

CHRISHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2020



Chalky Lane Barn By Paula Parish

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WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

Regular Meetings:

Parish Council: 1st Tuesday monthly (no meeting in December or August), 7:30pm in the Village Hall. See page 13.

Chrishall Library: Brand Pavilion open Monday 9:00 to 10:00am; Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 10:00am to 12:00 noon; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:00pm and Saturday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00pm. After 28th March afternoon closing times will be 4:30pm See page 4.

Carpet Bowls: Village Hall, 2nd Wednesday monthly, 7:30 to 9:30pm. See page 15.

Chrishall WI: 3rd Wednesday monthly (excluding August) in the Village Hall, 7:30pm. See page 7.

Open Door: 1st Monday monthly in the Village Hall, 12:00 noon to 2:00pm. See page 10.

Society of Chrishall Artists: last Thursday monthly, Village Hall 7:30 to 10:00pm.
Contact: Helen Melville-Smith on 838930. See page 17

'Drop in and Draw' Sketching Group: 1st Wednesday monthly at the Brand Pavilion from 1:30pm.
Contact: Paula Parish on 836240. See page 17

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

Village Lunch Club: 4th Thursday monthly (December – 2nd Thursday) at the Red Cow 12:30 for 12:45pm.

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, 10:30 to 11:30am.

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.

Yoga Classes: Village Hall, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings. See page 16

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

Lingualounge:

Contact: Sarah on 07775 640794.

See the advert on Page 16

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	Guy Rackham	838453
Village Hall bookings	Clare Godfrey	838691
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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
Neighbourhood Watch	Paul Lewis	838737
Open Door	Jenny Rodda	838386
WI	Jane Gravett	838018
History websites:	Fred Davies	www.chrishallessex.co.uk
		www.recordingtuttlesfordhistory.org.uk
Newspaper delivery	Mr Harvey	01223 834591
Milk delivery	Russell Joyce	07512 450552
		russelmilk@outlook.com
Library Van: every 2nd Thursday 11:40 to 11:55am at Pinkeneys		
Crawley End and 12:55 to 1:25 pm at the School		
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

A New Year and welcome to the Spring 2020 edition of the Chrishall Parish Council Newsletter

We welcome articles from villagers, which will be subject to editorial review. 14th May 2020 will be the next copy deadline for the Summer 2020 newsletter.

We are now looking for village photographs to be used in the Newsletter or on the Village website. If you have anything then please would you email them to us in digital JPEG format Email villagenews@chrishallpc.uk

Many thanks, as always, to all our contributors, and especially Paula Parish for the front cover.

Jane and Philip Gravett

CHRISHALL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



The Brand Pavilion, Chrishall

Now that we have daylight later and later, we shall be changing to our summer timetable. The change will coincide with the clocks changing on 28th March. Our afternoon closing time will be extended to 4:30pm from 4:00pm.

Please note that our next sale of non-fiction will be on 7th March, and this time it will be a collection of miscellaneous subjects. These books are being sold at give-away prices and all proceeds will go to Addenbrooke's Charitable Trust (ACT).

Our fiction section will continue with wide-ranging authors and many categories - i.e. thrillers, romances classics, etc. We also have a very good selection of children's books

All are very welcome to come to have a look at us even if you do not want a book. If you are unable to visit us and would like to borrow a book, we would be happy to come to you. Just give me a ring on 01763 838626 and we can make arrangements.

As always, if there is anyone reading this who would be willing to help, for even just one hour weekly we would be pleased to hear from you.

**See you soon
Barbara Smith**

Weather Records for the year ending 2019

November 2.79

December 3.09

It seems there were weeks of grey weather interspersed with some lovely bright days.

A very dry year to the end of August when the rain started and continued through to the end of December (*and beyond!! - Editor.*)

2019 years rain 20.75

January 2020 2.10

Weather Wise

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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

Chrishall Village Golf Day 2020

The annual village golf day is taking place on Thursday 14 May 2020 at Cambridge Meridian Golf Club (CB23 2RY). If you live in the village and enjoy playing golf, we would love you to join us for this friendly and enjoyable day. We welcome both men and ladies of all ages and abilities, from regular players to those who only play once a year.

