

CHRISHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2020



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WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

Regular Meetings:

Parish Council: Meetings currently held by video conferencing. Dates of these meetings will be announced on Village noticeboards and on the website chrishallpc.org.uk. See page 13.

Chrishall Library: Closed until further notice.

Carpet Bowls: Suspended until further notice.

Chrishall WI: 3rd Wednesday monthly in the Village Hall, 7:30pm. Suspended until further notice.

Open Door: 1st Monday monthly in the Village Hall, 12:00 noon to 2:00pm. Suspended until further notice.

Society of Chrishall Artists: last Thursday monthly, Village Hall 7:30pm to 10:00pm. Suspended until further notice.
Contact: Helen Melville-Smith on 838930.

'Drop in and Draw' Sketching Group: 1st Wednesday monthly at the Brand Pavilion from 1:30pm. Suspended until further notice.
Contact: Paula Parish on 836240.

Knitting and Crochet Group: 1st Saturday monthly, at the Brand Pavilion, 10:00am to 12:00 noon. Suspended until further notice.
Contact: Barbara Smith on 838626.

Village Lunch Club: 4th Thursday monthly at the Red Cow 12:30pm for 12:45pm. Suspended until further notice.
Menu choices must be pre-booked with Meg Foote on 838936.

Church Mice: Parent and toddler group with a Christian focus. Songs, stories, crafts and more. Village Hall, 2nd and 4th Wednesday during term-time, 10:30am to 11:30am. Suspended until further notice.
Contact: The Parish Office on 837272.

Youth Club: monthly at the Brand Pavilion. Contact Belinda Irons on 838732 and www.chrishallpc.org.uk - What's On. Suspended until further notice.

Yoga Classes: Village Hall, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Suspended until further notice.

Pilates: Tru-2-pilates. Mondays, 9:45am and 10:45am, and Fridays 9:30am to 11:30am in the Village Hall. Contact: Chloe on 849113 or chloe.romans@gmail.com Suspended until further notice.

Lingualounge:

Contact: Sarah on 07775 640794.

See the advert on Page 19.

USEFUL INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairman	Jane Holloway	838621
Parish website:	Paula Parish	www.chrishallpc.org.uk
School – Head teacher	Tracey Bratley	838592
Pre-school	Sonya McKenna	smckenna@chrishall.essex.sch.uk
Village Hall Chairman	Richard Keeling (Acting)	838930
Village Hall bookings	Clare Godfrey	838691
		chrishallvhbookings@gmail.com
Village Hall website:	Richard Keeling	www.chrishallvillagehall.co.uk
Church bookings	David Wilkinson	837303
		david@waldenrise.com
Church Office	Andrea Quigley	837272
		iwp.parishoffice@gmail.com
(The Church Office is closed until further notice)		
Open Door	Jenny Rodda	838386
WI	Jane Gravett	838018
History websites:	Fred Davies	www.chrishallessex.co.uk
		www.recordinguttlesfordhistory.org.uk
Milk delivery	Russell Joyce	07512 450552
		russelmilk@outlook.com
Library Van: every 2nd Thursday 11:40am to 11:55am at Pinkeneys		
Crawley End and 12:55pm to 1:25pm at the School		
Suspended until further notice.		
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

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Summer 2020 edition of the Chrishall Parish Council Newsletter. Much has changed since the Spring edition when the effects of Covid-19 were only just about to hit us. Sadly many of our village organisations have had to temporarily suspend activities, and we have seen the temporary closure of our much loved pub, the Red Cow, and not least the village school, local churches and the children's playground.

We have had lots of material for the current edition but we have had

difficulty in deciding what to include. So, a sorry to all those who have contributed, but do not see their articles or photos in this edition.

Hopefully, our lives will have settled down before next copy deadline date for the Autumn 2020 newsletter which will be 14th August 2020.

Send your copy to:

Email villagenews@chrishallpc.uk

Many thanks, as always, to all our contributors.

