

CHRISHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Spring 2021



Hertford Lane
The Observation Post

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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 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 Contact Becky – see page 19

Pilates: Tru-2-pilates Contact for venue and times
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	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	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
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
Newspaper deliveries -	https://www.newsteamgroup.co.uk	01782 358998

EDITORIAL

It's lovely to see the Spring flowers emerging in our gardens and in the countryside and to hear the birds singing again – even at 5:30 am in the morning! We are also on the path to a gradual easing of lockdown restrictions which were imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and hopefully we will be able to meet each other again soon. We hope you enjoy reading this edition of the Village Newsletter

Deadline date for the Summer 2021 newsletter which will be

14 May 2021.

Email villagenews@chrishallpc.uk

Many thanks, as always, to all our contributors.

Jane and Philip Gravett

WEATHER RECORDS 2020

Rainfall for 2020

	28.11 inches
November	1.47 inches
December	4.30 inches
From August to December	17.47 inches
The driest month was May	0.21 inches
followed by September	1.06 inches

Annual Rainfall in inches

2000	34.12
2012	34.07
2014	34.45

The hottest temperature of the year was on 31st July

38 °C

October 18 days of rain – sunshine and showers

December 15 days of rain with snow at the beginning of the month and very dull and overcast

At least we have not had any serious flooding in this area which is a bonus. All these low and high temperatures for the time of year have caused rain. When frost occurred, it has been a beautiful day with blue skies.

Weather Wise

CONGRATULATIONS! PAM BULLETT



I'm sure Chrishall residents will be delighted to hear that Pam Bullett – who lived in the village for many years, and was our Postmistress for a number of them – has found happiness again - she is now Mrs. Norton.

Pam moved from Chrishall to the Isle of Wight to live closer to her daughters, and has since met

Christopher – her 'toy boy' as she calls him (he is 85 to her 86!) - and they married on 18 December.

A perfect match with a mutual love of travel, gardening, wine and enjoying good food!

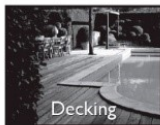
Although current restrictions meant we could not actually attend the marriage ceremony, we 'joined' them for a celebration lunch at adjoining tables, and Derek made a short speech reminiscing on Chrishall times and wishing them both every happiness for the future from all her friends.

It was a lovely day, the sun shone, Pam was her usual be-jewelled self and they both radiated happiness.

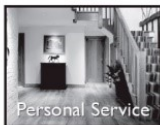
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Are you finding life or work a strain?
Having trouble making sense of your life?
Not feeling like your usual self?
Feeling stuck in repeating patterns?

Counselling can help.

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

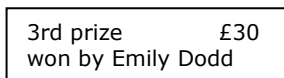
Please contact me, Amanda Bettison, for more information
on 07973 712221 or via my website,
www.thevillagecounsellor.co.uk

CHRISHALL VILLAGE HALL



The second quarterly draw of the 100 club 2020-21 season took place on Sunday 24 January and for the first time was drawn by

a Random Number Generator App. This was due to the current Government distancing guidelines.



The next draw will take place on Sunday 25 April 2021 at 4:30pm.

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

Helen Melville-Smith, Treasurer

telephone: 838930 or email: cvh100club@gmail.com

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Did you know that Chrishall Parish Council has budgeted to spend almost £30,000 on essential repairs to the Village Hall during the year to 31 March 2022?

CPC have already received a grant of £10,000 from Essex County Council – Communities Initiative Fund to offset these costs

Chrishall Village Hall Update – February 2021

In line with the Government COVID-19 current restrictions, the Village Hall remains closed until we receive further information on relaxing the guidelines and reopening.

The Committee have decided that the hire rates for 2020/21 will remain unchanged, particularly in the current situation. Below are the current hire rates per hall:

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

REGULAR USERS	First hour £8.50 then £7 per hour for each subsequent hour
HIRE OF TABLES AND CHAIRS	£25 or at discretion of Bookings Admin

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

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

Further details, including terms and conditions of hire and photographs of the facilities are available on the Village Hall website

(<https://chrishallvillagehall.co.uk/hire/>)

As soon as we are able to open the Halls officially we will do so.

We look forward to welcoming back our regular users and encourage other groups and potential hirers to make use of this valuable village asset.

