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CIVIL PARISH OF CHARTHAM

The Civil Parish of Chartham, Kent is situated 3 miles from Canterbury and 11 miles from Ashford, within the District of Canterbury City Council. The population at the 2001 census was 4941.

Chartham is a large Parish covering 25 square kilometres. Only about 5 square kilometres are built up, the remainder being farmland and woodland, much of which adjoins the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

The Parish incorporates several communities - Chartham Hatch, Shalmsford Street, Mystole and the development at St Augustine's, Chartham Downs. These areas are somewhat isolated from the area near the Church, The Green and the Railway Station, referred to as "The Village". This "Village" area grew up along the banks of the River Stour.

A BRIEF HISTORY

There is no separate religious and secular history for the parish; the two have been intertwined for more than a thousand years. In 871 the King presented the Manor of Chartham to the Priors and Canons of Christ Church, Canterbury. In those days a "Manor" was a clearing in rough land, the Manor House came later. Certeham, as Chartham was called then, meant a settlement on rough ground. By the time the Domesday Book was completed 'Certeham' was well established and thriving. There is evidence to suggest that a Manor House was in existence by 1065 if not earlier. The Deanery was built on the site of this Manor House in the 14th century by the Prior of Canterbury Cathedral who presided over the Manorial Court. Court Lodge, a wealden house, was built in the courtyard of The Deanery around 1495. This house has recently been restored with many of the original features preserved, including the jettying and timbers.

There were five other Manors which fell within the Parish boundary:- Denstead, Horton, Howfield, Shalmsford Bridge and Shalmsford Street.

Denstead - was situated in the northern part of the Parish. In the 12th century Denstead was a separate Ville, belonging to the Prior of Leeds (Kent). Denstead Farmhouse on the site of this Manor was built in the 1500's, or possibly earlier.

Horton and Horton Chapel - The present house is late 15th, or early 16th century, with 18th and 19th century re-facing and refurbishment. There is a central hall with fine oak roof with two cruciform crown posts and exposed timber framing.

The Manor of Horton was mentioned in the Domesday Book. It is believed that in 1084 it was in the possession of William the Conqueror. The Chapel, dating back to the 13th/14th century is built of flint. It has not been used as a place of worship for 200 Years.

Hop Oasts were added to one end and the interior was used as a barn. Inside, a trefoil-headed piscina can still be seen. Outside, the double-arched bell gable still exists. The occupiers of Horton Manor have plans to restore this Chapel.

Howfield - The Manor House is believed to date from 1181 when it was known as 'Haghefeld'. It was a chapel belonging to the Prior of St. Gregory and remained so until its suppression in the reign of Henry V111. The Manor is said to be haunted by the figure of a monk.

Howfield Manor, situated in Howfield Lane is a luxury hotel and restaurant with conference facilities.

Shalmsford - The Manor of Shalmsford belonged to a Saxon named Essamelsford. After the Norman conquest it was given to Odo, half brother of William the Conqueror. Soon after the lands were divided into two Manors, Shalmsford Street and Shalmsford Bridge. The Manor of Shalmsford Street, which was near The George Public House, has long since disappeared.

On the site of the Manor of Shalmsford Bridge stands a 16th century timber framed house. Inside there is an inglenook fireplace and plastered ceiling with bosses - probably late 17th or early 18th century.

St. Mary's Church - There was a church here when the Domesday Book was compiled in 1086. The present building of St. Mary's Church was started around 1294. The tower was added at the end of the 15th century and the whole building was restored in 1873. Recent archaeological investigations have helped trace the development of the building over the centuries. A revised Church and Village Guide is about to be published.

St Mary's Church is famous for its brass of Sir Robert de Septvans, which dates from 1306 and is one of the four most important brasses in the country. Other notable features are the 13th century rafters with a splendid carved boss and the Kentish Tracery Windows. The bells are the oldest existing peal in Kent, five of which date from 1605.

The Green - The Green, as it exists today, is part of the larger green, which extended north-eastwards to include the house and lands of Burnt House Farm. (The Railway did not come to Chartham until 1849). Burnt House was built in the 1600's on the site of a much earlier house. The Barn, with loop lights and queen-posts was built in the 18th century, or earlier. In the farm yard is an interesting three-storey pigeon house which accommodated pigs on the ground floor and chicken on the first floor, leaving the top floor for the pigeons.

Around The Green are some of Chartham's oldest buildings. The half-timbered Bedford House, once an Inn and then the Poor House, was built in 1420. Forge House was built in the 18th century. The Kings Head Inn, now converted to two dwellings, is at least 500 years old. It was originally a farmhouse.

Opposite is Tanthorn Cottage, another 18th century building with an interesting panel over the doorway, inscribed "Lord with me abide". The impressive De L'Angle House, a Restoration building, was built by John Reading in 1662. John Maximilian de L'Angle, of Huguenot descent, bought the house after he was made Rector of Chartham in 1696.

The houses of River Court were built on the site of the old Rectory. Little Court, on the corner, has been converted from the old coach house.

