners
- CRA Constitution: Changes proposed [useful detail, but largely historical now]
- Value of Road Stewards: New helpers always welcome
- Membership for 1985: subs remain the same
- Membership Secretary: an urgent need
- Do you need planning permission? New Council leaflets [series of 8]
- AGM: date 23 April
- National Trust Archives: Roy Hopper talking 14 March at Methodist Church

#### **The Cockpit No 44 September 1985**

- Pay and display parking proposed for Chislehurst: Report of LBB's Technical Service Committee decision on 25 June; lack of time for consultation complained of
  - Summary of report
  - High Street parking – proposed charging
  - What are your views?
- AGM: Chairman's report
  - Parking and traffic

- Old Hill and Leasons Hill: Mrs Joan Wykes became member of Technical Services and Recreation Committees following her election as a local Councillor
- Scadbury: Officially opened to the public on 30 April. CRA is modestly proud of its initiative in suggesting to LBB that the park should be purchased for the benefit of the public
- CRA Constitution: New subs to be £1, households £1.50, OAPs 50p
- Officers and Committee, subcommittees, Delegates, new membership secretary
- Neighbourhood Watch Scheme: in Edgebury
- CRA's new leaflet: Objectives, activities, successes: Ways it benefits dwellers in Chislehurst, some recent achievements, in re Scadbury, Conservation Area, Green Belt, Development
- Bromley Clean and Green Campaign: New initiative welcomed, which includes competitions
- Photographic Competition: Announcement
- Members' Social: No suitable venue found
- Probus Club of Chislehurst: Brief announcements
- Protecting the environment: The old chestnut that 'CRA objects to everything' proved incorrect by statistics
- Scadbury Park Farm: Visitors bring a problem – a report from the tenant farmers, which includes report of 50 head of cattle imported 'from our Ruxley Farm' and usual problems of uncontrolled dogs etc.
- Congratulations to Edgebury: Bromley in Bloom award – 2<sup>nd</sup> prize for best kept garden
- Your Planning Sub-committee: Outline of its functions
  - CRA views respected: No doubt that LBB takes considerable note of Association's views on planning applications
  - What to do if you wish to object
- Protecting the environment
- Old Water Tower: A reminder of 1961 – picture of bus 227 squeezing through (taken by Roy Hopper)
- National Trust: Petts Wood needs your support – who to contact
- Missing Boundary Stone: Can you help to trace it? Refers to the stone that used to mark the initials of four parishes that met in PW, mentioned in 'In Trust fro Chislehurst'
- Obituaries: Jim Bentley and Percy Young, active members of the Society

#### **The Cockpit No 45 February 1986**

- Pay and Display Parking: Abandoned by LBB
  - Report of decision taken by Technical Services Committee on 7 January
  - CRA campaign opposing it
  - Abandonment announced by Cllr Crask following consultation with CRA and lots of letter
  - Value of personal action: CRA very pleased
- Our next AGM: 29 April
- Members Social: 20 June at Graham Chiesman House
- 1986 subscriptions are now due
- Road Stewards: Leavers
- Marlings Park: Increase in traffic and heavy lorries
- Empress Drive: unadopted section; solutions sought
- Parking on Footpaths: motorists prosecuted
- Road Safety
- Elmstead Lane: parking problems
- Preserving Trees: Need for another tree officer suggested by CRA
- National Trust: New season's programme
- CHC Committee: Bromley Community Health Council – dates quoted for 1986

- Logs Hill: Footpath wanted
- Bromley in Bloom: 1986 competition; eight classes listed
- Know your Council: Meeting at Beaverwood School 26 February to meet local Councillors
- New trees for the High Street: Photos of tree planting outside Library on 12 June, Alun Jones, Pat Howley, Nicolette Comport, etc.

#### **The Cockpit No 46 April 1986**

- AGM 29 April:
  - Agenda
  - Chairman's Review
  - Recent successes
  - Report on the past year
    - Gosshill Road – rubbish clearance
    - Leisure facilities – Walden Road scheme abandoned
    - Traffic in the High Street – traffic lights proposal and pelican crossing
    - Whitehorse Hill – scheme for landscaping
    - Post Office – criticism of service
    - Parking untaxed cars in the High Street
    - Outstanding problems
    - Excellent support – thanks to all concerned
- Members' Social: 20 June
- Chis 77 – the rebirth: High Street face lift to go ahead
- Trees in the Hawkwood Estate: Bordering Cromlix development
- Another gift of trees
- Chamber of Commerce Fete: 7 June
- Butcher and Baker v. Bradford and Bingley: Change of use problem
  - Alarming suggestions that in future it may not be possible to prevent such changes
- Environment week 3 – 11 May: CRA sponsors wildlife lecture at Library
- Chain Saw Operations
- Bromley after the GLC: a new LBB leaflet
- Chislehurst and Elmstead Woods Rail Users' Association: Annual report received by CRA
- A walk around Chislehurst: Enbro leaflet available, Cooling's Shop and Library
- May Queen Ceremony 3 May
- Men of Kent and Kentish Men: Local branch awareness article
- National Trust Petts Wood: Membership growing

#### **The Cockpit No 47 October 1986**

- Continued vigilance on planning:
  - Chairman's forward
    - Threat to Green Belt
    - Concern over appeals granted
  - Whitehall's planning bulldozer rides roughshod in the Shires
    - Christopher Booker on the house building free for all that has let loose the developers, quoted from Daily Telegraph 30 August
    - Federation letter to MPs arising from this
- Litter abatement strategy for Borough

- Upgrading of Borough's High Street
- Trees in Chislehurst: New leaflet
- Members' Social: Report on 20 June event; (note the 1987 date)
- Obituaries: Mr T Twigg and Mr G Lemmens
- Resignation: George Payne from Committee
- Congratulations: To Cllr and Mrs Reeves on elevation to Mayoralty

### **The Cockpit No 48 March 1987**

- Proposed Change of Name and Constitution for discussion at AGM
  - The Chislehurst Society proposed, and constitution revised
  - Aims unaltered
  - Civic Trust backing
  - Financial advantages by reason of Charitable status
  - Future Strength lies in change of status and increased influence
- AGM 28 April
  - Agenda
  - Chairman's review
    - Threat to Green Belt
    - Use of agricultural land – threats
    - Sustained efforts: thanks to all concerned over past year in concluding this review
    - Changes proposed: a reminder to attend important AGM
- Developments in Chislehurst: All planning applications scrutinised (328 proposals 103 objections)
  - Many successes: some quoted
  - Cause for concern: increase in number of appeal decisions that have overturned Council refusals
- Postal services: No mechanisation for Bromley sorting office
- Signs in the High Street: Conservation laws ignored in re illuminated signs
- CRA survey and report on High Street, October 1986
- Bonfires: Action can be taken
- High Street improvements: work continues
- Traffic controls in High Street: traffic problems outside Sainsburys and opposite
- Nuisance of abandoned trolleys
- Trees in Chislehurst: new leaflet has prompted new membership
- Walden Road: resurfacing plans questioned in re raising of footpath levels needing adjustment of residents' fences
- 227 buses: Better service sought; do you have a problem with 227 or 269 routes?
- County Gate Playing field: former GLC site now in LBB hands
- Biggin Hill Airport: Green Belt development opposed
- Logs Hill: footpath planned
- Litter abatement drive: to be launched on 24 April
- Reporting a problem to the Council: It's easy with a Green Card
- Nuclear Waste - the position in Bromley: new publication
- Members' Social: 12 September
- Welcome to new Road Stewards
- May Queen ceremony: 2 May
- Rail Users' Association: AGM on 3 April
- National Trust: 1987 programme

### **The Cockpit No 49 August 1987**

- Now we are the Chislehurst Society
- AGM: Chairman's Report
  - New Constitution and title adopted – change of status, carry more weight in dealings, not becoming an elite body, wider membership is possible
  - Strong Executive Committee: one of the most active in recent years: List of officers and sub-committees
- Traffic in Leasons Hill and Marlings Park: widening of junction at Leasons Hill resisted
- High Street improvement: our new sub-committee making an impact – Our report welcomed
- White Horse Hotel adventure playground: residents object to sudden appearance of tall structure overlooking properties in Victoria Road – no planning application made, but retrospective consent applied for
- Let's keep Chislehurst clean and tidy: Arnold Lovell asks for your support over litter
  - LBB will help us with gloves and bags
  - Lets take advantage -three lines of action proposed
  - How you can help
- Members' Social: 12 April
- Road Steward Changes
- Beaverwood School for Girls: Coach transport turning circle
- Guidance for members: Our ward Councillors, Bryant, Reeves, Wykes
- 227 Bus service: your views wanted
- Obituary: HTA Sharpe
- Irene Brown

### **The Cockpit No 50 March 1988**

- Hewitt's Farm Proposed Complex: A man made disaster – proposal for a complex covering 500 acres
  - Application goes to appeal after LBB refused Prudential Assurance's application
  - Strength of opposition – vital if appeal is to be rejected
  - Please write now: to Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment
  - A monster on your doorstep: Council leader Barkway's address to BFRA
  - Borough-wide effort: Councillor Barkway wants to be sure that every household is aware of the impact
- AGM and agendas 27 April: Chairman's Review
  - Great Storm of October 1987, effect on Commons, work done to deal with aftermath
  - AGM two resignations
  - Valuable sub-committee work, especially planning with 30/40 applications per month
- European year of the Environment: also concentrates on planning and development
- Society status: still negotiating with Charity Commission
- Boundary bombshell for local householders: Proposal by LBB to transfer houses in Walkden Road, Hill View and Mainridge Roads to Greenwich – no consultation process
  - 100% opposition to proposals, and details of actions taken
  - Existing boundary retained
- Trees tragedy: Pat Howley on the Great Gale damage
- The Open Spaces Group: Arnold Lovell reports
- Advisory Panel for Conservation Areas: Report from Charles Dunn
- Police/Community Consultative Panel: dates
- Junction of Sevenoaks Way/Leasons Hill: discussion reported on proposed safety improvements
- Clearing the Paths: Arnold Lovell, post-Gale report on Commons

- Many helpers had come forward to assist Conservators
- Spring Offensive to be considered – offers invited
- Removing the litter: Litter appearing following opening of footpaths – problem discussed with Mrs Pat Ellender, the newly appointed Litter Abatement Officer (an open letter from her followed)
- Letter to the Prince of Wales: in re his architectural monstrosities speech at Mansion House
- Road Stewards: a thank you and welcome to new stewards
- Chislehurst in Camera: Pat Bushell's book is out
- May Queen Ceremony: on 7 May

#### **The Cockpit No 51 August 1988**

- Caring for Chislehurst: Chairman's foreward outlines problems of vandalism, and accusations made by others about degree of interference in planning matters [excellent article on why Society concentrates so much on planning]
- Members Social cancelled
- AGM and list of officers and Committee members
- Improving our towns: talk by Martin Bradshaw (Director of Civic Trust) at Coopers School, arranged by Society
- High Street improvements: Concentrated efforts bringing results – excellent relations formed between Society and Planning Department
- Road Safety and Traffic: mini-roundabout for Leasons Hill and Orpington Road junction
- Parking on footpaths and grass verges: illegal parkers prosecuted
- Men of Kent and Kentish Men – Caring for Kent: Lack of younger members
- Road Stewards: resignations and new stewards
- Elmstead Lane: Welcome to 150 new members (our newly appointed Road Steward, GN Godfrey is to be congratulated on obtaining such splendid support)
- Garden Bonfires: New LBB leaflet available
- Obituaries: Philip Daniell, founder of Enbro, and Dick Ellis, former Chairman of Board of Conservators

#### **The Cockpit No 52 February 1989**

- Death of our Chairman, Alun Jones, suddenly from a heart attack, 1 December 1988
  - An outstanding contribution: As a dedicated servant of Chislehurst and a most loveable character, he will be remembered with affection and gratitude
  - Nearly twenty years service: co-opted in November 1970, chairman in 1975, ceaseless efforts made on behalf of all
  - Alun Jones Memorial Fund formed, to be used in some way for the benefit of Chislehurst Residents
  - HTG (Tom) Brown elected Chairman
- Planning applications: The work of the Planning Committee
- Bromley under threat: from Arnold Lovell, vice-chair of Bromley Residents Federation – Hewitt's Farm proposals an example – concerns that DoE tends to allow appeals following rejection of applications by LBB
- London Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC): Procedures leading to preparation of Unitary Development Plans
- The Crunch: Environment Secretary will prepare a draft of his proposals, but is not required to accept LPAC's advice
- Hope for our Conservation Area? Outline of process since 1971
- Preserve or enhance: Council has not consistently upheld this principle in Society's view. High Court judgement (example of a quashing of Environment Secretary's decision over a vacant site in LB Camden): would a development 'harm the area' rather than would it 'preserve or enhance'?