Jane and Philip Gravett

CHRISHALL PARISH CHURCH

Church Services: The Church has sadly been closed since the middle of March due to the Covid-19 lockdown requirements. The only services permitted are funerals and weddings with very limited numbers present. In the meantime, our Rector Dr Anand Sodadasi is offering virtual services every Sunday. If you would like to join one of these services please tap in to the Parish Website <http://icknielldwayparish.blogspot.co.uk/> and go to the YouTube search tab.

Building Works: Our builders have completed their work re-roofing the north aisle in steel following the theft of lead in September 2018.

Church Maintenance: We have wonderfully enthusiastic teams for cleaning the Church, doing the Church flowers and cutting the grass in the Churchyard. The Churchyard team have been very busy this Spring. The team is Laurence and Judi Brett, John Fraser, Philip Holmes, James Court, Gary Lashko, Paul Lewis, Ian Pitfield, David Wilkinson, Struan Edgar, Hugh and Klyohik Robinson, Marcus West, Christopher Tregoning, Andrea and Alan Broadbent, Andy and Viv Rogers, Jeff Miles and Simon Firth. As a result of all their splendid efforts, the Churchyard has never looked better. If you can spare the odd hour and would like to join one of our teams, please do contact Viv Rogers on 837185.

Autumn Date: Date for your diaries: Harvest Supper at Chrishall Village Hall on Saturday 10th October 2020.

Donations: As we have no services or fundraising events, our cash resources are looking slightly depleted. Any donations will be warmly appreciated. If you would like to make donations to our area United Parish, we've set up a Just Giving link www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Icknielld-Way-Parish . If you would like to give a donation direct to Chrishall Church, please send our Church Treasurer, Guy Lawrenson, a cheque payable to Chrishall Parish Church or make an electronic payment to the Chrishall Parish Church account at sort code 20-74-05 account number 60258938. Guy is at guylawrenson@yahoo.co.uk

WEATHER RECORDS 2020

April Rainfall 1.51 inches

The first three months of this year were very similar to last year with snow at the end of March followed by a period of very warm weather in April followed by a bitterly cold wind. Large cracks all over the garden and fields desperately needing rain – second week in April there was a significant amount of rain followed by very strong winds and frost!!

These are the last 3 years of Jan –March rainfall

January – March 2018	6.03 inches
January – March 2019	2.78 inches (very dry until August)
January – March 2020	5.40 inches

Weather Wise

DARK LANE FORGE



**Blacksmith, Welding, Fabrication,
Artist**

**Contact: LUCAS LING
01763 838876 (daytime) or 07545
233939**

darklaneforge@hotmail.co.uk

Are you finding life or work a strain?
Having trouble making sense of your life?
Not feeling like your usual self?
Feeling stuck in repeating patterns?

Counselling can help.

Confidential local counselling service now available
in Chrishall. Home visits also possible.

Please contact me, Amanda Bettison, for more information
on 07973 712221 or via my website,
www.thevillagecounsellor.co.uk

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Kemi Badenoch MP

**holds regular advice surgeries offering
help and support for local residents.**

**If you would like to contact Kemi, you
can email**

**kemi.badenoch.mp@parliament.uk or
call 0207 219 1943**

ROYSTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

We would like to reassure the residents of surrounding villages that we are still open and able to provide transport.

We are doing essential travel only, e.g. to doctor and hospital appointments.

Please ring 01763 245228, lines are open 9:00am-3:00pm Monday – Friday, giving as much notice as possible.

We will also help with prescription deliveries and food deliveries where possible, including collection of ‘Click and Collect’ orders.

For the safety of clients and drivers, we ask clients:

- **Not to travel if you have any Covid-19 symptoms**
- **To wash your hands before travelling**
- **To sit in the back behind the passenger seat and wear a mask, we can provide one if necessary**
- **Unless absolutely necessary, the passenger is to travel unaccompanied**
- **Our drivers will also wear a mask**
- **Car surfaces will be cleaned between journeys**
- **Drivers will offer physical help only if necessary, and will try to maintain social distance whenever possible**

Please follow these guidelines.

My thanks go to all the drivers who are volunteering to help clients and as a consequence are putting themselves on the front line and in harm's way.

