

CHRISHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Autumn 2023



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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 chrishallpc.org.uk.

See page 16.

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 18.

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 - The Red Cow
12:45pm for 1:00pm
Pre-booked menu choices to Helen Melville-Smith on 838930.

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

Pilates: Tru-2-pilates Mondays – Village Hall
9:30am and 10:30am Chloe on 849113 or chloe.romans@gmail.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. See the advert on Page 19.

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

USEFUL INFORMATION

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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've had mixed weather this summer, but just as we are finishing this newsletter, it looks like we are heading for Indian Summer days just as the children are due to return to school for the Autumn term.

We hope 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 2023** Email villagenews@chrishallpc.uk

Many thanks, as always, to all our contributors.

Jane and Philip Gravett

Front Cover – Hobby preying on dragonfly – Fowlmere RSPB Reserve.

CATCH-UP CAFÉ VILLAGE HALL

The Open Door Catch Up Café opened after the summer break on Monday 4th September. The next Café will be on 2nd October and from then on every first Monday of the month, 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 on 2nd October and from then on every first Monday of the month.

Jenny Rodda

CHRISHALL LIFELINE SCHEME

Do you live on your own, or feel vulnerable in case you have a fall or feel unwell, and have no one on hand to call? Why not apply for a Lifeline, a helping hand when needed in an emergency.

This scheme is run by **NHS CareCall 247** and is subsidised by the **William Walter Brand Trust**. The cost is £20 per year payable around April. This service could ease your worries and could even save your life.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact in confidence:
Carol Wootton, Mistletoe Cottage, 1 The Green, Chrishall 838400

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

Chrishall Village Hall – Sunday 26th November 2023 - 2:00pm to 5:00pm

Chrishall Village Market are holding their annual Christmas Craft Fair. Expect to see stalls selling among other things woodwork, sewing, felting, ironwork, jewellery, cards, paintings, glass and Christmas flowers.

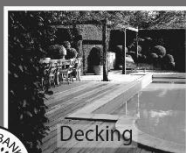
There will be mulled wine and other refreshments available.

We raise money to donate to Chrishall Cricket Club and the Village Hall

If anyone wishes to hire a stall then contact Lucas Ling – 07545 233939 or email darklaneforge@hotmail.co.uk .



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WILLIAM WALTER BRAND TRUST

Helping those who live within the Chrishall Parish Boundary

How fortunate we are as a village to have the Brand Trust. In the year up to the end of March we awarded grants of over £23,000 to 50 applicants. We are currently spending more than our income but we feel this is appropriate for the foreseeable future.

For a number of years we have had a household annual income limit guidance of £20,000 but, as inflation has had a significant impact we have now increased this to £25,000 per household.

This year we are again offering a combined grant of £400 towards the cost of heating and the cost of living. Those applicants that received this grant last year should already have had a letter for this year. Any other households that would like to apply for this grant please contact any of the Trustees below for an application form.

We are conscious that less well-off households will be facing difficult times in the next year or two, so we are being less generous for other applications. We are sorry for this, but we are sure any household affected will appreciate that the Brand Trust's main purpose is to help the more needy people. We are still offering non income related applications for the Secondary School Uniform Grant of £200, for pupils starting state secondary school, and a Grant for Further or Higher Education for up to £1000. If you need an application form then again please contact one of the Trustees.

Whilst we are being careful, we are mindful that there are families struggling financially, so if you think we could help please contact one of the Trustees, in confidence.

Bill Rodda – Trustee

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)

Tax credits, which are managed by HMRC, are coming to an end. These will be replaced by Universal Credit.

Universal Credit is one monthly payment for people in work, looking for work, or unable to work. It brings together six older benefits and must be claimed through the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP).

You won't be moved automatically. Look out for a letter called a Universal Credit Migration Notice from DWP.

DO claim Universal Credit by the deadline you are given otherwise your benefits will stop and you could be worse off. If you live with a partner you will have to make a joint claim.

DO NOT make a claim for Universal Credit before you receive your written notice, otherwise you will not get protected entitlement and could be worse off.

Please contact us for advice if you have concerns about this change or need help to make your claim.