- Hope for the future? Reference to Prince Charles' remark on TV 'what is the point of having Conservation Areas if we are going to disregard them?'
- Trees: Vigilance still necessary – use of TPOs – Conservators have received £3,000 from Kentish Times/LBB appeal – planting took place in November – listen for the Chain Saws
- Green Cards: reporting a problem to the Council – response invited from users
- Seats for bus shelters: at White Horse Hill
- The Chislehurst Ponds: Need for extensive maintenance including dredging
- So you want to alter your shop? Leaflet available from Royal Town Planning Institute, or LBB Planning Department
- Subscriptions now due: £2 minimum, £1 senior citizens
- Members' Social: 8 July at Graham Chiesman House
- Rail Users' Association: BR's plans for new rolling stock for 1994
- Pedestrian Refuges: at SPC Road – still sought from LBB
- Public-spirited minuting secretary required for Road Safety Panel
- Photographs wanted: Chislehurst now or then
- Butterflies of Chislehurst: new pamphlet from AJ Belsey
- Age Concern: Your help urgently needed in Chislehurst
- National Trust lecture: 1989 programme
- Dolobran and a Sturge mystery: Charles Dunn questions your memories of 1932-36 – Walton Lodge re illustrated addresses on envelopes

### **The Cockpit No 53 August 1989**

- Chislehurst and the Channel Tunnel Rail Link: By Arnold Lovell [who was closely connected with consultations on this matter] – Long article covering topics including When the tunnel opens, High Speed Rail Link, What can we do? Our main lines of action. [The tunnel would have come through the Scadbury Park/Watery Lane area. In the end this route was not chosen, but there was much heartache and worry until it was settled]
- The Cockpit: Your contributions welcomed
- A stroll in the High Street: A report from Mr V Dunleavy
  - The Sainsbury building: never wanted
  - The Annunciation Vicarage: Empty at this time – its possible future use
  - The Red Cross Car Park: its recent improvement
  - The Midland Bank [now HSBC]: possibility of trees being planted on the frontage [never realised]
  - Barclays Bank: Why its front is rather poor
  - Estate Agents: Proliferation
- Report on AGM: held on 26 April
  - Alun Jones honoured
  - Officers elected (Tom Brown, Bruce Hurn, Tony Turner, Norman Bell)
  - Covenants now possible
  - Our own premises: AGM resolved to look for some
  - Member's problems
  - Hawkwood – National Trust proposals: total opposition to idea of golf course or any other project that would change character of land
  - High Street pavements: excellent, re paving marred by service contractors replacing bricks with tarmac, illegal parking on increase
  - Lorry parking in residential roads

- Parking near stations – problems throughout Borough
- Aircraft noise
- Road Stewards: Mr Chapman now in charge of membership
- Other matters: satisfaction over Hewitt Farm Appeals
- Hawkwood – a matter of trust: Mr AM Fisher regarding the wishes of the Hall family
- London Green Belt Council: report from LG Holt re its makeup
- Membership: rising to the challenge, a report from Ken Chapman on progress
- Aircraft noise: a request for more information from Mary Holt on movements of aircraft over Chislehurst
- Tree torture: Check the ties, from Miss PL Howley, apropos new ones planted post Gale of 1987

#### **The Cockpit No 54 February 1990**

- The Channel Tunnel Rail Link: Progress report from Arnold Lovell – BR announce they do not intend to proceed with the High Speed tunnel from Kings Cross to Swanley
- Alun Jones Memorial Fund: Now stands at £800 – agreed with Joy Jones that a Chislehurst Environmental Schools Award should be established
- UK Congress of Amenity Societies: Christ Church, Oxford September 1989 – vision of the 1990's, organised by the Civic Trust. Bruce Hurn attended and wrote a 12 page report
- London Green Belt Council: Government will uphold protection policy; Chris Patten, Environment Secretary of State, reviews situation since establishment of Green Belt in 1938
- Conservation: encouraging signs – Council will produce policy for enhancement of all Conservation Areas in Borough
- Farming to continue at Hawkwood: Information issued by Kent and East Sussex Region of National Trust, October 1989. Tongs Farm will remain under agriculture for the foreseeable future [Note: Chislehurst Society was not one of the Residents' Associations consulted]
- Affiliated Membership for Chislehurst Schools: Coopers was among them, and their project re the Lake in their grounds was particularly mentioned. Hopes expressed for contributions to Cockpit etc.
- Traffic Signals: Slight modification to timings at Park Road junction
- Rail Users' Association: Meeting with local Rail managers in re: Bromley North/Grove Park branch line
- May Queen Ceremony: 5 May
- Sleeping policemen: Society request for humps in Lubbock, Walden, Park and Manor Park Roads, and Bull Lane
- Prickend Pond: de-silting started – photographs included
- Falklands Tree: Planted 1982, damaged by fire last year, but looks as though it will survive
- AGM: 2 May, Methodist Church Hall
- Membership: Short piece by Norman Godfrey telling of success and enjoyment of job as Road Steward
- Amenity Movements should stop under-pricing themselves: an extract from Civic Trust's Heritage Outlook (1986)
- New Road Stewards listed
- National Trust Lectures 1990: Picture of lorry in fly-tipping mode
- Note: this was the last of Peter Turner's editorship (30 issues)

#### **The Cockpit No 55 July 1990**

- Hello there! Message from the new editor, Frances Follin
- Social evening at Foxbury: 19 July
- A Walk into history: Brief account of walk organised by Society and LBB on 30 April
- The London Forum: Society has joined
- Report on AGM 2 May

- Officers elected, Committee members, Auditor, Sub committees, Delegates, Chairman's thanks
- Affiliated membership of schools: Thanks to Bruce Hurn
- Nominations for Pride of Place Award: Elmstead Woods Station Staff get top award (for their work on the gardens there) and special award to Bruce Hurn for his work in the environment
- Lorry Parking: still a problem
- Other matters mentions Mr Dunleavy's 'Landscapes for Leisure' Improvement Scheme for Recreation Ground
- Security in Multi-storey car parks in Central Bromley: Concern at lack of staff in evenings
- Green Chislehurst: Unauthorised tree felling – case where loophole was found in a TPO – all current orders to be checked; Prickend Pond -de-silting completed; silt stacked and will be landscaped when dried out
- Safety Improvements: at Chislehurst Recreation Ground – impact absorbent ground surface to be laid in Children's play area
- Aircraft Noise: CAA admits that Heathrow departures passing close to Chislehurst have increased 16% in 3 years
- Bequest to the Community: Suggestion that local people might consider bequests, or public subscriptions, for Chislehurst Society's own building
- Park Road residents see off London Buses: Tells how on 7 May, residents discovered their road had become a bus route, and their successful effort supported by Roger Sims and LBB was rewarded by withdrawal of buses from 18 May
- National Trust events: July – October

#### **The Cockpit No 56 October 1990**

- The nights draw in: Invitation to foster community spirit in Winter
- Road 'Improvements' at War Memorial Junction. GLC proposal included widening of roads and moving War Memorial, but was rejected. (Stop press: Mrs J Wykes has given categorical assurance that any feasibility study as proposed by Chief Engineer will be opposed)
- Caring Chislehurst: Plea for premises shop in High Street for Bromley Hospice Care
- Obituary: Arnold Lovell
- Litter – KC3 campaign (Keep Chislehurst Commons Clean): Plea for more volunteers on commons by Arnold Lovell
- Pavement Parking (or vandalism in a vehicle): still happening in the High Street, even opposite the Police Station
- A Backward Glance at Chesilherst Heath: Article by Alice Sennett on local history, heather patches, trees, need for care of area
- A good time was had by all: A short account of social on 19 July at Foxbury. Roy Hopper gave a talk on the history of the house. Cost £6 a ticket.
- CPRE on the Road: Account of their Summer conference on traffic and road problems
- Planning to Preserve: More on the work of the Planning Sub-Committee, much as before
- Benchmark for success: Idea for Public benches to be presented by the Society
- Alun Jones Memorial Awards: Brief announcement of launch of scheme this year
- Teamwork: Pictorial display of attractions of Chislehurst – was in Barclays, to be in Library in November
- Editors note: Further appeal for suggestions, criticisms and articles

#### **The Cockpit No 57 February 1991**

- Chislehurst – A Tourist’s dormitory: Danger of becoming a centre for out of town hotels for tourists and business visitors – two hotel applications to be considered include Beaverwood Club Site and extensions to the Bulls Head Hotel
- Your Society requests the pleasure: advert to Social on 10 May at Foxbury
- New Road Stewards
- Arnold Lovell – a fuller tribute
- Fencing off the Cockpit: Proposal to help with the recovery of worn ground
- The Cedars: Part of Chislehurst’s heritage, useful account, including concern at present unoccupied condition, and a bit about William Willett
- Gifts to Chislehurst: Hawkwood, Petts Wood, and Mr AL Sturge’s fund raising efforts
- A Helping Hand: Trustees of Lund & Warwick Charities invite applications for assistance for advancement in life from persons resident in the Parish of Chislehurst (as constituted in 1927, which therefore includes part of Sidcup)
- Schools join in: Those now affiliated to Society included all those within Chislehurst
- Schools for a Green Chislehurst: Account of schools related activities
  - Coopers describing environmental studies in re their lake
  - Beaverwood: entertained by Tom Brown, Bruce Hurn and Vincent Dunleavy in 75 minute illustrated talk
  - Presentation of 3 environment books to Manorfields RC Primary School following a fire that damaged their library
  - Well done: Congratulations to Marjorie McClure School on award from Sainsbury/Blue Peter scheme
  - Green Celebrations: Beaverwood School’s Green Day
  - New Developments: CofE (St Nicholas) School visit to church yard and church
  - Legend Theatre: Chislehurst Community play at Coopers School 3-5 May [videoed and shown at Jones Awards later in year]
  - The Alun Jones Award for Environmental Studies 1990-91: Closing date 29 May
- A Load of Rubbish: On the Commons – appeal for help
- AGM 1991: 24 April at Methodist Church
- To cut or not to cut? Trees and TPOs
- Vacancy for minutes secretary
- National Trust lectures

### **The Cockpit No 58 August 1991**

- High Street Crisis: Over parking facilities
  - Lack of planning: outlines work done and lack of funds
  - Overdevelopment threat: fears that Red Cross car park, owned by the police, may be developed
  - Problems and opportunities: Professional advice obtained by Society and report passed to Council – possible use of former Cooling’s Nursery
  - Planning now vital: Copies of report available for inspection at Library and Society
  - Action: If wishing to object to building on this car park, write to Chief Planner
- Channel Tunnel Rail Link: Story now moving to critical stage – fears of it running through Chislehurst and Elmstead Woods
- Alun Jones Environmental Studies Awards Presentation: With photo of Stephen Jones presenting – account of ceremony on Wednesday 26 June at Library, the first year of Awards
  - Relic of the Storm: trophy mounted on piece of yew from Churchyard, made by Nicholas Johnson of Coopers School

- Display of winning entries: At library, Barclays Bank and Civic Centre
- Widespread interest: account in Civic Trust magazine
- Bromley on Mersey: It makes one wonder – why nominations for Chislehurst and SPC Conservators are being solicited by Council from other parts of Borough e.g. WW
- May Queen: Crowned – account of ceremony
  - Royal pictures wanted – of previous events
- Selkent strikes again: 227 bus taken away from Chislehurst
- Report on AGM on 24 April
  - Arnold Lovell remembered
  - Officers and sundry committees – elected
  - Chairman’s report
  - Subcommittee’s reports
  - Road Stewards
- Safety first: Representative wanted for Road Safety Consultative Panel
- White Horse Hill Improvement Scheme: Possible scheme to be costed
- Not Miami Vice: Next two meetings of Police Community Consultative Group
- There was a sound of Revelry last night: report on Society Social

#### **The Cockpit No 59 February 1992**

- High Street Parking Squeeze
  - What is the Council up to? Council has granted permission to build on both sites and plans for charging under consideration
  - Ward Councillor Boughey denied a hearing: Following decision made in her absence on holiday
- AGM Notice: 29 April
- The Cedars: still under threat – plans to develop part of garden
  - Stop press on page 4 reveals that plans were refused
- Society grows and grows: Membership up, and 4,000 copies of this Cockpit, thanks for inspiration of Norman Godfrey
- £20,000 – the fine for tree felling: News of increased fines in ‘Rabbit’, Bromley Council’s Environmental Broadsheet – Government legislation on TPOs and Conservation Areas
- In the Merry Month of May: News of Spring Social at Foxbury
- Democracy of Delegation: Concept of ‘delegated powers’ in reference to planning decisions – A Matter of Judgement
- A Generous Benefactor: Henry Tiarks gives £1,000 to premises fund
- The Chislehurst Society at the London Forum: Speech by Joy Jones about Society and its work, and Bruce Hurn on schools affiliation and Alun Jones Awards
- The Green Belt – Minister’s view: Tim Yeo
- Channel Tunnel Route: East Thames Corridor idea
- Support for Sport: Chislehurst Playing Fields Association – grants not being sufficiently applied for
- Who shall be Queen of the May? Ceremony on 2 May
- Caring for the Carers: Carers’ information and support service CISS
- Chislehurst pot-pourri: Title of talk by Association of Men of Kent at Library, Saturday 7 March, by Pat and June Bushell
- A Helping Hand: Trustees of Lund & Warwick Charity invite applications [note: disbanded 2009]
- What are we here for? An excerpt from our constitution

