



CHRISHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2020

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www.chrishallpc.org.uk
email: villagenews@chrishallpc.uk

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 14.

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.
Late August - Restarting Fridays and Saturdays

Pilates: Tru-2-pilates. Mondays, 9:45am and 10:45am, and Fridays 9:30am to 11:30am in the Village Hall.

Restarting 2nd week of September

Contact: Chloe on 849113 or chloe.romans@gmail.com.

Lingualounge:

Contact: Sarah on 07775 640794.

See the advert on Page 19.

USEFUL INFORMATION



Parish Council Chairman
Parish website:
School – Head teacher
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Jane Holloway 838621
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Tracey Bratley 838592
Sonya McKenna

smckenna@chrishall.essex.sch.uk

Village Hall Chairman
Village Hall bookings

Richard Keeling (Acting) 838930
Clare Godfrey 838691

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Church Office

Andrea Quigley 837272
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Open Door

Jenny Rodda 838386

WI

Jane Gravett 838018

History websites:

Fred Davies www.chrishallessex.co.uk
www.recordingtuttlesfordhistory.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

Here we are still in lockdown for the Autumn edition of the newsletter. A little more freedom since the summer edition but many of our village activities still affected. It will be interesting to see how circumstances change before the next copy deadline date for the Winter 2020 newsletter which will be

14 November 2020.

Email villagenews@chrishallpc.uk

Many thanks, as always, to all our contributors and especially to Diane Firth for allowing us to use her artwork on the front cover. It's a view looking southwards from the church yard towards Chiswick Hall

Jane and Philip Gravett

CHRISHALL VILLAGE HALL

Chrishall Village Hall is now available for bookings. This is the Chapel Hall only up to 6:30pm in order to facilitate the daily deep-clean required. All kitchen facilities are closed until further notice.

We are complying with and monitoring the government guidelines to ensure the hall is Covid-19 secure. Please check with the Booking Secretary whether your intended booking meets with current guidelines,

For bookings and all enquiries please use the website:

<https://chrishallvillagehall.co.uk/>

CHRISHALL VILLAGE FAIR

A date has been booked provisionally to hold the Christmas Fair at the Village Hall on Sunday 8 November.

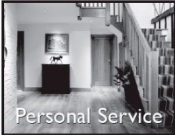
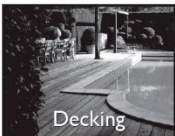
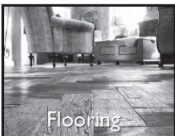
Stalls can be booked by contacting Lucas Ling

01763 838876 or 07545 233939

All the usual stalls are expected including woodcraft, metalcraft, pottery, sewing, jewellery etc. Additionally, we have a live local musician on keyboard

Of course, all of this will be dependent on whether Covid-19 restrictions will allow. We live in hope

Lucas Ling



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WEATHER RECORDS 2020

RAINFALL:	MAY – JULY
MAY	0.21 inches
JUNE	1.28 inches
JULY	2.27 inches

May: Rainfall fell in 2 days only with hot and dry conditions.

June: Much needed rain fell .75 inches on one day for the crops to have a good soaking and the garden.

July: Hot and dry in the middle of the month with occasional rain

August: Report to half the month. Temperatures rose to 36 C too hot for most people! 13th August rain started to fall there has been 2.00 inches fall in 4 days!!

Total Rainfall so far this year 10.60 inches - 2 inches more than 2019

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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Paw Perfect Groomers

City and Guilds-qualified pet
grooming for your dogs and cats.
Hand stripping, clipping, brushing
and nail-trimming, all part
of our caring salon-based service
in Chrishall. Prices start from
£25 for a full groom for pooches
and £20 for pussycats.
Difficult customers welcome (and
their pets!).

**Book your appointment today
on
01763 838720 or 07749
845171**



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

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

We Gave Away over £30,000

As a village we are very fortunate to have the Brand Trust which gave grants of over £32,000 this last year.

The trust was set up in 1994 under the will of Mr William Walter Brand, a Chrishall farmer, for the benefit of people living in the parish of Chrishall. The capital is invested and last year produced an income of about £20,000 and we anticipate it will be lower for the next few years or so owing to the Covid19 recession. Our investments have also suffered but hopefully will recover in time.

We make grants for lots of different things such as - the Heating Allowance, grants for educational purposes, including transport costs, university grants and a £200 grant for those starting secondary school to help pay for uniforms etc, help to pay for the Care Line, stair lifts, anything in the house to make life easier for those who need it. We are always looking for new ways to help people so please let me or any of the trustees know about your ideas. This year has included help related to Covid19 hardship.

