

THE DAY OF THE BINS

Tuesday 18th July saw the much heralded arrival of our new recycling system. All across the village the three wheelie bins arrived to a mixed welcome. In my household at least it sparked an argument about where they were going to live, as my wife did not much fancy the sight of them all in our garden. We eventually agreed on a site next to our central heating oil tank (yes it was me who gave in). Then there was a discussion about what went in each one and how often they would get emptied.

The kitchen waste one gave us the biggest problem as using the bin under the sink was now only for non recyclables which you can still use Tesco's carrier bags for. So, what to do with the potato peelings and left over Chinese takeaways? The new bin is too far away to visit it each time you want to throw away a tea bag. Answer; an intermediate bin with a lockable lid that we got from Perry's nursery at Molehill Green. A big plus for this was that it came with 50 bio-degradable bin bags for £7.99 but don't all rush at once because they had sold out when we tried to get another one. Happily we found another in Stebbing!

One thing that struck me was that there is now more recyclable waste than we had before and the green bin fills up much more quickly than the black one! Also the brown bin really didn't have much in it after a week. So I wonder how long it will be before they decide to collect that one fortnightly like the other two?

As for the recyclables themselves, once upon a time we separated our plastic bottles, cans, newspapers, junk mail etc. Now everything goes in the same bin, except the smellies and presumably some lucky soul has the job of sorting them all out. I don't envy him!

I have heard that a rebellion is stirring in certain quarters of the village and people are still using black bin liners. No doubt the ASBOs will soon be arriving on peoples doorsteps. So if anyone has some strong views on the viability and other issues the new system poses I will be delighted to print them.

Ed Gilbey



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Elizabeth Godwin

Goodbye Andrew

This is a month full of farewells. As well as the school leavers there was the departure of the Rector Andrew Spurr, who left the benefice to take up his new post at Evesham.

It marked the end of an era for the church in Birchanger. It was a stark contrast on the bright sunny Monday morning when Andrew took his last service in Birchanger, for the leavers of Birchanger School, to the foggy dark evening of his induction as a curate for Birchanger. A young man with wild curly hair arrived with a contingent from Kent, and Birchanger wondered just what it had let itself in for. The service started without the Bishop, who was lost in the fog and who did eventually arrive. Nobody was prepared for the energy and vitality which the young curate brought to the village. He made friends throughout the village. In no time at all he led the raising of £4000 for Bosnia, people came to the church who had never routinely used it before, there were new baptisms and confirmation and a buzz of energy throughout the Parish.

Eventually he became Rector of the combined benefice of Stansted, Farnham, and Birchanger. This meant that the once familiar figure was seen less and less. People did not like this, and attendances declined. Like all churches, Birchanger was beset with financial problems, which despite the friends, are still with the church today.

Andrew believed in congregations helping themselves. This is what is happening in Birchanger, and it his legacy to the village. Many people who would never have thought is possible are taking, and continue to take services, lead prayers, and serve at communion. The church members are determined that St Mary's will survive, and that they can do it. At the last Service of Holy Communion Andrew told the congregation that the message they must purvey is that the church is a place where positive things happen. It is a force for good in the community, and that is what we must convey to everyone in Birchanger.

We all wish Andrew, Anna, and William well in their new life in Evesham. Andrew is to be inducted in Evesham on September 3rd. A coach has been arranged for anyone who would like to go. To reserve a place, contact Rosemary Thompson on 815551.

Now the see-saw has a makeover

There was a little money left over from the roundabout refurbishment in the recreation ground, to repair and renovate the seesaw which had become damaged and vandalised in recent weeks. It now has a new plank and is painted a bright shiny red to match the roundabout. Please look after both these pieces of equipment, they are difficult and costly to repair.

Would you like to help stop speeding in Birchanger?