#### **The Cockpit No 60 September 1992**

- Cover for the Cockpit: By Robert Williams of Coopers School – drawing of Ramblers’ Rest, which won him a prize in the competition
- Alun Jones Awards 1991-2: Account of presentation ceremony at Library. Stephen Jones presented prizes
- Highlights of 1992 AGM
  - Norman Bell: retired as Treasurer
  - Additional Car parking spaces: not wanted at site of former Cooling’s Nursery by residents in Willow Grove – Bromley Council had already turned down the idea
  - Red Cross Car Park: Hope for retention as car park
  - Recycling: Inadequate facilities at Chislehurst
  - Police Plan for Commons Roads: Anxiety of a member about recurrent plans to move War Memorial and widening roads
  - Commons Conservators: Question of non-residents becoming Conservators
  - Old Hill: danger at junctions
  - Traffic calming: discussion of need for measures – suggestion that the Chislehurst Society should consider an propose measures
  - Delegation of planning powers: Not in interests of Chislehurst residents; protest made; Council will review scheme after one year
  - Committee for 1992/3 named
- Just a minute: Minutes Secretary needed for Executive Committee meetings
- High Street Parking Squeeze:
  - Letter from Chairman of Development Control Committee, Cllr AM Wilkinson, replying to headline in February Cockpit, and Society Chairman’s reply
  - A Letter to the editor: from Inspector Nigel Hake about perceived problems of parking in the High Street and Wardens
- Commons Cutters Cut – Woodchoppers Bawl: Article by Conservators about the 43% cut in the their grant from Leisure Services Department and difficulties arising
- Oh to be at Foxbury: Spring Social report
- A Welcome Visitor: Mr Henry Tiarks to Chislehurst and Foxbury from home in Marbella and account thereof
- Planning to Preserve: Another reminder of functions of Society’s planning sub-committee
- Thoughts on water: Current account of Thames Water Board function, successes, problems, with statistics

### **The Cockpit No 61 April 1993**

- Cover for the Cockpit: A design by Alison Hinds of Coopers School which won an award in 1992 in the Jones Awards – a dry print engraving of symbolic features in Chislehurst
- Commons Cuts – Bromley replies: Letter from Robbie Stoakes, Director of Leisure Services in reply to Woodchoppers Bawl
- In the Merry Month of May: Notice of Social at Foxbury
- Joy Jones: short obituary - she died 21 October 1992 en route to the Executive Committee meeting
- A Right Royal Occasion: Notice of May Queen Ceremony
- Our threatened heritage: English Heritage consultation paper ‘Managing England’s Heritage’ a letter to them from a member of the Society including regret over the loss of the Water Tower
- Police Centenary Celebrations: At High Street Station in June 1993
- The Rapidly Changing Face of Kent: CPRE book of photos on this theme, entitled ‘From Garden to Gateway’ depicting scenes that have been or are about to be lost forever £10.95 [*Just bought one on Abebooks for £2.50 ASA 2010*]
- Give now, Pay later: Appeal for bequests or donations to the Society from members

- Putting out the Rubbish – a message from Pat Ellender, Environment Promotions Coordinator, LBB, about refuse collections and problems
- Obituary: Donald Ball – short notice of his death, former Committee member
- Birdwatchers welcome: Invitation to one of NT's Bird Walks in area
- National Trust Lectures: Programme advertised

### **The Cockpit No 62 August 1993**

- Cover for the Cockpit: A composite design by Peter Calver, who won a prize for it in 1992 Alun Jones Awards
  - Alun and Joy Jones Awards for Environmental Studies 1992/3: Presentation on 9 June at Library. Details of prize winners
  - Back-pedal Whitbread's: Local signs of displeasure – about change of name of White Horse Pub to Penny Farthing and useful notes about the signal station on top of this hill
  - The Commons: Brief editorial indicating that LBB have reconsidered the question of funding the Commons Conservators
  - Moats, Marlowe and more: Advertising forthcoming half-day conference at Farringtons on the theme 'Scadbury under the Walsinghams' organised by ODAS
  - Super Buffet Supper: Social at Foxbury on 1 October
  - Parking Problems: Tony Turner on problems of commercial vehicles parked on residential premises
  - Living in Chislehurst: Editorial, quoting letter on the joys of living in Chislehurst and need for constant vigilance against unsuitable development
  - No way to one way: Proposed one-way scheme for Church Lane, reactions to it and resolution
  - A small piece of Chislehurst history: Forges in Chislehurst
  - European Heritage Days 1993: 11/12 September – pilot launch of scheme in England.
- In 1994 Chislehurst Report was introduced to 'take over the responsibility for providing members with an enhanced news service on current affairs, allowing The Cockpit to develop more fully its coverage of Chislehurst's people, attractions, history, environment and heritage'. This change followed the inception of The Chislehurst Society, replacing The Chislehurst Residents' Association, and this led to a change, with the Society becoming more educational and cultural, whilst still retaining its crucial role in planning matters, transport and other facts of an amenity society. A specimen single sheet, Issue 1 for January 1994, was followed by Spring 1994, the true first issue, and No 2 in Autumn 1994.

### **Chislehurst Report No 1 Spring 1994**

- Mercury Mast threatens View: at Coopers
- Nynex Operations
- Changing Role of Cockpit: with an extraordinary mistake that The Cockpit had splendidly served Members for over 50 years
- News from the Society
  - Chislehurst Society Local Studies Group
  - Alun and Joy Jones Environmental Awards 1994
  - Committee Changes
- The Old White Horse
- Green Card Power
- Postal News
- European Heritage Days
- Bird Walks in Petts Wood
- The Yellow Rash: road lines
- Threat of tall posts: lamp-posts of inappropriate height

- Society and Local information
  - 1994 AGM
  - About the Chislehurst Society
  - Executive Committee names
  - Chislehurst Ward Councillors
  - Useful local contacts

#### **The Cockpit No 63 April 1994**

- AGM 1994: 26 April at Coopers School
- Alun and Joy Jones Awards 1994: a detailed advertisement
- Launch of Local Studies Group: Long detailed account of aims and objectives, and inaugural meeting on 8 March at Methodist Hall
- Obituary: Mr WA Page, former Treasurer of the Society
- At the Sign of the Real Pub: More about changes in pub names by the Editor
- Planning to preserve and enhance: A brief outline of functions of the Society's Planning Sub-committee
- Moats, Marlowe and More, Please: Brief accounts of half-day conference at Farringtons
- European Heritage Days 1993: Account of the event by Vincent Dunleavy
  - Buildings opened to the public: and events also listed
- Scadbury – ancient stronghold: Brief account of its history and character to present day
- Water Facts and Artefacts: What Thames Water is doing to improve service and supplies
- Bird walks in Petts Wood: Invitation to participate
- Stop Press: Buffet supper at Foxbury
- National Trust Lectures: Next four listed

#### **Chislehurst Report No 2 Autumn 1994**

- Traffic Calming: Various schemes to be considered
- Nynex - anxiety about trees (damage to roots during excavations)
- How to Park – 1994 style – Official: LBB Parking Manager explains procedures
- Heritage Open Days
- Local Studies Group
- Friends of the Civic Trust
- Open Weekend at Scadbury Park
- Talks at Chislehurst Library
- The Alun & Joy Jones Environmental Studies Awards 1994: results

- There was no issue no 64 of The Cockpit

#### **The Cockpit No 65 December 1994**

- Meet the Conservators: Account of public meeting on 5 October at Methodist Church Hall, joint venture of Conservators and Society's Local Studies Group, to enhance understanding of what Conservators do
  - The Management Plan: A five year plan to ensure the future work
  - Conservation in action: What is done, when and why
  - Pond preservation: Work done, past and present
  - Wombles and weeders needed: Appeal for volunteers
  - Question time: dog fouling, nest boxes, horse riders, traffic speeds, road widths
- Archaeology at Scadbury: Account of ODAS' work - summary of excavations
- Edwardian Chislehurst: An historical account [by Rosemary Chapman, Arthur Battle's daughter. In 1988 he had published Edwardian Chislehurst, with his daughter's assistance]
- Parents – children – students! Alun and Joy Jones Awards 1995: invitation for submissions

- Petts Wood and Hawkwood National Trust: Brief account of current affairs

#### **Chislehurst Report No 3 Spring 1995**

- Major extension of Parking Scheme: Strong criticism of Council Plans
- Gift of Property: Claverley Cottage
- The Tiger's Head: Problems with groups of customers spreading over Commons
- Proposed Parking Scheme for Chislehurst Shopping Area: Chislehurst Society member challenges 'Consultation' process
- Planning and Conservation: some recent cases
- Local Studies: Forum on Chislehurst Caves on 21 February, brief report [full account in The Cockpit no 66]
- Consultation on Parking Controls – the Camden Case: LB Camden High Court Ruling
- National Trust: 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations at Towncourt Room, Memorial Hall, Petts Wood 24 June, and talk at Coopers on 28 March
- High Street: Various observations
- Ravensbourne College: Open evening report
- Kent without a car: Various coach and bus options
- The Common – notes from the Conservators: Various reports and financial matters
- Nynex Operations: A message to readers
- Future Events
- Contacts

#### **The Cockpit No 66 June 1995**

- A Teenager's War Memories: Useful account by Rosemary Chapman
- Society Social Evening: Foxbury, 29 September
- Midsummer Day in Pettswood: Invitation to celebration of NT Centenary on 24 June – National Trust Centenary Lecture on 27 July at Crofton Hall, by Ron Rowland on the state of the Trust in its centenary year
- Heritage Weekend 1995: Brief announcement, looking towards 16/17 September
- Claverley Cottage – a Gift to the Society: From Mrs Margaret Corderoy, a brief account of her gift and her life by Charles Dunn and Tony Turner
- Church Row, Chislehurst: an account, based upon legal documents relating to no 16 Church Row and an auction of 1878, by Alice Sennett
- Excavations at Scadbury Moated Manor, Chislehurst, 1995: Announcement of usual annual open day, 16/17 September
- Forum on Chislehurst Caves: Lengthy account of meeting at Methodist Church Hall on 21 February, joint forum of Chislehurst Society and Bromley Borough Local History Society
  - Background to meeting: four speakers and input of John Cooper from Dept. of Palaeontology, National History Museum
  - Business problems: outlined by Chris Manning-Perry
  - Existing records: as held in Chislehurst Library, by Roy Hopper
  - Geology: A concise account by Austin Lockwood of Ravensbourne Geological Society, with additional comments on fossils by John Cooper
  - Air Raid Shelters: A talk by Eric Inman of BBLHS
  - Question Time and Conclusion: Among which Eric Inman organised a Shelterers' Reunion on 15 July

#### **Chislehurst Report No 4 Autumn 1995**

- Thank you South Eastern Train Company: Off peak services to be restored. Objections by Society supported by Roger Sims, MP, restore ½ hour Charing Cross Service
- Parking News: negative response by LBB to Society observations on parking restrictions

- Planning News:
  - Objections to orange wall of Tacubaya restaurant in High Street
  - Mead Road Infants School: expansion turned down
  - 65 High Street: dilapidated for years, now improved due to Council action
  - Communication equipment: masts
  - Illuminated advertisement panels: at bus stops turned down
  - Tree removal and extension to houses in Orpington Road
- Heritage Weekend: events for 16/17 September
  - Annunciation Church, Methodist Church, Farringtons Chapel, Scadbury,
  - Heritage Walk (Alice Sennett), Heritage Talk (Roy Hopper)
  - Commemorative Exhibition to mark 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of Annunciation and Methodist Churches, at Library
- The Commons:
  - In Trust for Chislehurst, new update, abridged and revised edition of Clifford Platt's book
  - New appointment: John Goff is new Clerk to the Board
  - Winter Work Programme: heather patches, sycamore and other tree seedlings
  - Volunteers invited
- News of the Society
  - AGM at Coopers – report
  - Mrs M Corderoy's gift – Claverley Cottage
  - Mr Alan Cutcher, retiring auditor, increase in minimum subscriptions
  - Mead Road Infants School
  - Investment returns: advice from a member
  - White Horse Hill: Rubbish dumping, pedestrian refuge
  - The Tiger's Head, vandalism
  - 65 The High Street
  - Aircraft Noise: Likely increase if 5<sup>th</sup> Heathrow Terminal allowed
  - Executive Committee
  - Air pollution
  - New Format for Cockpit
  - Social Evening at Foxbury 29 September
  - Alun & Joy Jones Awards Presentation

### **The Cockpit No 67 January 1996**

- Now edited by Roy Hopper, replacing Frances Follin
- Local Studies Group: Objectives restated
- Society's publications: Listed in a box panel
- On other pages: a contents panel box
- The Cockpit and 'The Cockpit': A friend (Vincent Dunleavy) had suggested a change of title for journal to which Roy Hopper replied
  - A potent symbol: How some earlier historians saw the gravel pit Cockpit, some of its uses as an arena, a public meeting place
  - Both Cockpits: seen as public arenas
  - Looking to the future: Possibility of excavation or exploration by archaeologists (ODAS not invoked) to see if any very early connections

- Comment by another friend (Charles Dunn) that title for journal was suggested by a member of Chislehurst Residents' Committee with no thought of it as a fighting arena type of publication
- Scadbury Excavation, 1995 Season: First of a continuing series of annual reports by Alan Hart of ODAS
- Some memories of Edwardian Chislehurst: By Miss M Pott, reported by Pat Bushell, her niece
- The Concrete Blockhouse in Kemnal Road: An account by EC Parish of its history as he remembers it
- Obituary: Charles Dunn 1913-1995. Sudden death on 1 November – 35 years on Executive Committee
- Wall between South Home and Nizels, Kemnal Road: Transcript of letter from Society to Department of National Heritage about extraordinary Victorian wall, appealing for listing status
- The White Horse: Now doing well as Penny Farthing – renaming admitted as insensitive – brewers will as promised consider restoring original name when they refurbish [written by Charles Dunn]
- Obituaries:
  - Henry Frederic Tiarks: Obituary by Charles Dunn, with some useful historical details
  - Arthur Battle: Obituary by Roy Hopper
- National Trust Petts Wood: Short account of Centenary event on Midsummer Day
- New publishing venture by the Society: 'Historical Walks around Chislehurst' by Alice Sennett
- Coming Events: Kevin Morris on Shop Fronts on 20 February, and Bird Walks by National Trust
- AGM of the Society: on 18 April at Farringtons School

