

CHRISHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2024



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WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

Regular Meetings:

Parish Council: Dates of these meetings will be announced on Village noticeboards and on the website www.chrishallpc.org.uk.

See page 12.

Carpet Bowls: 2nd Wednesday monthly - Village Hall
7:30pm to 9:30pm Contact: Mike Dearman on 838027.

Chrishall WI: 3rd Wednesday monthly - Village Hall
7:30pm to 9:30pm see page 15.

Catch-up Café: 1st Monday monthly - Village Hall
10:30am to 12:00 noon see page 4.

Society of Chrishall Artists: Last Thursday monthly - Village Hall
7:30pm to 9:30pm Contact: Helen Melville-Smith on 838930.

Village Lunch Club: 4th Thursday monthly
12:45pm for 1:00pm
Pre-booked menu choices to Helen Melville-Smith on 838930.

Chanting Stork Yoga Classes: Village Hall
Tuesday 11:00am & 7:30pm, Friday 9:30am, Saturday 9:00am & 10:15am
Contact: Becky@chantingstork.com

Chloe Jenkin Pilates: Tru-2-pilates Mondays – Village Hall
9:30am and 10:35am
Contact Chloe through her website www.chloejenkinpilates.com

Zumba: Tuesday - Village Hall
7:15pm to 8:00pm Carly Livings zumbawithcarly.l@gmail.com

The Village Community Choir: Thursday – Village Hall
7:00pm kmcdunnough@hotmail.com

Lingualounge:
Contact: Sarah on 07775 640794.

Mogo Fitness: – Village Hall
Group fitness & circuits (all levels) Jane on 07891 904072
Mondays 6:00pm jane@mogo.fitness
Tuesdays 9:30am

USEFUL INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairman	Jane Holloway	838621
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Church Office	Andrea Quigley	837272
		iwp.parishoffice@gmail.com
Open Door Catch-up Café	Jenny Rodda	838386
WI	Jane Gravett	838018
History websites	Fred Davies	www.chrshallessex.co.uk
		www.recordinguttlesfordhistory.org.uk
Milk delivery	Plumb's Dairy, Linton	01223 893033
Saffron Walden Police (non-emergency/crime incident)		101
Medical assistance (when medical help is needed fast)		111
Royston & District Community Transport		01763 245228
Uttlesford Community Travel (Book-a-Ride)		01371 875787
Newspaper deliveries -	https://www.newsteamgroup.co.uk	01782 358998

EDITORIAL

We trust that you enjoy reading this edition of the Village Newsletter. We are very keen to include items from villagers – in the form of poems, articles, art etc so please send us contributions for the Winter edition, the deadline date for which is: **14th November 2024** Email villagenews@chrishallpc.uk

Many thanks, as always, to all our contributors.

Jane and Philip Gravett

Cover Photo Marbled White butterflies

CATCH-UP CAFÉ VILLAGE HALL

The Catch Up Café reopened after the summer break on Monday 2nd September. From then onwards it will be on every first Monday of the month from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon in the Village Hall.

As usual there will be a lovely selection of cakes and savouries to enjoy and plenty on offer to take away. We serve freshly brewed tea and coffee along with herb teas and soft drinks.

This is a great opportunity to meet up with friends and to get to know new people.

All items on sale are donated by our volunteers and although we give a rough guide, we don't have set prices for what we provide. We just ask that you make a donation to help us cover costs and any surplus will then be added to the contribution we send to the Saffron Walden Foodbank.

We look forward to seeing our old friends and new in the coming months.

Jenny Rodda



Christmas Craft Fair

Chrishall Village Hall

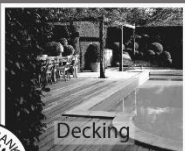
Sunday 24th November 2-5pm

Over 20 stalls,mulled wine,tea & coffee

Free entry



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WILLIAM WALTER BRAND TRUST

Helping those who live within the Chrishall Parish Boundary

The William Walter Brand Trust was set up in 1994 and since then has been giving grants of money, from its income, to parishioners who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress.

For the financial year ending March 2014 we gave out grants of £25,300 which was greater than our income of £21,300. The main overspend was because we gave a much needed £200 Cost of Living Allowance in addition to the £200 Heating Allowance. Over all we gave out 46 grants.