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CHRISHALL VILLAGE HALL



New trustees

We have an upcoming vacancy on the Village Hall Committee and would welcome anyone who may be interested in joining us to get in touch. We are a friendly group who are committed to maintaining this well used village amenity.

Bookings

The current hire rates are below and you can find photos of facilities and details of regular classes and activities at chrishallvillagehall.co.uk

A £20 deposit is payable for all bookings (non-resident £50), which is returnable after the hire period if the Standard Conditions of Hire have been complied with fully.

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

To book, visit chrishallvillagehall.co.uk/bookings

Length of booking	Chrishall Residents	Non-residents
Half day up to 6pm / children's parties	£35	£40
Day up to 6pm	£60	£70
Full day – 9am to 10.30pm / 11.30pm	£110	£110
Evening events after 6pm	£65	£75
Meetings (Max 2 hrs)	£20	£25

Regular users	First hour £8.50 then £7 per hour
Tables and chairs hire	£25 or at discretion of Bookings Admin

Jane Osgathorp
Secretary
janeosgathorp@hotmail.com



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If you enjoy music... and would like to learn to play an instrument, to play alongside others, or to sing in a choir, you'll be **hugely** welcome to come and join in the delights of "**Duxford Workshop**" - which is held at Duxford village school on Saturday mornings during term-time

Registration for the 2023-24 Workshop year is on Saturday, September 9th, 10.00 – 11.30am – so, if you love music, do come along to see what 'Workshop' can offer you.

Workshop holds group tuition sessions, where adults and children from 'Year Five' onwards can learn to play an instrument. There is also a junior music and drama group for children from Year 1 upwards, as well as classes for adult beginners and ensembles for 'improvers' and for competent players.

Our members include adults who have always wanted to learn an instrument but haven't had the opportunity, alongside those of us who "haven't played for years..." but would like to get back into playing music again.

In addition to the tuition classes, Workshop also has ensembles ranging from recorders, strings, jazz and wind bands, to folk fiddlers, ukulele players, guitarists, an adults' community choir **and** a full orchestra - so there are loads of opportunities for you!

A registered charity, Workshop is all about having fun by learning and performing together in an enjoyable and supportive environment. Indeed, some of our members find it **so** enjoyable that they have been coming along since the last century. Honestly, it's true!

Finally, don't worry if you don't have an instrument of your own – we have instruments for rental on very reasonable terms so will be happy to help you out if we can.

So, do come and find out why our members enjoy Workshop so much – and see what **you** can achieve!

Registration for the new 2023/24 Workshop year is on Saturday September 9th, from 10–11.30am at Duxford School, St. John's Street, Duxford, and term begins two weeks later, at 9.30am on Saturday, September 23rd

For more information, please see the Workshop website at:
<https://duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk/>

Peter Howarth, Duxford Workshop Management Team

CHRISHALL VILLAGE HALL 100 CLUB DRAW

The quarterly draw of the 100 club took place on Sunday 30 July 2023 - drawn by visiting grandchildren!



1st prize	£120 won by C Wootton
2nd prize	£60 won by M Dearman
3rd prize	£30 won by T Shand

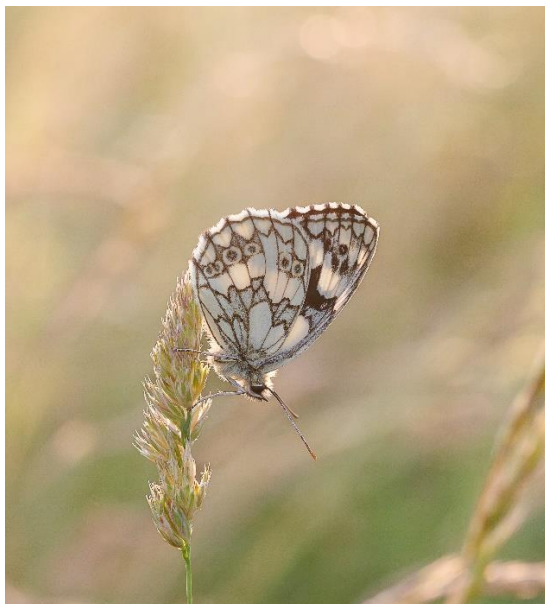
The 100 club draw entrance fee is £36 which covers quarterly draws for one year. In order to make the 100 club worthwhile we still need more participants. We offer almost half of the subscription back in prize money with the remaining balance making a valuable contribution to maintaining the village halls. Please join by contacting me, details below if you would like an application form.