Players can choose to play the full 27 holes including the 9 hole Texas Scramble, commencing at 8:45am, or join us for just the 18 hole Stableford competition that takes place after the brunch of bacon rolls and coffee, which is served at 11:15am. At the end of play we will return to Chrishall and meet in the Red Cow to sit down together at 8:00pm where we will enjoy a delicious burger and chips plus a pint of beer or a glass of wine included in the price. This will be followed by results and prize presentation.

The options which both include brunch and dinner as detailed above are:

- £53 for 27 holes of golf
- £41 for 18 holes of golf

To reserve your place please email chrishallvillagegolfday@gmail.com by Wednesday 22nd April 2020 latest, giving the following details:

- Name, address and email
- Handicap
- Contact phone number
- Whether you are playing 27 or 18 holes

Bank details will be given by return email, and payment should then be made by online banking (or cash paid in advance if you don't have online banking access/sorry no cheques).

Buggies if required can be reserved and paid for on the day by contacting the course direct on 01223 264700

We look forward to you joining us!

Peter Hards-Nicholls

FOWLMERE FARMERS' MARKET

Fowlmere Village Hall SG8 7RY, 9:00 to 11:30am

Featuring local and speciality food and craft producers.

2nd Saturday of each month (except August). Tel: 07729 783166

CHRISHALL WI NEWS

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



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 in the next three months we are able to join with them in the following activities:

- **Talks about the A14 Improvements, Modern Slavery, Recycling Unravelled.**
- **Trips to the theatre to see the musical "9 to 5" at Milton Keynes, The Tutankhamun Exhibition and National Army Museum in London, The Museum of Technology in Cambridge and the Painted Hall in Greenwich.**
- **Day schools on English Paper Piecing and Fair Isle Knitting.**
- **Not forgetting the Progressive Whist Drive organised by one of our members.**

There are many more talks, trips, day schools and other events throughout the year.

At Chrishall WI, in November we welcomed Charles Joint to our meeting, who gave us an insight into the charity "Pets As Therapy". Pets, mainly dogs, visit hospitals, hospices, residential care homes, schools and other establishments where children and adults benefit very much from spending time with friendly volunteers and their much-loved animals. He brought Pablo along with him - his lovely PAT dog.

In December we held our Christmas party and our talk in January was given by Anne Datson about her family's involvement with amateur dramatics and music since the 1920's.

Our speaker in February was Catherine Armstrong telling us about "An Unexpected Journey". This is the title of a book she, her daughter and her mother have written of her mother's experiences of living in Africa in the 1950s/1960s with her husband who was in military administration over there and then the colonial service. Our annual meeting is in March and in April John Flood is giving us a talk about The Cambridge Folk Museum.

New members are always very welcome. If you are interested in joining us, please just come along to our next meeting on 18th March or contact me –

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

WILLIAM WALTER BRAND TRUST

Helping villagers and organisations in Chrishall

The Trust was founded in 1989 on the death of Mr William Walter Brand, a local farmer and landowner to help villagers and organisations in Chrishall. 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 was incorporated in 1994 and commenced its duties from September 1995. As a village, we are very fortunate to have the Trust.

Subject to funds being available, the Trustees will consider applications for help with costs related to education including transport costs, school outings and a grant to help pay for secondary school uniforms. We can also help with providing "Lifeline" wristband or pendant personal alarms, disability aids, essential furniture and kitchen equipment, heating, medical and respite care. We are also able to offer a winter fuel allowance. Also subject to funds being available, Group organisations can apply to receive help with setting up new groups, sporting activities and equipment.

Please contact one of the trustees listed below for an application form. We understand that some people might be reluctant to come forward for help, but it's important that we include everyone who can benefit from the Trust. If you know of anybody that does need help, or you need it for yourself, then please don't hesitate to contact (in complete confidence) any of the trustees below.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Trustees:	Mark Garrett	838409
	Jane Gravett	838018
	Sue Pegram	838185
	Bill Rodda	838386

Chrishall Archive Group (CAG)

We are the local history society and are open to all who are interested in Chrishall and its history.