There are more very old buildings in Rattington Street, notably the Artichoke Inn, built in the 15th century, possibly earlier and recently restored and refurbished by the Shepherd Neame Brewery. Opposite the Artichoke Inn is the 15th/16th century Rattington House, thought to be the oldest domestic building in the Parish.

Mystole House is a splendid mansion in the south-west corner of the Parish. It was built in the 16th century by John Bungay, Rector of Chartham, and later became the seat of the Fagge Family whose fine historic monument is in St. Mary's Church.

These are but a few of the architectural gems of all periods to be found in every corner of the Parish. All the houses mentioned are privately owned.

The Corn Mill on the Ashford Road was built in the mid 19th century on the site of a much larger mill which was destroyed by fire. The mill and surrounding buildings have been restored for residential use. The mill can be reached by following Public Rights of Way.

In olden days several mills existed along the banks of the River Stour. One fulling mill was converted into a paper-making mill in the 1700's. Since that date it has been an important part of Chartham, providing much local employment, although in latter years the work force has greatly reduced.

St Augustines Hospital was set in 120 acres on The Downs and was formerly an asylum, built in 1875. Originally it accommodated nearly 1000 patients and was almost self supporting with its own farm and workshops. The site was sold by the Area Health Authority to developers for the construction of nearly 500 new houses. Some of the hospitals fine Victorian buildings have been retained. The Water Tower, now converted into apartments remains as a significant land-mark and is now a 'Locally Listed' building.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council has eleven members (list at the back). Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.30 p.m. at the Village Hall, Station Road, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 7JA. Planning Applications on the Agenda can be viewed between 7-7.30pm. Members of the public are invited to attend but are not allowed to speak unless invited. The Annual Parish Assembly is usually held in May of each year.

Elections for Parish Councillors take place every four years. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman are elected annually in May from serving Councillors. The next election is due to be held in May 2011.

The Council owns and maintains the Cemetery grounds, and Victorian Chapel. The Cemetery Lodge on the Ashford Road, Chartham has now be sold to a private buyer. The cemetery grounds are open daily from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm or 'dusk'. Enquiries to the Cemetery Registrar: The Village Hall, Station Road, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 7HX.

The Council employs a full-time Clerk: Mr P Hornibrook, The Parish Office, Chartham Village Hall, Station Road, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 7JA. Tel: Office/Fax 01227 738110 or 0775 9263725. The Clerk can be seen by appointment at Chartham Village Hall Office, Station Road, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 7JA. – Tuesday to Thursday 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

A part time cleaner is also employed to look after the toilets on the Memorial Playing Field.

A bottle bank has been installed in Parish Road, Chartham.

Cllr. Mrs. Rosemary Doyle, 16 Richdore Road, Waltham, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 5SJ - Tel. 01227 731436 - is a local City Ward Councillor.

Cllr. Mike Patterson, Sene Bungalow, Blackhouse Hill, Newington, Folkestone, Kent, CT18 8BL – Tel. 01303 238173 - is a local City Ward Councillor

Cllr. J. Simmonds, 43 Downs Avenue, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1RR - Tel. 01227 275349 - is the local Kent County Councillor.

HOUSING

Houses are of mixed age and style - early manor houses, Tudor, Victorian, pre-war and post-war semi-detached, bungalows, and modern executive. Many of the older buildings are classified as "Listed".

Over the years three housing estates have developed:- at the top of Shalmsford Street, Rentain Road and The Hyde, at Bolts Hill.

The development at St Augustine's, Chartham Downs, numbers around 500 dwellings and offers a mixture of houses and flats.

Shalmsford Court, Shalmsford Street, offers warden-assisted flats for the over 60's and is administered by Canterbury City Council. It has recently been rebuilt and upgraded.

SHOPS

There is a General Store/Bakery/Newsagent/Off Licence in The Parade near the Railway Station.

In Shalmsford Street there is a Post Office/General Store/Off Licence and Newsagent.

SCHOOLS

Chartham Primary School is a Kent County Council Primary school situated in Shalmsford Street and accommodates over 270 pupils from age 4 to 11. Set in six acres of grounds and with excellent facilities the school takes pupils from a wide catchment area including Chartham Hatch where children are transported by bus. The school has close links with the Firs Nursery and the school also runs a thriving After School Club five days a week.

For further details contact Mr Dean Jones 01227 738225 or E-mail: headteacher@chartham.kent.sch.uk.

Firs Nursery is a self-supporting, committee run nursery, offering excellent facilities in a converted building situated in the grounds of Chartham Primary School. It takes children from 2 and a half years to school age during term time and operates two sessions a day, 9.00 am to 11.45 am and 12.30 pm to 3.15 pm or 9.00 am. to 3.15 pm Monday to Friday. It has very close links with the primary school and nursery children are often invited to story times and assemblies in school. For enquiries and a prospectus contact Nursery Supervisor. Tel. 01227 731876

Set in the valley on the Petham side of the Parish at Perry Court is Canterbury Steiner School, taking about 230 pupils from the age of 3 to 18. (Tel.01227 738285) www.canterburysteinerschool.co.uk.