Grants would normally be given where household annual income is less than £25,000 but any application will be considered on its merits.

As inflation is back to its normal level the Cost of Living Allowance has been cancelled but the Heating Allowance has been increased to £300 per household. If you received this grant last year then you should have already have had a letter advising you. If you haven't then please contact one of the Trustees below.

It is recognised that some households are facing difficulties so if you feel that you need help, please don't hesitate to contact any of the Trustees in complete confidence. These are some examples we can help with:- secondary school uniform grant of £400, further or higher education of up to £1000, educational needs such as computer/laptop/transport, disability stairlift etc. Please ask and the Trustees will do their best.

We understand that some people might be reluctant to come forward for help but its important that we include everyone who can benefit from the Trust.

If you know of anyone that needs help, or you need help yourself, then please don't hesitate to get in contact with any of the Trustees. All information will be treated in complete confidence.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Trustees:-

Simon Bishop	Banyards, Crawley End	(837087)
Jane Gravett	Ellerslie, Crawley End	(838018)
Sue Pegram	33 High Street	(838185)
Bill Rodda	Mullion Cottage, Church Road	(838386)

CHRISHALL VILLAGE HALL



We are delighted that Ashley Rumbold has taken up the role of Property Manager and he has also joined the village hall committee.

Ashley has been busy in recent months, amongst other things overseeing an upgrade in the South Hall lighting and getting the emergency lighting recertified.

During the autumn some residual damp work will be undertaken which we are not expecting to cause much if any disruption to people booking the hall. As always we will communicate any work that may cause inconvenience to hirers directly with those concerned.

Bookings

The current hire rates are set out below. Photographs and details of the facilities and other information can be found on our website:

chrishallvillagehall.co.uk

A discount of 10% is applicable where both halls are hired in the same booking.

The capacity of the halls are 80 people in the Chapel Hall and 50 in the South Hall.

To book, visit chrishallvillagehall.co.uk/bookings

Length of booking	Chrishall Residents	Non-residents
Half day up to 6pm / children's parties	£40	£45
Day up to 6pm	£65	£75
Full day – 9am to 10.30pm / 11.30pm	£115	£120
Evening events after 6pm	£70	£80
Meetings (Max 2 hours)	£25	£30

Regular users	First hour £9 then £7.50 per hour
Tables and chairs hire	£25 or at discretion of Bookings Admin

Jane Osgathorp
Secretary
janeosgathorp@hotmail.com

CHRISHALL VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

The quarterly draw of the 100 club took place on Sunday 28 July 2024 drawn by Zoe Parslow.



1st prize	£120 won by C Wootton
2nd prize	£60 won by J Gravett
3rd prize	£30 won by C Tregonning

The 100 club draw entrance fee is £36 which covers quarterly draws for one year. In order to make the 100 club worthwhile we still need more participants. We offer almost half of the subscription back in prize money with the remaining balance making a valuable contribution to maintaining the village halls.

Please join by contacting me, details below if you would like an application form.

The next draw will take place on Sunday 27 October 2024.

Helen Melville-Smith, Treasurer
telephone: 838930 or email: cvh100club@gmail.com

CHRISHALL ARCHIVE GROUP

Chrishall Archive Presents

From Alsonmans to Well Field

Stories Behind Chrishall Field Names

A Talk by Rosemarie Gant

Ever since I first saw a map of local field names, I've been hooked on finding their origins. Nine acres may be obvious, but Gilseys? What does that mean?

Follow me as I locate the fields and dig through the Archives to see if I can find the answers to:

was Thorns really covered in thorns?

who was the Honorable Thomas Brand?

and was there really a dead woman in Dead Woman's Acre??