Some time ago, one Chrishall resident, Irene Cranwell – who in her youth had been one of the teachers at Chrishall school – started to put together records and photographs relating to Chrishall. By the time she passed away in 2010 not only did she regularly talk on local radio about the history of this area, but her collection had grown to an impressive size.

CAG maintains Irene's original collection and adds to it as well as arranging events.

We are planning some village events for this year, the first of which will be an afternoon to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. We will be holding a display of old photographs and information boards about the village and possibly a 'bring and share' tea party in the Village Hall on Sunday 10th May. More details in due course but please pop the date in your diary now if you are around.

We are also planning a guided village walk which will highlight points of historical interest in the village later in the year. Look out for more details both in the Magazine and on our own website www.chrishallessex.co.uk where you can find out lots more about the village including what many of the houses used to look like and who the pupils at the school were.

Who are Chrishall Archive Group (CAG)?

Since several of us on the Archive Group have our roots firmly in the village but now live elsewhere, we thought it might be helpful to share a little information about us.

Our treasurer is Fred Davies who lives in Crawley End and through his long career in the plumbing, heating and building trades has probably visited and mended most houses in the village at one time or another! As Irene Cranwell's son-in-law, he built the first Chrishall Museum to house Mrs Cranwell's growing collection and most recently has fitted out the Archive at the Brand Pavilion.

Our secretary is Sharon McGinty (formerly Rose, daughter of Joan Mumby), born and brought up in Chrishall with links to many local families. Sharon now lives at Thriplow.

Myself, Rosemarie Gant: Daughter of Fred Davies, Grand-daughter of Irene Cranwell, I was born and brought up in Chrishall and lived there until I was 25 when I moved over to Ashdon where I live now, and where my cousin on this side of the family runs the Ashdon Museum. I thoroughly enjoy looking at the old photographs and hearing stories of (both) villages. I think it is so important that we keep these collections together for those who are interested.

Other members of the committee are Caroline Fookes, Richard Rogers, Alison Meadows, Joanna Wilson, Jane Williams and James Gant our technical wizard. Our newest member is Andrew Drury from Heydon. Andrew has a marvellous collection of Heydon memorabilia with the proximity of the villages leading to many overlaps. We are very pleased to have Andrew on board.

So that's CAG in a nutshell. You can contact us via the website: www.chrishallessex.co.uk – or if you would like to join us why not pop along to the AGM? We are always interested in new ideas.



An old postcard of the village from our collection. This is looking towards the war memorial, with the Red Cow behind and the old school on the right-hand side.

The AGM for Chrishall Village Archive Group will be held on Thursday 12th March, 7:30pm at The Brand Pavilion. Everyone is welcome to attend. The AGM will be followed by a short committee meeting to which visitors are welcome to stay if they wish.

**Rosemarie on behalf of
Chrishall Archive Group
www.chrishallessex.co.uk**

OPEN DOOR

Come and enjoy a delicious home cooked lunch in a friendly atmosphere in Chrishall Village Hall on the first Monday of the month.

There's no need to book – you're welcome to just drop in, but if you know you're definitely coming it helps us if you contact us, so we have a rough idea how many we'll be catering for.

Some people have a light snack such as soup and a pudding, while others enjoy a three-course meal at a very reasonable price - and there's always someone to chat to.

We'll be open on the 2nd March, 6th April, 11th May and the 1st June from 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Now we are opening just once a month our numbers have been increasing and we could do with a couple more helpers, so if you can spare a few hours once or twice a year to help that would be great.

Contact details for Jenny Rodda are 838386 brodda1@gmail.com

CHRISHALL CRICKET CLUB

The Cricket Club will be hosting about 7 games on Jigneys Meadow this summer.

The AGM was held on Thursday 27th February 2020 at which a provisional fixture list of 12 matches was agreed. Additionally, as in past years we are holding a match against a Red Cow team (date to be advised).



We welcome spectator support at our home matches, and we are always looking for new players to join the club.