Ron Comben

For Royston and District Community Transport

FOWLMERE FARMERS' MARKET

**Not currently opening but when it is: Fowlmere Village Hall SG8 7RY, 9:00am to 11:30am
Featuring local and speciality food and craft producers.
2nd Saturday of each month (except August). Tel: 07729 783166**

<https://www.facebook.com/FowlmereFarmersMarket/> fowlmerfarmmarket@gmail.com

WILLIAM WALTER BRAND TRUST

Helping villagers and organisations in Chrishall

The Trust seeks to serve those parishioners who are in need hardship or distress.

The Trust Deed enables the Trustees to give grants of money from its income to those parishioners who are in need, hardship or distress. It is

especially relevant at the present time due to the spread of the Covid-19 virus and we realise that it is a difficult time for many in the village. Please contact one of the village trustees if you need help and wish to discuss matters in complete privacy and confidentiality.

We are also in a position to assist with: -

- Further education – transport costs, books, equipment.
- Help towards the purchase of essential household items.
- Assistance with cost of respite care for those in need.
- Help with essential equipment for the sick or disabled.

We have also made over seventy grants of up to £200 to those proceeding to state secondary schools for the first years. An application form for this year's allowance is available below.

For those students proceeding to Sixth Form education where the County Council does not provide free transport, we are in a position to help with some of the costs.

Over fifty-five awards have been made to those students leaving home for the first time and going to University or similar further education facilities. The maximum amount of the grant is £1,000. For those interested in the scheme please feel free to contact one of the Trustees.

The Trustees recognise that the present time is financially difficult for some households so if you need help please do not hesitate to contact any of the resident trustees who are:

Mark Garrett	36 High Street	838409
Jane Gravett,	Ellerslie, Crawley End	838018
Sue Pegram	33 High Street	838185
Bill Rodda	Mullion Cottage, Church Road	838386

APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT
for Children starting at State Secondary school in September 2020

Applicant name & address

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Telephone number:

Child's name:

Proposed/Actual Secondary School:

CHRISHALL ARCHIVE GROUP (CAG)

Hello from the Archive. We hope you are all doing well and bearing up under these strange times. While we can't open the Archive yet we are coming up with other ways to share the collection with you. One of these is our new Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Chrishallhistory/>

Yes, we have taken the plunge and set up a page to share photographs and stories about the history of the village. We hope you will come and take part. We are starting with a village alphabet – A for Abrams Lane, B for Building End, C for Crawley End, that sort of thing. Come along and see how far we have got.

We are also sharing things on the website and one of our VE Day articles was about Chrishall in 1949. This was based on the trade directory entries for the year nearest 1945 that we have in the collection.



During the war, the Rev. Hort, who had been vicar at Chrishall since 1924 passed away. He died in November 1942. Rev. James Morrice came to cover the remaining war years at Chrishall, staying until 1946 when the Rev. Albert Anthony Bagley took over. Rev. Bagley (pictured left) was to stay in the village until 1965 when he retired.

The school, run by Miss Miller, had to cope with new children as evacuees from The Grove School in Tottenham were brought to the village during war-time. Bryan Rogers who was at school at the time reports "School was never the same, we were segregated, the girls stayed at the school and the boys had to meet in the Chapel Vestry. Integration took a little while, they thought we were all stupid and slow-witted and we didn't know what to make of them, but friendships soon formed and most of them adapted to country life."



In the Archive collection we have a set of letters from a little girl who was sent by her family to stay with the Rush family at the garage. Joan really took to country life, helping Mrs Rush in her garden and winning prizes at the school for wildflower collections.

Villagers were well provided for at this time. There were regular bus services to Royston, Saffron Walden, Bishop's Stortford and Cambridge. And there

were also the village shops and services. Mr Hicks ran a butchers shop from what is now Mullion Cottage in Church Road and Martinholme was the home of the post office and village stores run by Mr Chambers. There was Rush's garage for mending motorcycles, bicycles and cars if you were lucky enough to have one – plus re-charging the all important accumulator so you could listen to the radio.



Round on Mill Causeway, Mr Reeves could be contacted for delivering coal for the fire and Fred Cranwell, local builder, would keep your house in good repair.