One of the issues in the Parish Plan was speeding at many places in Birchanger Lane. The danger on the bend was one of the main causes for the 52 objections to the development at Churton, and Highways are concerned that 86% of all motorists approach this bend at speeds which are unsuitably fast. The damage inflicted on the mobile speed warning sign by four adult males who had left the club late at night, means that we shall never ever have another safety speed warning sign in the village. The sign was repaired, but at a high cost to the council. Speeding was an issue which most respondents to the Parish Plan questionnaires, including the young people, highlighted as an area of large concern.

It is possible that Birchanger could participate in a community speed watch where at least six specially trained volunteers would be able to use a speed gun, and report details of all speeding motorists directly to the police. This would result in police checks on all offending motorists, warning letters, and the consideration of further action on persistent offenders.

Volunteers would need to be able to give at least one hour a week to carry out the speed checks, and

would operate in pairs, one of whom must be in possession of a mobile phone. They would wear fluorescent clothing. Localities would be agreed with the police, and subject to various strict criteria.

Would you consider becoming a volunteer? If the project is to work it needs volunteers first. There is still funding to provide the necessary equipment if we act soon. It does not mean one hour a week for an indefinite period, but for as long as it is necessary to reduce the problem, and to repeat as the need arises. Training will be provided free, and there are no other expenses for the volunteers.

For further details, please contact Elizabeth Godwin on 812793

What would a street light switch off mean for us?

The decision by Essex County Council to switch off street lighting in their control during the small hours each night will not necessarily impact on every house in Birchanger. Essex County Council controls the lighting on the side roads only. The Parish Council is responsible for the lights in Birchanger Lane. ECC will ultimately save £1.2 million pounds per annum, after the £1.8 million to install the appropriate switching gear has been recouped.

The Parish Council could adopt the same switch off in Birchanger Lane, and may well be advised to do just that by ECC. As I understand it ECC will not revoke their decision. If the Parish Council does have an option for Birchanger Lane what should it be? Unfortunately the lights at the airport and junction 8 will not be included.

Success for the snooker team

Birchanger's snooker team managed to lift silverware in only their second season in the Bishop's Stortford & District Snooker League. The team, who play their home matches at Birchanger Social Club, recently finished the season as Champions of Division Two. The league itself, is run on a handicapped basis, has been running for well over 50 years and the majority of the teams in it are based in and around Harlow. Birchanger have five players in their squad but only need to use four during each league match. Each player plays two frames against one player from the opposing team and the result of the match is decided by the total amount of frames won by each player. A match can therefore end either 8-0, 7-1, 6-2, 5-3 or 4-4. No bonus points are awarded for wins and the points each team are awarded is decided by the amount of frames they have won.

There were 15 teams in Division Two this season and Birchanger began their campaign with a 5-3 loss to Maypole. Not a result that gave any indication of the kind of season they were going to enjoy. A 6-2 win against Maypole E in the following game quickly wiped the memories of the opening defeat. However, a 5-3 home defeat to Burnt Mill A in their following match left them in mid table. A 5-3 home victory over Bengoe in their next match gave them the belief that perhaps they could be challengers this season and they then went on an unbeaten run of 13 matches. Included in this were three notable 7-1 victories over Maypole B, Maypole C and Maypole A. A run of six matches without a win followed, which should have given other teams an

opportunity of catching up. However, crucially the four matches that were lost in this period were lost narrowly, 5-3. Four wins and three draws in the final three matches, including an 8-0 victory over Sawbridgeworth C, were enough for the title to be won by six points. It wasn't as easy as it sounds however. They went into the final match on 5 June knowing that only two frames were needed to secure the title. Nerves were playing a part as they went 3-0 down. Eventually the match was drawn 4-4 ensuring the Championship and secure promotion to Division One.

The players own personal records were obviously important and each player returned impressive statistics. Dave Tucker won 69% of his 42 frames, Ross Leavers 67% of 54, Laurence Ahmed 60% of 20, Kevin Roberson 48% of 56 and Adam Roberson 48% of 52.

