

GREAT AND LITTLE CHESTERFORD

VILLAGE RECORDER ANNUAL REPORT 2015

VILLAGE EVENTS

March

24th Rubbish Clear-Up Day. 170 bags were filled.

April

25th Village shop re-opened by Sir Alan Haslehurst after a two year closure, as Days Food Hall.



May

16th Great and Little Chesterford "War Years Reunion". 70th Anniversary Celebration of VE Day, held at the Crown and Thistle.

29th-31st Little Chesterford Open Art Exhibition held in St Mary the Virgin Church proceeds between Church fabric fund and art group.

June

13th Little Chesterford Village Fete – music provided by Saffron Walden County High School Concert Band. Profits raised shared between the Church and the Village Hall.

27th Church Fete held at 2pm in the Vicarage garden

29th MIND Tea and Cake Charity event held at the Plough.

August

10th Evelyn's Cream Tea Afternoon held from 2.30-5.30 in Evelyn Lilley's house in aid of the Essex Air Ambulance

September

13th WI Picnic in the Park celebrating the WI's Centenary held at Great Chesterford Recreation Ground. Music by the Saffron Dance Band.

18th 23rd Great Chesterford and District Gardening Society Flower Show held in the Community Centre.



19th Act of Dedication for the Automatic Clock Winder held at All Saints Church.

Dedication Service and celebration in memory of Rev Christopher Pelham Warren Priest of this parish 2008 to 2013. Unveiling of plaque by Mrs Isabella Warren who with friends played music to accompany refreshments. Isabella also presented a clock to George Moser who had faithfully wound the clock twice a week for more than 28 years.

October

3rd 24th Great Chesterford Steam Up organized by Robert Pumfrey. Funds raised for Essex

Air Ambulance among others.

4th Family Fun Day at the Recreation Ground in aid of Addenbrookes Charitable Trust (ACT). £6000 was raised for the Children's Cancer Ward

16th Adele Tapping from Great Chesterford climbed Kilimanjaro to raise funds for Home-Start Uttlesford and East Anglia Children's Hospices.

November

5th Little Chesterford Bonfire Night and Firework Display.

28th All Saints Christmas Fair 12-4 in the Community Centre, with Father Christmas, childrens' entertainment and stalls.

LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY MEETINGS

20th Jan AGM followed by 'Great Chesterford and the Spanish 9th Legion', an Illustrated talk by Peter Whalley and Colin Day

26th Feb 'To Claphams I go', a talk on 18th century Cambridge coffee houses by Craig Cessford of the Cambridge University Archaeology Unit

26th Mar 'The History of Denny Abbey and the Farmland Museum', by Chris Leuchars, Education Officer, Denny Abbey

17th Sept 'A Quarter of a Million Years of History on Mogratt Island, Sudan', by Gemma Tully of Saffron Walden Museum

22nd Oct 'Gestingthorpe Roman Villa and Craft Village', by Ashley Cooper

26th Nov 'North West Cambridge', by Craig Cessford

SOME OF THE NEW ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION

CHE 803 Line drawing of School Street in 1939 by Stanley Roy Badmin

CHE 804 Great Chesterford Railway Signalling Notice 1909

CHE 805 One Hundred Gold Sovereigns: farming with steam, 1864-1914, by Robert and Michael Pumfrey. The Pumfreys live in Little Chesterford and have organized the Great Chesterford Steam-up for the last few years.

CHE 808 Photographs of the archaeological dig at the Stanley Road development site. They unearthed a well, pottery and one grave.

CHE 811 Henry King Funeral Service, 14th Dec 1933 – 10th July 2015.

CHE 812 Plans of Bellway's Cottingham Park development.

CHE 813 Plans of the Enterprise Property Group's development at the bottom of Rose Lane. Four Arts and Craft style houses from £2.2 million.

CHE 815 Colour photograph of Great Chesterford station in 1973 when in use as a night club/restaurant.

CHE 816 Great Chesterford souvenir eggcup – 1950s.

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