Friday 11th October 2024
Chrishall Village Hall

Doors open 7pm. Talk at 8pm

Display and refreshments

Raffle

Tickets: £5

Details: www.chrshallessex.co.uk

Email: Tickets@chrshallessex.co.uk

Cash preferred / card payment available

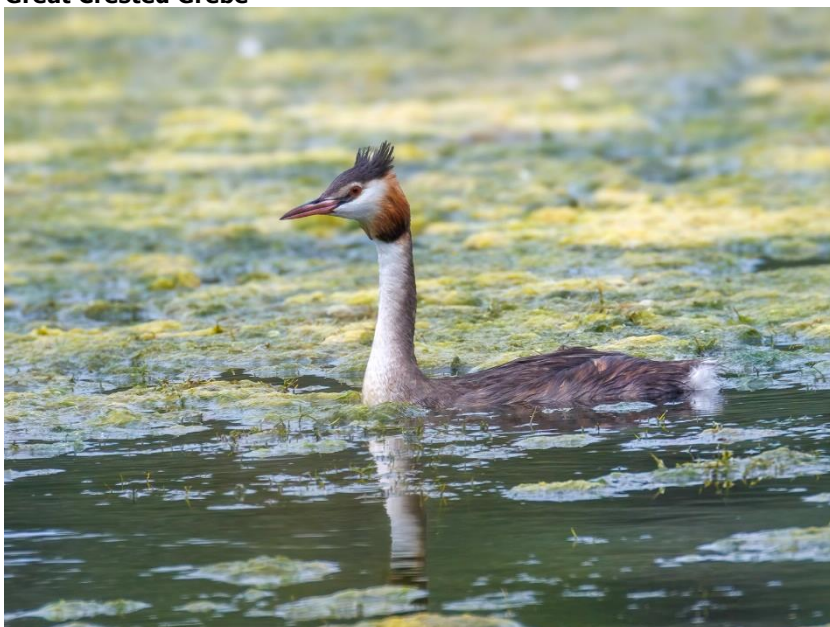


SUMMER WILDLIFE

Grey Heron



Great Crested Grebe



Marsh Harrier



Migrant Hawker



REPORT FROM CHRISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Chairman: Jane Holloway
Councillors: Gill Eaton, Simon Firth, Phil Gravett.

Uttlesford District Councillors: Richard Pavitt & Neil Gregory

Essex County Councillor: Paul Gadd

Correspondence:

All correspondence should be directed to the Clerk in the first instance.

Parish Council meetings for 2024:

In the Village Hall: Tuesday commencing 6pm unless otherwise advertised.
12th November.

Councillor Vacancies:

The Parish Council has three vacancies for new Councillors. The Parish Councillors are the elected representatives of the community. Please do consider making application.

Public Consultation Open for Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy

More than ever, wildlife and their habitats are under threat for survival. It's time for us to all play our part in assisting nature recovery in our county.

The Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS) provides a new vision for our natural spaces, and the draft strategy is open for public consultation for your input and feedback.

Introduced by the Environment Act in 2021, the strategy identifies opportunities for the creation of new habitats, which are most likely to provide the greatest benefit for nature and the wider environment.

It has been created with input from landowners, farmers, environmental NGOs, charities, local authorities and members of the public.

The draft LNRS outlines biodiversity priorities for nature recovery in the county as well as a series of proposed actions, known as potential measures, to achieve these.

Your participation is crucial for delivering a robust strategy which collectively we can use to work towards nature recovery, shaping a thriving natural environment for Essex.



To take part in the public consultation, please visit <https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/c-e/lhrs-public-consultation/> or scan the QR code opposite.

Highways and reporting:

Can you please ensure that when you encounter a highway fault such as a pothole or edge of road overrun, that it is reported directly to Essex County Council on its Highway Fault Reporting webpage.

Hedge cutting

Can landowners with hedges which front the public highway please ensure the hedges are cut.

Specific areas of concern are Palmers Lane, Bury Lane, Abrams Lane, Crawley End, and the public rights of way – Park Lane and Dark Lane and footpaths.

The Clerk has the contact for a hedging contractor if required.

Planning:

Residents are reminded that the Parish Council is a statutory consultee to planning applications.

Please note that the decision to approve or refuse an application is taken by Uttlesford District Council. Appeals are decided by the Planning Inspectorate.

Thank You!

Chrishall Parish Council would like to thank Paula and Steven Parish for their ongoing commitment to the Parish by leading working groups to tidy up around the ponds and generally across the Parish.

This is a wonderful example of villagers working for the good of everyone. If you want to help out, please contact the Clerk.

Dog fouling

This is a recurring issue which doesn't need to be!

Please pick up after your dog!