DOCTORS' SURGERIES

There are two doctors' surgeries in Chartham. Chartham Surgery is in Parish Road, Tel. 01227 738224 and the Old School Surgery is in Bolts Hill, Tel. 01227 738282. Several clinics are held and prescriptions are dispensed at both surgeries.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS

Household waste paper for re-cycling and garden rubbish is collected on a fortnightly rota. Enquiries should be made to SERCO acting for Canterbury City Council on 0800 0319091.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Kent County Council's Mobile Library visits Chartham at the following times:

Every Friday	- St. Mary's Church	9.30 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
	- Royal British Legion	10.10 a.m. - 10.30 a.m.
	- The George P.H.	11.40 a.m. - 12.00 noon.
Every other Friday	- The Crescent	11.15 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
	- Brice Avenue	10.40 a.m. - 11.05 a.m.
	- Shalmsford Court	10.40 a.m. - 11.05 a.m.
Every Friday	- Chartham Hatch Outside Village Hall	- 4.30 p.m. - 5.00 p.m.

RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS

The Parish Church on The Green is dedicated to St. Mary. Times of services are published in the Parish Magazine and on notice boards in the churchyard. The new Rector, Revd. Phillip Brown took up his duties on the 5th March 2009. The Rectory is situated at the south west corner of The Green, opposite the red telephone box. Telephone: 01227 738256

Sharing Ministry in Chartham. The Rector of Chartham together with Ministers from Canterbury Churches who serve this parish are available to help parishioners spiritually. Baptised, communicant members of all churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Mary's Church.

The Church aims to be open for visitors from May – September 3.00 to 5.00 pm daily when stewards are available.

For daytime supervised access at other times by arrangement. Telephone 01227 730540.

For details of Church Services of any denomination, telephone **Churches Information Service, Canterbury** 01227 761374 10.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Chartham is served by South East British Rail and Stagecoach East Kent Buses.

Chartham Hatch is served by Poynter's Coaches of Wye.

COMMUNICATIONS

There are four British Telecom call boxes in the Parish. The Red K.6 kiosk on The Green is classified as "listed". There are nine post boxes in the parish, including two at Chartham Hatch.

CHARTHAM PARISH MAGAZINE

This comprehensive Church / Community monthly publication costs 45p per issue. The magazine is delivered to subscribers in the Village, Chartham Downs, Mystole, Shalmsford Street and at Chartham Hatch. Those in outlying districts can receive it by post if they so request. The Parish Magazine is also on sale at Chartham Village Store, Station Road; Shalmsford Street Post Office and at the SPAR shop at St. Augustine's, Chartham Downs.

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PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

The Parish Council has set up a website www.charthampc.org.uk to serve the local community. It provides basic information relating to the history of the village, details of Local Organisations, Parish Council Minutes, Accounts, and Planning applications. The site is reviewed and updated on a regular basis, taking into account the views and suggestions of the residents.

INDUSTRY

The major employers in the Parish are:-

Chartham Arjo Wiggins Paper Mill, Rattington Street, which produces tracing and specialist paper.

The firm of Inca Geometric, Bolts Hill, designs and makes specialist machine tools.

Kent Sectional Buildings, Church Meadow, are manufacturers of portable garden buildings, swimming pools, hot tubs etc.

Newmafruits Farms Ltd, Howfield Lane and F. W. Mansfield & Son, Nickle Farm are large fruit farms

An Industrial Park has developed along the A.28 at the south east side of the Parish.

INNS, PUBLIC HOUSES, CLUBS AND HALLS

The Artichoke Inn, Rattington Street, Chartham.

The Local, Cockering Road, Chartham.

The George Inn, Shalmsford Street, Chartham

The Chapter Arms, New Town Street, Chartham Hatch.

The Royal British Legion Branch and Hall are situated at Bolts Hill. The Hall may be hired for various functions.

The Community Hall at the Old School Surgery, Bolts Hill is also available for hire.

The old Village School at Chartham Hatch has been converted into a hall and is run by the Chartham Hatch Village Hall Society and volunteers are always welcomed to help with the running of the hall. If anyone is interested please contact the Chairman, Chris Anderson on 01227 738682 or E-Mail: e.anderson245@btinternet.com

The Parish Church was adapted for dual-purpose church / community use several years ago and has now been further improved with the addition of new heating, toilet facilities, a Tower Room and fully-fitted servery. To enquire about community use contact: Ms F Day (PCC Secretary) 07791 629379..

There is a new Village Hall in Chartham. In March 2005 the Parish Council purchased the old Arjo Wiggins Chartham Mill Social Club in Station Road. It has since been enlarged, and with the addition of sports changing facilities, provides a much needed community asset. The village hall is run by a Village Hall Management Committee and volunteers are always welcomed to help with the running of the facility. If anyone is interested please contact the Secretary Mrs Sandra Cook. Tel: 01227 731247.

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACES

The Memorial Playing Field, near the Railway Station, and two further fields and a new Sports Pavilion at St. Augustine's provide facilities for football and cricket. Chartham Sports Club leases the sports pavilion and the ground from the Parish Council.

Public Toilets, with facilities for the disabled are sited on the field and a new Children's Play Area was recently moved to a more accessible position near the village hall car park.