The new season, which starts in September, will be a lot tougher. Birchanger will be playing against better players and will have lower handicaps due to their success this season. But they are up for the fight and will be aiming to stay in the top division during their first season. Matches will usually be played on a Wednesday evening next season and any support would be very welcome – a fixture list will be posted on the Sports notice board in the Social Club in August.

A photo of the team can be found on page 5

School News

Passport to the Classroom

In a particularly enjoyable Multi- Culture week, Birchanger became a global community, complete with classroom passports, and visitors from all over the world. The visitors included a Belly Dancer who demonstrated her skills to everyone at the start of the week. There were African Drummers who worked with each class in turn, making every child an expert for the day, and students from all over the world who are currently studying at Bell Cottage who told the children about their own countries and their way of life. The children made special displays of all the cultures they had studied and showed their work to everyone at an open evening at the end of the week.

Open evening for everyone

The school held its annual open evening when the pupils work from throughout the year is displayed. Parents have a chance to go through their children's work and to discuss it with their teacher. The classroom walls are covered with items from class projects and the hall was full of displays from the multicultural week featuring art work from many countries from Iceland to Africa. The evening is also open to anyone in Birchanger who would like to see what the children actually do.

Most parents do attend and spend a long time looking at everything their children have done, but there are always a few who year after year somehow manage not to be there. Every child carefully places their work on display. It must be very sad to put the work away again, knowing that those who matter most have never even seen it and who probably will not even look at it when it does come home.

Educating children is a partnership, and children cannot achieve to their full potential if there is no support from home.

What they really thought about Birchanger School

As the time approached to say farewell to their school, in most cases for over 6 years, we asked

the leavers for their own thoughts on leaving Birchanger School. Their answers were in most parts the same. The apprehensions which many might have felt had been mitigated by "taster days" at their new school. They were looking forward to the additional science, language, IT and sports facilities available in their new schools.

Some had liked the fact that Birchanger was a small school with a very friendly and inviting atmosphere. They were worried that they would not be looked after so well in their new school as they had felt they had been in Birchanger. They would miss their friends, the laughs, the school trips, school plays and the privileges they had enjoyed as prefects in their last year.

A few felt the school was too small. Most would have liked better sporting facilities and felt, despite coming joint first for the second year running in the small schools sports competition, that their small size put them at a disadvantage. The girls wanted separate sports for just for them, as they did not necessarily always want to play football. The school was too cramped, the resources area too small and the library was better sited in the school entrance. They would like more prefects to lighten their workload as prefects.

The feed back was frank and positive. Many of their concerns have already been taken on board in future plans by both staff and governors. The spirit to improve is there. Unfortunately it is the cash which is at a premium.

The final day arrived. The leavers voiced their hopes, fears, and memories at a special Leavers Service in the church, then it was back to school to entertain the rest of the school with the traditional leaver's party. Next came the final leaver's assembly where all the pupils' numerous achievements were acknowledged, and prizes and farewell gifts distributed. As usual there was hardly a dry eye in the house. Many of the parents who came were those who had worked so hard for the PTA for so long. Thank you for all that you have done for the school.

The final departure was made in the now traditional stretch limo, which whisked the

children off to their futures with an afternoon at the seaside first.

Farewell, good luck, and thank you

Mrs Ridgewell departed on her maternity leave, and hopefully a rest before her life changes completely at the end of September. She is the one everyone remembers as they look back on their time in Birchanger as she took them through their first days at school, and gave them the confidence to enjoy the school experience. She was always ready to understand the new children's worries and to make their entry into the school as happy and relaxed as possible. She will make a fantastic Mum, and we are all looking forward to meeting the new arrival in the Autumn.

This year the music in the school has been outstanding. It is entirely due to Mrs Mortishire Smith, who has been in charge of the music at the school for the past year. She has given the children the confidence to sing and play an instrument on their own or in groups. She has made their music enjoyable, and this has been reflected in everything the children have done throughout the year. We wish her and her family well in their new life in Holland.

Sports and fete day fun

It is a very good idea to combine the annual School Sports Day with a School Fete. It provided a welcome opportunity after all the excitement of the


games for both parents and children to relax and enjoy an afternoon of fun.