If you needed your boots and shoes repairing you had a choice of visiting Mr Mancer in Crawley End or Joe Hagger further down the village in High Street. It was a make do and mend time, so no doubt they were kept busy repairing the footwear of Chrishall residents.



Wheelwright, Bernard Cranwell who lived and worked from Fairie Cottage, opposite the Methodist Chapel, would have been able to repair barrows, carts and a whole range of other broken equipment being the sort of man who could turn his hand to most things.



I'm sure the end of the war would have been celebrated in the village with a few trips out in the village charabanc, pictured here driven by Mr Crocker.

If you would like to see a longer version of this article with more photos please visit the website, where you can also sign up for our newsletter.

Finally, we are collecting memories of the Prisoner of War Camp at Chrishall Grange/Ickleton Grange. This is in association with the Ickleton History Society. If you have any stories or photographs please do get in touch.

That's all for this time. We look forward to being able to welcome you back to the Archive very soon.

Best wishes from Chrishall Archive Group www.chrishallessex.co.uk

CHRISHALL WI NEWS

Chrishall WI normally meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except in August) in the Village Hall at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Unfortunately, at present we are not able to hold meetings in the hall due to the pandemic crisis.



The WI provides women with fun and friendship, plus the chance to learn new skills, get involved within the community and take part in a wide range of activities.

We are part of the Cambridgeshire Federation of Women's Institutes and normally we can join with them in many trips to museums, exhibitions, Day Schools and lots of other activities. We are looking forward to the time when we are able to take part in these again.

We had to cancel our annual meeting in March and John Flood from The Cambridge Folk Museum was going to talk to us in April, so we were very sorry to miss both meetings.

We are holding our Autumn Supper on 3 October 2020, in the Village Hall.

Whilst we have been staying in our homes over the past few months, we have been sharing photographs of what we have been doing and making. This was at the suggestion of our President, Carol Blackeby. We have had a good response of twenty eight photos of – Easter and Birthday cards, a poem, a picture of crocheted flowers, a knitted cardigan, beret and child's jumper, a sewn over-blouse, seedlings in a greenhouse, garden container of flowers, vases of flowers, art work of flowers and animals, pictures of the countryside from a daily walk, crocheted soft toys and fifty squares for a blanket to be made up for refugees. Here are two of the photos.



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.

MAY 2020 LOCKDOWN AND V.E. DAY PHOTOGRAPHS



REPORT FROM CHRISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

By Belinda Irons, Clerk, 14 Crawley End, Chrishall. SG8 8QL.

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www.chrishallpc.org.uk

Parish Councillors:

Chairman: Jane Holloway

Councillors: Gill Eaton, Phil Gravett, Paula Parish.

Uttlesford District Councillors:

Richard Pavitt & Neil Gregory

Essex County Councillor:

John Moran

Parish Council meetings for 2020:

First Tuesday of the month as a virtual meeting

7th July 1st September 3rd November

Covid-19: The Parish Council offers congratulations to the local volunteer group for providing contacts for the vulnerable and those self-isolating across the parish. The Parish Council has offered support to the group and is willing to do what it can within the confines of legislation and self-isolation.

There have been benefits to the lock-down – air pollution has dropped as has noise from aircraft. The reduction in vehicle numbers has meant it is a pleasure to walk the village roads. There are many people walking in the village who have never met as pressure of going out to work keeps them out of the village in the daytime. Hopefully new friendships will be made as a result of opportune meetings.

Friends and neighbours have helped each other, getting shopping and other supplies for those not able to go out. The Parish Council offers a vote of thanks to all those people – you know who you are! – who have gone above and beyond helping those in need. Thank You!!

As the situation changes, please do be aware of those around you and if you are able, help those you can. The support of friends and neighbours has been a wonderful experience which we can all emulate and propagate in our community. Even a few words at the garden gate can lift someone's mood. Never underestimate your worth to those around you.

Cllrs Lashko and Melville-Smith resignations: Cllr Sheen Lashko has decided to step down as a Parish Councillor, due to personal reason. Sheena has been a sensible and dedicated Councillor – the voice of reason and sensible decisions. Sheena's level headed approach will be missed at the table.