Village Hall Website - <https://chrishallvillagehall.co.uk/>

Bookings Website - <https://chrishallvillagehall.co.uk/bookings/>

Mike Dearman

Secretary

CHRISHALL ARCHIVE GROUP (CAG)

Chrishall Archive Group AGM

The AGM for Chrishall Archive Group will be held on Thursday 11th March at 7:30pm as an online meeting.

"That has come round quickly" you might say – and you would be right. We delayed the AGM last year until September in the hope that "things" might have improved. They didn't as we know so this year we thought we had better stick to the regular schedule. So, we will hold the AGM in March as an online meeting and in all likelihood it will be quite brief. However, if you wish to attend please let us know and we will send you the meeting link. Please contact us via the website www.chrshallessex.co.uk.

We would love some "HELP!"

There are so many interesting projects and stories that we would like to explore and bring to life on the website and in local newsletter articles and events – but there is only so much time available in the day! "Many hands make light work" as they say. We are a friendly, informal group and would love to have you along with us. If you are interested in Chrishall history and have even just a tiny bit of spare time occasionally do get in touch.

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

Exodus

by Richard Keeling for Chrishall Archive Group

In the mid 19th century a number of families upped sticks and left Chrishall for Australia, among them the Canes, the Reads, the Judds, the Buttons and the Corbys. You might wonder what would cause them to leave such a pleasant village for a big step into the unknown, especially as the voyage was long and arduous. The basic cause was poverty. At that time most villagers worked on the land and life had become increasingly hard.

Developments in agriculture were making large farms economic and rendering traditional farming methods obsolete. For centuries families had practised subsistence farming whereby they grew produce for their own needs from one or more strips of land allocated to them by the lord of the manor. In the first half of the nineteenth century, enclosure acts were passed throughout the country which enabled landowners to evict their tenants and take control of the land.

No doubt some of the dispossessed managed to find low paid work as agricultural labourers on the new farms, but for others equally low paid employment in a town or city was a likely and quite probably unwelcome fate, with the industrial revolution now getting into full swing. The New Poor Law of 1834 stipulated that any able bodied person who was unable to provide for him or herself could receive assistance only from an institution such as a

Workhouse. These were often little better than prisons and were designed to discourage people from claiming relief.

Life was hard for many in the mid 19th century then, and poverty was widespread, but Australia had been wooing the British for some years and the prospect of a new and perhaps prosperous life on the other side of the world was for many an attractive proposition. News of the Australian gold rush would undoubtedly have reached these shores and provided an added incentive for some to try their luck Down Under.

The story of the Tinworths of Elmdon is a real rags-to-riches tale. Charles and Elizabeth Tinworth from Ickleton Road arrived in Geelong, Victoria in 1854 and soon found their way to the goldfields of Ballarat where they eventually made their fortune. Interestingly one of Charles's brothers decided not to join them and instead put down roots in Chrishall, at Jasmine Cottage in the High Street. You can read more about the Tinworths at

<https://chrishallessex.co.uk/tinworths-high-street/>

From the late 18th century transportation to Australia had been a regular punishment, sometimes for quite minor crimes. As the 19th century got under way, the Australian government realised that it was not in the country's best interest for a high proportion of the population to have criminal backgrounds. Accordingly, they started offering financial assistance to encourage emigration from the UK.

The voyage was long and hazardous however and during the nineteenth century at least 26 ships were lost during the sea crossing. The journey generally took four to five months in the years before steam power was introduced from around 1870. The psychological and physical impact of such a long journey on the emigrants was considerable, particularly as many country people had barely ventured beyond their own rural district, let alone contemplated a lengthy sea passage.

The accommodation on board was generally cramped, with limited privacy. Men were often able to have saltwater showers on the upper deck, but many women did not bathe during the whole journey. Those cramped unhygienic quarters encouraged the spread of infection, with the result that sickness and mortality rates on board the ships were high. It was a while before conditions improved later in the nineteenth century.