The next draw will take place on Sunday 29 October 2023.

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



A Red Kite flying over Chrishall – A frequent sight



A Marbled White butterfly in a Chrishall field

CHRISHALL ARCHIVE GROUP

Chrishall Archive presents



Gnomes, Fairies and What?!
Fascinating Facts about the Battle of Britain

Chrishall Village Hall
Friday 10th November
Doors open 7pm Talk starts at 8pm.

There will be a WWII display and
Wartime themed refreshments plus a
raffle.

Tickets are £5 in advance (or £6 on the door but numbers are limited).
For tickets please email admin@chrishallessex.co.uk or call Rosemarie on
07913 442574.

Many of us I'm sure have enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee in the WRVS Café in Addenbrooke's but did you realise that there was a Chrishall WVS (women's volunteer service) trained and ready to support on the home front in WWII?

The WVS (which became the WRVS, Women's Royal Voluntary Service and now the RVS the Royal Voluntary Service) was set up in 1938 by Lady Reading. Saffron Walden had its own local branch and one of their monthly reports is available to view online (see the links below). In December of 1943 they were helping staff a local children's nursery, issuing pairs of wellingtons to children and in the housewives section "a number of houses have been earmarked in each sector for use as "unofficial Gas Cleansing Stations" – and arranging a whist drive to raise money for Gas Ointment. They were asked by the Ministry of Labour to feed a number of men for seven days, they were making hot water bottles and – as if that wasn't enough "a scraper made from metal bottle caps has been forwarded to Headquarters as an entry to the Christmas Competition."

So what's this got to do with Chrishall? Well the WVS were active in Chrishall as well as Irene Cranwell describes in her article "Cinderella Militant" in the Chrishall Scrapbook. But although the title has a lightness about it, this was serious stuff. "We learned of atom bombs – and gamma rays – fission products – and of the apparently inexhaustible perils of chemical warfare".

And it wasn't all theory – there was practical as well:

"We had been issued with respirators and some blood curdling literature... and an assortment of boiler suits had been thoughtfully provided ... A hut had been



erected on the greensward [we think this was about half way down High Street] ... in corrugated iron it boasted a door that opened and a window that didn't. Artistically poised at either side of the door was a delightful little George Washington axe, and four shiny buckets were symmetrically lined up on the grass verge".

The group then had to do a gas drill. They put on their respirators and entered the hut where the door was shut behind them. Four dented biscuit tins supported a methylated spirit lamp and a small amount of tear gas began to vapourise. Afterwards they were told to brush themselves down and come out. Gas drill over.

Next the hut was transformed as the Commander ignited an

explosive charge and dense clouds of smoke billowed out of the hut. One lady slithered forward on her front grasping the hose while another got busy with the stirrup pump and others got water from the standpipe nearby. The fire was successfully put out and thus ended "the first practical Civil Defence test". Quite a dramatic afternoon by all accounts!

The WVS, now the RVS, continues to do their amazing work up to today. If you are interested to learn more there are some lovely articles and photos online:

<https://royalvoluntaryservice.exposure.co/the-gift-of-time>

<http://catalogue.royalvoluntaryservice.org.uk/calmview/default.aspx> - RVS Heritage online

And if you enjoy WWII stories don't forget our talk in November AND we have a new walk coming out too about WWII in Chrishall. Look out for that at the end of September.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Rosemarie on behalf of
Chrishall Archive Group
www.chrshallessex.co.uk

CHRISHALL CRICKET CLUB

Mid/End of - Season Report



I am writing this report the day after England have just drawn the Ashes and one of our greatest ever bowlers, Stuart Broad, signed off with the last two wickets of the game to finish on the highest of heights - what a man and what a sport! For those who see cricket akin to sitting through an hour's lecture on the minutiae of quantum entanglement, well, yes, a five-day game can end in a draw - but what drama. What tension. A good test match has more twists and turns than a Shakespearean tragedy, but in this case, rather than everyone dying, there were only winners and a draw (albeit Australia did retain the Ashes thanks to some stereotypical northern weather) and that is why cricket is a fantastic sport, so inspirational and full of drama. It is also a game that has been played in Chrishall for a very, very long time.