Helen Melville-Smith, whilst a Councillor for a short time, has refreshed and reviewed the Council's governing documentation and ensured that these are compliant with current legislation. Helen's forthright, no-nonsense attitude ensured the Parish Council looked carefully at its decision-making processes to ensure compliance which it will take forward. Helen has taken on further

responsibility for a charity outside the Parish Council, and we wish her well in this new endeavour.

A vote of thanks is offered to both Councillors for their support, time and effort whilst Councillors.

Parish Council vacancy: We have three vacancies. If you believe that you have skills which will benefit the community, please contact the Clerk for an application form.

Correspondence: Please note that if you want any issue to be considered by the Parish Council, it must be sent or delivered to the Clerk as this is the official route for all correspondence to be formally considered by the Council.

Parish Council finances: The Parish Council has produced a “Report on PC Finances 2019/20” which is available from the PC website as follows:

<https://www.chrishallpc.org.uk/pages.php?page=000044>

It contains detailed information on the revenue and expenditure during the year ended 31 March 2020 together with forecasts for expenditure on Parish Assets for the next two years.

The Parish Council is committed to providing value for money and to that end, is investigating potential schemes which will support this aim. The PC will be working on a village-wide survey, which will ask each household for an indication of where it wants the PC to spend the precept. This will take place once the Covid-19 situation has eased.

External Audit: PKF Littlejohn has directed that the audit will need to be completed by 31st July 2020 with the public examination opening on the 1st September 2020. Further information will be posted to the PC website.

Dog waste: Dog waste continues to be a problem so please do pick up. Someone is hanging full bags on the playground fence, on the fence between the High Street and Jigneys Meadow, on the vegetation in Dark Lane, and several bags have been thrown in the ditches around the village. This behaviour is littering, and can result in a fine.

Defibrillator: the defibrillator is in a cabinet on the outside of the village hall.

Swap and Share, Give and Take: This initiative can help to reduce car journeys if surplus produce is available in the village. It is also most welcome in these difficult times to those who can't get to the shops. Whatever you have to share, please take it to the bus shelter in Palmers Lane to swap and share with other villagers. There is also an open notice board in the bus shelter for people to share information.

The Pavilion: is currently closed for activities due to Covid-19 regulations. A risk assessment will be undertaken to ensure activities do not put participants at increased risk of infection.

Jigneys Meadow: An ecological survey and management report have been carried out and the recommendations will be carried out once the lock-down is lifted, and at the appropriate time to bring benefit to wildlife.

Uttlesford District Council: Electoral Services update: The annual household canvass to update the register of electors is changing this year. Canvass reform means that we data match all households with the DWP's database in early June – we are expecting 70% of households to match. Those households that do will get a letter from us. We hold an email for around 40% of the households that we do expect to match based on a trial earlier this year.

If you receive an email you will be required to confirm there are no changes by going online to the website listed or calling the Freephone number. This is a secure system as you are given personal security codes on the form. You do NOT need to send the letter back to us. We ask you to do this as soon as possible, as by law we have to send a reminder a couple of weeks later. Any reminder will be by post at the same time as we write to the 60% of the households where we do not hold an email address. The letter does NOT require a response. If there are any changes it tells you to go online to make them. The emails will be sent around mid-June.

The 30% of all households in the district where we do not get a full match for all electors will be sent a letter (CCB) that asks you to go online or call the Freephone to make any changes. There is no provision for this to be posted back to us. Again, please do this as soon as possible as a couple of weeks later we have to send a reminder.

We chase up non-responders with a Canvass Form that looks a bit similar to that which we sent last year – this does require a response that you should ideally make online or by calling the Freephone number or you could post this form back to us with any amendments made.

We shall have to chase up non responders from late September so households may get a phone call or email from us, the Elections Office, or failing that a door-knock from one of our personal canvassers during October. They carry ID and will not seek to enter your house but just encourage you to make a return. If there are changes, we need to ensure we have actioned them so you are able to vote in any elections. Not being registered can affect your credit score.

A new register of electors will be published on 1 December 2020.