Please contact: Lucas Ling 07545 233939 or 837309

CHRISHALL SCHOOL – ECO SQUAD

Chrishall school is an Eco School and we are proud of our Green Flag status, the top award for Eco Schools.

To achieve and maintain this award our school has a dedicated Eco Squad. This team is made up of 2 children from each year who put themselves forward at the start of the academic year by presenting their ideas for action to their class. An election is then held and the children cast their votes.

The Eco Squad have formal meetings every Thursday lunchtime to discuss their action plan for the year and to work on upcoming planned events. Currently we are working on our termly 2nd-hand book sale, collecting used shoes for the charity SALS Shoes and we are hoping to bring some homemade cakes and the school choir to Open Door to share our garden produce and school hens' eggs.

Our Green Flag Award will be judged again this summer and the activities mentioned above are all part of the plan to ensure we keep our Green Flag status. To build on our knowledge of living sustainably the school live by their Eco Code which one of the Eco Squad team has developed into a rap to help the whole school remember and try to uphold. The code is:

U – Use Less
N – Natural habitats matter
L – Learn about other countries
E – Eat healthy food
S – Stop using plastic
S – Switch off

The Eco Squad have had positive feedback about their code and both pupils and staff have told us that they have started to make changes within their homes for example using soap bars instead of liquid soap and Class Lowry have built and erected bat boxes and bird feeders.

The Eco Squad are keen to continue spreading their message to the wider village community and would be grateful to hear of any changes that their code makes to the people of the community, helping us all live more sustainably.

By Ula Dring
Chair
Eco Squad

THE BRAND PAVILION

The Friends of the Brand Pavilion welcome you to our first 'Coffee, Cakes and More' morning on Saturday, 14th March from 10:00am to 12:30pm at the Brand Pavilion.

Our library team will be hosting the first event and will be recommending some good reads from their excellent collection. This will be a monthly event, on the third Saturday of the month.

Please do come and join us. Not only will you find out more about what's going on in the village, but you will be supporting our volunteers in raising funds for the upkeep of the pavilion.

Many thanks Paula

REPORT FROM CHRISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

By Belinda Irons, Clerk, 14 Crawley End, Chrishall. SG8 8QL. 01763-838732

Email: parish.clerk@chrishallpc.uk PLEASE NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

www.chrishallpc.org.uk

Parish Councillors:

Chairman: Jane Holloway

Councillors: Gill Eaton, Phil Gravett, Sheena Lashko, Helen Melville-Smith, Paula Parish.

Uttlesford District Councillors:

Richard Pavitt & Neil Gregory

Essex County Councillor:

John Moran

Parish Council meetings for 2020:

First Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall

3rd March, 7th April, 5th May (APCM), 2nd June, 7th July, 1st September, 6th October and 3rd November

Annual Parish Meeting: 19th May: Police and Crime Commissioner Assistant to attend. The Fire Brigade and Uttlesford District Council will be asked to attend.

Cllr Slade resignation: Cllr Tracey Slade has decided to step down as a Parish Councillors but will continue to run the Youth Club. Tracey has been a very forthright and outspoken Councillor whose intentions to ensure correct procedures are followed have always been in evidence at Parish Council meetings. Tracey's strong character and resolve were highly valued by the Council. She will be missed at the table.

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 is committed to providing value for money and to that end, is investigating potential schemes which will support this aim. The PC is working on a village-wide survey, which will ask each household for an indication of where it wants the PC to spend the precept. Look out for this in the spring.

External Audit: PKF Littlejohn has concluded the audit for 2018/19 and has recommendations for the Parish Council to implement and follow, the principle of which is compliance with its own governing documents. The 2018/19 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), which includes the External Auditor's Report, has been published to the website

<https://www.chrishallpc.org.uk/pages.php?page=000044> along with a detailed commentary from the Parish Council, and can also be found on the main noticeboard.

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.

Health & Welfare: The PC may be able to host a second mental health training session if sufficient people wish to attend. If you would like to attend please contact the Clerk.

Uttlesford District Council declares a Climate Change & Ecological Emergency: The Parish Council is considering tree planting as a carbon off-setting scheme. It is also considering holding an event to highlight where individuals can make a difference and reduce carbon footprint.

