

Message from the Chair

A big "thank you" to Robert for all he has done for CHEER in his role as Interim Chair. The good news is that he continues to be our Treasurer.

I'm excited to have been appointed to be the new

Chair and look forward to helping CHEER in its next stage of development.

We are in a strong position financially with the help of the Mayor's Charity and Elmbridge Borough Council. We are also grateful to

Walsingham Care for their grant to fund our Pie and Pint events and tea parties for the next 3 years. Mark and Charlotte are now joined by Julie and with our Volunteers and Trustees we are looking to the future.

Our Volunteers deserve a special mention: they make our achievements possible and they are priceless! CHEER is proud of the work it does to change lives for the better.

Janis Fletcher, Chair

Funding from Mayor's Charity

In previous editions of this Newsletter we have mentioned how CHEER was chosen as one of the Elmbridge Mayor's Charities for 2016/2017.

This special recognition has allowed the profile of CHEER to be raised throughout the borough and raise funds through mayoral events.

Total funds raised exceeded £30k and these have been shared between CHEER and Elmbridge Community Link, the other Mayor's charity. These funds will provide much appreciated financial assistance which will allow CHEER to continue and expand its reach in the borough.

The funds were formally received in a ceremony on

21st June in the Esher Civic Centre.

Once again we offer our thanks to Tannia Shipley for her support.



CHEER Trustees and General Manager with former Elmbridge Mayor Tannia Shipley with the cheque for money raised as one of the Mayor's Charities

New Chair for CHEER

In our previous Newsletter Robert Fulton, CHEER's interim Chairman, announced that a search for a full time replacement would begin imminently.

We are pleased to announce that Janis Fletcher has agreed to take on the chair.

Janis has been a long standing volunteer and became a Trustee last year.

She was appointed to the chair at the AGM on 14th June 2017.

Staff News

In our last newsletter we reported our intention to strengthen the core team with an administrator.

We are delighted to announce that Julie Crook joined us in May to fill that role and help with organising our befriending service and events. Prior to this, Julie worked for Carer Support Elmbridge and had a career in HR for various organisations. Welcome Julie!

Scam Awareness

It has recently come to our attention that several of our clients have been victims of scams from unwelcome traders.

CHEER recently attended a seminar on scam awareness

The main types of scams are postal, telephone, doorstep and online. Postal scams include fake lottery or prize draws, catalogue scams, clairvoyant and inheritance scams and doorstep scams which include bogus callers and doorstep calls. Advice from the Police includes:

- Never disclose security

details

- Don't assume everyone is genuine
- Don't be rushed
- Listen to your instincts
- Stay in control

If you become aware you are being defrauded whilst it is happening or if you think someone is at risk

please call Surrey Police on **101** or **01483 571212**.

CHEER has stocked up on Trading Standards leaflets and sticker packs. If you would like one of these, please contact the office or call Trading Standards on **03454 04 05 06**



Concern and Help for East Elmbridge Retired

Summer 2017

Events News

In an attempt to widen the appeal of CHEER we have replaced our housing association events with area events with a broader scope.

In addition to befrienders, their friends, events-only friends, and guests from sheltered housing we will also be inviting guests and referrals from the local community.

Tea Parties will now be based around the following

locations:

- 1.Cobham and Oxshott
- 2.Esher and Claygate
- 3.Thames Ditton and Hinchley Wood
- 4.Molesey.

Wed 31st May saw our first extended Tea Party which took place in St Christopher's Church Hall. It was a great success with around 40 attendees from the local area. The theme of the tea party was the 1940s and we were entertained by Elaine

Hallam who sang songs of the period, with guests joining in the singing. Thanks go to the Church Volunteers who provided some delicious savouries and cakes.



The CHEER stand at the Ditton Fair on Giggs Hill Green, manned by Mark Michelmore and volunteers

Friends of CHEER – Brian Barlow

In addition to befrienders and their friends, CHEER has a number of events-only friends.

Brian Barlow has been attending CHEER events since November 2009 when CHEER helped him with his application for attendance allowance.

Brian was born in Fleet in 1928, attended school in Farnham and Shoreham and eventually settled down in Wendover, Bucks. His career extended from farming, stencil making, to working in road signals and parking meters.

His wife passed away in 2006 and Brian moved to Hinchley Wood to be closer to his son. He also has a daughter and three grandchildren.

Brian is the Chairman of the Amersham and District Motorbus Society and regularly travels to events, by bus and train naturally! He also volunteers for Brooklands museum once a week and enjoys an annual trip to Llandudno where he makes plenty of use of local buses to explore the region.

Equipped with an iPad, he enjoys watching YouTube videos of historic buses and steam engines.

Last year he had to quit driving at the age of 88, but that has not stopped his busy schedule including attending CHEER events.



CHEER Diary

Thursday 10 th August	12:00 – 14:00	Pie and Pint, Marquis of Granby, Esher
Thursday 24 th August	14:30 – 16:00	Molesey Tea Party, venue TBA
Saturday 9 th September	All day	Cobham Heritage Day, Church Street, Cobham
Thursday 21 st September	11:00 – 15:00	Volunteer Lunch and Training Day, venue TBA
Wednesday 4 th October	12:00 – 14:00	Pie and Pint, Marquis of Granby, Esher
Thursday 26 th October	14:30 – 16:00	Cobham Tea Party, venue TBA
Friday 17 th November	12:00 – 14:00	Winter Warmer Lunch, venue TBA