Phil Hardy

Electoral Services Manager

A MESSAGE FROM NEIL GREGORY & RICHARD PAVITT
District Councillors for our community

May marks the first anniversary of our election as councillors. It feels like a lifetime ago! To say there has been change is an understatement. First, the new council voted to overturn expansion of Stansted airport; then the Planning Inspectorate threw out the much-derided draft Local Plan. And if that was not enough, Covid-19 has turned life upside down and taught us one simple lesson: nothing can be taken for granted.

We shan't know the full impact of the pandemic crisis on Uttlesford District Council priorities for several months. Meantime there is a sizeable workload at UDC, not least shaping a new Local Plan, fighting greedy developers and evolving the council's strategy on climate change and biodiversity.

It was the Local Plan that drove us to stand for election as independents. If you followed our campaign you will know we were critical of the proposal to put a new town of 5,000 houses in this most northerly part of the district - an opinion endorsed by the Planning Inspectors. Also, we emphatically believe that Westminster party politics has no place in local govt. It was a desire to indulge Westminster that resulted in flawed decision-making over Stansted and the Local Plan, ignoring fierce and well-reasoned local opposition. Thankfully, we now have an opportunity to do what's right. You can find more about local topics at our web site: proudlyindependent.uk

School transport has been an issue in this part of the district and came to a head last autumn when the performance of a new contractor for this ward gave rise to much concern. We led the fight to get parents' concerns properly recognised by Essex County Council and we are now working closely with cabinet members in the UDC administration to achieve a lasting solution. However, the pandemic has cast a long shadow. We wait to see how many bus operators are still in business and willing to take on the education contract.

Speeding on the main roads is a continuing problem and is something we and the parish councils frequently discuss with Essex highways. The Police have been spot-checking but until highways change their policies a permanent solution is as far away as ever.

It's been a tough few months for everyone. During this time staff at UDC have gone above and beyond in maintaining key services and supporting the vulnerable. We owe them all a vote of thanks. What has been especially heartening is the way residents have responded and supported each other. We are fortunate to live in wonderful communities. Give yourselves a big round of applause!

*Neil Gregory is chair of the Scrutiny Committee and a member of the Standards Committee.
Richard Pavitt is a member of the Planning Committee and deputy chair of the Energy & Climate Change working group.*

A CORONA VIRUS POEM

It's called coronavirus
And my how things have changed
From everyday activities
To all things rearranged

This nasty deadly virus
Is out there silently
Sweeping over all the world
Affecting you and me

Apparently from China
Is from where the virus came
And so as all the days go by
Will life ever be the same?

Now we are in lockdown
With advice that we must follow
And all the things we do today
Will be the same again tomorrow

Our hands are dry with washing
Our waists are getting fat
Our hair is getting longer
You can be sure of that

We talk with friends and family
On FaceTime and on Zoom
It's strange to see them on a screen
And not there in the room

It's time to get creative
With hobbies old and new
Knitting, painting, baking
To name but just a few

But we must just be patient
And follow all the rules
So people can go back to work
And children back to schools

For now all we can do is hope
Of when the world is COVID free
And we can meet up with our friends
For a chat and a cup of tea.

BY CLARE GODFREY

CHRISHALL CRICKET CLUB

If restrictions have been sufficiently lifted, we are hoping to put on a match between CCC and a Red Cow team at some time towards the end of July or during August 2020.

It will be even better if we are able to lay on some beer and host a barbecue, but if necessary, we will invite families to bring along their own picnic and drinks. An event to look forward to!

Lucas Ling

07545 233939 or 837309

RED COW NEWS

We hope you and your families are keeping well.

On March 20th Toby and I were instructed by the Prime Minister to close our lovely pub. The emotional impact of this was quite overwhelming. We grieved our staff, you, our customers and the time, love and energy we had invested for more than 9 years, gone in an instant. We had no idea how we would meet the costs we have to meet each month including a hefty mortgage.

We both cried a lot over the following 24 hours. When we finally stopped offering takeaways after Mothering Sunday, we were forced to put the pub into mothballs and furlough our staff.

Our fixed costs overheads plus continuing to be responsible to pay even one member of staff would have been untenable and Toby simply couldn't have done all the preparation, cooking serving and cleaning alone. So we really had no option.