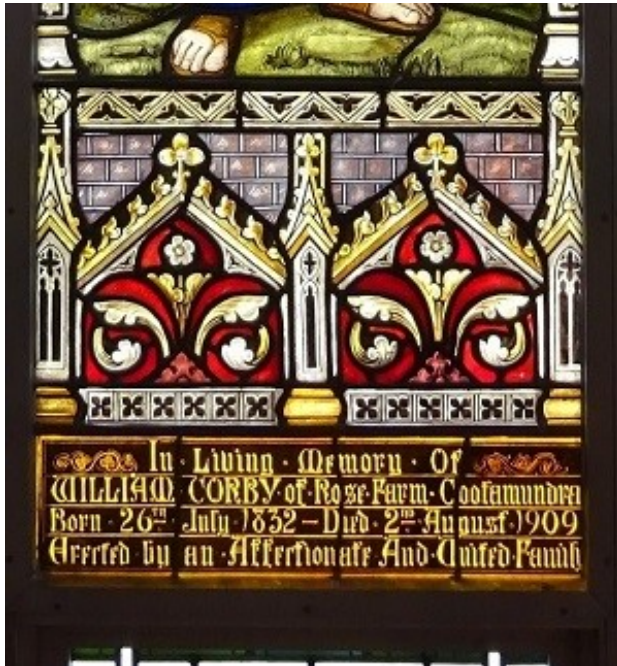
The 1851 census shows James and Betsey Button living in Broad Green, Chrishall, with James working as an agricultural labourer. They were around 40 years of age when they set sail for Australia on the 'Talbot' in 1857, taking with them their eight children aged between 1 and 18. Just imagine!

New arrivals in Australia must have found the experience nerve wracking, at least to begin with. They had to find somewhere to live and look for employment and they needed to be on their guard against thieves and confidence tricksters. Emigrants from a village or district therefore tended to stick together for mutual support, at least until they had established themselves.

The Chrishall Archive Group receives correspondence from time to time from the descendants of people who emigrated from Chrishall and last year David

Corby in Australia emailed with information about his family history. His great-grandfather, William Corby was born in Chrishall in about 1832 and married Chrishall girl Susan Manning in 1850.

In 1855 they left England on the 'Constitution' for Australia. The majority of emigrants at that time headed for New South Wales and William Corby ended up at a town called Cootamundra. In time he became a magistrate, president of the town's Show society and a member of the local council. After Susan passed away in 1877, William married her sister, Mary-Ann, who had also emigrated from Chrishall.



William became the owner of Rose Farm in Cootamundra and was father to 14 children. He was a pillar of the local community and after he passed away in 1909 a splendid stained glass window was commissioned in a local church in his memory.

So at least one emigrant from Chrishall made good Down Under and doubtless a number of others made the most of their momentous decision to emigrate. Life in Chrishall was very different around 1850 to what it is now and the next time you fly to Australia for a holiday you should perhaps spare a thought for those Chrishallites who were prepared to spend hazardous months afloat in search of a better life.

Chrishall Archive Group website: <https://chrishallessex.co.uk/>

CHRISHALL WI NEWS

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

Unfortunately, we are unable to hold meetings at the moment due to the COVID-19 restrictions.

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 lots of other activities. We are looking forward to the time when we will take part in these again. Meanwhile, we are able to take part in Zoom lectures on a wide range of very interesting subjects provided by the WI nationally and locally. A very popular one was a presentation about the artefacts found whilst excavating land during the building the new A14. These date back to Roman, Anglo Saxon and Neolithic times and the Iron Age.



Members are continuing to undertake craft work.

Crocheted cushions by Carol Blackeby

Knitted hats by Clare Godfrey

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.

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, whose aim is to give support to those in our community who may be suffering hardship – of course it has been a very difficult year for everyone, but the Brand Trust is still available to help those who need it.

Subject to funds being available, the Trustees will consider applications for help with costs related to education including transport costs, school outings, a grant to help pay for secondary school uniforms and university grants. We can also help with providing disability aids, essential furniture and kitchen equipment, heating, medical and respite care. We help the Chrishall Lifeline scheme which provides wristband or pendant emergency alarms for any villagers who may be alone or vulnerable, helping them to stay independent and safe in their homes. We are also able to offer a winter fuel allowance.

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.

We are very pleased to welcome the appointment of Simon Bishop to the Trustees of the Brand Trust.

Trustees:-	Mark Garrett	838409
	Sue Pegram	838185
	Jane Gravett	838018
	Bill Rodda	838386
	Simon Bishop	837087

CHRISHALL LIFELINE

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

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

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact in confidence:

Carol Wootton, Mistletoe Cottage, 1 The Green, Chrishall 838400

WALKING IN ESSEX

Are you fed-up with doing the same old walks?