#### **Chislehurst Report No 5 Spring 1996**

- Chislehurst and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Explanation of local agenda 21
- New Shocker Signs: Yellow ones on each approach to mini roundabout on Common, Ashfield Lane/Loop Road
- Controversy over parking: Post 1992 parking plans discussed with Ward Councillors
  - Effect on Conservation Area
  - English Heritage advice
  - Damage limitation
  - Mixed results
- Commons Improvements: treatment of heather patches
- National Trust Plans: For improvements to bridle ways and footpaths, hedge maintenance, rhododendron clearance – some areas of estate will undergo noticeable change, but there will be long-term benefits
- Planning News: re The Crown, Lunn's Travel Agency, Woolwich Building Society, Coopers School – public enquiry to be held by SSE, Former Post Office, Communication Masts
- Scadbury: Park Nature Reserve declared a centre of excellence by Forestry Commissioner
- Parking – stop press: affecting north end of High Street
- Mead Road School: not to be expanded to include older children
- Coming events
  - AGM of Society 18 April
  - Alun & Joy Jones Awards, presentations at Library 12 June

#### **Chislehurst Report No 6 Summer 1996**

- Heritage Days for Chislehurst: 14/15 September
- The High Street: Concern about catering establishments, making it a restaurant/take-away centre
- Chislehurst and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Local Agenda 21
- Planning News: Brief details given
- Commons Shocker Signs Go: normal ones replace them
- Yellow Lines: Can be paler and narrower in Conservation Areas
- Appeal from May Queen Society for support

- Society Matters – the AGM: Brief account at Ferens Hall, Farringtons
  - Gift to the Society from the estate of the late George Cushing, an 1845 drawing of Royal Parade [this is in Society Archives at present]
  - Social Evening: 10 October
  - Appeal for photographs of Heritage Days
  - Officers and Committee
  - Increased involvement of young people: The Society and local Secondary Schools [suggested that a junior committee with open agendas and pupil representatives might be tried]
- Fly posting: a fresh outbreak
- Noise threat from Heathrow Terminal 5
- Transport and the future: quotations from newsletter of Civic Trust
- Progress on Traffic restraint: Calming measures outlined – experiences from London Boroughs
- Alun & Joy Jones Environmental Studies Awards: results
- Coopers School - the future: Statement by Robert Dilley
- Archaeology on show: ODAS events – exhibition of work over past 21 years, and Open weekend 14/15 September
- Proposals for Community Swimming Pool
- In Memoriam: Stephen Jones died in June aged 41; Brian Mason of Wratten's
- Coming events: Archaeology, Foxbury Fete for charities, Heritage Days, Society Social evenings

#### **The Cockpit No 68 December 1996**

- The Famous Station Garden at Elmstead Woods: revisiting a Daily Mail article of 1995
- Society's publications
- An Alien in Chislehurst: Australian Swamp Stonecrop rampant in Rush Pond
- Who needs Heather? Preservation of patches: On St Paul's Cray Common, by John Mitchell
- Foundations at Farringtons: Possible sighting of those of house 1649 – 1823 on aerial photograph
- Our Local National Trust Centre: on account of its workings
  - Monthly meetings: locations named
  - Varied activities: range described
  - A welcome to new members
- The Blockhouse, Kemnal Road: further article to that in issue 67, by Roy Hopper
- The True History of Chislehurst Caves: Talk given by Eric Inman as postscript to Heritage Days, on 18 September
- Publications about Chislehurst: Round-up of recent ones, including:
  - Guide to Heritage Buildings, by Roy Hopper
  - Historical Walks, by Alice Sennett
  - Call me Birdie (memories of the Caves in Wartime), by Julia Axeling
  - Chislehurst Caves – a short history, by Eric Inman
  - The Introduction of Pay and Display Car Parks has changed the parking in Chislehurst, a thesis by Karen Cartwright, winner of Joy Jones Award for most outstanding single entry

#### **Chislehurst Report No 7 Summer 1997**

- Mercury Mast threatens view: Invokes problem outlined in Spring 1994
- Successful defence of High Street Shopping Area: against Pizza Express at former Wratten's
- Christmas Lights Appeal 1997 Grand Summer Draw: costs of provision revealed
- Planning News: Includes housing proposal for bunker in Kemnal Road

- Traffic Calming: no movement
- Video of Chislehurst? Preliminary discussions with Ravensbourne College of Design and Communications
- New Day Centre in Mottingham: at St Edward's Church, St Keverne Road from June 1997
- Millenium Celebrations: Churches in Chislehurst Planning ahead
- Local Radio Opportunity: Radio Authority currently advertising licence to cover South East London
- National Trust: Refers to Cockpit No 69
- Young People: Refers to Cockpit No 69 for winners of Jones memorial Awards
- AGM: very brief announcement that it took place

### **The Cockpit No 69 July 1997**

- Webb revisited: some thoughts on early Chislehurst: on possible settlement in Kyd Valley, by Roy Hopper
- Archaeology at Scadbury during the past year, by Alan Hart
- Chalk in Chislehurst: Reprint of article by Mary Mills from GLIAS Newsletter, December 1996, relating particularly to Camden Park Chalk Mine
- The Post Office: a look at its working 100 years ago, from Parish Magazine, by Roy Hopper
- Book Corner:
  - Reprint of Imperial Chislehurst by Tom Bushell
  - Proposal to reprint Webb's History if enough people are interested
- Treasure Trove: Donation of old documents by Mrs AP Marten of the White House, where George Miller lived, all listed, numbered for convenience as 1 to 14, by Roy Hopper
- Notes from the Commons Conservators: Some current highlights, by Alice Sennett
- Cushing Bequest: Pencil sketch of Bull's Head, June 1845, a brief account, by Alice Sennett
- May Queen – Equipment, storage problems: An appeal for space to store Thrones, May Pole, etc. by Roy Hopper
- National Trust Plans: Ten year improvement plan launched
- NT Orpington and Chislehurst Centre: Lectures for 1997 with dates and venues
- Alun and Joy Jones Awards: account with details of prize-winners

### **Chislehurst Report No 8 Winter 1997/8**

- Plan for 2000+ [LBBromley UDP]
  - Boost for conservation: Bromley Council reveal its thinking on conservation and design
  - Changing the Plan
  - The Public's View
  - Conservation Document
  - Street-scape and local character
- Mrs Margaret Corderoy: Death at end of July
- Town Centre Manager for Chislehurst: Kevin Morris, a welcome appointment
- Recreation Ground: Upgrading of children's play area
- High Street: Hopes for re-siting BT kiosks beside pond
- Cash help from Bromley
  - Sustainable Development – what can you do? All about Local Agenda 21 and who to contact about a grant
- Criticism of High Street Shelter: Bus shelter outside Sainsburys, more advertisement than shelter
  - Priority for adverts
  - Practical drawbacks: minimal shelter, a mistake not to be repeated
- The Old Post Office: now Café Rouge, hope of moving post boxes to better site
- Traffic matters

- Traffic calming in Chislehurst: in Manor Park Road/Watts Lane
- Speed Cameras: sites in Borough – none likely in Chislehurst [in the end, one in Green Lane, just within LB Greenwich Boundary]
- National Trust Bird Walks: two in Spring 1998
- Christmas Lights return to High Street: Chislehurst Chamber of Commerce will display for 6 weeks, but cost is high. £3,000 estimated
- Alun & Joy Jones Environmental Studies Awards: Brief general reminder of existence
- The Society Social evening: Account of event on 13 November at Bulls Head Hotel, and two presentations about the NT property including one by Nicola Bannister
- Coffee and Talk for Road Stewards: successful 1997 event to be repeated February 1998

#### **The Cockpit No 70 June 1998**

- In this issue
- Roy Hopper: retirement – a personal message: my intentions...
- Progress at Scadbury: by Alan Hart
- A Pathway of many Passings: Article reprinted from ODAS Archives, August 1995 – Alan Hart reflections upon a passage by George Miller in Webb's History
- Canon Francis Henry Murray, Rector of St Nicholas Church 1846-1902: Jean Pailing's account of how she came to write his life
- In search of Ancient Woodland: Stockwells, Kemnal Road: An account by Philip Martin-Lawrence and Joyce Valentine
- Book Corner:
  - Thomas Philpot's Almshouse Charity of Eltham and Chislehurst, by John Kennett
  - Chislehurst to Sidcup, by Hilary Heffernan
  - Webb's History proposed reprint: an update
- The Methodist Church Spire: An account of its restoration, by Alice Sennett
- Old Hill House, Ltd: an appeal for information by Roy Hopper
- National Trust: Lectures for 1998

#### **Chislehurst Report No 9 Summer 1998**

- Chislehurst Society Summer Barbecue, Foxbury 3 July: Brief account of house given
- Young and into Sport? And short of funding? Chislehurst Playing Fields Association – an account of its history as Trust Fund
- Trees in Chislehurst: Law reporting to Conservation Areas by Pat Howley
- Alun & Joy Jones Awards: account of results and presentations at Chislehurst Library

#### **Chislehurst Report No 10 Autumn 1998**

- Social Evening: 6 November 1998
- Policing in Chislehurst: Round up of state of affairs by Henson Davies, with footnote announcing forthcoming closure of police station
- Centenary reprint of Webb's 'History of Chislehurst': Progress report and proposed launch party, by Roy Hopper
- New Workshop/Store for National Trust Warden: Progress report by David Calver
- The Falklands Tree: Brief account, by Pat Howley
- Traffic Calming: Scheme for Watts Lane/Manor Park and its critics, by Ken Chapman
- Millenium Celebrations in Chislehurst: Various proposals suggested, reported by Bruce Hurn

#### **Chislehurst Report No 11 Spring 1999**

- Policing in Chislehurst, by Henson Davies

- The future of Chislehurst Police Station
- Police Sponsorship
- Neighbourhood Watch
- The Chislehurst Millenium Committee: A report by John Durrant, Chairman. Details of who's who and projects considered
- Town Centre Management: Extended to Chislehurst at the beginning of 1998, progress report, key achievements and activities to date, by Gerald Wright
- Advert for Advanced Driving courses by Bromley Council
- National Trust Lectures 1999
  - Bird walks in Petts Wood and Hawkwood
  - Walks in Petts Wood and Hawkwood
- Trials and tribulations: Planning matters relating to The Crown Garage, School Road
- Traffic and Transport
  - Traffic calming,
  - The 726 Bus Route,
  - Footnote, by Ken Chapman
- Telephone Kiosks – Prickend Pond: An error of judgement by BT, with photographs
- Social at the Bulls Head Hotel: a report on the event on 6 November 1998
- Policing: Postscript, by Henson Davies

#### **The Cockpit No 71 May 1999**

- Editorial Notes
- Graffiti: Helpline details
- Summer Supper and Social Notice
- Military Vehicle Assessment Centre in Chislehurst in the 1940s: enquiry received
- Webb's History of Chislehurst: Launch party at Library mentioned in brief
- Butterflies of Chislehurst: by AJ Belsey
- Childhood Memories of Chislehurst Life, 1940 to 1950: by John Mansell
- Correspondence: Chislehurst, Texas, from John Tomlinson, a curious name origin

#### **Chislehurst Report No 12 October 1999**

- Local Government Proposed Boundary Changes: Report of situation, and meeting on 29 April [This was the Chislehurst-Mottingham dispute]
- The Winter Social: next to be 25 November
- Road Stewards needed
- Executive Committee: Members and roles, by Reg Perry
- The Society's Planning Sub-Committee: An account of its work, by Pat Howley
- Neighbourhood Watch: Old scheme defunct, failure of what replaced it, by Frances Follin
- The Red Cross Car Park: Space markings renewed, by Pat Howley
- Chislehurst and St Pauls Cray Commons Conservators: Pride of Place award – runners up certificate awarded to volunteers team
- Graffiti: A local problem
- St Mary's Rose Window: Society donation helps to save it, but more needed, by Frances Follin
- Recording our Sculptural Heritage: National Recording Project of Public Monuments and Sculpture Association, by Frances Follin
- Chislehurst Playing Fields Association: a brief account of its work and purpose

#### **The Cockpit No 72 Autumn 1999**

- Editorial Notes
- Rose Cottage-A potted history: by Keith Heselden
- Stockman's Row: two pieces by Brian Turner Stockman
  - Mystery in Chislehurst High Street! Where was Stockman's Row?
  - Blackney the Blacksmith
- A short history of the Bell-Ringing Brett Smith Family: by George Culley
- A Military Vehicle Assessment Centre – Progress Report: by Margaret Southam
- Recent Discoveries at Scadbury – 1998 season, by Alan Hart
- Webb's History of Chislehurst Centenary Reprint: Further copies now available
- The Revelation about Blackney the Blacksmith – true or false?