In order to take advantage of the lower oil prices we have brought forward the Heating Allowance and have sent out letters to those who had it in the past but if there is anyone else who would like help, up to £200, then any of the Trustees will be pleased to provide an application form.

It's important that we include all the people who need the grants so if you know anybody that needs help or you need it for yourself, then please contact any of the trustees in complete confidence.

Some people are shy in coming forward and feel they are too proud as they see it as charity. We appreciate their sentiments but this money has been left for the specific purpose of supporting local people in need and it would be a great pity for someone to suffer hardship when a friendly helping hand is available.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Bill Rodda

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

CHRISHALL ARCHIVE GROUP (CAG)

Like everyone else the Archive continues to feel its way through this strange year. We were hoping to have at least one opening in the Autumn, but the way things are going it does not look like that is going to be possible. By the time you read this it is quite likely we will have held our 'Zoom- AGM', postponed from March. If you missed this but are interested in joining the committee or getting involved in some of our research (you do not have to do both!) then please get in touch.

We have three main projects on at the moment: indexing the collection, the Prisoner of War Camp at Chrishall Grange and Exodus to Australia 1850!

Indexing the Collection

As explained in a previous article, much of the current collection was brought together by Irene Cranwell and a lot has been added since then. Mrs Cranwell's knowledge was encyclopaedic but also mostly held in her head! So we are attempting to reproduce those neural networks in today's technology of a database.

The first phase of this is to register items in spreadsheets. We are using a document standard called Spectrum which has been defined by the Collections Trust <https://collectionstrust.org.uk/spectrum/> This sounds very grand but actually their basic recommendations are fairly straightforward and if we get that basic information down about each of our items then we can always add to it later.

If you would like to help then I'm sure we could find something for you to index. Please email for a chat. No obligation.



Left: One of our items to index, a recent purchase from Ebay – a postcard of Mill House sent to Royston in September 1923. The message on the back reads: "Dear Minnie, We expect to come by the Charabanc the second journey if so it will be about two

at yours and Mother and Sue talks of coming if it's a nice day. Shall have dinner before we come. Love to all. Uncle Jim'. We have no idea if Jim, Sue and 'Mother' lived in Chrishall of course, they may have bought the postcard elsewhere and the postmark is Royston, but Chrishall did have a Charabanc, prior to the buses. There's a picture of the Charabanc in the previous edition of the village magazine.

Prisoner of War Camp, Chrishall Grange

Chrishall Archive are working with Ickleton History Group on researching the camp (or camps – we are not quite sure yet) at Chrishall Grange. We know that Italian and German prisoners were held there during World War II and the men came to work in the village with many long-term friendships being formed. We would love to be able to tell the story of this camp and who was there when. We have already been invited for one visit to the site from the Ickleton Grange side and had an amazing tour of the buildings that remain. And we are hoping to visit the Chrishall Grange end later in the year. Any information on the camp and those who lived and worked here would be most welcome.



Above: the old Badminton Hall where the food for the camp was stored – and where two soldiers had to sleep guarding the food to stop it being stolen!

Exodus to Australia.

Many of the queries that come into our website (www.chrishallessex.co.uk) are from family historians and many of those are from Australia. In the 1850s there was an exodus from Chrishall and other local villages to settle in Australia. Why did they go? There were various schemes to encourage people to settle there but did they all go because of that or were there other issues? And did they travel together on the same ships? How long did it take to sail there and where did they land? These and many more are questions we are hoping to answer in our 'Australia project'. We do have someone working on it at present but this is potentially a large project with a lot of information so again if you are interested I would always be happy to chat about it with you, and you can see if you would like to get involved.

That's all for this time. Keep safe and well – and keep your eyes peeled for any history!

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





3rd prize:
£30 won by John Bowman

telephone: 838930 or email: cvh100club@gmail.com

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Chrishall Village Hall Committee – Registered Charity no. 301281

CHRISHALL WI NEWS

Chrishall WI usually meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall, Crawley End, Chrishall at 7:15 for a 7:30 pm start. However, in March, along with all of the country we had to cancel our meetings due to the pandemic. We also will not be holding our Autumn Supper in September but hope we may be able to hold a Spring Supper in 2021. We are looking forward to when we can resume our meetings again.



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 are able to join with them in many trips to museums, exhibitions, Day Schools and various other activities. We hope to be able to take part in these again soon.