Walking in Essex www.walkinginengland.co.uk/essex is the website for you!

With hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, contact details for all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Essex (part of the Walking in England suite of websites – one for each county in England) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris

www.walkinginengland.co.uk/essex

email: john@walkinginengland.co.uk



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Royston & District Community Transport and Covid-19

Thanks to people from various town and villages coming forward as volunteer drivers, RDCT can confirm we have not had to refuse a request for medical transport. Indeed, by the end of January we have completed 130 trips to COVID vaccination centres with a further 60 already in the diary.

We are available 7 days a week to match the vibrant roll-out in our area, and transport people to all venues offering vaccinations as well as to all other medical appointments. As has been the case since the first lock-down our drivers maintain high safety standards – sanitising seating between passengers being an essential part of this, and keeping car windows partly open to maintain good ventilation, something that is considered essential by government advisors.

A recent piece of good news is that financial assistance may be available for eligible people, please enquire about this when booking a journey.

As usual, to book please ring our office on 01763 245228 between 9:00 am and 3:00pm Monday to Friday, giving us as much notice as possible.

Stay safe!

The Royston & District Community Transport Team

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

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 2021:

First Tuesday of the month as a virtual meeting:
2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 5th July, 7th September, 5th October,
2nd November.

Annual Parish Meeting: 18th May.

Meetings are open to all and can be accessed via the Zoom link on the agenda.
At the time of writing, no public meetings are allowed due to Covid regulations.

COVID-19: As Covid continues to create problems for us all, please do ensure you comply with Central Government directives which are designed to reduce the spread of the virus. This means not inviting people into your home, or going to their home, unless they are part of your support bubble, ensuring that you maintain social distancing at all times including on the footpaths and byways which includes runners and cyclists, and keeping high hand cleaning standards please.

Highways Issues: all landowners and householders are reminded that it is their responsibility to maintain hedges and ditches which have a public highway as a boundary. This includes roads, pavements, and public footpaths including footpaths which cross fields. Of particular concern are the following footpaths:

Loveday Close to Canes Walk (Footpath 7) – Loveday Close section
Crawley End to Footpath 7 (Footpath 5) – Crawley End section
Broad Green to Barnards Wood (Footpath 12) – reinstatement after ploughing

Also, the ditches in Church Road need to be reinstated, and the hedges cut back outside bird nesting season.

Please also note that the car parking area adjacent to The Grange, Church Road, is not private but public, and can be used by any resident or visitor to the village. The owners of The Grange have been instructed by Essex County Council to remove the 'Private – no parking or turning' sign.

Many drains are blocked despite constant reporting to Essex County Council.

Shown below is the email sent to Cllr Moran for his assistance:

Dear Cllr Moran

Chrishall Parish Council wishes to flag up the following issues with you and asks for your urgent assistance to resolve them:

Crawley End: blocked drain near Byway 3: this was reported three times in November 2020 (2686501; 3280130; 3510319) with a note on the ECC website that the kerb inlet is blocked and the drain is due for maintenance. The significant flooding caused by the blocked drain resulted in thick ice forming when the weather changed and it froze solid. A local resident fell on the ice, and broke her ankle in 4 places resulting in pins and plates approximately two weeks ago. Anglian Water have cleared the blockage (last week) to benefit the community but have commented that there is a fixed object projecting into the drain which needs investigation. It is unacceptable that the drain was reported in November but no significant action was taken, resulting in significant injury. The water would still be flooding the highway if Anglian Water hadn't cleared it. This is also unacceptable – the County Highways seem incapable of undertaking necessary repairs to maintain the highway and keep residents safe from injury.

Church Road: the drains have been blocked adjacent to Park Farm for years. The report on the ECC website (3342564) again says the drain needs repair. One of the blocked drains is not shown on the website. Water is pouring down the road as the grips have not been redug to take surface water into the ditches, so it is flowing down the road and over the blocked drains. Approximately 5 years ago, the water froze, and this resulted in an elderly resident falling and breaking her hip. The ditches also need to be cleared out and the water flow kept off the highway.