Chartham Hatch and Shalmsford Street Recreation Grounds also have Children's Play Areas, 5-a-side goals and Basketball Posts.

All three play grounds, owned and managed by the Parish Council, have been upgraded with safety bases new play equipment and fencing. Three new play areas were installed at the St Augustines development in 2005.

The Village Green, which is registered as such, is leased by the Parish Council from Mrs G. Day of Deanery Farm.

FISHING

The Chartham & District Angling Society's lake, adjacent to Shalmsford Street Recreation Ground, is for members only. Fishing in the River Stour is by permit only.

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

There are over sixty Public Rights of Way throughout the Parish. Only eight are bridleways or byways permitting horse-riding. See map board next to Chartham Station, copies of this map are available from Kent County Council.

The North Downs Way Long Distance Path crosses Chartham Hatch from Chilham to Canterbury, sometimes following the route of the Pilgrims Way.

The Stour Valley Walk crosses the parish from the Old Wye Lane to Milton Bridge. A surfaced riverside stretch, suitable for wheel-chairs and push-chairs, has been created starting by the bridge opposite to the main entrance to the Paper Mill.

The Parish Council endeavours to keep the Public Rights of Way clear and free from hazards with assistance from KCC Public Rights of Way Unit. Enquiries to Cllr. Ann Dawes. Tel: 01227 730144.

WOODLANDS

Bigbury Wood

Adjoins Chartham Hatch on the Harbledown Boundary. Just over this border is Bigbury Camp, an Iron Age Fort where it is believed Caesar fought the Ancient Britons in 54 BC. The North Downs Way passes through the wood.

Denge Forest

Lies to the south of the Parish, adjoining the Parishes of Chilham and Petham. There are many Public Rights of Way through the woods, as well as Forestry Commission Tracks. The Woodland Trust manages a portion of the woods.

Denstead Wood

This is to the North West of Chartham Hatch. Through the wood there is one Public Footpath which crosses the Parish Boundary with Dunkirk. Near this boundary the River Cranburne rises and flows through the wood and Denstead Farm, finally joining the River Stour near White Hall Farm on the outskirts of Canterbury.

Hunstead Wood (Including Nickle & Fright Woods, Chartham Hatch)

These are ancient woods with an old sunken road through to Lower Ensdon. There are no Public Rights of Way. Kent Wildlife Trust has recently acquired part of this woodland.

Larkey Valley Wood

This was formerly in the Parish of Thanington Without. The Parish Boundaries were changed in 1987, resulting in a portion of the wood falling within the Parish of Chartham. In December 1988 a beech tree was planted and a hornbeam pollarded to mark this new boundary.

This ancient woodland was given to Canterbury City Council in 1932 by the Mayor, Alderman Frank Hooker, in order that "it should be reserved to the public for ever". Management is controlled by Canterbury City Council.

There are several Public Rights of Way, tracks, and marked trails through the wood.

Bakers Wood

Is situated between Rentain Road and Woodside Avenue in Bakers Lane. It was leased by the Parish Council from Canterbury City Council in 1995 on a 99 year lease as a Centenary Community Woodland Project to celebrate 100 years of Parish Councils.

Management is co-ordinated by the Kentish Stour Countryside Project in partnership with the Parish Council.

The aim of the Council is to restore a neglected piece of woodland to a pleasant amenity for the village. With community help they have cleared paths, improved access and kept the wood free of rubbish.

NO MAN'S ORCHARD - A traditional apple orchard owned by the community.

No Man's Orchard is situated on the eastern edge of Chartham Hatch with access from Bigbury Road, via the Recreation Ground, on the North Downs Way which runs alongside the orchard.

The orchard was purchased jointly by Chartham Parish Council and Rough Common & Harbledown Parish Council in December 1995 and officially launched on April 28th 1996 by the Lord Mayor of Canterbury and the previous owner, Mr. J. Brewer.

The name "No Man's" traditionally means that the land straddled two areas of ownership and was therefore not owned by any one man and this is borne out by the parish boundary, which runs across the centre of the orchard.

The orchard covers 4 hectares (10 acres) and comprises approximately 152 mature Bramley apple trees and 45 pollinators (Howgate Wonders, James Grieve, Worcesters). The trees were planted in 1947. Some of the Bramleys have had pollinators grafted onto their tops.

No Man's Orchard is one of the few surviving traditional orchards in the area and protected under the Countryside Stewardship Scheme. It was designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Interest in 1995 and forms part of Blean Woods South SSSI AS/SW/CA 17. It has also been designated as a local Nature Reserve.

The management of No Man's Orchard is co-ordinated by the Kentish Stour Countryside Project with extensive pruning and planting being carried out. No herbicides have been applied for a number of years and no sprays have been used since the summer of 1993, so fruit can now be officially described as "organic".

It is extremely attractive to walkers, having some of the largest apple trees in the Canterbury District with wonderful blossom in April and May. It is well hidden from Bigbury Road by woodland, mostly Sweet Chestnut coppice, and has a secluded, peaceful atmosphere.

