

CHRISHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

Winter 2020

A photograph of a robin perched on a snow-covered branch. Below the bird is a dark wooden sign with the word 'BYWAY' in yellow capital letters. The background consists of bare, snow-dusted branches against a clear blue sky.

BYWAY

Also available online and in full colour at
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 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
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Village Hall website:	Richard Keeling	www.chrishallvillagehall.co.uk
Church bookings	David Wilkinson	837303
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Church Office	Andrea Quigley	837272
		iwp.parishoffice@gmail.com
Open Door	Jenny Rodda	838386
WI	Jane Gravett	838018
History websites:	Fred Davies	www.chrshallessex.co.uk
		www.recordinguttlesfordhistory.org.uk
Milk delivery	Russell Joyce	07512 450552
		russelmilk@outlook.com
Library Van: every 2nd Thursday 11:40am to 11:55am at Pinkeneys		
Crawley End and 12:55pm to 1:25pm at the School		
Suspended until further notice.		
Saffron Walden Police (non-emergency/crime incident)		101
Medical assistance (when medical help is needed fast)		111
Royston & District Community Transport		01763 245228
Uttlesford Community Travel (Book-a-Ride)		01371 875787

EDITORIAL

Here we are coming to the end of another lockdown for the Winter edition of the newsletter, but with hope on the horizon with vaccines in sight.

We would draw your attention on page 14 to the proposed inclusion in South Cambridgeshire Local Plan of a large development at Heydon Grange.

Deadline date for the Spring 2021 newsletter which will be

14 February 2021.

Email villagenews@chrishallpc.uk

Many thanks, as always, to all our contributors.

Jane and Philip Gravett

To all parish residents, wishing you a Merry and Joyous Christmas and a COVID free New Year

From **CHRISHALL PARISH COUNCIL**

WEATHER RECORDS 2020

RAINFALL:

AUGUST	5.22 inches
SEPTEMBER	1.06 inches
OCTOBER	5.42 inches

August: The first two weeks were very hot followed by heavy rain.

September: Very windy and hot, towards the end of the month wet.

October: A dreary month, wet 22 days out of 31. Occasional sunshine.

Rainfall so far this year 22.32inches. (2019 - whole year - 20.75 inches)

Weather Wise

Chrishall Church Christmas Carol Service (Subject to government restrictions)

It's very much hoped that we will be able to have a Carol Service of some description in Chrishall this year, but it might not be quite what we're used to, it may need to be outside in order to accommodate numbers...that'll be a first!

Please keep an eye on the church website, Facebook and posters on various telephone posts to find out when and how this will take place.

The Icknield Way Parish will do its best to find a way to celebrate Christmas with carols, it might just be a little different to the way we usually do it.

Warmly, Anand

CHRISHALL VILLAGE LITTER PICK

SATURDAY 27th February 2021 (COVID permitting)

Calling all Villagers, we hope to hold another 'tidy up the village' morning in February. In 2020 we found an interesting collection of items including old tyres in a ditch, a broken telephone and 14 bags of rubbish mostly plastic drinks bottles and food containers not to mention a collection of vodka bottles!! Thanks went to the WI who managed to feed all the volunteers and we hope to twist their arms to support the event in 2021.



DARK LANE FORGE LUCAS LING

Dark Lane Forge has a new showroom.

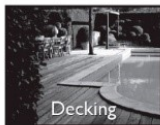
If you are looking for Christmas presents or just want to come along and browse, then please contact me on the numbers opposite in my advertisement.

Lucas

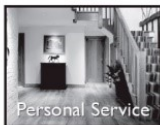




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darklaneforge@hotmail.co.uk

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

CHRISHALL VILLAGE HALL



The first quarterly draw of the 100 club 2020-21 season took place on Sunday 25 October in the garden at The Red Cow – (still with social distancing) and was drawn by: Hannah Millward.