The Parish Council is committed to following the ecological management scheme which forms part of the Great Crested Newt licence compliance but will also increase biodiversity in the village. Bulbs, plug plants, and a wildflower meadow all need to be planted and created, and if you are interested in helping, please contact the Clerk to get involved.

Householders will be asked to get involved, particularly with an intention to increase biodiversity. The Parish Council will publicise what the District and County Councils suggest.

All Parish Councils will be asked to implement actions to support both District and County Council initiatives and will be working with the school to make sure that our young people have strong input into the decision making process.

The Parish Council will develop an action plan to ensure that it takes the most appropriate action to reduce carbon emissions from the buildings it owns

Swap and Share, Give and Take: This initiative can help to reduce car journeys if surplus produce is available in the village. 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 Green Waste Skip Service 2020: The dates of the green waste skip service for 2020 are available on the CPC website under Useful Information, Uttlesford Council Recycling and will also be displayed on the village noticeboards. The first date is Saturday 21st March 2020 at Pinkeneys between 10:30am and 11:30am

The Pavilion: the loft insulation has been fitted, and applications for grant funding to install a heating system and energy efficient lighting system are ongoing. An assessment regarding cavity, internal or external insulation will be undertaken.

CHRISHALL CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Chrishall Carpet Bowls Club has been running for over two years, we have managed to obtain two serviceable mats and bowls to cater for up to sixteen players along with score boards.

We meet in the Chapel Hall at the Village Hall on the second Wednesday of the month from 7:30pm to 9:30pm, with a break for refreshments. The cost of the evening is £2.50 per person.

Although there is an element of competition, we don't take the proceedings too seriously with the emphasis on having some fun and laughter and meeting and mixing with other villagers.

As many of our members, both male and female, have taken to the game for the first time we are always keen to accommodate new members who have never played before and introduce them to an enjoyable game that has elements of skill that are quickly acquired (but not always executed!).

Tuition and rules of play will be explained to anyone who would like an introduction to the game, so please take the opportunity to give it a try.

All new or experienced players would be very welcome.

If you require further information please contact me on 838027 or just come along on one of our club nights.

Mike Dearman

CHANTING STORK YOGA CLASSES

The meaning of the word 'yoga' in Sanskrit means union and that's exactly what it is, a fully integrated practice of your body, mind and breath.



Here's our weekly classes at Chrishall and Barkway:

Monday	10:00-11:00am
Tuesday	9:45-10:45am
	7:00-8:15pm
Friday	9:30-10:30am
Saturday	9:00-10:00am

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Yoga for Beginners
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Contact Becky: 07740 067186
Web site

becky@chantingstork.com
www.chantingstork.com

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NEXTDOOR.COM

Did you know that 110 Chrishall residents (up from 103 last quarter) are members of Nextdoor.com which amounts to 37% (35%) of the 240 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!!

Editor

Weekly Adult Language courses for all levels

Monday - Saffron Walden
Tues AM & evening - Saffron Walden
Tues 1pm & evening - Royston
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Friday AM - Trumpington

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COME AND JOIN US AT SOCA (Society of Chrishall Artists)

If you enjoy any form of art, then why not come and join us on the last Thursday in the month (except August and December) at the Village Hall 7:30pm to 9:30pm

We have a varied programme, a copy of which can be found on the village website www.chrishallpc.org.uk and details are posted on Facebook. You can either follow the programme or you can do your 'own thing'.



We are a friendly group, who will not judge anyone's work – it is just nice to meet once a month, if only for the coffee and biscuits!

If you are interested in coming along to our next session, then please contact Helen on helen.ms@gmail.com or 838930. Our annual subscription is currently £15 per person.

Additionally, there is a daytime group 'Drop in and Draw' on the first Wednesday of the month from 1:30pm in the Brand Pavilion, all are welcome. The fee is £1 per session (to cover refreshments). For more information please contact Paula on 836240

KHANDEL LIGHT – FUND RAISING

For 20 years Khandel light, the Herts charity, has been combating climate change in Rajasthan.