The objectives of the management plan include maintaining and enhancing the landscape and habitat, encouraging greater public participation and use of the orchard for parish events, such as walks, picnics, and games. Cider apples have been planted so it could be possible to make "No Man's Cider" one day. Local schools, clubs and societies will be invited to make appropriate use of the orchard for educational and social purposes. There is a wealth of wildlife; moths, bees, birds, and butterflies and a rich selection of mosses, fungi, lichens and wild flowers to be studied.

There has been a serpent seat sculpture in the orchard since 1996, when two local art students created one from oak and apple wood with help from volunteers. When this original serpent reached the end of its life, artist Steve Portchmouth was commissioned to make a new one. This new oak sculpture was installed in 2008 and unveiled that year.

A record is being kept of the wildlife seen in the orchard.

Members of the Public may adopt a tree at a cost of £25.00 per annum, or £75.00 for life. Enquiries can be made at either of the Parish Council numbers listed below.

If you are able to offer some help towards No Man's Orchard, whether in the form of ideas, practical "hands on" assistance, or your own expertise then please contact either the Parish Councils or the Kentish Stour Countryside Project.

KSCP, Sidelands Farm, Wye, Ashford, Kent TN25 5DB. Tel: 01233 813307.
Chartham Parish Council. Tel: 01227 738110 or 0775 9263725.
Harbledown & Rough Common Parish Council. Tel: 01227 470151.

RURAL COMMUNITY WARDEN

In 2003 Kent County Council & Kent Police introduced a partnership to provide Rural Community Wardens. The wardens are responsible for deterring anti-social behaviour and maintaining a 'hearts and minds' daytime vigil for the benefit of the communities they serve. Chartham has a warden who also covers the nearby villages of Petham and Waltham. Contact Aaron Kay KCC Community Warden on 07969 583918.

ORGANISATIONS

ST. MARY'S CHURCH – BELL RINGERS

Tower Captain – Mr Anthony Hoile. Tel: 01227 733855
Secretary – Mrs Sheila Finn. Tel: 01227 733545
E-Mail address for correspondence: sheila_finn@talktalk.net. Ringing practice is on Thursday evenings from 7.30 – 9.00 pm. Visitors are welcome, and anyone who is interested in taking up this enjoyable past time, please contact either of the above members, who will be pleased to 'go through the ropes' with you.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH – CHOIR/JUNIOR 'MUSIC MAKERS'

Choir Secretary – Mrs Marina Griffin. Tel: 01227 738266
Choir practice is on Tuesday evening from 7.00 – 8.00 pm
Junior Singers: contact Mrs Emily Ternel.
Choir/Music practice is on Friday evening from 6.00 pm.

CANTERBURY HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF FRIENDS (CHARTHAM)

Members raise money for the Canterbury Hospitals by organising various events in Chartham and Chartham Hatch. About four meetings a year are held, usually at one of the member's houses. Anyone interested in providing comforts for patients in hospital is welcome to join.

Enquiries to Mrs. V. Elvidge, 1 Chapel Row, Primrose Hill, Chartham Hatch. Tel: 01227 738678.

CHARTHAM CYCLING CLUB

The club aims to encourage local people to discover the delights of cycling in and around Chartham, to take part in rides and rallies and to support all efforts for a better deal for cyclists. Anyone with a road-worthy bicycle and/or a keen interest in cycling is welcome to join. There are organised rides approximately once a month, children under 16 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Enquiries to Mr. S. Webb, 68 Shalmsford Street, Chartham. Tel: 01227 738296.

CHARTHAM AND DISTRICT ANGLING SOCIETY

The aims of the Society are to promote fresh water and sea angling, (junior members are encouraged), and to retain the natural environment around the lake area. The lake is situated behind the Recreation Ground in Shalmsford Street. Local membership is open to those residing within a four mile radius of Chartham. There is an entrance fee plus a yearly subscription and there are special terms and subscriptions for Juniors (9-16 years), Senior Citizens and Sea Fishing only members.

Enquiries to Mr Malcolm Roots Tel: 01227 738144 or E-mail: malcolmroots@btinternet.com.

CHARTHAM CHAMELEONS DRAMA GROUP

Regular play-reading meetings at 7.30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month (apart from Bank holidays). Rehearsals by arrangement with cast. Visits to other plays. Current subscriptions – Members £8.00 p.a. Supporters £2.00 p.a. for mailings, reduced ticket prices and inclusion in visits and social occasions. This group is currently suspended for the time being.

CHARTHAM GARDENERS' SOCIETY

The Society meets every second Thursday of the month, 7.30pm at the Chartham Village Hall, Station Road, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 7HX. The aim of the Society is to promote an interest in gardening generally and to compete in a friendly way in Summer and Autumn Shows.

For details of membership subscriptions and any further enquiries contact Mr. Ted Jordan.

CHARTHAM PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Caters for parents and children up to school age. Meets at the Primary School, Shalmsford Street, Chartham on Mondays 9.00am to 11.00am during term time only. Tea and Coffee is available and is included in the fee per session.

Enquiries to Mrs. Tracey Perry-Rutt. Tel: 01227 738225.