### **Chislehurst Report No 13 Spring 2000**

- Chislehurst...or Airstrip One? Further problems with Biggin Hill Airport schedules
- Social evening at Camden Place: 23 March with talk on Camden Place by Roy Hopper
- AGM to be on 13 April
- Local Government proposed boundary changes: Commission's Report now being considered by SSE; fears of local feelings being ignored
- Alun & Joy Jones Awards: Brief statement by Bruce Hurn
- Are you Invisible? Emphasises need to ensure your house can easily be identified from the road, in cases of emergency
- Road Safety News:
  - Possibility of pedestrian crossing on Summer Hill near Cricket Ground Road
  - Manor Park Road/Watts Lane calming successful
  - Other matters
- Heritage Map: Now available
- Millenium Committee Activities: Carnival planned, book of memories, Heritage open days, Nature trails, Open are Songs of Praise, Charity Exhibition by Chislehurst Artists
- National Trust: Brief announcement of forthcoming events
- Road Stewards needed
- All our Yesterdays: Back numbers of Cockpit and Chislehurst Report available
- Graffiti: the writing is on the wall: more help needed to combat it
- Clean, green and red in Bromley: Red tarmac bus stop objections, by Frances Follin
- Drama in Chislehurst – it's a farce: The Imperial Players present Alan Ayckbourn's 'Bedroom Farce' at Methodist Church Hall
- Policing Chislehurst: Home beat officers; Police Station now on market; Neighbourhood Watch failings

### **The Cockpit No 73 Spring 2000**

- Editorial Notes
- Announcements: Summer supper and social, Carnival and Fun Day, Road Stewards' Meeting, Book of Chislehurst Memories, Heritage Open Days
- Enquiries received
- Photographic Recording of Buildings and Documents: Two country-wide projects:
  - Images of England
  - National Recording Project of Public Monuments and Sculpture Association
- Recent Progress at Scadbury: 1999 Season by Alan Hart
- The Mystery of Chislehurst Caves: by Eric Inman (idea that WJ Nichols deliberately created idea of Druids as a marketing ploy)

- Chislehurst Academy 1830-1835, Part I by Jean Pailing

#### **Chislehurst Report No 14 Summer 2000**

- Biggin Hill – The Fight Goes on: Opposition to growth of Airfield
  - The next attack: Biggin Hill's three options
  - Who to contact, by David Calver and Frances Follin
- Heritage Events
- Ten Years of Alun & Joy Jones Awards: Tenth Anniversary event described at 22 June at Red Hill School
- Threat to Recreation grounds: Warning on proposals to downgrade Metropolitan Open Land to Urban Open Space making development of it easier, with Chislehurst and Walden Road Recreation Ground in mind
- Welcome to new Road Stewards: by Keith Heselden
- All the Fun of the Fair: An account of the Carnival and Fair on 17 June, by David Calver
- E-Society: A website for Chislehurst Society in the Green Index
- Police? Wrong Number! In Community in Action
- November Social: 23 November at Camden Place
- Bluewater Buses: 429 service axed
- Millenium Rock: On Common opposite Red Cross Car Park
- Annunciation Church: Clock restored, £500 contribution from Society towards cost

#### **Chislehurst Report No 15 Autumn 2000**

- Biggin Hill – last chance to stop major development: Proposed expansion threatens peaceful area and property values, by D and B Calver and Frances Follin
- Christmas Gift Idea: Webb's 'History'
- Welcome: to new Road Stewards, by Keith Heselden
- Changes to Health Authority Boundaries: Proposals summarised
- Christmas dates for your diary: Nativity Tableau at Lych Gate of St Nicholas Church 24 December, by D Calver
- Library Notice Board: A reminder of its existence – recent revamp by Alec Herzer, by Ken Chapman
- The Listening Society: Reports that some members feel that 'Committee does not listen to members' complaints' ideas welcomed – too little response to Report and The Cockpit, by Frances Follin
- Police Return to the High Street: Plans for a police presence – permission sought for temporary structure in Red Cross Car Park
- Invisible policing: satellite navigation system tracks stolen vehicles
- New School Planned: Proposals for new Church of England school – plans at early stage
- Dinner at The Golf Club: Next Social evening 23 November
- Civic Trust Study of High Street: Request that they conduct a limited study – report to appear in a later Report

#### **The Cockpit No 74 Autumn 2000**

- Chislehurst Society Winter Social at Camden Place: date, time tickets
- Christmas is coming: Books to buy from Chislehurst Society – how to order
- London Open House Report: European Heritage Days on two weekends depending where you live
- Classic South Eastern and Chatham Railway Stations – Chislehurst, by Paul O'Callaghan
- Field Trip by Bernard Brown
- A Living Memorial to the Prince Imperial: by Pat Bushell – brief item on memorial at Uqweqwe, South Africa
- Memories of Chislehurst Caves in wartime
- Errors in Webb's History of Chislehurst: some not discovered until much later
- Kemnal Manor: An account of the Victorian House of that name, by Gail Wright

- Francis Henry Murray, Rector of Chislehurst, 1846-1902: Announcement of forthcoming biography by Jean Pailing
- Chislehurst Academy, 1830-1835, pt. II: by Jean Pailing, out of Henry Vizetelly
- Photographic Archives: A letter from Saskia Hallam, Civic Trust, mentioning their own archive

#### **Chislehurst Report No 16 Spring 2001**

- The Battle of Biggin Hill: Latest situation outlined
- Tom Brown: death in November – appreciation in Annual Report
- Graffiti Removal Alert: Action needs to be taken – cleansing team available. Phone number given, by Bruce Hurn and Frances Follin
- Police – Good News at Last: Small operational base to be installed in Red Cross Car Park
- Kemnal Road: Threatened Closure – plus a few other proposals
- Students! Trainees! Money! The Lund and Warwick Charities – applications needed from students under 25 years old
- Do the Bird Walk: 31 March
- Neat Street – The Green Card: Enables citizens to report defects to Council, by Keith Heselden
- Welcome to our new Road Stewards: Names and locations and a list of vacancies
- Volunteers needed: at Queen Mary House, to work in Library
- The Society requests the Pleasure: Forthcoming events – socials at Camden Place
- ‘Ello ‘Ello ‘Ello – Fancy a Night in the Cells? Application to convert former Police Station into restaurant

#### **The Cockpit No 75 Summer 2001**

- Chislehurst Memories of Chislehurst: by Keith Poole
- The Chislehurst and Sidcup Spitfire: A brief history by Keith Heselden
- The Glass House, Kemnal Road: An account of Society visit, 16 March and description of the house, by Roy Hopper
- The Marsham-Townshend Archives: A report by Roy Hopper of a visit to Central Library, Bromley, to see a small exhibition on 17 April
- Archaeological Work at Scadbury during 2000: by Alan Hart
- Some currently available publications: National Trust Lectures
- Dates for your diary

#### **Chislehurst Report No 17 Summer 2001**

- Biggin Hill: Bromley Wins Appeal: High Court found in favour of LBB’s appeal against extension of operating hours – costs awarded to LBB, by Frances Follin
- An evening at Camden Place: Social to take place on 24 October – Roy Hopper to talk on EJ May, local architect
- Alun & Joy Jones Environmental Award: Account of this year’s event and main award winners, by Donna Bompas
- Community in Action Day: on 6 October, mainly Neighbourhood Watch and similar groups on display at United Reform Church, Bromley
- Residents meet Police: At Red Hill School on 19 June, by Frances Follin
- Can you help us? Vacancies for Road Stewards, and Welcome to our new Road Stewards, by Keith Heselden
- Practical Conservation: Chislehurst Commons Conservation Volunteers – a report on progress by John Mitchell
- Spotlight on Chislehurst Society: report in Summer Issue of London Forum Newsletter with that title
- Bus Route 162: to be extended to Eltham Station, by Ken Chapman

- CHIS comes to Chislehurst: News of a forthcoming visit of Members of Clifton and Hot Wells Improvement Society (CHIS), Bristol on 22 September
- Civic Trust Report: Draft received by Executive Committee
- The Glass House: Refers to article in Cockpit – Society nomination for a Design Award not approved by Bromley
- Dump the Dumpers: Any witnessed report to Council Hotline
- Arthur Battle – Edwardian Chislehurst: Reprint forthcoming, by Roy Hopper

#### **The Cockpit No 76 Autumn 2001**

- Chislehurst Society Telephone: New answerphone installed
- Books for Christmas: Battle's Edwardian Chislehurst; Webb's History Reprint
- Classic SECR stations – Elmstead Woods: by Paul O'Callaghan
- Forthcoming book on Francis Murray, Rector of Chislehurst: by Jean Pailing – an article by her announcing launch date on 10 October 2001
- The Glasshouse: an account of its earlier history by EC Parish as witnessed by him and a footnote by the Editor
- Memories of Chislehurst: by Florence Farthing – an account of her first 12 years, in Mill Place
- The Stone in the Porch at St Nicholas Church: by Alan Hart – an account of an excavation by ODAS to inspect a mysterious stone
- National Trust Orpington and Chislehurst Centre Lectures, 2002: January to March

#### **Chislehurst Report No 18 Spring 2002**

- Society goes on the web: Now has own website, by Frances Follin
- Ward Boundaries: Coming into effect in May – Chislehurst Ward to lose area bounded by Elmstead Lane, White Horse Hill and Oakdene Avenue. Mottingham Ward to be renamed 'Mottingham and Chislehurst North' in recognition that area affected is still very much part of Chislehurst and Society will continue to regard it as such, by Reg Parry
- An evening at Camden Place: invitation to Social on 4 July – talk on Commons
- Alun & Joy Jones Awards 2002; Invitation to enter by Donna Bompas – theme is Chislehurst Flora and Fauna
- Society AGM to be on 25 April at Red Hill School
- Willett Memorial Woodland: 75 years – programme for event on 26 May outlined
- Biggin Hill Airport Development: Biggin Hill Airport Limited continues to appeal against judgement
- Graffiti Clean-up Campaign: Proposals for local action, following example of Petts Wood [by David Cockerham, who masterminded the local campaign]
- Welcome to our new Road Stewards: Your help is needed; invitation to become a steward – vacancies indicated, by Keith Heselden
- Protecting the Commons – help needed: Financial aid invited, voluntary assistance needed
- Visual pollution: Satellite dishes increasing
- Forthcoming events: Chislehurst Artists exhibition 16 April; Jubilee Charity Fair, 8 June; St Mary's Church Talk on Richmal Crompton, and a tutorial wine tasting in June

#### **The Cockpit No 77 Spring 2002**

- Our Commons: by Hugh Lindley-Jones
- Nest boxes on the Commons: by John Mitchell
- Chislehurst Commons: Some Reflections, by Roy Hopper
- 2001 at Scadbury: a year of trials and tribulations, by Alan Hart
- Some memories of Chislehurst: gathered by Mrs M Hodson

#### **Chislehurst Report No 19 Summer 2002**

- Flying into Trouble: Government report on ‘The future of air transport in the UK’; Local residents have until end November to respond
- Society Buffet Supper: On 24 October, speaker John Mercer on Napoleon III
- The Draft London Plan: Framework for guiding development over coming decade, by Lesley Pullar
- Website News: by Frances Follin
- Society Email address changes
- Graffiti Clean-up Campaign take off: Good response from members – long article [by David Cockerham]
- New Tax threatens Local Traders: Fees being imposed upon trading from pavement in front of shops [reference en passant to old Chislehurst and Mottingham Chamber of Trade, now defunct]
- Woodland Razed: Area in Willow Vale has gone – Society enquiry to LBB Planning about it
- Suspicious Circumstances: telephone hoaxer at work – News from PC Ken Acott
- Neighbourhood Watch News: Funding problems, by Frances Follin
- Welcome to new Road Stewards
- Music for Chislehurst: Organ recital by Peter Litman of Canterbury at Christ Church, Lubbock Road on 25 September, by David Calver
- Support for Postal Members: Someone to help manage this aspect of the Society

#### **The Cockpit No 78 Autumn 2002**

- Book Corner: Webb’s History, Francis Murray of Chislehurst, Battle’s Edwardian Chislehurst
- Francis Murray of Chislehurst: by Jean Pailing – an appreciation by Roy Hopper
- Footnote to Francis Murray: an account of launch on 10 October 2002 in St Nicholas Church
- The B1 experiment: by Bernard Brown – history of a local service
- In the Footsteps of Arthur Battle 1898-1995: by Roy Francis Evans
- Chislehurst Society Archives by Roy Hopper
- Enquiries received – Silver Family of Abbey Lodge, Lubbock Road
- A comment on some memories of Chislehurst, in Spring Cockpit – including a short memoir by Mrs P Sells

#### **Chislehurst Report No 20 Spring 2003**

- Shock Airport Decision: Recommendation by Inspector that giant hangar should not be built overturned by Secretary of State
- AGM to be on 30 April, Red Hill School
- Camden Place Open Day: 26 April, by Gordon Caldwell
- Chislehurst Society Graffiti Clean up Campaign: Good progress continues; Graffiti clean-up campaign review meeting on 29 March at Age Concern
- Kemnal Road and the War Memorial Junction: Proposals still not submitted to LBB, by Ken Chapman
- Walking Bus initiative in Bromley: Walking to school encouraged, by Jean Wilkinson
- Traffic Calming: Schemes for Leasons Hill and Elmstead Lane, by Ken Chapman
- Can you Help us? New Road Stewards welcomed and further vacancies, by Keith Heselden
- Policing Chislehurst: New office in Red Cross car park to have three month trial as operating base
- Website News: News section installed, plus virtual tour of Chislehurst, by Frances Follin
- Social Diary: Next Socials to be on 26 June and 30 October
- Napoleon and Eugenie in Chislehurst: report on social in October 2002 and John Mercer’s talk to be printed
- Support our Conservators: Their essential function; refers to Lord of the Manor, Mrs June Lobanov-Rostovsky [was Mrs Jane Rankin], by David Cockerham and David Calver

#### **The Cockpit No 79 Spring 2003**

- The Coffee Tavern: Late 19thC feature of High Street
- Summer Social at Camden Place: 26 June

