

NEWSLETTER

Saturday 19th August 2006

10.30 am-5.00 pm 'Chiddingly School 1906-2006—an Exhibition' at Chiddingly School

7.00 pm Barn Dance & Hog Roast at Chiddingly Village Hall

Sunday 20th August 2006

10.30 am-4.00 pm 'Chiddingly School 1906-2006—an Exhibition' at Chiddingly School

Grand Draw at 3.00 pm

BARN DANCE & HOG ROAST

Saturday 19th August
2006

Chiddingly Village Hall
at 7.00 pm

Admission
by ticket only
£7.50

Tickets available from
COPS, c/o 2 Station
Cottages, Berwick,
Polegate, BN26 6SZ

Photos and memories are still needed Ex-pupils have been very generous in sharing their photos and memories for this exhibition. The earliest photo is from 1907 and they go up to 1989. So where are the more recent pictures? There is still time to turn out those photos and send in those memories and hopefully we can put together a collection that will represent the school through all of the 100 years.

CENTENARY RAFFLE

Tickets—20p each £1 per book

We are grateful to the many people who have donated prizes.

These prizes include: £100; Golf lesson with Jason Partridge at Piltdown; Wine and Champagne in celebration packs; Afternoon tea for 2 at Horsted Place; Entry tickets for top Sussex Attractions; Book 'The Home of the Surrealists'; Beauty treatment voucher; Wyevalles voucher; Hairdryer; Tickets to Hever Castle; Porcelain Doll and more. We will still be accepting prizes until Sunday 20th August so don't feel that you have left it too late!

If you would like to buy (or sell) any tickets!
Contact Claire or Pauline.

Exhibition in the School

Free Admission

This will be an exhibition of photos and some craft work with a chance to look around the school and experience a bit of nostalgia.

Light refreshments in the form of tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes will be served all day on both Saturday and Sunday. It is difficult to predict when most people will turn up but the afternoons will probably be most popular. Why not contact your old classmates and agree with them a time to meet; or come along and have a quiet look round on your own. Feel free to come and go as you please.

If the weather is fine there will be plenty of space to sit outside and you could bring a picnic and stay all day. Please remember not to leave any rubbish!

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Message board

<http://groups.msn.com/ChiddinglyPrimarySchool>

If you would like to make a donation please make your cheques payable to Chiddingly Old Pupils Society or COPS

CENTENARY MUGS

The children at the school were asked to draw a design for a celebration mug. There were some wonderful pictures with some really good ideas and it was a very difficult decision to make. In the end after consulting with an assortment of 'judges' we have decided on a design that is a composite of bits from 2 or 3 of the drawings.



The mugs will be on sale at the Exhibition. If you would like to order one in advance let me know.

HELP!

We need people to:

- serve teas and cakes
- wash up
- make cakes, biscuits, scones
- steward the exhibition
- sell raffle tickets and mugs

If you are willing to help us for an hour (or more) please get in touch so that we can work out a rota.

Contact Sue Partridge (Catering) or Pauline Kennard (Exhibition, Raffle & Mugs)

Fund raising and donations

Since the last newsletter we have received several donations including £100 from the Parish Council. We had another coffee morning in March which raised nearly £200. We are very grateful to everyone who has been so generous as this will help towards all the printing and other costs for the exhibition.

We still are having a problem funding the cost of the mugs as we need to pay for them before we are able to sell them. If you are able to help with a cheap loan for a couple of months please contact me and we can discuss the details.

Memories

Bill Barton (1931-1939) remembers

I used to love playing sports. We had a school sports day every year. The school's sports field became infested with mole hills. My father taught me to catch them and dry the skins. Collect so many and you could send them away for a little extra money. The other event I remember well, that the whole school used to enjoy, was the sports day given by Mr Hayden-Morris at Nash Street, everybody leaving with sweets and fruit. (Bill also has a story about Miss Wicken's whistle but I'm going to keep that one for the exhibition.)

Den Funnell (1934-1942) remembers

Watching the Battle of Britain from the school playground and spending half the day in the village hall and half the day in the school. He also spent time digging gardens in the village.

Helen Major (1977-1983) remembers

Watching the Mary Rose being raised. We missed lessons that morning to watch the TV in the hall and see the raising of a lump of wood! (Learnt lots about Henry VIII though).

Wilfred White (1920-1929) remembers

A trip to Wembly to the Shredded Wheat Factory by hired coach. He made a stool, which is still around, and a chicken coup and ark.

Pauline Milham (1951-) remembers

Going to the Hailsham Pavilion to watch the Queens coronation. I also remember smells including powder paints, inkwells, new exercise books, wet coats in the lobby, the toilets across the playground, the school dinners (which always smelt of cabbage) I loved the nature table with jam jars and paste pots stuffed with wild flowers and sticky buds. Do the house martins still build their nests under the eaves? We had to be careful when we did handstands against the wall. I loved most of the lessons. particularly maths, though I hated reciting the times tables. I just couldn't grasp the 9 times table, so Mrs Siggs made me stay in one dinner hour until I learnt it, and to this day it is the one I remember most. Mrs Siggs instilled in me a love of reading. It was so exciting when a new batch of library books were delivered to the school.

Corin Hardy (1979-1986) remembers

Mr Davidson's science / taste bud test involving eating crisps (this was great at the time since crisps were a rarity!) Mainly I remember the playground, playing mini-villages at the top. Also being captain of the school football team; playing and winning against East Hoathly!

Robert Willard (1952-) remembers

Mr Sturdy hanging his washing to dry on the radiators and being paid 2/6 for every mole I caught.

Kathleen Turley (1927-1935) remembers

Lining the road at Golden Cross to wave to Queen Mary & King George V en route to Eastbourne. We waited ages and they were gone in a flash although I plainly saw them waving. There were mottos on the wall up high: 'Measure twice, cut once' and 'Manners maketh man (Bacon) and another?'