1st prize £120 won by Linda Brace
2nd prize £60 won by Jim Pigg
3rd prize £30 won by Charles Joint

Congratulations to all

The next draw will take place on Sunday 24 January 2021, 4:30pm 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 still need more participants. We offer almost half of the subscription back in prize money with the remaining balance making a valuable contribution to maintaining the village halls. Please contact me if you would like an application form or use the one below

Helen Melville-Smith, Treasurer

Tel: 838930 cvh100club@gmail.com

The "100" club is constituted as a Small Society Lottery and is registered with Uttlesford District Council To apply to join/re-join the Club please complete and return this form to the village hall post box or to the Treasurer of the Village Hall committee, Helen Melville-Smith at the following address: Campanula, Church Road, Chrishall SG8 8QT. Alternatively scan a copy of the form and send by e mail to: cvh100club@gmail.com Then please preferably create a **standing order** in favour of the **Chrishall Village Hall** for the annual cost of £36 payable every year **or** write us a cheque **or** make a direct bank payment but do not forget to add your **name in the reference box**. Our bank account details are as follows: -

Account name: **Chrishall Village Hall.** Sort code: **40 52 40** Account No **00022462**

2020-21 RENEWAL / NEW MEMBER

..... (Name)

.....(Address)

..... (email address)

..... (phone number)

I confirm I wish to join the Chrishall Village Hall "100" club and will create a standing order for annual payment in favour of the Chrishall Village Hall or send a cheque/direct bank payment.

..... (Signature)

Chrishall Village Hall Committee – Registered Charity no. 301281

Chrishall Village Hall Update – November 2020

Sadly, for a second time this year, under the current Covid-19 advice from Government, we have had to close the premises until the 2nd December.

After the first lockdown in March ended, we opened the hall in July. We followed the Government advice to comply with guidelines to make our hall a safe Covid-19 free environment for our users with the introduction of the various signage, installation of Sanitizer units, QR coding for track and trace purposes and an increased cleaning regime.

It was decided to focus on opening the Chapel Hall only in order to facilitate the amount of cleaning required.

There has been several updates and changes from Government during this period and we are extremely grateful to the Rural Community Council of Essex (**RCCE**) and Action with Communities in Rural England (**ACRE**) for keeping us up to date on the current guidelines with which we need to comply.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their support during this time and our users for embracing the Government guidelines and assisting to make the hall a safe Covid-19 free space.

Particular thanks have to go to our hall cleaners who have worked tirelessly to keep the building clean and to assist with this we have purchased a steam cleaner for regular floor cleaning.

Naturally a number of organisations have been unable to resume their activities in the hall and we look forward to their return when we finally emerge from the pandemic.

As a result, our income from bookings has suffered and we are grateful to our treasurer for keeping on top of our financial situation. To this end we managed to obtain a significant grant from the government (via the local authority) to assist us with our expenditure.

We have worked closely with Chrishall Parish Council and they have obtained grant funding for work that is required to the hall infrastructure that will be carried out in the future.

Just a reminder that we run a 100 club with quarterly cash prizes, three prizes per draw, that greatly help our finances and forms are available in the newsletter and by speaking to any committee member.

We look forward to being able to welcome back all our regular and occasional users and to be able to encourage a greater use of this village asset in the future.

Mike Dearman
Secretary – Village Hall Committee

CHRISHALL ARCHIVE GROUP (CAG)

A Chrishall Christmas 1850 (A tale from Chrishall Archive)

Mr Robert Brand lived at Martinholme on the green where he ran the village store. A keen writer he recorded many of his activities, which is how we know what he was doing on Christmas Day one hundred and seventy years ago...

"Attended to my home and answered about twenty people that called for trifles out of the shop – Christmas boxes etc. Was at the Church with school children at half past ten, attended service at 11 o'clock, had a few things to attend to after service, attended at home and then joined a party of Singers and Senior scholars (about 20) at Dinner at the Red Cow.

Sent an errand for Mr Everth to Mr Nash's and from him to Mr Everth. Went to Building End, paid a visit to Edwin and his family and father and G Wood, who was very ill. Came home and looked round, then went to tea with Mr James Hayden at Elmdon where I met a large party of his children and grandchildren.

I spent a happy evening and left as soon as I could after supper, took a parcel to James Law's to be sent to Mr Downhams.



Went to the Red Cow to settle the accounts, when coming home I heard a great noise, went to hear what it was and heard the voice of the police, so came home. After sitting about half an hour heard someone at the door, it was the police come to ask for a horse and cart to carry a lad to Newport who had been kicking him and was still acting the madman.