At least the majority were able to relax. For a few very hard working parents and staff the stalls had been set up in the morning, manned, and then cleared away in the evening. Their work was made a great deal harder by the fact that their numbers were far too few.

The PTA work very hard for the school. Without them all the little extras which improve school life could not happen. These include a great deal of additional funding for the transport for school trips, which the leavers highlighted as events they particularly enjoyed.

The existing team are professional in their approach and very hard working. Parents joining for the first time would be helped by the team, who will not be parents at the school for ever. The work for everyone would be a great deal lighter and enjoyable if more parents contributed.

Please give the PTA your support. You will receive a welcome from the other members of the PTA and will be working in an active partnership with the school. It is also among the PTA that you will find new friends and be positively helping to enhance your child's education.




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Birchanger's victorious Snooker team

Scheherazade sets new standard

The annual school play performed by classes three and four has become a much anticipated event at the end of the summer term. This year's play, Scheherazade was an ambitious choice, requiring glittering costumes and exotic settings. There could not have been an exotic wrap, throw or cushion left anywhere in Birchanger. They had all been turned into stunning costumes by Tina Crossley who really pulled out every stop so the children looked breath taking.

All the children were stars. Rachel Mortishire-Smith has the ability to unlock the singing talents of all the children who were able to sing confidently both on their own or in groups. Mrs Pandya made sure that every child was able to demonstrate their acting ability and make everyone a star. Matthew Crossley was an elegant and stern Sultan, Nick Mason and Lucy Haggerwood-Bullen as the children and Matthew Looker as the old man were delightful links to the stories. Guy Robins showed his flourishing acting ability as the fisherman, and the mischievous genie will be remembered for a long time to come. Heather Reeves was a truly glamorous Sheherazade, well supported by her stage sister, Hannah Reeves who once again used her really lovely singing voice to delight the audience. There was a real "wow factor" from Ellie Raynor, Ashleigh Chaplin, Elspeth Monro-Smith and Annalise Martin who besides taking other parts were also the eastern dancers and had ongoing roles throughout the show. Everyone played their role to the full and to the huge enjoyment of all the audiences of the three performances.

As well as performing to parents and grandparents, the school was delighted that a great many people from Birchanger accepted the invitation to come to one of the performances. It was really good to have their support, and we look forward to seeing them again at the infant's Christmas production. Now read Mark Crossley's account of the production.

SCHOOL PLAY STORY OF STORIES

How do they do it? Every year the school play seems to get better and better. You walk out of one and think to yourself "That was very, very good, they won't be able to surpass that next year", but blow me down, they do!

Last year the production of 'Frankie and Me' was a huge crowd pleaser but this year the school put on 'Scheherazade – A Thousand and One Arabian Nights' and it really was something special and a real story within a story within a story.

Although the story is an Arabian tale set in the time of Grand Viziers, Ali Baba and genies, the play opens with two young children (Lucy Haggerwood-Bullen and Nick Mason) stumbling across an old curiosity shop in the course of looking for a present for their granddad. In the shop a mysterious old man (Matthew Looker) starts to tell them a story set long, long ago and this is where we are transported to foreign lands and sultry 'Eastern Climes'.



The scene is set

The plot is that a Sultan (played by Matt Crossley) has been beguiled by an evil genie into having a deep mistrust of women, thinking they will betray him, this means that the Sultan, who is determined to find a Sultana to sit beside him, marries woman after woman only to have them all executed the morning after.

This state of affairs clearly cannot continue, not least because it is seriously depleting the eligible stock of females available. So a brave young lady called Scheherazade (Heather Reeves) cooks up a scheme and aided by her sister Dinazade (Hannah Roberson) puts her plan into action. She will marry the Sultan and tell him a story on the night of their wedding but she will not finish the story and the Sultan will be so desperate to find out what the end is he will let her live another night to hear the end. Scheherazade will finish off one story then start another again neglecting to finish it before morning thus staving off execution for another night etc, etc.