Crawley End / Palmers Lane: blocked drains and ditches: Anglian Water has advised that the ditch which runs outside Martinholme in Crawley End needs to be dug out so the water can flow from the pond through the ditch to Wire Farm pond. The ditch is outside the property boundary. Anglian Water have again ensured that the drain from the pond which runs under the drive for Martinholme is clear – the remaining obstruction is in the ditch which is an ordinary watercourse, the responsibility of Essex County Council. The grip opposite the pond is also blocked, which means the whole carriageway is underwater. The Parish Council requested a CCTV investigation of the drains in the locality on the 2nd December 2020 – can you please update the Parish Council as to when this will take place?

Crawley End/ Mill Causeway junction: drain blocked: this drain has also been blocked for years resulting in water flowing across the carriageway creating a hazard for users.

Chrishall Parish Council would request that explanations be provided as to why action has not been taken on the above faults, and the explanations provided as a priority, as residents are repeatedly complaining to the Parish Council that Highways are not taking action which is creating safety issues in the parish.

Your earliest response would be most welcomed. The PC newsletter goes to print on the 14th February and the Parish Council would like to put an article relating to these issues in it.

Anglian Water: Anglian Water has been in attendance at Mill Causeway pumping station. Officers have spoken to a number of residents and ascertained the issue is that surface water has been diverted into the sewers

rather than going to individual properties soakaways which has overloaded the sewer. Anglian Water will provide advice to householders.

Greater Cambridge Planning Partnership: Local Plan: Heydon Grange included in Call for Sites: Chrishall PC would highlight that the owner of Heydon Grange Golf Club has submitted a substantial tract of land for development, which is stated to include up to 9,500 dwellings, a care home, student accommodation, business park, leisure centre, shops, church, and fast food outlets with fuel station. This potential development is larger than the already identified Waterbeach Town. Whilst many may think that this will fail, Central Government has identified all areas surrounding Cambridge as potential for development. You are strongly urged to do your own research on the Greater Cambridge Planning Partnership website. A local parishioner group is in process of development with members who have experience of the great number of speculative applications submitted for consideration on the land. Chrishall PC is seeking your views on this potential development. The link to the webpage is shown.

<https://consultations.greatercambridgeplanning.org/form/40045>

If you have any comments on this issue, or you need information, please contact the Clerk via email or through the PC website using the contact form. Edward May is the local resident contact. Please email edmay1111@gmail.com

Chrishall Parish Council's planning consultant has produced an initial letter which will be sent to Greater Cambridge Planning Local Plan team, Anthony Browne MP, Mrs Kemi Badenoch MP, Cllrs Richard Pavitt, Neil Gregory, and John Moran, and Uttlesford District Council Planning Dept.

Uttlesford District Council - Local Plan: UDC continue to progress the Local Plan. There are still online events being run to get everyone's comments. This is an important initiative as it will inform decision making for the next 15 years. Please do get involved and ensure your views are considered in the process.

<https://www.uttlesford.gov.uk/new-local-plan>

Parish Council vacancy: We have five vacancies which are open to residents, property owners and people who work in the parish. There are several important issues which need our full attention, and you are urged to consider if you can assist us.

The Parish Council will seek to reduce the number of Councillor positions through application to Uttlesford District Council from nine to seven unless we are able to fill all vacancies by May 2021.

Neighbourhood Watch: No volunteers have come forward to assist the community so far. Please do consider undertaking this important volunteering role which supports the whole village.

Methodist Burial Ground: There are a number of wobbly headstones at the burial ground, which are the responsibility of the family to maintain. If you have, or know of, grave owners, can you please inspect your relatives headstone and ensure that it is safe. If you require any information or assistance, please contact the Clerk. Graves are the responsibility of families for 100 years from the date of purchase, which includes ensuring the top of

the grave is level and weed free. Kerbstones also need to be maintained so they are not a trip hazard.

It is also noted that trees have been planted on some graves. The Parish Council would ask that any trees already sited are maintained to a height of 10ft or lower, and a spread no greater than the width of the grave on which the tree has been planted. No permission will be granted for any new trees to be planted as it is not a woodland burial ground.

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.

Chrishall PC Website & Facebook: The website and Facebook are the official mediums the Parish Council uses to distribute agendas, minutes, and other information to the community.

Please sign into the website and Facebook to get important updates.