Since 2000 we have supplied water, provided education, training, planted trees, and created the world's first Girls' Parliament.

This year we have 5 runners in the Cambridge half marathon on Sunday 8th March - Hannah Hurst, Rhys Davies, John Adamson, Peter & Bridget Gough.

To support our work in 26 villages in Rajasthan go to: <http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/> and type a runner's name in the search box.

Your support will fill water tanks, plant trees, educate young people, and help stop migration.

Many thanks. Khandel light

PIN BOARD 'Free to Good Home'

Seventeen (17) hanging basket outers, some green wire with fibre liners and some weave-wood with plastic liners. Collector takes all, please.

Contact Stephen or Meg on 838936 or stephen@tambourine.org.uk. 14 High Street.

CHRISHALL VILLAGE HALL



The quarterly draw of the 100 club 2019-20 season took place on Sunday 26 January at The Red Cow, and the winning numbers were drawn by: Tracey Greeman



1st prize £120 won by Joan Dearman
2nd prize £60 won by Sarah May
3rd prize £30 won by Barbara Smith
Congratulations to all

The next draw will take place on Sunday 26 April 2020, 4.30 p.m. at the Red Cow. You are most welcome to attend.

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

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

CYCLE RACE – 5TH APRIL 2020

Cycle Club Ashwell with the support of British Cycling will be hosting two road races running on the Elmdon/Chrishall circuit. The route runs up Essex Hill from the B1039, through Elmdon, Chrishall and back down Church Road to the B road again, turning left and then back up the hill. The finish line is just south of Lofts Hall Farm.

You're more than welcome to come out to give the riders a cheer and make as much noise as you can as the Peloton passes through. The racers love a bit of encouragement!

The men's race starts around 9:00am and the women's around 12.30pm. Each race will last around two and a half hours, so time it right at the finish line and you'll get to see the riders battle it out for first place. Alternatively, call in and see us at our headquarters for the day, Chrishall Village Hall. We will be pleased to meet you!

Editor's note:

I know it can be inconvenient when you come across a cycle race through the village without prior notice, so it's useful to be informed of the Ashwell Cycle Club race in advance.

I understand that this race will also involve pace cars and motor bikes, so will be a fairly large event with probably five circuits for each race along Crawley End and Church Lane.

Therefore, can I personally suggest that if at all possible, you refrain from parking motor vehicles on the affected public highways during the races so that the event runs smoothly.

Editor 28 February 2020

There will be another cycling event through the village on Sunday 17th May 2020. It is unlikely to be on the same scale as the April event

CEREALS 2020

Nr. Chrishall Grange, Cambridgeshire

WEDNESDAY 10th - THURSDAY 11th JUNE (07:00 – 18:00)

Cambridgeshire is in the heart of the British agricultural industry and we are very pleased to be working with Robert Law in hosting and organising the leading arable event in Europe. Cereals attracts around 400 exhibitors and 18,000 farmers and industry professionals over the two days of the event.

We have introduced a routing and parking system for all our visitors this year to reduce the impact of the event traffic on local residents and commuting traffic. As part of our overall traffic plan, Cambridgeshire County Council are issuing Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders authorising one way systems and speed restrictions on certain roads for the two days of the event and for the build-up and breakdown period of the event which extends from Monday 1 to Sunday 14 June.

Thanking you for your co-operation.

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Further details will be available nearer the time of the event on
www.chrishallpc.org.uk



Chrishall and the surrounding villages are remarkably quiet and safe but, unfortunately, there have been several incidents that have required police involvement in recent months. Chrishall Parish Council have invited Uttlesford Community Safety Partnership to visit us and to give residents advice about personal safety and much more besides. The team will be running an event at the Village Hall from between 1.30 and 4.30 pm on Tuesday, 17th March. They are even bringing a converted horsebox to serve us a warming cuppa!

Please feel free to come along to the Village Hall car park where you will be able to speak with the following partner agencies:

- Essex Police Community Policing Team
 - Essex County Fire and Rescue Service
 - Uttlesford District Council
- And other partner agencies

These agencies will also be conducting proactive patrols within the area. For more information please contact:

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