- Recent developments at Scadbury Park, Chislehurst: by Alan Hart, including some account of work done on Marsham-Townshend archive material
- Church Row – links with Francis Murray: by Alice Sennett – with a footnote on links with the George family and Sir Ernest George, architect
- Memories of the Cinema, Chislehurst by Roy Francis Evans – his work as trainee projectionist, April 1956 onwards
- Classic SECR Stations: Sundridge Park, by Paul O’Callaghan
- Some memories of Glebe House, Manor Park Road, Chislehurst, by Tony Keable – former Rectory, when used as temporary home for displaced bombed out citizens in 1946
- The Chislehurst Society – postal membership: reminder of a useful facility
- New Publication: The French Imperial Family in Chislehurst, by John Mercer, text of talk given at Social in October 2002

### **Chislehurst Report No 21 Autumn 2003**

- Chislehurst Commons update: by Andrew Osmond and David Calver – helpers and financial aid
- Don’t just give it – Gift Aid it: Subscriptions, regular of casual donations, by Colin Saxby
- Flourishing wildlife: by David Calver – happy events on the ponds
- Royal Parade Planning Fiasco, by Reg Parry – an account of Sovereign House
- Scadbury – they way ahead: News of new Friends Group, by Judith John and Lynne Ball
- Inspiration for FOS: An account of the Friends of Hayes Common and how it was formed, by Keith Royston
- Bromley Environmental Awards 2003:
  - Lion and Unicorn Lodge, Prince Imperial Road: Short listed in refurbishment
  - Abbey Lodge, Lubbock Road (now renamed Chislehurst Hall), won a commendation in refurbishment category
  - Local Action group category won by Eddie Williams, homeopathic Wildlife Vet
- Our Graffiti Combat Team: Thanks to David Cockerham for establishing the team. He has now left the area
- Waste Collection: reference to Road Stewards’ meeting 12 July [picture of new memorial bench in Watts Lane]
- College to give way to housing? Ravensbourne College is moving from Walden Road
- Life returns to old Police Station: Conversion to restaurant
- Welcome to new Road Stewards
- Chislehurst Rotary Summer Fair on 14 June
- A Walk along the Old Road: Brief account of talk given by Roy Hopper at Social at Camden Place in June, by David Calver
- Crime Alert: Warnings from the Police, by Frances Follin
- Sadly Missed: Brief obituaries of
  - Vincent Dunleavy, died in March
  - Kenneth Leary, died in July
  - Mary Holt, died in August
- Village sign gets Face Lift: restoration now complete [Picture of Village Sign, whole page]

### **The Cockpit No 80 Autumn 2003**

- Remembering Dorothy McCall: her life and books in and concerning Chislehurst by Roy Hopper
- My Memories of Waratah Mansion and the SS Waratah: by Roy Francis Evans – a visit to house after it was bombed in WWII
- Classic SECR Stations: New Eltham, by Paul O’Callaghan, including some personal recollections
- More Memories of the Cinema: by Roy Pott, cousin of Pat Bushell – his work there in the last years to 1960

- Letter to Editor: from Alex and Peggy Gilham, referring to article on Cinema in Spring edition
- Guiding in Chislehurst: by Hazel Harrison
- Cycling across the Channel: an extract from Ironbridge Chronicle, 1895 – Mr John Ruck of Chislehurst with a companion, on a tandem cycle-boat, contributed by Mrs M Hudson
- Books for Christmas: Webb's History, Pailing's Murray, Battle's Edwardian Chislehurst, Mercer's French Imperial Family in Chislehurst

#### **Chislehurst Report No 22 Spring 2004**

- Alun & Joy Jones Awards 2004: An announcement by Donna Bompas
- Graffiti and Litter: What's being done, action to take
- Thanks to Gift Aid
- Chislehurst Social Diary
- Sovereign House, Royal Parade: an update on lack of progress
- An Introduction to the Bromley Field Studies Centre (in Scadbury Park)
- Society Website: A guidance note
- Aquila Site, Bickley: Plans for 212 dwellings
- Welcome new Road Steward and Committee Member David Hooper
- Postal membership: Anywhere in UK and overseas, and an option for areas in Chislehurst without Road Stewards
- Back Issues: Latest and earlier, from Membership secretary
- Vincent Dunleavy: An appreciation by Roy Hopper
- Society Archives: an Appeal for more material, by Roy Hopper
- A Scadbury Diary: relating to activities of Friends of Scadbury Park

#### **The Cockpit No 81 Spring 2004**

- Summer Social: 24 June advert in box panel
- Photographic Competition: new initiative with idea of building an archive of Chislehurst in 21stC
- Book Review: Letters to Hannah, WWII recollections of Hastings and South East England
- Happy Birthday to Us: Brief look at origins of Chislehurst Society from 1934 onwards
- More about Waratah: following up Autumn 2003 article
- In pursuit of the Sparkes family by Barbara Wilkinson – local and family history
- Scadbury in 2003: Annual report by Alan Hart, including work on Marsham-Townshend archive
- Chislehurst Caves in the First World War by Rod Le Gear – used by Woolwich Arsenal as explosives store
- Books and other items about Chislehurst Currently available

#### **Chislehurst Report No 23 Autumn 2004**

- Sovereign House, Royal Parade, a further update by Reg Parry
- Road Stewards Meeting 3 July
- Autumn Social 28 October
- Biggin Hill Airport – What Next? Council reaffirm intention to maintain status quo
- Commemorative Bookmarks: 70 years of Chislehurst Society
- Empress Eugenie: New Biography by Desmond Seward 'Eugenie, an Empress and her Empire'
- Age Concern Coffee Shop: Community Garden – report on work being done and Society funding
- Ray Carrigan: a brief obituary
- Greetings from Chislehurst: New set of cards from Chislehurst Conservators
- Bid to Refurbish Bromley Museum: Plans to improve exhibition space for paintings
- Gift Aid Application form
- Bromley Environmental Awards 2004: Blue Atrium (formerly The White Horse) received commendation

- Hard of Seeing: Large print copies of Cockpit and Report
- Welcome to new Road Stewards
- Volunteers needed
- Postal Membership
- Editorial Apology: re Cockpit Spring Edition article on Sparkes family

#### **The Cockpit No 82 Autumn 2004**

- Memories of Chapel Farm and Cold Harbour Farm 1949 by Roy Francis Evans [with sketch map of the area]
- Apology for error in Spring Cockpit re Sparkes family
- Happy 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday to us: A look at the post-war rebirth of the Chislehurst residents' Association by Roy Hopper
- Invicta: Memories of Chislehurst in the 1920s and 30s by Alfred Paice
- Calling all Collectors: Sidcup stamp and Postcard Fair 2005
- Chislehurst Caves Ventilation in WWII by Rod Le Gear
- Scadbury Yesteryear: Some memories in prose and verse by Roy H Rudd
- Books and other items currently available: exclusively from the Society, including a new publication by Roy Hopper, 'A Walk along the Old Road from Sidcup to Chislehurst' and enhanced version of a talk at Summer Social 2003

#### **Chislehurst Report No 24 Spring 2005**

- Crisis Time for Chislehurst: Concern rising over proposals for development on Ravensbourne College and SIRA Sites, by Reg Parry
- Society Socials for 2005 on 16 June and 27 October
- Chislehurst's Wildlife Rescue Since 1992
- Age Concern Coffee Shop Community Garden: Now completed
- Norman Godfrey: Obituary with notes from funeral oration by Colin Godfrey
- Henson Davies: Brief Obituary by Reg Parry
- Friends of Scadbury Park: Articles about them, and report of first AGM, January 2005
- Proposed Awards Scheme: Stemming from increase in funds due to legacy
- Scadbury Park Local Nature Reserve Events: May to September, by Bromley Countryside and Parks Service, and Friends Group
- Alun & Joy Jones Awards for Environmental Studies: By Donna Bompas, report on first event in October 2004
- National Trust Newsletter: Brief notes, by Michael Long
- Trees in Chislehurst: Notes for residents on tree work, surgeons and sources of help
- Bill Posters will be prosecuted: Latest cases
- Welcome to our new Road Stewards
- Gift Aid Declaration form
- Scadbury Park Nature Reserve: Capital Woodlands HLF Project (Heritage Lottery Fund)

#### **The Cockpit No 83 Spring 2005**

- More about Chapel Farm: A letter from John Mitchell [with picture from an original by Lloyd Roberts, 1930]
- Excavations at Scadbury during 2004 Season: by Alan Hart
- 79 High Street: by Andrew Belsey [with photo of house]
- Photographic Competition: an update (from letter by archivist at Bromley)
- Early Memories of Chislehurst Residents' Association: by Pat Bushell
- The Water Tower: some recent correspondence, by Roy Hopper
- New Publication: Mottingham: From Hamlet to Urban Village, by Winifred H Parkinson

- Books and other Publications (as before) with note that Webb supplies now almost completely exhausted

#### **Chislehurst Report No 25 Summer 2005**

- Ravensbourne and SIRA Sites: update by Reg Parry
- Society Social: report on June event
- Official opening of Community Gardens, including photographs showing Keith Heselden, Reg Parry, Barrie McKay
- Architectural Details: Report on Alun & Joy Jones Awards 2005, by Donna Bompas
- A view from abroad: relating to funeral of Michael Davis, at St Mary's RC Church October 2004 from American Newsletter describing Chislehurst as a 'Quaint Village' and comment on Fr. Charles Briggs' research into Church's history in re Imperial Period
- New Licensing Act 2003: Bromley Council new Licensing Authority, by David Calver
- Camden Place Viewing: Note of new open mornings four times a year, with photo by Peter Foord, secretary of Club
- Society Website: update on its developments
- Welcome to our Road Stewards
- Scadbury News: From Friends of Scadbury by Keith Burns, Secretary
  - A Walk in the Woods at Scadbury, by Steve Johnson, Chairman
  - People of Scadbury Exhibition: Announcement of event at Museum, Orpington
- Diary Dates: for Friends meeting including activities
- The Big Draw is Back: Invitation to join us on 8 October
- Enbro: Litter Picking activities reported
- Chislehurst Wildlife Rescue: Annual Report by Richard Neville

#### **The Cockpit No 84 Winter 2005**

- Janson Memorial Fountain, by Roy Hopper, with illustration
- Born in Chislehurst: by Andrew Belsey
- Letters to Editor:
  - From Roy Francis Evans
  - Mrs Rhona Goodman
- My memories of the old roundabout: by RF Evans
- Some thoughts on Road Stewardship: by Roy Hopper
- Stranger in Town: Sighting of Sika Deer
- Books etc. for sale
- Appeal to identify house

#### **Chislehurst Report No 26 Spring 2006**

- Alun & Joy Jones Awards 2006: invitation
- Volunteers wanted to support aims and activities of the Society
- The Society requests the pleasure: advert for Socials 29 June and 19 Oct
- Licensing update: Success in limiting opening hours and action to take, by Cllr Brian Toms
- Biggin Hill Master Plan: final version now published – grave concern expressed by Flightpath
- Vandalism at local bus shelters: Meeting of Commons Conservators with TfL, GLA member Bob Neill and members of the Exec Committee, with illustrations
- Walking the Commons boundaries: Account of two walks by Conservators with invited guests in November 2005, by Roy Hopper, with illustration
- Aylesbury Duck on Willow Wildlife Rescue's Menu: Update on WWR activities in recent months
- Obituary Notice: Mr WA Thorn and Mrs J Stone, two Road Stewards

- Useful Telephone Numbers for Reporting Crime and Abandoned Vehicles: with helpful tips and guidelines, by David Hooper
- Headquarters for Chislehurst Society: Brief statement re Away Day in January by Alice Sennett
- Edwardian Chislehurst [by Arthur Battle]: all sales now being managed by Ben Chapman
- Where has all the water gone? Update on condition of Rush Pond by conservators, containing reproduction of Parish Notice of Easter Vestry meeting for 7 April 1904 to elect conservators
- Can you help us? Vacancies for Road Stewards by Keith Heselden
- Winter in Scadbury Park: Friends' Activities for year ahead and walks and talks by Keith Burns

#### **The Cockpit No 85 Spring 2006**

- Bexley Local and Family History Fair: with illustration of Society Stand
- As others see us: visitors views of Chislehurst – Two items both dating to WWI
- Scadbury report for 2005: by Roy Hopper, with illustration
- The Chislehurst Cinema: An account of its birth as “The New Chislehurst Cinema” with illustration of it as Church – appeal for photos of it as a Cinema
- The Mission Ship Charles Janson: follow up to previous article
- Mystery house identified: Sleepy Hollow, Lubbock Road
- The Red Cross in Chislehurst Caves during WWII, by Rod Le Gear, with appeal for more information
- Books and other items available

#### **Chislehurst Report No 27 Summer 2006**

- Making Chislehurst Safer: Joe Mooney, our local sergeant, explains the Chislehurst Safer Neighbourhood Team, and its work, with illustrations
- Sira Development gets the go-ahead: a statement by Reg Parry
- Residents' Campaign ushers in the demise of Sira: by David Purll, arguing that local opposition effectively put Sira out of business [see Autumn 2006 Cockpit]
- All hands to the pump! Local self-help and cooperation can solve problems, by Frances Follin
- Ravensbourne appeal hearing, by Reg Parry
- Greens you can't eat: Garden waste disposal at Thompson's Garden Centre
- Licensing: how the Civic Trust is representing residents' association on the Department for Culture and Media Services Committee, David Calver
- Alun & Joy Jones Environmental Studies Awards 2006: with illustration of crowded hall at Mead Road School, by Donna Bompas
- Special Guests at our Social Evening (Joan and Charles Wykes, she being Mayor over past year), by Reg Parry
- Tree planting in Chislehurst: locations
- Christmas Lights relating to High Street, by Reg Parry
- Chislehurst Big Draw wins National Prize: Award presented by Quentin Blake at BM, by Donna Bompas
- NSPCC Open Gardens Scheme: an appeal by Natalie Huke, Chislehurst and Orpington District NSPCC
- Welcome to New Road Stewards
- Water Tower as Movie Star: an appeal for film of demolition and traffic passing through the Tower, by Roy Hopper
- Chislehurst's Voluntary Wild Life Rescue Service: A report by Pat Williams of Willow Wildlife Rescue
- Scadbury wins Lottery backing, by Andrew Wright, Trees and Woodlands Project Officer
- Visitors' map misunderstood: Explaining why the majority of roads in Chislehurst are not shown on it, because it's essentially about Town Centre and attractions