I went with him, the police, and found Thomas Slater as he had said. Mended his (T Slater's) brace and put his clothes a little in order and said it was best to act sensible. He got much milder. Got the horse ready and sent him to jail to have his hearing. (He is now lying in jail six weeks for the offence).

I then came home and sat a little while with my family and got to bed about one o'clock. So ended my day. Robert Brand.

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Notice how many people called at the shop on Christmas morning! Mr Everth was the vicar and Mr Nash lived at Nash's Farm in Church Road, farming 63 acres with two labourers. Mr Brand's father farmed Building End Farm of 450 acres with 18 labourers working for him, and Edwin was Mr Brand's brother. George Woods was William Cranwell's father-in-law. They lived at the

first cottage in Building End. Mr Woods died the following April – he was 83. Thomas Slater was 16 and lived with his family in Church Road.

Joseph Downham lived at Parsonage Farm, farming 700 acres with 25 labourers. James Law was an agricultural labourer, living in High Street – so possibly working for Mr Downham?

Martinholme continued as one of the shops in the village for many years, run subsequently by Mr Robert Chambers from 1894 to 1937.



**Christmas Church Stories – an online Zoom event
Wednesday 9 December, 7.30pm.**

If you would like a tour through some of the Chrishall Church stories we have on the website - and probably a few more things thrown in too – I am holding a Zoom event on 9th December. It's all free.

Email me for a Zoom invite: rosiegant@gmail.com or keep an eye on the website: www.chrshallessex.co.uk.

Don't forget you can also find us on **Instagram**: Chrishall.archive **Twitter**: @chrishallarchiv and **Facebook**: Chrishallhistory

A Happy, Peaceful – and safe – Christmas to everyone

from Chrishall Village Archive

TRAVEL DIARY – A RECORD IN PHOTOGRAPHS

In March this year I went on a photography safari to Tanzania and Uganda.
Here are some images from that trip:

Phil Gravett



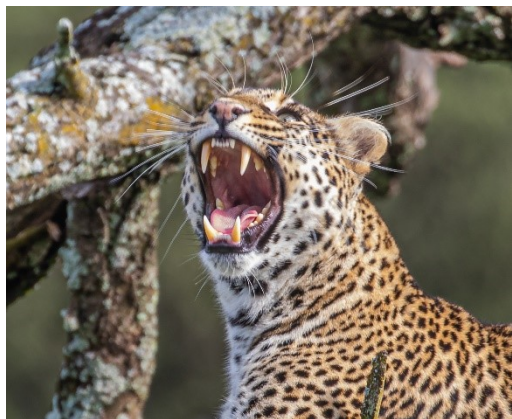
Wildebeest in the Serengeti during the Wildebeest migration



Zebra in the Serengeti



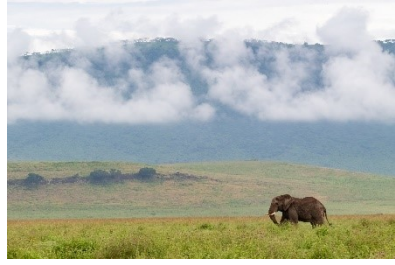
Lioness



Leopard



Cheetah in the Serengeti



Elephant in Ngorongoro Crater



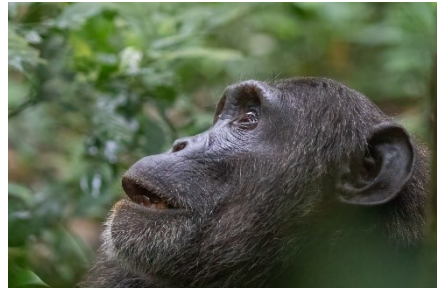
Lilac-breasted Roller



Kori Bustard in Ngorongoro Crater



Silverback Mountain Gorilla
Bwindi Forest, Uganda



Chimpanzee – Northern Uganda

If you have a travel diary, photos or interesting story to share then please email them to the editor for inclusion in a future Newsletter.



Four up transport – Uganda

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 7:30pm start. However unfortunately, at the moment, we are not able to hold meetings.



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 are able to take part in these again. Meanwhile, we are able to take part in Zoom talks on a wide range of very interesting subjects and craft and cookery demonstrations provided by the WI nationally and locally.