CHARTHAM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - BRANCH

The Branch exists to bring about the unity of all ex-Service men and women and to assist them and their dependants in time of need and to promote the same sense of loyalty and comradeship that existed whilst in the Service.

The Royal British Legion Hall on Bolts Hill provides a venue for the social activities of the ex-Service and associated members and guests, as well as a Headquarters for the Branch.

A period of service in any of H.M. Armed Forces qualifies any man or woman for Ordinary Membership. Associate Membership is at the discretion of the Management Committee.

For details of branch and club subscriptions, or any other enquiries, contact Mrs. Christine Aldridge. Tel: 01227 730533 or Mrs Ann Austen 01227 733560 (Branch Secretary) 36 The Hyde, Bolts Hill, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent..

CHARTHAM ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - WOMAN'S SECTION

The Woman's section supports the Branch in benevolent work, the Poppy Appeal and social activities. Meetings, at which there are Speakers, Stalls and Competitions, take place on the first Monday of the month, 7.30pm at the Royal British Legion Hall. Membership is open to ex members of the Armed Services, or those with family connections with the Armed Services.

For details of branch subscriptions, or any other queries, contact Miss E Smith (Chairman) Tel: 01227 731242.

CHARTHAM SPORTS CLUB

Runs two football teams in the Canterbury & District League on Saturdays and one team in the Herne Bay & Whitstable League on Sundays. They will also run a number of mini-soccer teams in the East Kent Youth League for the 2009/2010 season.

Their aim is to promote sport in the village although people from outside may also join. The annual subscription is £15.00 and the match fee is £5.00 per player (£2.50 for under 18's and unemployed).

Football coaching is also undertaken at St Augustines on Saturday mornings. There are two sessions 9.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. for Under 8's and 11.00 a.m. to 12.00 noon for the Under 11's.

Enquiries to Secretary Peter Harrington, 20 Old Church Way, Chartham, CT4 7TN.
the.emajor@virgin.net

CHARTHAM VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chartham Village Hall is situated in the centre of the village on Station Road, near St. Mary's Church. It has excellent facilities including a main hall, small meeting room, lounge, IT room, kitchen and bar servery as well as ample car parking for 75 cars and full provision for the disabled, making it an ideal place to hire, whatever the occasion.

The Village Hall is used by numerous local clubs and organisations including the Woman's Institute, Over 50's, Gardner's Society and Chartham Sports Club, as well as a Mother and Toddler group, Yoga, Bingo, Quiz Nights etc. There is also a Farmers Market every Thursday from 2.30 – 6.00 pm.

Enquiries to Mrs Sandra Cook: Tel: 01227 731247, 58 Highland Road, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 7QQ. E-Mail: sandra862@btinternet.com.

Village Hall Bookings: Mrs Stephanie Dungay Tel: 01227 731234.

CHARTHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meets for friendship, education and interesting pursuits for women. Meetings are every third Thursday of the month, at 7.15 p.m. at Chartham Village Hall, Station Road, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 7HX Enquiries to Gillian Jones. Tel: 01227 730375, E-Mail: Gillian.jones@toucansurf.com.

FIRS NURSERY

Firs Nursery is a self-supporting, committee run nursery, offering excellent facilities in a converted building situated in the grounds of Chartham Primary School. It takes children from 2 and a half years to school age during term time and operates two sessions a day, 9.00 am to 11.45 am and 12.30 pm to 3.15 pm or 9.00 am. to 3.15 pm Monday to Friday. It has very close links with the primary school and nursery children are often invited to story times and assemblies in school. For enquiries and a prospectus contact Yvonne Daniels at Chartham Primary School. Tel: 01227 731876. E-Mail: firs.chartham@virgin.net

FOOTPATH WALKS

Walks are organised by the Footpaths Committee of the Parish Council, usually once a month on a Sunday afternoon. Date, time and starting point are advertised in the Parish Magazine and on village notice boards. Enquiries to Mrs. Ann Dawes, Tel: 01227 730144.

GUIDING

1st CHARTHAM RAINBOW UNIT

‘Rainbows’ are the youngest section of Girl-guiding UK - Brownies and Guides are our ‘big sisters’. Rainbows celebrated their 21st Birthday in 2008.

In Chartham, up to 18 girls aged between 5 and 7 meet together at Chartham Hatch Village Hall on a Wednesday evening from 5 – 6pm. The girls take part in a variety of activities, from sport to cooking and discussions to parties. They make, create, sing, run around, play games, and make choices about what they are to do, make new friends, discover new things, try new activities, visit new places, and learn to have fun together! They can sometimes earn badges for the things they have done in the unit.

Girl-guiding is an opportunity to allow girls to ‘take the lead’. Being exclusively for females, there are chances for girls to learn from an early age skills of working in a group and making decisions. As she grows up through the sections, opportunities for self-governance and leadership are given. At 1st Chartham Rainbows we try to build a foundation for the girls, to be able to develop themselves further as they grow up, whilst having a multitude of enjoyable and challenging new experiences.

If you would like more details, or to put your name on our waiting list, please contact Mrs. Jeanette Kennett. Tel: 01227 738789.