#### **The Cockpit No 86 Autumn 2006**

- Our Fortieth Anniversary: brief summary 1966 – 2006

- Silver Plate found in Rush Pond dredging: with rather poor illustration and appeal for information
- Classic SE&CR stations serving Southern Chislehurst: First of a two-part piece by Paul O'Callaghan
- Books and other items currently available
- SIRA – A Brief History: Following David Purll's article in Summer edition of Chislehurst Report, and including the preliminary part of that article that had to be omitted due to lack of space
- Commons Conservators Greetings Cards with illustration
- Letter to Editor: from RF Evans re Cinema story in Cockpit 85
- Lubbock Road: A short History – Based upon a few past enquiries
- A new Chislehurst Society Publication: Advertising Darrell Spurgeon's 'Discover Chislehurst' to be published in 2007

#### **Chislehurst Report No 28 Spring 2007**

- A one-off colour edition, produced to honour Pat Howley's memory, a long established Committee member who died in 2006
- The Alun & Joy Jones Awards for environmental studies 2007: Statement and timetable for receipt of entries and awards by Donna Bompas
- Large Colour photograph of post box in Old Perry Street, from a painting by Pat Howley
- Pat Howley: short obituary
- Subscribers needed for important new book! An appeal by Roy Hopper for more subscribers to 'Discover Chislehurst and its Environs' by Darrell Spurgeon
- Changes on the Executive Committee: loss of established members and addition of new ones
- Summer Social: announced for 28 June, when DVD to be launched
- Chislehurst Graffiti: report by Tony McClarty, the new Graffiti man on the Committee
- A Rose by any other name: Who/what are the Trustees of Chislehurst Commons? An account by Anthony Bompas of the management of the Commons and why the Conservators have changed their title
- Making your neighbourhood safer: A report by Police Sergeant Joe Mooney about the Safer Neighbourhood Team, the additional new PCSO's and Operation Payback
- Community Payback Success: a brief item by Tony McClarty
- Edgebury Secondary Modern School: Information required – an appeal by the Editor of Cockpit to answer an enquiry received by email to the Society
- Postal Subscriptions – a reminder: by Keith Heselden, Membership Secretary
- St Johns Ambulance – fundraising: an article by Patty Wallis of St JA justifying door-to-door collections
- Welcome to our new Road Stewards, and can you help us?
- Photograph of restored painting in lounge of Camden Place
- Gift Aid declaration form

#### **The Cockpit No 87 Summer 2007**

- Discover Chislehurst: a new Chislehurst Society Publication: Follow-up article to Autumn 2006. How to obtain a copy and similar description of contents. Image of the 'mock-up' of proposed title page
- London Open House: details of events on 15/16 September
- A new Booklet about Kemnal Manor: by Tony Allen, stemming from detailed research about Kemnal Road and how to obtain a copy
- Books and other items currently available from Society
- Stop Press New Publication: Briefly advertised new DVD of Chislehurst and brief account of talk about it given by Roger Missing at Summer Social in Camden Place
- An interesting Email: about a walking stick found at Ypres bearing an address plate M Thornton, Old Crown Cottage Chislehurst, with editorial information about Miss Thornton taken from Bushell's 'Imperial

Chislehurst? Appeal for further information [illustration of Goodlands Cottage, Botany Bay Lane was accidentally included with article]

- Appeal for information about Thornet Wood Gun Site in Jubilee Park during WWII
- Letters to the Editor:
  - Roy Slaughter re Lubbock Road article and Sir John Lubbock
  - John Winter-Lotimer re Coed-Bel School and St Nicholas Lodge School
- Another interesting Email: from Richard Shepherd about performance of The Immortal Hour in Chislehurst, 29 June 1918
- Anniversary Year for Petts Wood and Hawkwood NT: article promised for next edition
- Scadbury Report 2006, with illustration of strongpoint/bunker
- Classic SE&CR Stations serving southern Chislehurst: Part II by Paul O'Callaghan
- Fun and Games: Recreational uses of Commons in past times: with illustration of May Queen maypole dances. [Article timed to correspond with Trustees appeal for more contributions in support of their work]

#### **Chislehurst Report No 29 Autumn 2007**

- Open House weekend in Chislehurst: report by Tony Allen
- Autumn Social: reminder in panel
- Alun & Jones Awards: Full report by Donna Bompas with photo of winner of Joy Jones Photo
- Chislehurst Common Big Draw: reported by Donna Bompas
- Late night alcohol and pub licensing applications: A statement by Andy Waddington, with contact details
- Chislehurst Clean-up: A brief report by Tony McClarty of a litter picking party on 1 July and 30 September
- The Chislehurst Society Proudly Presents: a report on the new DVD, 'Chislehurst – no ordinary suburb'
- Road Stewards – obituary notice for Mr A Evans of Willow Grove
- Welcome to our new Road Stewards

#### **The Cockpit No 88 Autumn 2007**

- The National Trust in Chislehurst: with illustration of Botany Bay Lane and Willett Memorial Sundial
- My Memories of the Cottage in the Woods: by Roy Francis Evans – his thoughts about the Keeper's Cottage
- Chislehurst Memories: by Tony Keable, a review by Jean Pailing, with illustration of cover
- Chislehurst – no ordinary suburb: Review of the new DVD
- Discover Chislehurst and its Environs: A statement about its publication and thanks to Clive Birch and the staff of Chislehurst Library for helping distribution to subscribers, and adjustment of post-publication price to £10, with photograph of cover
- Trustees of Chislehurst Commons: Greetings Cards and how to obtain, with illustration of one design
- The Thornton Walking Stick found in Ypres: a possible explanation provided by Pat Bushell
- The Everly Brothers and Chislehurst: by Andrew Belsey, about the start of their fan club in Chislehurst
- David Squirrell Enquiry about Edgebury Secondary School: Initial enquiry and appeal in Chislehurst Report Spring 2007. Many replies received and passed on and some memories by Pat Bushell who was there when it opened in 1938
- A Happy Christmas to all our readers: Books and other items currently available from the Society by post

#### **Chislehurst Report No 30 Spring 2008**

- Chislehurst Society AGM at Red Hill School 22 April
- A Right Royal Occasion: the next social at Camden Place, John Mercer talking about Napoleon III, on Napoleon's 200<sup>th</sup> centenary
- Water Tower Memorial Dilemma: with photo c 1960 invites comments and ideas for storing/replacing this memorial, the original Wythes Coat of Arms now badly eroded

- National Trust News about 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ceremony, blessing and dedicating Edlmann Memorial Wood and Memorial Stone, with photo, 26 April
- Listed buildings in Chislehurst: recently added to Local List in February 2008 – Staplecross, Bromley Lane, Handley Green, Bull Lane, Elmstead Woods Railway Station, 143 and 145 Lower Camden, 34 Lubbock Road, Camden Ridge, Southill Road, Willett Memorial, article by Tony Allen
- Bromley Road Safety Consultative Panel: report of meeting at Civic Centre Bromley on 11 March. Includes official accident figures for Chislehurst October 2004 to September 2007, by Tony McClarty
- Chislehurst Open House Photo Competition: Prize winners (copies of Discover Chislehurst as prizes)
  - Peter Hanson – Annunciation Church
  - Michael Knight – Interior of Annunciation Church
  - Jenny Allen – Farringtons Chapel Windows
- Dates for your diaries
  - May Queen 3 May
  - Summer Social 29 May
  - Alun & Joy Jones Awards, Babington House 5 June
  - Summer Fair 14 June
  - Autumn Social 30 Oct
- Chislehurst Society Website: invitation to inspect redesigned website by Tony McClarty
- Chislehurst Festival: ideas invited for this new idea
- Minutes Secretary: advertisement for suitable person
- Welcome to new Road Stewards
- Chislehurst Clean-up mornings – report of three events on first Sunday in December, February and April
- Harris Hospicecare Garden Festival for 2008 announced

### **The Cockpit No 89 Spring 2008**

- Woodheath: Three houses and a Wood, by Tony Allen, written by new Chairman of the Society from material taken from his book, co-authored by Andrew Thomas ‘Kemnal Road, Chislehurst’, two illustrations
- A Prize-winner’s story: by Jenny Allen, relating to the Competition set for London Open House 2007, and the Architectural Town Trail
- Edgebury Secondary School and Czech Refugee Pupils in the Second World War: Relates brief outline of setting up a House of Refuge in Lubbock Road in 1939 with appeal for further information
- Lance Corporal Muran, Royal Engineers: an appeal for information
- More about Everly Brothers Fan Club: from Yvonne Crenshaw, nee Frost, who started it as President in 1957
- Napoleon III by Tony Allen and Roy Hopper with illustration [2008 is the 200<sup>th</sup> Centenary of his birth]
- Chislehurst Commons Summer Greeting Cards: from Trustees of Chislehurst Commons (with illustrations)
- Chislehurst Water Tower and its memorial: by Roy Hopper, with illustration of the memorial, in poor condition now
- Classic SE&CR Stations serving Southern Chislehurst: Final article by Paul O’Callaghan
- Books for sale

### **Chislehurst Report June 2008 (unnumbered)**

- Colour report, produced to mark the Alun & Joy Jones Awards for this year
- Full list of winners
- Photographs of winning entries
- Extract from talk by Roy Hopper

### **Chislehurst Autumn No 31 Autumn 2008**

- Inside this issue
- Chislehurst Caves, advertising theme of the talk at social on 30 October
- New Fence at St Nicholas Church: brief article with illustrations
- An area-wide 20mph speed limit – do we want it? John Harvey (BRSCP) for and Roger Lawson (BBRAG) think again
  - Questionnaire enclosed – result 66% for 34% against, out of 358 (14.32%)replies
- Road Safety: Who to contact – names of Councillors by Tony McClarty
- Station Approach – action taken: a report by Tony McClarty
  - Letter from Russell D’earth, Customer relations Officer South Eastern Railways
- Planning, Trees and Hedges: First in a series about where planning consent is required, what you can and cannot do
- A Good Day’s fishing: Account of Police Chislehurst Safer Neighbourhood Team initiative to organise a day’s carp fishing on 30 July at Linton Kent with two illustrations, by Christine Barrett
- The Goose is getting Fat – dates for your diary
  - 30 November, Royal Parade Traders Association annual Christmas Event, and Saturday 6 December, Chislehurst High Street Celebrations
- The Big Draw on Chislehurst Common 2008, 26 September
- A Chislehurst Festival: Proposal for event in 2009 to mark 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding of Chislehurst Ratepayers’ Association in 1934, by Frances Follin
- Useful Phone Numbers
- Archaeology at Scadbury, an appeal for more support for ODAS
- Calling all Road Stewards
- Clean-up mornings: announcement
- Open House London: brief note of 2008 event

#### **The Cockpit No 90 Winter 2008**

- Houses of Refuge in Chislehurst: Extension of briefer item in Spring 2008 edition, with two illustrations and more memories
- Proposals for emailing future publications
- St Nicholas Churchyard Fence: by Geoffrey Stephenson, Chairman of Property and Management Committee of the Church with three illustrations
- The Blackney Family of Chislehurst: by Michael Blackney with editorial assistance – a slight enlargement of article first published in ‘Look Out’ in July 2008
- Still Discovering Chislehurst: by Roy Hopper with Darrell Spurgeon – the authors thoughts about the work of Joseph Moye in the area of Shepherd’s Green/Bromley Lane, with illustrations of Farrington Place
- Errors in Discover Chislehurst and its Environs
- Books and other publications
- May Queen Appeal for new recruits

#### **Chislehurst Report No 32 Spring 2009**

- New Look edition with new logo and new style
- 75 years young:
- Chislehurst Festival news
- Green Household Award to Elizabeth on p3
- Alun & Joy Jones Awards: announcement for this year
- Big Draw announcement
- 20 mph limit survey

- Perfect your driving skills
- Welcome to new Road Stewards
- Traffic Safety schemes: where to now? Announced work expected to start by end of March
- List of Society Activities and events for year
- Grant to Willow Wildlife Trust
- Have you had your copy of the Chislehurst DVD
- Country market comes to St Mary Cray announced
- Dot Lawrence 1927-2008: short obituary notice
- Saving the Daylight: mentioned visit by David Perau from Boston USA, who talked about Willett at Camden Place
- Chislehurst Society Annual Report 2008 and notice of AGM on 28 April occupied second half of the edition

#### **The Cockpit No 91 Summer 2009.**

- First in the new style, bearing our circular 75th Anniversary Logo 1934-2009, let into text on front page, with less crowded pages and fewer articles.
- Now We are Seventy-Five! Part One. Survey of past 44 years from 1965 to 2009, this part taking us to 1992. [Cockpits Nos. 81 and 82 in 2004 looked at history and development of the Society from 1934 to the start of London Borough of Bromley in 1965]
- Memories of my School in Chislehurst, by Verica Peacock [was Chislehurst & Sidcup County Grammar School in 1946, now Beaverwood]
- Daisy Foreman's Memories of Chislehurst [1930s onward]
- The Wood Family of Chislehurst, by Angela Di Santo [19th century to 1930s]
- The Chislehurst Mineral Waters Co. Connection (to Wood family) in Park Road