During the lockdown over the past few months we have been sharing photographs of what we have been doing. We now have sixty five photos of – handmade cards, crocheted and knitted items, members' vegetable and salad seedlings (which we hope have now grown into productive plants!), vases of flowers, drawings, photographs of the countryside from around us, squares for blankets and yes – jars of jam and chutney!



We have held fortnightly Zoom catch-ups and with the easing of lockdown measures, we had a picnic on Jigney's field – socially distanced of course! For our second outing we met up at The Red Cow for coffee.

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.

CHRISHALL CRICKET CLUB



Good news, the Cricket Club has played a few matches, and more are expected. Unfortunately, we are unable to put on teas. On 23 August we had a turn out from the village of 5 dads and 5 sons pictured below.

More matches are planned.

Lucas Ling
07545 233939 or 837309

CRAWLEY END SINGALONG WITH SUE AND ALLAN MOULE



Lockdown and Clapping for the NHS started me wondering what I could do to make life a bit easier while we were unable to visit our families and friends. My idea grew and I decided to ask my neighbours if they would join me for a singalong on the next Thursday evening after the first Clap for the NHS.

The song I chose to start with was "Over the Rainbow" which I thought appropriate as lots of the children had painted rainbows and decorated their houses with them. The following weeks we sang different songs, from the old ones, the 60's and some from Musicals, and we now sing 4 songs each time, with the session usually lasting around 30 minutes.

I am gradually building a song book with a selection of all the songs we have sung so far. V E Day was a special day when it seemed everyone came outside and enjoyed food and drink 🍷 and socialising. I played music from the era of the two World Wars, i.e. Glen Miller and Tipperary, and we sang The White Cliffs of Dover, We'll Meet Again and Pack Up Your Troubles and many more. Some people danced to the music and we also sang a tribute song to Captain Tom who raised so much money for the NHS. The evening was also graced with a World War II Spitfire flying around us and a Final Fly Past, with thanks going to a local resident.



I continued delivering letters and the printed words of songs to the neighbours and each week a few more people stayed outside for the singing. When the clapping finally ended in July I was asked if I was up for carrying on with the singalong each week. I was only too pleased to agree to it. We then had an average of 18 – 20 people, with some coming from the other end of Chrishall.

We have been so lucky with the weather with only two rain cancellations since April.

The Singalong gave us all something to look forward to while we were in Lockdown and it has been good getting to know every one and to form new friendships. We met on Thursdays at 7.45 outside Tall Trees, Crawley End but sadly the last one this year was on 27 August 2020 as the nights grew darker

Who knows – Next Year?.

Sue Moule

10 YEARS AT THE RED COW!

We'd like to say - Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! - For the wonderful support our village has shown us over the last 10 years.

We moved to Chrishall on 6th of September 2010 to take on your village pub. Toby, an experienced head chef and Alexis, a nurse and health visitor with previous business experience. We had done our research but had never run a pub before. We had seen, at the time, other operators were turning local pubs into "Gastropubs" leaving locals out in the cold in favour of dining areas. We knew this was wrong and we were determined that the pub remained a place that locals could call their own and The Pub remained at the heart of the village.



The first few months were terrifying, exhilarating and exhausting! But, after our first year we were able to extend the tiny kitchen to provide a modern and efficient commercial kitchen so Toby could expand the variety and quantity of our food offering.

We put in our little sweet shop area which has been very well used and appreciated by all of our customers young and old!



We introduced the annual Moosic Festival with the support and help of local musicians Tom and Dan Reavey, now a hugely popular and well supported fixture in the village calendar.

As time passed and our experience grew so did the loyalty of our village.

The vast majority of our neighbours in Chrishall have been kind, generous and supportive. We know you understand the importance of this constant, familiar and safe place to be.

We have experienced with you all your highs and lows, your celebrations and commemorations, your laughter and your tears. We've seen people meet, fall in love, get married and have babies. We've hosted your families' weddings, baptisms, birthdays and funerals.

We've employed dozens of Chrishall's young people. We have watched the children of the village grow, go into the world and come back to visit "home". Something that we truly love to observe.

Before it was more widely understood, we knew that The Pub is an important place for people to meet with others to support good mental health and is vital to build relationships and stave off loneliness. We will always welcome those who crave company. Please come in for a chat or just to sit quietly alone.

After years of planning and fund raising our biggest achievement to date is the restoration of the barn and old post office, which we are immensely proud of and have been told by you, that you are too.