We have been fortunate to have taken advantage of everything the government has offered. The furlough grant, small business grant, loan repayment holidays and so on. We are also lucky that I have a job and am an essential worker and have a steady income. For which I am very grateful. Toby, Lottie and I have loved being a family together and are also grateful for the time we have had as a family.

However, we are not going to be funded by the tax payer for ever and we have to think of a way that we can generate an income to cover our fixed weekly costs, which are by no means unsubstantial.

Firstly, may we say a sincere thank you for all of you who have recognised how precarious things are for us and kindly bought vouchers and supported us over the last 7 weeks - your help has shown us that your village pub is as important to you as it is to us and that you deeply care that we survive.

Social distancing rules make the use of the bar as a meeting and drinking place impractical and unprofitable. So, going forward our plan is to provide a shop in the bar area of the pub.

We would like to offer meat, vegetables, cheese, dairy, some baked goods, general grocery items and things that you may have forgotten in your big shop or run out of. Of course, we will have an off licence with a variety of beers wines and spirits at retail prices. If this venture is successful and profitable, we will offer a fuller range of items such as greetings cards. We would like to offer a service in your village that you feel you can support. It will save you having to go further afield and standing in lengthy queues.

The second service will be to offer a reduced menu take away service. Again, this must be viable and, as we will have to have some of our staff return to work to support with this, we will have increasing costs to meet.

When the government allows food service and hotels to re-open with social distancing measures the restaurant will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner again.

These ventures will help us to maintain the viability of the business over the next year or until all social distancing measures are completely relaxed.

Please come and see what we can offer you. And please make any suggestions that you think can help. We will look into all suggestions for their viability. Thank you for all your kind words and support.

With very best wishes

Alexis, Toby and Lottie of course!

MOONLEAF Reflexology

A reflexology practice in Chrishall which offers treatments to help with a wide range of conditions, such as sleeping problems, stress, arthritis, migraines, respiratory issues and muscular pain. Or it can simply be a good way to relax and feel better.

For appointments and to learn more, visit:
www.moonleaf-reflexology.com

or contact:
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Our weekly classes at Chrishall and Barkway are suspended due to the pandemic. However, weekly classes are being offered on Zoom while village halls are closed.

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NEXTDOOR.COM

Did you know that 118 Chrishall residents (up from 110 last quarter) are members of Nextdoor.com which amounts to 40% (37%) of the 239 Chrishall households.

It's a good way of communicating with friends and neighbours or sending a message round the village and publicising events. Also private messages can be sent to individuals

Sign up at www.nextdoor.com but don't tick the box for neighbour invites, otherwise we will all be flooded with postcards.!!

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Weekly Adult Language courses for all levels

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Your Parish Council is the closest tier of local government to you.

This site enables you to catch up on how your Parish Council is serving you. These pages include all the minutes of Parish Council Meetings. If there is anything that you feel the Council should be aware of or where it can help or support you, then please contact the Parish Council.

Please subscribe to our email Newsletter to receive news and agendas of up and coming meetings.

The voice of local people.

All members of the public are entitled to attend the meeting and are cordially invited by the Council to do so. Time will be set aside prior to the published agenda to enable informal discussion to take place.

Agendas will be posted on notice boards and this website

- Agenda
- Minutes
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CHRISHALL

22°
sunny
04/05/2020 BST

feels like: 22°
wind: 8 mph N
humidity: 46%
pressure: 1036 hPa
uv index: 4

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
24/11°	21/9-11°	19/9-11°	18/11°	21/12°	

Planning Applications

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
28	7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting @ Chrishall Village Hall - please check Agenda
1	7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting @ Chrishall Village Hall - please check Agenda
6	7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting @ Chrishall Village Hall - please check Agenda
3	7:30 pm Parish Council Meeting @ Chrishall Village Hall - please check Agenda

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Work is well under way on the new Chrishall PC website which will be launched soon. A snapshot is shown opposite. The CPC hope you will find the site much easier to navigate and that it will continue to be a valuable repository of information about village facilities and events, together with all the usual documents relating to the work of the Parish Council.

Please contact Paula Parish paulapc19@gmail.com if any information that you or your organisation has displayed on the old website needs updating.