The plan works like a dream with stories such as 'The tail of the Beggar', 'Ali Baba and the 40 Thieves' and 'The Prince and the Stone King' keeping the Sultan going for 1001 nights (Hence the title). After this time and just as the stories were drying up, the Sultan has his spell broken and he realises that he has been a fool all this time. Cue love and kisses all round, deep bowing and exit stage left.

The staging of this theatrical tour de force was possible only because of the incredibly arduous rehearsal regime imposed by class 4 teacher Nicki Pandya and music teacher Rachel Mortishire-Smith which produced gold through the shedding of blood sweat and tears. The look of the production was enhanced by the stage lighting (a first here for Birchanger Productions Inc) and the costumes made by Tina Crossley (I am sure a couple of my best T-shirts made an appearance as head scarves), but no matter how hard the back-stage crew work, if the talent on state do not perform all is for naught but no one should have worried because the talent shone through like one of those 1,000,000 candle torches from Homebase.



The whole show was rounded off by some superb singing, voices provided by class 3 (the choir) and the rest of the cast. Congratulations Rachel Mortisher-Smith.

The cast in full swing!

All in all there were 3 shows, a matinee and 2 evening performances which all went very well, I saw one of the evening offerings and it was time well spent (if a tad warm), especially when followed by a glass or two of what you fancy shared with other theatre goers at the club.

Well done school!

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Birch copse is reprieved

Last summer those living in sight of the Stansted Manor Hotel were dismayed to find that a birch copse not in the ownership of the hotel, but surrounding it was bulldozed down and burnt, and there were plans to do the same with another birch copse on the other side of the hotel.

The District Council was alerted and a temporary tree preservation order was placed on the remaining copse. This was confirmed amid stiff opposition from the owners at a Development Control Meeting last autumn. The application for a permanent tree protection order came to Development Control with a recommendation that the copse was too young to make a significant difference, and the order was to be lifted. The Parish Council strongly opposed this on the grounds that birch woods were part of Birchanger's heritage, and that originally the village was surrounded by woods, many of them of birch. It was as small seedling copses that the woods originated in the first place. One of the reasons that planning permission was granted for the hotel was because it was in a woodland setting, and not easily visible from the village.

Philip Hoy represented the Parish Council and did such a good job that even the representative from the company who owned the land conceded that Birchanger's case was the right one. The copse remains to grow, with a tree protection order. Part of his presentation is printed below.

The name Birchanger means a birch wood on a slope and the village features in the Domesday Book as a small hamlet in the middle of extensive Birch woods.

Birchanger Wood is ancient woodland over 1,000 years old and the area's only reminder of early man's hunting forest. Originally this wood extended over the entire area.

Unfortunately, modern day Birchanger has taken its toll on these Birch trees. They were destroyed for agricultural purposes, but recur at every possible opportunity throughout Birchanger and I would suggest we have reached the point where we stop cutting them down and attempt to protect what is left.

A Tree Preservation is served because of the trees' aesthetic value and contribution to the quality of the landscape. The woodland surrounding the hotel was taken into account when planning permission for the hotel was granted, and it is an asset highly valued by the management, although not in the hotel's direct curtilage.

It enhances the hotel, and helps to screen the village from the menace of light pollution, something which the village experiences to a very high degree from the airport and the motorway and noise from the Hotel itself particularly when their outside marquee has music in full swing. The trees are also in the green belt.

The existing, natural vegetation of ancient woods, the associated animal life, the undisturbed soil and drainage patterns, historical features and characteristic landscapes comprise an irreplaceable asset of great importance to nature conservation which once destroyed can never be recreated.

It is essential that as much as possible of the remaining woodland area is protected and sympathetically managed to restore some of the structural diversity lost through neglect.

It will no doubt be raised that this is comparatively recent woodland whilst I talk about preserving Ancient woodland. Not only is this area woodland in the making but the Nature Conservancy Council when discussing Recent Secondary Woodland enter on their register of ancient woodland "Birch woodland which occurs on disturbed ground inside ancient woods."