After 14 years together we finally tied the knot and surprised and celebrated with family and friends here at home in September 2019.

Then came 2020, our tenth year here in Chrishall. None of us knew what was about to happen.

Having to close our doors on Friday the 20th of March was utterly devastating. The life we had built crashed down around us. The first few days were full of fear and uncertainty. However, with both the government and your support we were able to feel cautiously optimistic.

The support and love we have had from our customers has been, at times, overwhelming. Many of you have truly understood the implications of the events of this year, for not only us personally, but for your village hub.

During lockdown, the Covid Act has meant that planning and licensing laws were relaxed with the intention of supporting hospitality businesses to diversify and provide practical solutions to generate income for survival. With this supportive government measure we were able to expand our shop's produce and think about providing a dedicated space, for the village, once again, harking back to the old post office, where those daily essentials can be conveniently picked up. Alongside this we hope to provide some local artisan produce such as honey and kitchen table products. Continue to watch this space!



We could not have achieved any of this without our team, customers and village.

We ask humbly for your on-going support. For those of you who are not pub people, and who we are yet to meet, please make a point of popping in for a drink or meal and have a chat. Or buy a card or some veg from the shop area. We need every one of you to ensure that we can continue to keep what is becoming a rarer species, which people envy Chrishall for, the traditional village pub.

Once again, we thank you for your loyalty and on-going support of your pub The Red Cow.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter and visit our website. www.theredcow.com

Very best wishes,

Toby, Alexis and Lottie

REPORT FROM CHRISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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

Email: parish.clerk@chrishallpc.uk

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

15th September

3rd November

Covid-19: Chrishall has been really lucky as very few people appear to have been affected by this nasty virus. We need to continue to be vigilant when out and about. Please do continue to practice social distancing when you meet friends and neighbours.

PLANNING WHITE PAPER: PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Central Government has carried out an extensive review of English Planning legislation, and there are three public consultations running now. These are

White Paper: Planning for the Future: open to 28th October 2020

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907956/Planning_for_the_Future_web_accessible_version.pdf

Transparency & Competition: a call for evidence for data on land control: open to the 30th October 2020

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/transparency-and-competition-a-call-for-evidence-on-data-on-land-control>

Changes to the current planning system: open to the 17th September

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907215/200805_Changes_to_the_current_planning_system_FINAL_version.pdf

These are extremely important consultations and you are urged to at least read the White Paper as there are major changes proposed.

The Parish Council response will be loaded to the website.

Parish Council vacancy: We have five vacancies. If you believe that you have skills which will benefit the community, please contact the Clerk for an application form. The PC meets on Zoom, and may continue to do so if Central Government allows. We believe that this would enable younger members of the community to join us as it would alleviate child care issues. So, if childcare is an issue for you, please don't be put off as you can attend the meeting whilst at home and caring for your child.

We would be delighted to receive applications from people with practical skills who would be willing to take an active role, such as doing the weekly playground inspection, cutting back vegetation around the noticeboards, benches and ponds, helping with our environmental enhancement

programme, or doing a litter pick. Everyone who is on the electoral role is eligible to apply.

If we are unable to recruit from residents, we will need to actively approach neighbouring parishes for volunteers.

The PC will write to Uttlesford District Council and request a reduction in the number of Councillors, but this is unlikely to occur for some time yet.

Parish Council policies: The Parish Council is required to abide by Central Government legislation, and part of that compliance means the PC has to produce policy documents, which are loaded to the website. There are two new policies - Vision Statement and the Meeting Protocol - which you may wish to view. <https://www.chrishallpc.org.uk/policies-and-procedures/>

Correspondence: Please note that if you would like 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 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 further eased.

External Audit: The public examination of the Parish Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 is possible until the 15th September. This is a parishioner's opportunity to inspect the accounts. Further information on how to do this is viewable on the Parish Council website.

<https://www.chrishallpc.org.uk/cpc-notice-of-provision-for-the-exercise-of-public-rights/#more-1947>

The accounts have been submitted to the External Auditors for their review.

Dog waste: Dog waste continues to be a problem so please do pick this up.

Defibrillator: A defibrillator is in a cabinet on the outside of the village hall. There is also one in the garden of the Red Cow

Swap and Share, Give and Take: Please take whatever you have to share to the bus shelter in Palmers Lane for swapping and sharing 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 management report is awaited. The recommendations will be carried out once the lock-down is lifted, and at the appropriate time to bring benefit to wildlife.

