COLWALL VILLAGE SOCIETY

Newsletter   **April 2000**

Annual General Meeting

The third Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held on **Monday 17 April** at **7.30 pm** in **Colwall Village Hall**.

Proposed Agenda

1   Apologies for absence
2   Minutes of the 2nd Annual General Meeting held on 26th April 1999
3   Matters arising from the minutes
4   Chairman's Report
5   Treasurer's Report and presentation of accounts for the year ending 31st March 2000
6   Election of Officers
7   Election of two Committee members
8   Appointment of Auditor

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda should inform the Secretary no later than 3 April 2000. The annual accounts will be available at the AGM. If, as a member, you are not attending but would like a copy, please contact the Treasurer (Derek Turner, ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮).

The present Officers and Committee Members are listed below. All retire at the AGM, and all are eligible for re-election. Nominations for Officers and Committee members should reach the Secretary (with the names of proposer and seconder and the agreement of the nominee) by the 3rd April 2000.

Chairman	Susan Bond
Vice-Chairman	David Ward
Secretary	Ailene Hickman (co-opted)
Treasurer	Derek Turner
Membership Secretary	Joyce Ingledew
Committee Members	Michael Burke
	Nicky Carless

Ailene Hickman, Secretary, ▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮▮

After the formal agenda the winner of the Colwall Village Quiz Sheet will be announced and we shall be further enlightened by talks from members Nick Neve, Tom Marsh and Tony Sear on their findings in researching the history of the Racecourse, the Purlieu and Colwall Golf Club.

Refreshments will be served, giving an opportunity to look at displays of Society projects including the answers to the Quiz Sheet and the results of the hedgerow survey, and to renew your membership (the subscription remains at £5 per person).

Don't forget …

Village Spring Clean - Saturday 15 April - Meet outside the Park Hotel at 9.30 am. Bring stout gloves and a litter picker if you have one. Surprisingly enjoyable.

New - Bird Survey Group   **Derek Turner**

As a result of our last General Meeting, at which we heard a most interesting talk from Harry Green on the birds in our neighbourhood, it was agreed to test whether or not we should start our own village bird survey group. Somewhat tentatively we organised a meeting for an unknown number to come and discuss the matter. To our considerable surprise we were delighted to find 34 people in attendance and I can now report that the numbers interested have swelled to over 50, covering, at present, 37 households the length and breadth of the parish.

We have decided to start by recording, on a monthly basis, the breeds of birds that visit our individual gardens, and to record all instances of bird and other nature activities in or near our gardens so that we can swap those experiences at our next meeting on 19th September. All members have been asked to fill in a simple questionnaire so that when we summarise the survey findings we know in what environment they were recorded, namely type of garden and surroundings.

In the small starter pack there is also a quiz, the answers to which are all names of birds, which is to be returned to me with a £1 coin, which will be used to provide a small prize to the winner and to offset the costs of setting up the group. At our September meeting we will decide how to progress the group over the ensuing year.

Anybody who is interested in the lovely variety of birds that live in or visit our village but has not yet registered their interest will they please contact me, Derek Turner .

Colwall 2000 Domesday Project   Graham Cowan

We are having some interesting times and fun on the Colwall 2000 Domesday project. In all we received between 200 and 300 photos which we have just finished entering into the computer. The entries are being filed under either the family name or house address and in some cases both. Some of you sent us photos taken from within the Parish which are of historical interest or of scenic value; in these instances they are filed under location and date taken together with the name of the photographer. As you will appreciate there are several events / locations which have attracted numerous entries such as the Old Vinegar Factory, Lockyear's site for example and we are pleased to say that we have entered them all in the database as /1../2../3..etc. We have also been given access to the Library's reference book of old postcards for the database.

In addition we have been taking pictures with a digital camera of houses and street scenes from the public by-ways. This in itself has caused a little bit of bother in a couple of instances particularly when the Postie empting the Mail Box thought I was planning a robbery – thanks to Mrs Knight – all was well. It is quick and easy to walk along the roads clicking to the right and clicking to the left and take a hundred pictures, down load them into the computer where they are just a non-descript number – but then comes the hard part naming them in a logical way. We have taken the Electoral Register showing nearly all the addresses in the Parish and we use this as the file reference for each Picture. This is a long and tedious task which we have only just begun – hopefully our memories will serve us well. The digital camera was also put to use to record The Ladies Club Christmas Lunch in the Village Hall and the Open Evening at the Library last autumn.

We still welcome more photographs and anecdotes from the people of the Village to form a record of our time for our descendants. We hope to be able to give a demonstration of the system in the near future either in the Library, or at the Fun Day in May, or at an evening event in the Village Hall.