By definition this means that the area in question would be acceptable to be entered on the inventory of Ancient woodland by virtue of its type and location.

There are other ways of pest control and copse management other than by their destruction.

Philip Hoy

Andrew bears the Banner

The Hertfordshire branch of the Royal Society of St George held a dinner on Saturday 8th July at the prestigious East India Club in St James Square, London to celebrate the Queen's 80th birthday. Corporal Andrew Dartnell of 1096 ATC Squadron Bishops Stortford was given the honour of being their banner bearer. Andrew carried the Banner of St George, performing his ceremonial tasks admirably. During the dinner he was presented with a Certificate of Achievement and a pair of St George cufflinks by the County Chairman Alan Warman. Andrew, a former 1st Birchanger Cub & Scout, has been with the ATC for almost 3 years and is looking forward to his next engagement with the Society at the House of Lords later this year.



Pictured (l to r) Chairman Alan Warman, Andrew and vice Chairman Roger Wiltshire

Dave Dartnell

Ballet Success

The summer term at the "Mitchell School of Dance" ended with celebrations for all examination pupils. The children will be progressing onto new work after the summer break.

One lucky pupil, Clare Agnew, received confirmation that she has been accepted for a third year as a Cecchetti Senior Associate at the London Arts Educational School. Clare has been attending on Saturdays for the past 2 years where together with other talented dancers, she has been learning a wide range of dance styles including Modern , Jazz, Character and Tap dancing while developing her Ballet skills further.

The Autumn term begins at St Mary's Church Hall Birchanger and St John's Hall Stansted on 11th, 12th, & 13th September when pupils will begin rehearsing for their Choreographic Competition and dance examinations later in the term.

Bikes and Horses

The holidays are here and the bikes are out once more. Already there has been a nasty incident on the bridleway by Digby wood. A motorbike came up behind two horses and scared them. One reared up and jumped around in fright. Fortunately the rider managed to stay on board.

Is it going to take a spinal injury or fatality to make parents explain the dangers to their bike riding children. It is illegal to ride motorised vehicles on bridleways and footpaths.

Bikers on the roads are very thoughtful and always slow down or stop when they encounter horses.

If your children insist on riding their bikes illegally on the village footpaths and bridle ways please at least teach them to keep well away from horses or step down until they have passed safely by.

Jean Williams

COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Ray Gooding

We hear recently of the news of a brutal bombing of a bus in Sri Lanka where sixty people have been killed and many more injured and this has been followed by the Government forces carrying out air strikes on areas in the north of the country held by Tamil separatist rebels. It seems clear that the tit for tat violence is set to bring this beautiful country once again to the brink of civil war. Who knows where the truth in all the claim and counter claim lies, the LTTE (Tamil Tigers) have denied involvement in the bus bombing, and how will the government gain by bombing innocent people living in the extremely deprived conditions which prevail in the north of the country? Whatever the answer it is self evident that the recent events can only serve to push further towards the end of the fragile cease fire between the Sinhalese Government and the Tamil separatists, who want home rule for the North East of the Country. That is a travesty for a country which has already suffered more than twenty years of brutal civil war followed by the huge loss of life in the Tsunami of December 2004.

I have followed this with great interest because, as readers may recall an article which appeared in the village magazine several years ago detailed the visits which Cathy and I had to Sri Lanka in 2002 and 2003 as part of a team carrying out Cataract Operations in this war torn region.

You may ask what all this has to do with Essex County Council and the answer is a very great deal. Following the Tsunami in early 2005 the UK Local Government Alliance for International Development established 8 partnership programmes linking local authorities in the UK with badly affected areas in Sri Lanka and Essex County Council were linked with Mullaitivu District.