A brief guide to Planning and how the Parish Council responds

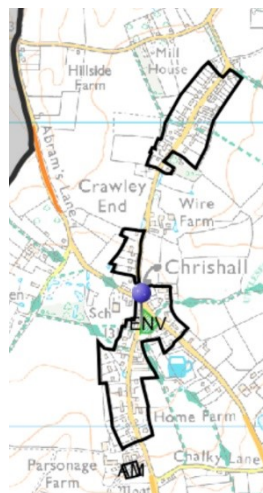
Parish Councils are statutory consultees in the planning process.

The District Council is the Planning Authority, and takes a decision based on Planning Legislation. That decision must be in accord with the National Planning Policy Framework and the District Council's Local Plan.

The Parish Council feeds into that process and can recommend permission is granted, refused, or it has no comment. These recommendations must likewise be in accord with the NPPF and the Local Plan. If the Parish Council has produced a Neighbourhood Plan, (a Neighbourhood Plan, Parish Plan or Village Design Statement) any recommendation must also be in accord with it as it is the only document voted on by parishioners as something they support.

The Parish Council must consider, as part of its deliberations, the following:

- Impact on the street scene: will the proposed development adversely impact, or improve, the street scene.
- Impact on neighbouring properties, particularly if these are considered to have special merit such as being Listed, or if the development is in or adjacent to, a Conservation Area or other area of built or environmental value.
- Impact of the development on the wider environment:
- Precedent: whilst the Planning Officer frequently advises there is no such thing as precedent, developers often include applications of a similar nature which have been granted within the District in the submission, and use these to demonstrate why their proposed development is in accord with the District Council's decision-making process. It should be noted that any development allowed outside the development boundary may be used as a precedent for further development within the village, which could be extensive. See opposite for a map of the boundary which is also available on the CPC website.
- The style, design, bulk and footprint of the building in relation to the size of the site, and cohesion with neighbouring properties and its setting in the street scene needs to be assessed.
- The environmental impact of the development needs to be assessed, and particularly the impact on protected species, or landscapes. Some developments can increase biodiversity through the introduction of specific plants or breeding habitats. Care must be taken with brownfield sites, as some which have been left undisturbed for many years have developed valuable ecosystems and can have rare species present.
- By-products of development also need to be considered, including but not restricted to water run-off (rainwater) and Sustainable Urban Drainage Scheme (SUDS); potential increase in flooding; impact on watercourses; impact on wildlife; effluent disposal; refuse storage, recycling and disposal; parking both on site and on-street impacts; availability of public transport; cycling and walking routes; size of



dwelling (too small and too large); whether the proposal provides affordable housing for local people and is in line with any housing needs survey; distance to services and facilities such as schools, doctors, hospitals, dentists, shops and leisure facilities.

- The rural villages also need to ensure that development takes place within the development boundary which is set by the District Council. Some development is allowed to take place adjacent to the development boundary, and these are known as exception sites and are usually reserved for low-cost, affordable housing. Development outside the boundary would ordinarily be recommended for refusal unless permitted under the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Development in the rural area beyond the Green Belt covers the rural landscape, and again would usually be refused, unless it was an exceptional development or if it needed to take place. A usual need would be for agriculture, horticulture or forestry accommodation.
- There are also important spaces in the landscape of villages – gaps between houses, houses set in large gardens, views between houses of the wider landscape beyond the developed environment.
- Some street scenes set the tone of development. There are very beautiful local streets such as Gold Street and Church Street in Saffron Walden. Chrishall, Broad Green and Bilden End have very unique and increasingly rare examples of rural agricultural villages. A former District Councillor commented that Chrishall is very lucky to have retained the large gaps between houses and areas of development which have been lost in so many other rural villages, continuing to bring an open and airy aspect to the built environment.
- Facilities: Villages are classified under a category system based on the amount of facilities available. Whilst Chrishall is a Category 1 village because it has a pub and the school, development is restricted because it doesn't have a shop, and therefore there is strong reliance on private vehicles to access food and other necessities. Should Chrishall have a shop, the category would change up and Chrishall could be subjected to significant development. It must be noted that District Councils are very reticent to change categories, and it could be claimed that Chrishall is currently in the wrong category. However, if a shop were developed, the village may receive development. If shop then closed, the category wouldn't necessarily change and development may continue to take place.
- Infill: infill enables the gaps between dwellings to have development. The important part is that should infill start outside the development boundary, it would then be used as a local example for all other gaps to be filled. This could expand across the whole of the parish and especially on plots in Palmers Lane, Abrams Lane, Mill Causeway, Chrishall Grange Road, Crawley End, High Street, Church Road, Chalkey Lane, Bilden End and Broad Green. The potential for extensive development can thus be seen. When you next walk around the village, please do take note of the gaps along the roadside and imagine them filled with houses and you can then see how the village ambience would be changed irreversibly.