Chrishall Cricket Club is one of the oldest village clubs in the area and has been going doggedly since 1884, you will see many old pictures of the team in the Village Hall and Brand Pavilion - photos from 1910 all the way up to the present day. Over the past 10 years the club has had its up and downs and almost folded as there were very few players and fixtures. Today, however, it is going strong with last season, 32 (mostly local) players turning out on Sundays for 12 fixtures.

We are a friendly and welcoming club who play cricket for the joy of it and see winning as a bonus. The onus really is on getting everyone a game from youngsters who are 13 just starting in adult cricket, to one septuagenarian (our Club Chairman) who doggedly refuses to hang up his whites. A few years ago, we even filled the team with 5 fathers and sons which really does show the family ethos behind the club. It is a lovely place to play cricket and testament to that is the fact that we usually only have about 3 away games, as teams love coming up to the ground for the gamesmanship, the amazing and fantastic teas and the chocolate-box Cow over the road. On a lovely summer's day, you really could not get a more English bucolic scene, and everyone is welcome to come and be a part of it.

This summer we have had a mixture of results with many close games, the Stoking Pelham game being our most recent. Unlike the Saharan conditions last year, we have had to deal with typical English weather and had to call off the first two games due to a waterlogged and very soggy pitch. I have a video of Lucas Ling, one of our groundsman, players and stalwarts, dropping the ball from waist height resulting in an audible splodge and zero bounce; not the best start to the season.

Since then, we have played 9 games with 5 close losses, 1 draw and 3 wins and have had some fantastic games of cricket with some amazing batting,

catching and bowling. Two of the best games were against The Woodcutters and Stocking Pelham, so here's what happened...

We needed just 3 runs of the final over to secure a win against The Woodcutters and we had two set batsmen who were well in. Just before this, to help, we leant them one of our own players to field as they were one short and we wanted to make it fair; little did we know he would be our downfall... Welsh signing, Neil (Judas) Williams, then leapt, salmon like and snatched the ball out of the fading light, one-handed to give the opposition the victory. A bitter pill, but one more easily swallowed when he bought us all beers afterwards!

Last Sunday's game against Stocking Pelham, was even closer. We had not beaten them for a long while so the tension was high as we crept up to their score - a fantastic cameo from young Jack Edgar who smacked a great six, helping to achieve the win. We found ourselves needing 3 off the final over to win. Their bowling was good, however, and a wicket fell leaving only two balls to do it. Young Teddy Rigby strode to the wicket unfazed and got the single needed to put the set batsman on strike. Now 2 needed off the last ball. Garry Thornton then latched onto a rare short ball and hit a thumping four, securing the two runs we needed to win. Phew; a great win and a great game.

Needless to say, the club is always open to anyone who wants to have a game, enjoy some teas on a lovely afternoon ably supplied by our amazing tea ladies Dianne, Sally and Louise or even just come down to watch, support and feel the life-affirming buzz that amateur close sporting games can bring. We can't promise close games every week, but we are proud to be part of the community and history of the village.

Ahem, on another note, that definitely wasn't me getting bowled out on the front of the last newsletter...

Simon Lipscombe – Chrsihall Cricket Club Captain



REPORT FROM CHRISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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Correspondence:

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

Parish Council meetings for 2023:

In the Village Hall: Tuesday
26th September; 28th November

Councillor Vacancies:

The Parish Council has vacancies for new Councillors. Please contact the clerk for an application form if you are interested in helping your community

Planning:

Residents are reminded that the Parish Council is a statutory consultee to planning applications. The Parish Council takes account of the comments submitted to it by residents most likely to be affected. Please note that the decision to approve or refuse an application is taken by Uttlesford District Council. Appeals are decided by the Planning Inspectorate.

Biodiversity and Ecology:

The Parish Council would draw attention to legislation around watercourse, ponds and protected species. Your attention is drawn to

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/owning-a-watercourse>

with which the Parish Council must comply. Garden debris must not be deposited within 10 meters of a water course or pond. Chemical runoff should not be allowed to enter a watercourse or pond.