Mullaitivu is a remote rural district in the north east of Sri Lanka and has a population of 148,000 people. On 26th December 2004 when the tsunami struck nearly 3000 were killed, 2600 were seriously injured and 22,000 people were made homeless and it is in these areas where Essex County Council are using their expertise to help rebuild the society in the most devastated areas. Several trips have been made which have identified that the following assistance is required:-

- Master Planing and Town Planning
- Restoration of Livelihoods
- Skills development
- Housing
- Water Supply and Sanitation
- Developing Local Administration
- Environmental Clean Up.

After his visit Lord Hanningfield said, "Mullaitivu is a terribly deprived area where many people are living in pathetic camps with little food and no proper sanitation", "if we don't do something, thousands of people will remain in camps for the rest of their lives".

Essex have been pushing forward with the rehabilitation programmes which are so evidently necessary but as a result of the renewed hostilities much of the current work is being curtailed. We must hope that peace returns very quickly in order that the much needed assistance can continue to be provided.

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Fete Page

Congratulations and a Big Thank You.

The fete at the Three Willows last month was an outstanding success, and a tribute to Paul, Paula, Dave and the team who worked into the small hours to make it all happen. Over £1600 was raised by the individual stall holders for their particular charities, and for the village projects throughout Birchanger.

Months of planning go into running a successful fete. This one was both successful and fun for people of all ages. Thank you all very much.

A sum of over £1600 is now available for parish projects. There have been suggestions that the area under the some of the play equipment should be safety surfaced in the same way as the area round the roundabout has been done, which is to ROSPA standards. Have you any suggestions? If so I would like to hear from you on 812793.

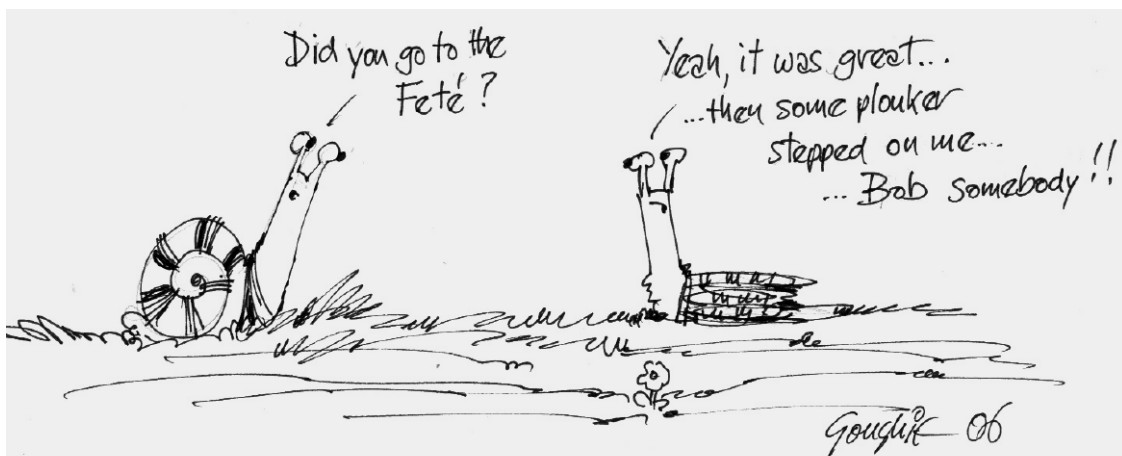
As the "Aunt Sally stall was the only one not mentioned in the last issue. I'd like to say that we raised £104 which is a record for us. Thank you to all who took part. We attribute the extra popularity to the opportunity villagers were given to hit "Ronaldo". He had a central position on the stand and caught the imagination of the male punters in particular who pelted him with gusto! One man even kept hitting him with balls even after he'd been toppled on the ground. Shame on him!

Jean Williams

Thank you to everyone who donated Bric a Brac for my stall at the fete it raised £40 for village funds. I went to a boot fair at North Weald on August 5th to try to sell the stock that was left over and raised another £40. The unsold items remaining were donated to a charity shop. I would also like to say a big thank you to Paula for her help and organisation.

Sue Gilbey

The Scouts rifle have also reported takings of £204 from their rifle range!



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