#### **Chislehurst Report No 33 Summer 2009**

- Chislehurst Society AGM at Red Hill School 28 April
- Chislehurst Society Awards presented by Cllr Katy Boughey to Laurie Holt, Tony Turner, Donna Bompas, and Eddie and Pat Williams
- Spring Social evening at Camden Place 28 May - Jan Hendey talked about the Commons
- Chislehurst Summer Fair 13th June
- Alun & Joy Jones Awards 18th June at Farringtons School
- Chislehurst Town Centre Management Group set up 2006; objectives outlined
- Date for your diary: 5th December Christmas event seeks funding
- The Big Draw Saturday 26 Sept. theme "Alice Meets Darwin in Wonderland"
- Chislehurst Festival 2009 as part of Society 75th Anniversary year, 19 September to 4th Oct: List of proposed events
- Conservation in Action: abridged version of talk given by Jan Hendey on 28 May
- Want to see more growing in Green Belt? Take part in Campaign to Protect Rural England survey on line, by Agnese Cretella of CPRE
- Civic Trust placing itself in Administration: Chislehurst Society pledges support for any successor body. Item by Reg Parry
- Chislehurst Clean Up Morning; outline of past events, invitation to join in, by Tony McClarty
- Police Drop-in Surgery organised by Chislehurst Safer Neighbourhood Team: policy statement
- Reporting Crime: telephone numbers and website address. Item by Christine Barrett
- Bexley Family and Local History Fair: report by Roy Hopper of event at Hall Place 21 March, lists names of some local participating Societies
- Chislehurst Road Railway Bridge at Petts Wood: situation report and progress since 30 March

- New appointment to Society's Executive Committee: Roger Lawson for traffic and road safety matters
- Norman Bell death on 4th April reported by Reg Parry
- Schools Forum: fourteen schools now affiliated to Society send representatives to new group; report by Bruce Hurn
- Pass on your skills to help local schools. Any direct costs involved in necessary CRB checks will be covered by Society
- Road Stewards Meeting report for Saturday 23 May. by Keith Heselden
- Road Stewards retiring; thanks expressed on behalf of Society by Keith Heselden
- Can you help us: new Road Steward wanted; appeal by Keith Heselden.

#### **Chislehurst Report No 34 Autumn 2009 Special Colour Edition incorporating The Chislehurst Mix**

- Chislehurst Festival: report on progress towards opening on 19 September
- Alun & Joy Jones Awards 18 June: details of entries and winners, with photographs
- Society News: Forthcoming Events
- Exhibition by Chislehurst Artists to be part of Festival, on 3rd October at Active Age Centre
- Social Evening to be on 1 October at The Link, Christ Church: Andrew Saint to speak on work of William Willett and Ernest Newton in Chislehurst
- Family Fun Weekend: Chislehurst Town Centre Management hosting Fun Weekend on the Common as part of Festival on 3 & 4 October
- Open Garden event in aid of Harris Hospice Care to be on 5 & 6 September at Largan, 281 Leasons Hill, by appointment only
- St Nicholas Churchyard Celebration to be on 20 September, with dedication of new fence, as part of Festival
- The Chislehurst Mix: a new Publication for Chislehurst
- The Mix: an explanation of this new magazine by school students, about Chislehurst
- Restaurants, Puzzles, Chislehurst through the eyes of students, Chislehurst past and present, Fabulous Chislehurst Facts! Changing Schools in Chislehurst: Bullers Wood, Babington House, Coopers Technology College, Chislehurst Education: some personal opinions by students, Spot the Difference puzzle page plus a Hidden Words puzzle.

#### **Chislehurst Report No 35 Winter 2009**

- Chislehurst Festival 2009: detailed report on nineteen events, with illustrations
- Photographic Competition Awards Ceremony at Chislehurst Library on 23 September: list of winners
- Society News:
- Chislehurst Road Railway Bridge: report
- Society Social Evening at The Link, 1 October: report
- Private Streets: change of description from Unadopted Highway, advice offered
- Open Gardens Festival 2009: looking towards 2010
- Lights Aid: appeal for donations, by Andy Wood, of the CTCMG.

#### **The Cockpit No 92 Winter 2009**

- Now We are Seventy-Five! Part Two: Survey continued from 1993 to date.
- Living in Southland, Kemnal Road, by Leonard Parrington: memories of the 1890s.
- Local Studies Group News October 2009. Objectives restated, readers encouraged to communicate any research undertaken or discoveries made.
- Includes announcement of next Bexley Local and Family History Fair at Hall Place in March 2010.
- Who Were Alun and Joy Jones? a tribute by Roy Hopper: how the Alun & Joy Jones Environmental Awards Competition for local schools came about.

#### **Chislehurst Report No 36 Spring 2010**

- 20th Alun & Joy Jones School Competition announcement: theme and deadline for entries
- Two important dates for your diary:
- AGM 27 April
- Spring Social 10 June at The Link
- Scadbury Silver Jubilee [1985-2009]
- Forthcoming events listed
- Rotary Club funding: details of what Rotary supports in Chislehurst
- Community Awards ceremony: seven recipients named and photograph of all: David Pearse; Father Bill Beer; Donna Bompas; Kanti Shah; Brenda Barham; Jonathan de Maid; Larry Simpson
- Chislehurst News
- Award winning Big Draw: Chislehurst Big Draw 2009 selected for Trailblazer Award out of over 1300 Big Draw events across the UK last year. Details of which local organisations were represented on Common this year. This year's Big Draw to be on Saturday 25 September
- Friends of Chislehurst and Walden Recreation Ground is a new volunteer group to preserve and enhance environment of Chislehurst & Walden Recreation Grounds for community benefit. More news in this article.
- Street Pride: move to help get rid of street clutter of various kinds, detailed here
- Chislehurst on Twitter: 'Chislehurst News' news service set up by Clayton Hurst about Chislehurst on popular social networking site
- Chislehurst Festival 2011 to be arranged: call for volunteers to help organise Chislehurst Chase and Big Draw next events to be on Sunday 19 and Saturday 25 September 2010
- Harris Hospice Care Open Gardens: list of venues and dates
- Chislehurst Golf Club open Day to be Saturday 8 May 2pm to 6pm
- Traffic and Transport; list of locations for traffic matters to be raised with Bromley Council
- Society News
- Chislehurst Society Offices now established in a room behind, and a part of, Methodist Church
- Chislehurst Clean-up Morning took place at end of January. Next one end of May
- Waiter Bor Award for new schools-produced magazine, The Mix. Second edition of The Mix is being planned
- Maurice Blight: Society Member and Clifford Avenue Road Steward died in November. Message of thanks for local support at his funeral from daughter in Cornwall.
- Chislehurst Society Diary dates:
- Chislehurst Society Annual Report 2009 and notice of AGM on 27 April occupied second half of the edition.

#### **The Cockpit No 93 Summer 2010**

- Contents listed on front page.
- Chislehurst's "Lost" Memorials. The recording of St Nicholas Chislehurst church memorials by Leland Duncan in 19th Century and recent inclusion of them in Kent Archaeological Society website (web address given in article).
- Edward Miskin, Parish Clerk, 1750-1822, by Paul Miskin [first part of two, but this is not declared]
- Some Chislehurst Evacuees, by Alan Godfrey. Evacuee list dated 15th July 1944, with names and most addresses quoted.
- Old Crown Cottage and Bishops Well: a Wartime History. Compiled by Roy Hopper from letters to owner Miss M Thomson, relating process leading to the restoration of the old cottage after flying bomb damage in July 1944.
- Bishops Well and Chislehurst in Wartime, by Margaret Purkis, a related personal story.
- Chislehurst Caves in World War II: Secret Project Mulberry Harbour. How Mr Bailey of Bailey Bridge fame worked in the Caves during the War.

- Alun & Joy Jones Environmental Awards 2010: some illustrations with notes to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Awards.

#### **Chislehurst Report No 37 Summer 2010**

- Youngest ever winner of Joy Jones Award, eleven-year old Catherine Wiffen, and brief report on the event.
- The Big Draw: London Art Treasures come to Chislehurst Common. Chislehurst Big Draw wins Trailblazer award for last year's theme of "Alice meets Darwin in Wonderland."
- Chislehurst May Queen Society now has its own website, [www.cmqs.org.uk](http://www.cmqs.org.uk)
- Transport issues in Chislehurst: article by Roger Lawson provides background to some local traffic and transport issues: refer to Society's website, [www.chislehurst-society.org.uk](http://www.chislehurst-society.org.uk)
- Traffic update: list of schemes in pipeline or under-way.
- Chislehurst Police Drop-In Surgery: regular sessions held by Safer Neighbourhood Team. Contact via e-mail to [chislehurst.snt.@met.police.uk](mailto:chislehurst.snt.@met.police.uk)
- Question time: Bromley Community Engagement forum dated meeting in Hayes Lane
- Society News
- Nicolette Comport 1944 - 2010: short obituary notice. Longer version on website.
- Society Social Evenings - your feedback, please: at The Link, Christ Church or Camden Place?
- Chislehurst clean-up morning: regular event
- New Committee members, Liz Abels and Derek Nash
- National Trust special offer for all Society members: Society recently joined Civic Voice, and free one-day access pass to NT now available

#### **Chislehurst Report No 38 Autumn 2010**

- The second Chislehurst Chase: report on local run on 19 September through St Pauls Cray Common and Scadbury Park, followed by Fun Run for children and parents
- Evening Social November 11th with theme of Chislehurst during the Great War: local author Yvonne Auld to speak about this and sell copies of her book *For King and Country: the Men of Chislehurst who fell in the Great War*
- Chislehurst Rotary fireworks display set to dazzle on Saturday 6 November
- Chislehurst and Walden Road Recreation Ground: news of the Friends of the Rec, by Barbara Arora
- The Mix 2010 - Green Edition. Comprehensive report by local students on activities in their schools: excerpts on Society website and full report to be on new website devoted to activities of Chislehurst Schools forum
- Dark days ahead? No, not the national economy! A note from Derek Nash about the Christmas lights appeal
- Traffic news:
- Loop Road roundabout on Common; Station parking; Summer Hill; Parking times on and off-street to be harmonised free of charge after 6.30pm; Watts Lane width restriction chicane
- Recycling at Chislehurst Library: for various small articles of everyday utility
- Reminder of Green Cards available at Library for reporting various problems
- Society news:
- Chislehurst Festival 2011: announcement
- Borehole for Rush Pond: note from Trustees of Chislehurst Commons
- Road Steward news: retired and new
- Committee members: resignations of Colin Saxby, Treasurer and Sue Thorogood, events organiser.

#### **The Cockpit No 94 Winter 2010**

- Contents listed on front page.
- Advertisement for Yvonne Auld's War Memorial history book, "For King and Country" with details of all men killed in Great War 1914-1919.

- Edward Miskin, Parish Clerk, 1750-1822, by Paul Miskin. Part Two. Some details from the Vestry Books of the period, held in Bromley Local Studies Library.
- Fire Brigade Memories, by David Morris. Dates back to 1970s, mentions fire at The Cedars, Camden Park Road.
- Mystery Pipe or Pole on Chislehurst Common, a query by Andrew Belsey. Probably a sewer ventilation pipe.
- Personal Memories of Chislehurst, by David Lockton. A mental walking tour of all but Royal Parade in the 1950s and 1960s.

#### **Chislehurst Report No 39 Winter 2010**

- Artists in Common: Chislehurst Big Draw 2010: report by Donna Bompas
- Chislehurst Calendar 2011 by Methodist Church
- New Sergeant for Chislehurst Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT): Sergeant Richard White
- Turn off the lights? Four suggested ways to improve traffic flow in High Street. Readers' views invited!
- Membership and Road Steward news: three retired, three replacements; report of meeting held on 23 October
- Illustration of Keith Heselden, membership secretary, laying wreath at War Memorial 14 November
- Coopers College opens its doors: report of open meeting for local residents on 2 November hosted by Principal, Mrs. Shirley Puxtey (portrait). Praise expressed for behaviour of vast majority of students. Issues raised included:
  - Literacy levels. Offers of assistance made from members of public; Concern over increased volume of traffic in village and road safety for all;
  - Questions raised included
  - Litter problems: being addressed; Allegations of shoplifting: agreed to be unfounded; Students entering and leaving College at all times of day: due to flexibility of curriculum; Some planning questions: attempts to provide state of the art accommodation.
- Jones Awards 2011: theme will be Change in Chislehurst. Posters and leaflets will be sent to all schools and the Library in early December 2010.
- Localism, Town Planning and Chislehurst: new Local Growth White Paper refers to Coalition government's statements on housing and town planning.
- Many vague areas, more definition needed.
- Chislehurst Society to keep an eye on Localism Bill due to be introduced before Christmas and ensure that proposals are discussed widely. Society will also keep in touch with Local MP Bob Neill, who is very involved with these matters.
- Barry Redding, member of our planning committee, will keep all this under review.
- Have We Got Chislehurst News for You.
- Featured publications are The Cockpit, all 93 editions since 1961, and the 39 editions
- Of Chislehurst Report since 1994.
- All our old editions about to be put on our website, so last page of this edition bears a retrospective quiz.
- This consists of fourteen headlines from the past 15 years covering both publications with key phrases blanked out: answers in alphabetical order at foot of page)