(It is currently advisable to put your daughter’s name down as soon as possible, as we have a long waiting list. Places are first offered to those children who have had their name on the list longest once they turn 5.)

BROWNIES – 2nd CHARTHAM

Meet every Wednesday evening, during term time, 6.15 p.m. to 7.45 p.m. at the Community Hall, Old School Surgery, Bolts Hill, Chartham. Girls from the age of 7-10 follow the aims of the world-wide Guide Association in friendship and in participating in indoor and outdoor activities.

There is a small weekly membership subscription. Enquiries to Mrs. Muriel Ritchie. Tel: 01227 731610.

GUIDES - 2nd CHARTHAM

The Unit meets every Friday evening, during school term time, 6.30pm to 8.00pm, at the Community Hall, Old School Surgery, Bolts Hill, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent.

Girls from the age of 10 years follow the aims of the World-Wide Guide Association in friendship and in participating in indoor and outdoor activities. For details of membership subscription, or any other enquiries, contact Mrs. Muriel Ritchie. Tel. 01227 731610 or Mrs. Wendy Dyer. Tel: 01227 450605.

FRIENDS OF GUIDING

Are people who support the ideals of the Guide Association and work to support the Units in their area. Meetings and activities take place about six times a year in various villages around Canterbury. Any adult who is interested in supporting the Units in this area is welcome.

Enquiries to Mrs.G. Day, Court Lodge, Deanery Farm, Chartham. Tel: 01227 738220.

VOLUNTARY 'HELPING HANDS' SCHEME

This is a scheme supported by St Mary's Parochial Church Council to help people with Transport, Shopping, Collecting Prescriptions and Hospital Visits. The organisers would also like to know of any Senior Citizens who might like a visit or an outing.

Enquiries to Tel: 07833 230549 which is manned Monday to Friday inclusive from 9.00am to 10.00 am except Bank holidays and between 23rd December – 2nd January.

A contribution towards the cost of petrol for journeys will be requested by the volunteer driver, the rate being that recommended by Canterbury Volunteer Bureau.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS

Chartham Central - Mrs. G. Day, Court Lodge, Deanery Farm, Chartham. Tel: 01227 738220.

Upper Shalmsford Street – Mrs J. Tomkinson, 189 Shalmsford Street, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent. Tel: 01227 738058.

Lower Shalmsford Street - Mr. D. Butcher, 45 Shalmsford Street, Chartham. Tel: 01227 731340 & Ms Anna Lloyd, 115 Shalmsford Street, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent. Tel: 01227 782194 & Mr Peter & Mrs Saskia Hanrath, 2 Field End, Shalmsford Street, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent. Tel: 01227 738559.

The Crescent - Mrs. J. Hoare, Tzigana, The Crescent, Chartham. Tel: 01227 738479.

Rattington Street – There is currently a vacancy for this position.

Chartham Downs – Mr Alan Green, 10 Larkey View, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent. Tel: 01227 782194.

Chartham Hatch – There is currently a vacancy for this position.

OVER 60's CLUB

Chartham over 50s Club is open to all Chartham residents aged 50 and over. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month 2.30 – 4.30 pm at Chartham Village Hall, Station Road, Chartham, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT7 7HX. Transport can be arranged. New members are always welcome. The subscription is £1.00 per meeting which includes Afternoon Tea. There is also a regular programme of outings.

Enquiries to Mrs V. Litten. Tel: 01227 731343.

COBBES MEADOW GROUP RIDING FOR THE DISABLED

There is a Riding for the Disabled Centre at Cobbs Meadow, at the rear of the St Augustines site. It operates Monday to Friday with adult sessions Tuesday and Thursday and children's sessions Monday and Wednesday, groups are catered for on Friday mornings. There is a small charge per 20 minute session for adults and children.

Helpers, preferably with some knowledge of horses, would be welcome and much appreciated. Enquiries to christinesladden@btinternet.com

STOUR VALLEY FLOWER ARRANGERS

A club for Chartham and the surrounding villages. Meetings take place on the 2nd Monday of the month from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Old Wives Lees Village Hall.

There is an annual subscription fee that includes tuition, demonstrations/speakers and Membership to the National Association of Flower Arrangers Society.

Enquiries to: Mrs. Pam Hamilton – Tel: 01227 730559.

THE CHARTHAM SOCIETY

The aim of the Society is the environmental conservation and archival preservation of Chartham and the immediate surrounding areas.

Membership is open to all residents and businesses in Chartham. Meetings for the general membership are called as and when necessary. Activities such as walks are arranged throughout the year and bi-annually a coach trip is organised to a site of historical or environmental interest. Details of these events are advertised in the local press and on the village notice boards. The Annual General Meeting is held in October/November, to which all members are invited.

Enquiries to Sandra Cook Tel: 01227 731247, e-mail: sandra862@btinternet.com

THE CHARTHAM ARCHIVES

The Chartham Archives is a repository of historical material of the Parish of Chartham, comprising articles, photos, artefacts, recordings, etc, which have been donated or loaned to the Archives or acquired by the Archive committee. This material is currently being catalogued and the latest index can be viewed as a pdf file. It is hoped eventually to make this material available online. A small committee meets

throughout the year. A monthly report appears in the Chartham Parish Magazine. For further information please contact Jenny Harries on harries67851@btinternet.com.