REPORT FROM CHRISHALL PARISH COUNCIL (continued)

GREEN WASTE SKIP SERVICE

THIS SERVICE WILL BE IN THE VILLAGE BETWEEN 10.30am AND 11.30am ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS: (ONCE EVERY FOUR WEEKS – ALTERNATE SITES)

28 th SEPTEMBER –	Red Cow
26 TH OCTOBER -	Pinkeney
23 rd NOVEMBER –	Red Cow

This service is restricted to Chrishall residents who pay for it through their Council Tax payments.

We are all proud of our environment and want to ensure that it is well maintained and looks good for everyone.

We therefore ask that if you are going to use this service, please only take your green waste to the appropriate site on the morning the service is coming to the village, and stay to assist the Uttlesford District Council workforce to remove your waste. Please take all bags home.

If the lorry does not arrive within the designated timeframe, please take your green waste back to your premises whilst the Parish Council establishes what the delay may be.

From Chrishall Parish Council.

Sign Up for your Local News from Chrishall Parish Council:

If you haven't already then please sign up by email for your local news from Chrishall Parish Council and for news of other events that might be of interest to village residents.

Go to <https://www.chrishallpc.org.uk/> where you will see the sign up box as displayed below:

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CHRISHALL WI NEWS

The WI "It's all Jam and Jerusalem" Are the comments that I've heard That really is quite untrue And simply quite absurd This sadly is what people think About the WI I assure you that is not the case You won't know until you try " I'm too young for WI " Is what somebody replied "Although I've never ever been I haven't even tried" We don't have talks on Broccoli Or someone's T towel collection But both fun and educational topics That can give you inspiration Some members have been gliding Some tried archery Clay pigeon and rifle shooting Or a day out to the sea	There are trips to the theatre Day schools and guided walks Quizzes, belly dancing Interesting talks The Calendar girls of Ripley Took their clothes off for charity So it's not all Jam and Jerusalem Come along and see The third Wednesday of the month Is when we have our meeting 7.30, Chrishall village hall You'll get a friendly greeting Come and make new friendships There's tea and cake too So to all you ladies out there Your WI needs you Clare Godfrey 
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If you are interested in joining us, please contact me –

Jane Gravett –

Tel: 01763 838018, E-mail jane@gravett.org.uk.



Chrishall WI are holding a Quiz Night on Saturday 12 October 2024 at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm in Chrishall Village Hall and look forward to welcoming teams to take part. Tickets will be £12 per person with refreshments of jacket potatoes and fillings with salad included. Bring your own drink. There will be a raffle.

For tickets please contact:

Chrishall – Jane 01763 838018
Elmdon – Mandy 01763 837215

Clare 01763 838691
Pat 01763 838566

CRAWLEY END - PEACOCK NEWS

What ho! Captain ('Flash') Feathers here.

I know, I operate under many aliases and am known by many names, but that is just the way of the international bird of mystery, you see. Sometimes I am here. Sometimes I am there. Sometimes I am there but you can't see me because you are looking here. An expert in disguise and camouflage, that's me.



Some of the more observant of you may have marked my arrival in Chrishall last year on hush hush, top secret business after my daring escape from that place I am not able to tell you about. All I will say is that contrary to scurrilous suggestion, I was not just looking for a henfriend and I resent the suggestion that I might have been running away from building works. My escape was epic. Totally epic. Oh yes. Take my word for it. Epic.

Of course, epic is very much part of my family history anyway. As a 'Pavo cristatus' my family started out on the Indian subcontinent, but was brought to this part of the world by an admirer. My old dad, the dear old cock, used to say that we have been living here since the fourteenth century, so although technically not indigenous to these islands, we are almost native. Some of us, such as myself, live wild by our wits and through our uncommon ability to make friends with people who share their food with us. I have been very well treated by the local population of Chrishall and they have looked out for me pretty well. Of course, I would rather be with my own kind; have a muster, or pride, or even an ostentation of peacocks to hang out with, but wanting for my own kind, you chaps serve me very well.

I am willing to let you observe me, so long as you are not of a loud or bark-y disposition and may even, just to impress the ladies, or terrify the fellows, flash my tail. Sadly my summer feathers may be drooping already. If I had my own muster, I would keep them all year, but as they are not needed, they are likely to drop out with the end of the - ahem - breeding season. Still, Even with a drooped tail, my colours are fine and there to be admired close up. Feel free. I am sociable, even though I do like to keep a low profile. I rarely keep regular hours or stick to a timetable of visits around my patch, but if you see me and are polite, I will eat right out of your hand.