- Parish Councils can benefit financially from some development through Section 106 Agreements or Community Infrastructure Levy Agreements. These payments are applied to developments of 10 or more dwellings and are paid to ensure the community provides facilities which benefit the specific development such as a larger play or sporting area, or increased leisure facilities. Smaller developments do not attract S106 or CIL. The majority of S106 or CIL are directed to bigger towns to provide facilities such as libraries or sports halls.
- Climate Change mitigation is something that needs to be considered for the benefit of future generations. Energy saving through increased insulation; energy generation through photovoltaic arrays, wind or hydrological systems; alternative heating sources such as ground or air source heat pumps with mechanical heat recover systems; rainwater harvesting; grey water recycling and other measures can all contribute to 'sustainable development'. The inclusion of trees for shading and increased wildlife habitat can help reduce atmospheric carbon.

It can be seen that obtaining a balance is a complex task. It can be seen that the Parish Council has to take a balanced view of all aspects and impacts of a development when taking a decision.

It is thus important the Parish Council remains impartial when taking a decision, and must take that decision 'without fear or favour'. Whilst the Parish Council is always willing to listen to reasoned argument, it will not bow to pressure from any quarter. Its job is to ensure that the wishes of the community as a whole are represented. Speculative applications will always come forward, but that does not mean they should be accepted.

Councillors must declare an interest if they or a member of their family own land which is the subject of an application. They must also declare an interest if a friend or business associate submits an application. Making a declaration of interest means the Councillor cannot take part in the discussion. If a Councillor has a pecuniary interest, they must leave the meeting whilst the Parish Council takes a decision. The Councillor must then abide by the decision of the Council, even if the decision goes against the application.

The Parish Council will always seek to take a fair and reasoned approach to the decision-making process, using the information it has, and using the Planning legislation contained in the NPPF, Local Plan, Neighbourhood Plan, and Conservation Area Appraisal, where appropriate. The Parish Council can take professional advice such as a Planning Consultant, a Conservation specialist, an Ecology specialist, and also seek assistance from the other statutory consultees such as Natural England, Historic England and the Environment Agency.

This is a very broad overview of the planning system, and is designed to provide parishioners with a flavour of the challenges the Parish Council encounters when considering planning applications.

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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

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2020 Flu Clinics

In the wake of coronavirus, it is more important than ever to have your flu vaccination.

However, with Covid-19 comes the challenge as to how we vaccinate 10,000 Granta patients in a socially-distanced manner, to ensure the safety of our patients, our staff and our local community.

Duxford Imperial War Museum has very kindly agreed to help us and we will be holding "drive-through" flu clinics on **Saturday 3rd October** and **Saturday 17th October**. If you cannot get to these clinics, please don't worry; we will make sure that the patients who can't attend or who cannot drive will be seen in smaller clinics at our surgeries. If you are housebound separate arrangements will be made for you.

Patients eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination include those patients who will be 65 years old before 31st March 2021, and those patients 6 months of age and up to and including 64 years of age if they fall into one or more of the "at risk" groups. Details of the "at risk" groups can be found on our website. If you are unsure if you are eligible for a free vaccination, please feel free to ring us and we can let you know.

As you will have heard on the news, the government has now extended the flu programme to include everyone 50 years old and over, plus household members of shielded patients. However, NHS England wants us to prioritise the "at risk" patients first, and the new second cohort of patients will be vaccinated towards the end of the year. We will send out further details as soon as we have them.

Children aged 2 years old and 3 years old are automatically eligible to be vaccinated by us. These will be done in our surgeries.

Children from 4 years old to 11 years old will be vaccinated at school, unless they fall into an "at risk" category.

Appointment slots should be available to book from the end of August – keep an eye on our website for further details.

Please note that you MUST pre-book your flu appointment. Please do not just turn up on the day - you will be sent away.

If you should decide to stay on and visit the museum after your vaccination please be aware that you will have to pre-book tickets in advance through the IWM website www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford. **You will not be able to purchase tickets for the museum on the day.**

We would like to say a massive thank you to Duxford Imperial War Museum for accommodating us in this fantastic community collaboration.

Sandra East

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