Parish Council finances: The budget has been agreed and the precept for 2021/22 has been set at £29,600. A budget summary has been uploaded to the PC website. <https://www.chrishallpc.org.uk/accounts/accounts-2022/>

The logo for the 2021 Census, featuring the word 'census' in a bold, rounded, purple font, with '2021' below it in a similar but slightly lighter purple font.

Please make sure that you support your community by participating in Census 2021.

For more information go to <https://census.gov.uk/> or on social media @Census 2021

The Red Cow

It's a very chilly day today and we are doing our best to to keep warm despite the bitter weather. The cold weather is reflective of the concerns we are facing at The Red Cow currently.

You will be very aware of the difficulties the pub industry is facing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Along with many others in the catering, tourism and supply chains for pubs, we are having a very difficult time.

The Red Cow is YOUR village pub. People in pub-less villages envy Chrishall for the pretty thatched pub with roaring fires, beams and low ceilings that we have all become so familiar with and take for granted.

They envy the short walk you have to your local, the place where old and young meet; friends laugh and sing and dance. Warm summer evenings are enjoyed with a refreshing rosé, and a tasty platter of meats or fish. Crisp, winter walks are followed by warming drinks and warming feet by the fires. The darts matches, daily specials menu, Sunday lunch, warm family welcome and catching up with neighbours. The various clubs and groups that meet and enjoy the place we all know and love.

People buying houses in the village looking for the lifestyle we all have surrounded by the beautiful countryside, the safety, the school, the slower pace and close knit community are delighted to also have an idyllic pub in the centre of the village. It adds value to your home.

We are doing everything we can to keep that dream alive. We offer takeaways on Saturday and Sunday lunches. Why not more you ask? Well unless we have a substantial order list it's not cost effective to staff, heat and light the pub and cook a variety of dishes. So as the weekends are the busy times, it's best to concentrate efforts then.

We invested in the Shed Shop to provide for daily essentials as well as gifts and cards, stamps, sweets and drinks. We want to serve you and your needs.

However, the reality is this. We are at the end of the financial options available to us. If you, the people of Chrishall would like your pub to survive this crisis, it is up to you.

What can you do?

Please pop by. Speak with Toby, he is there most of the time the Shed is open. Tell him what you need, give suggestions, tell him how we can help you to support the pub.

Buy something.

If you would like the shop to stock a treat or something you use daily tell him, we can source it.

Tell people about us. Share your experiences on social media, spread the word, like and share our posts.

Many pubs are small family businesses, the familiar conglomerates and supermarkets have thrived whilst the small high street businesses are being slowly but surely destroyed. Long term dreams are being shattered.

So please think about what you personally can do to add your support. There are about 260 households in Chrishall. If every household on average spent £5 per week at the Pub it would cover our major outgoings that we cannot avoid.

We truly hope to be open when we can in Spring. So until then we shamelessly plead that you help us get to the point that we can open up again and be the best we can be for you.

Keep safe and well.

Best wishes

Alexis and Toby.



SATURDAY NIGHT TAKEAWAY!
See our website for more details.

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CHRISHALL PLAYGROUND APPEAL BY PHIL GRAVETT

I am appealing to you as a grandfather and Chrishall resident to support the fundraising that I have started for the replacement and improvement of the Chrishall playground equipment, which has sadly fallen into disrepair.

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/chrishall-playground-equipment#start>

**Phil Gravett** shared a link.
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CHRISHALL PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT
Crowdfunding started £30,000 to raise!
<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/chrishall-playground...>

I am also looking to find potential committee members and/or volunteers for the formation of "Friends of Chrishall Playground". Such a committee would be able to obtain grants that would not be available to Chrishall Parish Council (the owners of the playground)



CROWDFUNDER.CO.UK
Fund Raising for Chrishall Playground Equipment
Refurbish and update the Chrishall Playground

Invariably when my grandchildren visit us, they request a trip to the playground. It is a much-valued asset of the community and is used by children after school, weekends and holidays and the nearby school uses it at school break times. It was originally built about 30 years ago by some enthusiastic parents, but nowadays the cost of maintaining the playground is the responsibility of Chrishall Parish Council (CPC). CPC have limited ability to raise grants towards the costs of replacements and improvements. Maintenance to other parish assets must take preference in the utilisation of CPC funds before spending on the playground during the next few years.

Please email me at villagenews@chrishallpc.uk if you are interested in joining the new "Friends of Chrishall Playground" committee.

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