You may even take photographs. Indeed, if you are particularly proud of any image you capture of me, then send it to this village magazine, so your friends can admire your skill and my style. No prizes, you understand - just the honour of sharing your work and advertising your friendship with me.

I will write again, adding my opinions to this most august publication as subjects occur to me. If you have any questions, or would like to arrange meetings with friendly fowl, please drop a line to to me here.

Toodle-pip, The Captain

NEWS FROM THE GARDENS OF EASTON LODGE

News for October 2024

This is our last month of the open season at the Gardens and after the disastrous snowdrop season, it has turned into a decent year!

In October our volunteers will be continuing with deadheading and weeding to ensure that the Gardens are still looking lovely for visitors. The Italian Garden and walled kitchen garden retain their colour right through to the end of the season, from their roses and dahlias, with some seed heads, sedum and Michaelmas daisies adding an autumn vibe. And both areas can be beautifully warm, as they keep out the wind. Who knows when the autumn leaf show will start this year on the acers, red and scarlet oaks, ornamental cherries and Persian ironwood, but it can be anytime from mid-October onwards.



Visitors will be encouraged to walk to the bottom of the Glade, where some of the prettiest acers are, and where volunteers will be working to extend the Japanese style garden. There will be pumpkins and squashes for sale, as well as our chilli crop and jams and jellies.

The Gardens will be open every Thursday, from 11.00 to 3.00. The last Sunday Open Day of the year is on Sunday 13 October, from 11.00am to 5.00pm, and there will be Halloween activities and Bishops Stortford Ukelele Society will get visitors singing along to popular classics.

For more information about our opening hours and discounted advance tickets for the Sunday Open Day go to www.eastonlodge.co.uk/whats-on

Jill Goldsmith

September 2024

THE HUNDRED PARISHES SOCIETY

www.hundredparishes.org.uk

Many of the walks on our website provide opportunities to pause and enjoy a panoramic view from a vantage point.

The layout of roads, settlements, woods and fields is a visual record of many centuries of human activity.

Checking with an Ordnance Survey map, it is possible to pinpoint significant landmarks and features such as hedged field boundaries.

From the 16th century, assorted records of land ownership have survived, but the most complete set of records was gathered by surveyors for the mid-19th century Tithe Awards, a forerunner of today's rating assessments for council tax and business rates.

Prepared between 1837 and the 1850's, these documents were the result of painstaking work by surveyors whose task was to map and list the details of land ownership, occupiers, size of plot and land use.

Buildings, gardens and names of fields were recorded. Subsequent research by local historians has revealed that some field names can be traced back centuries, an indication of the close association of communities with the land that provided their food and opportunities for employment.

Field names are varied, some give just the size in acres while others mention specific persons such as Old Harry's Field. Some are more descriptive such as Hop Ground, Twelve Acre Pasture, Thistley Field, The Rookery, Mill Hill Field, Further Pasture, Ozier Ground and Crab Tree Field.

Comparing these old parish maps with recent maps highlights the significant loss of hedgerows with the creation of much larger fields to allow agricultural machines to work the land.

For anyone interested in local history, the details within these tithe awards may be a useful resource – they are held by the Public Record Office for 80% of the Hundred Parishes' parishes. For further information please see

<https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides/tithes/>

Tricia Moxey, Trustee

1 – Barley



2 – Hormead



3 – Manuden



4 – Saffron Walden



5 – Standon



6 – Strethall



Taking action for nature recovery, today, together

– a new vision for our natural spaces

We can all benefit from a bigger, better and more connected approach to nature recovery.

The Essex Local Nature Recovery Strategy has been drafted for public consultation and includes mapping of nature recovery opportunities, biodiversity priorities and key actions.

Everyone's voice matters

Scan the QR code to take part and provide your feedback and input.



Your views can help shape how we protect our county's natural landscapes and habitats for future generations.



The draft strategy is also available to view in libraries across the county: Basildon, Braintree, Brentwood, Canvey Island, Chelmsford, Clacton-on-Sea, Epping, Grays, Harlow, Maldon, Prettygate (Colchester), Rochford, Saffron Walden and Southend-on-Sea (The Forum).

For more information visit:

www.essexnaturepartnership.co.uk



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