CHARTHAM YOUTH CLUB

Chartham Youth Club is held every Wednesday evening at Chartham Village Hall between 6 pm and 8 pm. The Youth Club is suitable for children between the ages of 9 to 17 and there is a nominal entry charge per session.

A range of activities is provided ranging from snooker, pool, table tennis, Nintendo Wi, X Box, Board Games, Arts & Crafts, and supervised laptop internet access as well as outdoor activities. There is also a tuck shop selling drinks, cakes and confectionery. All members of the Youth Club are required to officially register with their contact details. For further details please contact Debbie on 07879 646821.

CHARTHAM CHILDRENS CENTRE

Chartham's Children Centre is temporarily based in Chartham Village Hall while the new centre is being built at Chartham Primary School site on Shalmsford Street, and should be ready by early 2011. Chartham Children's Centre is a Round 3 centre which is developed to offer universal services to children and families living in the *least* disadvantaged areas. Services offered by Round 3 children's centres will be decided after an assessment of local needs and will be based predominantly on existing services rather than developing new ones. Rather than being located on site, parents/carers will be 'signposted' to the appropriate services taking place in the local area. We currently run a group for parents/carers with under 1 year olds on Friday mornings 9.30 – 11.30 am at the hall plus many other events. To register with the Children's centre and receive your free welcome pack and a free 3* membership to Kingsmead Leisure Centre, please call/text the Chartham Children's Centre on 07932 568164 or call Lucy for more information on 07872 416274.

CANTERBURY & DISTRICT EARLY YEARS PROJECT

Parent Baby Toddler Group at Chartham Village Hall every Tuesday (Term Time only)
9.30 am – 11.30 am

The Sessions are for children and babies aged 0 – 4 where staff provide support for parents, activities crafts and messy play.

£1.00 per family. Refreshments for Parents and Children are included.

Every second Tuesday in the month we have a Health Visitor Clinic where parents can access this much needed service.

For any further details contact Ann Lamkin at the Project on 01227 786420.

CHARTHAM HATCH

CHARTHAM HATCH VILLAGE HALL SOCIETY

Located in the centre of the village, Chartham Hatch Village Hall provides a focal point for the social activities of 'The Hatch' and the surrounding communities.

The Chartham Hatch Village Hall Society is a group of villagers that meet each month to administer and maintain the hall.

To raise funds the Society also runs a number of events throughout the year such as The 100 Club, Wine & Wisdom, Barbecue, Craft Fayre etc. Details appear on the notice board at the hall or in the occasional Chartham Hatch Village Hall Society Newsletter. The hall is available to hire at very competitive rates by emailing louise@fluidfunk.com or ringing 07927 886229.

The hall has its own website at <http://www.charthamhatch.org> and its own e-mail address at enquiries@charthamhatch.org.

The hall was previously the Village School and a book entitled "Chartham Hatch – From Village School to Village Hall" has been recently published with the history and memories of both the school and hall. This A4 book, which has 156 pages and over 250 photographs, also includes sections on the history of Chartham Hatch, the Hall Bell Tower and the former Social Club. Copies are available from 731513/738678/738678/731395. This was part of a Heritage Lottery Funded project, the final part of which was the production of a DVD 'Chartham Hatch – A Kentish Village – Seven Stories' launched on the 26th April 2009, featuring areas of the village which have now disappeared.

For further details or any other enquiries contact C A & E Anderson, Four Seasons, Bigbury Road, Chartham Hatch, CT4 7ND. Tel: 01227 738682 or E-Mail: c.anderson245@btinternet.com

LADIES GROUP

Meetings take place on the first Thursday of every month, 7.30 pm at Chartham Hatch Village Hall, to promote fellowship involving a wide range of interests and activities.

Any lady living in Chartham or Chartham Hatch is welcome to join.

Membership subscription is £10.00 per annum.

For details of membership subscriptions or any other enquiries contact Mrs G.Dodds, Woodlands, Gravel Hill, Chartham Hatch, CT4 7NH. Tel: 01227 731546 or E-Mail: gillian@gilliandodds.wanadoo.co.uk.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

There is a vacancy for this position.

PAINTING CLUB

Meets every Thursday 1.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. in Chartham Hatch Village Hall. It is a gathering of people interested in painting and they provide their own materials. It is an informal art club and they would be pleased to welcome any new members who would like to have a go. There is a small charge of £2.50 per

session which covers the hire of the hall and a cup of tea. Enquiries to Mrs Jill Simmons Tel: 01227 738585.

CRAFT CLUB

The craft club is held every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in any month from 2.00 p.m to 4.00 p.m. and costs £2.00 per member an afternoon. Members bring their own craft activities.

Enquiries to Jill Simmons Tel: 01227 738585.

YOGA/KEEP FIT

A small group of ladies meet each Thursday in Chartham Hatch Village Hall at 9.30 am until 11.00 am. There is a small charge per session.

Enquiries to Rose Mills. Tel: 01227 731427.

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