Additional legislation surrounding protected species is found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/great-crested-newts-protection-surveys-and-licences#activities-that-can-harm-great-crested-newts>

The Parish Council declared a Climate and Ecology Emergency. The Parish Council want to provide a series of seasonal talks and demonstrations on how you can improve our village. We will also run family events. The Parish Council wants residents to join in to make real changes in the parish, and the wider environment. Please come to a meeting. The Parish Council will continue to respond to consultations but would urge everyone to do the same.

Highway verges: obstructions

The Parish Council has been asked to look into the matter of logs, stones and other items being used to protect grass verges outside of properties. Unless otherwise specified in your deeds, a 'public highway' will usually include the road, pavement and grass verges between the boundary fence or hedge line and the road. We would want to remind residents that under the provisions of the Highways Act 1980, it is an offence to block, obstruct or damage road verges. This includes rocks, posts, A-boards etc.

If someone is injured or damages their vehicle on rocks or posts etc, legal action could be taken against you as the homeowner if you have placed these items on the verges.

Whilst we understand residents desire to maintain the appearance of our village, we did feel it was incumbent on us to clarify the legal position of these actions, so residents are aware of the potential implications.

Monthly Green Waste collections: Please Avoid Fly Tipping

The Parish Council organises with Uttlesford District Council and pays from the precept for the monthly green collection lorry which alternates between Pinkeneys and the Red Cow.

Unfortunately at least twice this year the lorry has failed to turn up on the scheduled Saturday morning, either as a result of machinery breakdown or unavailability of the operatives.

When this happened, green waste was left dumped on the side of the road and was collected later by the UDC at extra cost to your precept, as this constitutes fly tipping.

The PC would therefore ask villagers who use this service:

1. Not to leave green waste at the collection point in advance of the lorry arriving; and
2. In the event that the lorry does not arrive at the scheduled time, to return the green waste to your gardens.

Green waste can be taken to the household waste sites at either Royston or Thriplow without appointment or need for identity checks.

CHRISHALL WI NEWS

Chrishall WI meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall, Crawley End, Chrishall at 7:15 for a 7:30 pm start.

We have had an interesting few months of meetings, trips, and outings.



June is our WI's birthday month when we like to celebrate with a trip somewhere. This year we visited the garden at Docwra's Manor in Shepreth and then we went back to a member's garden for tea and cake.

In July we welcomed Susan Grossey to speak to our meeting. She started her talk by saying that she was not Imelda Staunton - she did look very like her though! She writes crime novels based in the Regency world of the 1820s. Her first seven novels are set in London and she is now working on five novels based around Cambridge.

We don't hold a meeting in August but we had a "Bring and Share" lunch in a member's garden and luckily we had sunny weather for the afternoon.

Our members have enjoyed events organised by the Cambridgeshire Federation of WI's.



One of these was a trip to the National Arboretum in Lichfield. It welcomes over 300,000 visitors to the site each year. There are over 400 memorials nestled amongst some 25,000 trees. It's a living, growing tribute to those who have served and continue to serve our country. Each year around 250 events take place on site, from small intimate services of Remembrance to set piece events like Armistice Day, Remembrance Sunday, a summer proms and Armed Forces Day.

Some members also went on the CFWI annual trip to Southwold. They enjoyed lunch and a walk around the town before going to the quaint Southwold theatre to see a matinee performance of "A Fox on the Fairway" - a tribute to the great English farces of the 1930s and 1940s.

New members are always very welcome. If you are interested in joining us, please contact me -

Jane Gravett -

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

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Heydon Handbells Open Morning
Thursday 14th September 10am Heydon Church**
Come and have a go. Open to all. Beginners welcome!
Contact Mel: 07879 883265

Heydon Handbells meet every Thursday morning from 10.00 till 11.15. We have recently acquired additional bells and we need you to play them! We are a very sociable group with a range of abilities, who enjoy making music together and having a chat over a cuppa afterwards. No musical experience required though some familiarity with notation is an advantage. We can support complete beginners if you are keen to have a go.



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