Whilst we have been staying in our homes over the past few months, we have been sharing photographs of what we have been doing – including craft work and gardening. We have had a good response of more than seventy photos over the past six months, two of which are attached. One is a card made for a grandson's birthday and the other is a selection of knitted items made by one member – two blankets, a Christmas stocking and a caterpillar.



Chrishall WI have a Zoom catch-up every two weeks and in between the lockdowns we were meeting up every week for socially distanced coffee or tea at the Red Cow.

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. 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, university grants, and a grant to help pay for secondary school uniforms. We can 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. The scheme has recently been taken over from Stella Potter and will now be run by Carol Wootton. We would like to record thanks to Stella for a sterling job over twenty years, and to Carol for taking up the reins.

We offered a winter heating allowance earlier this year to take advantage of cheaper fuel costs in the summer. If you have still not applied and would like to ask us for this, please contact one of the trustees listed below.

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.

Bill Rodda

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

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

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 5th January, 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June, 5th July, 7th September, 5th October, 2nd November.
Annual Parish Meeting: 18th May

COVID-19: As the epidemic 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 and this includes runners and cyclists, and keeping high hand cleaning standards please.

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

<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

Uttlesford District Council: Local Plan: UDC are taking a different approach to developing the Local Plan, which is the document which basically runs this District. They are running a series of online events to get everyone's comments. This is an important operation 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 Councillors through application to Uttlesford District Council unless we are able to fill all vacancies by May 2021.

Neighbourhood Watch: Our local co-ordinator, Paul Lewis, will be leaving the village and moving to pastures new. We would like to take this opportunity to thank him for his many years in the role and wish him every success in his new venture.

If this is an area you are interested in, please do contact the Clerk for more information.

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 relative's 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.

Chrishall PC would like to thank Cllr Parish for her hard work using both these mediums to ensure the community is kept updated.

Parish Council finances: Financial Reports are published on the CPC website, the latest being for the six months ended 30 September 2020.

<https://www.chrishallpc.org.uk/accounts/accounts-2021/>

The budget and precept for 2021/22 will be discussed at the January 2021 meeting.

External Audit: PKF Littlejohn have concluded their report on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2020. Details are on the CPC website

<https://www.chrishallpc.org.uk/accounts/accounts-2020/>

WATER: THE BIG QUESTIONS

By District Councillor Richard Pavitt



Two issues have pushed water on to the Government's agenda. One is pollution of the nation's rivers and failure of the Environment Agency to prevent this; the other concern is a **serious shortage of water in the east of England**. This is evident locally where our rivers are being robbed of their flow due to over-abstraction of the Chalk aquifer, raising environmental concerns and a big question over the future resilience of our water supply.

We – that is I and fellow district councillor, Neil Gregory – are leading a campaign to get Uttlesford's water supply and rivers situation taken seriously. In July our 'Water & Rivers' motion at council was unanimously passed, reversing years of complacency and sets the topic among the important sustainability priorities of the local plan.

The household water supply for Uttlesford, south Cambs, Cambridge City and west to the Chilterns is provided by borehole abstraction of the Chalk aquifer. Post-war that might have seemed like a bright idea but ever-increasing demand for water is depleting the aquifer at an alarming rate and robbing our rivers of natural flow.

Affinity, the water supplier for a broad area stretching from Woking in Surrey to Uttlesford, says that within 5 years the company will not be able to meet increasing demand. Uttlesford's water supply status is already classified by the Environment Agency as over-abtracted and over-licensed and has been since at least 2012.

The mean rainfall around the Essex/Herts/Cambs border has not changed significantly for the past 60 years, but population expansion and development is taking its toll. The east of England is already the most water-stressed region in the UK, something that will only get worse as climate change accelerates.

Chalk streams (those emanating from and flowing through Chalk lands, including the Cam) are particularly sensitive to pollution. There are about 220 such streams in the world and an estimated 85% are in the south and east of England. This makes them a globally rare aquatic ecology, which is being badly damaged as a result of lack of flow and pollution.



Last year the Cam, which rises near Debden, was at its lowest level since records began 70 years ago. For much of the year, the water you see in the Cam is not fresh spring water from its historic source but is recycled outflow from sewage works.

The Cam – November 2019

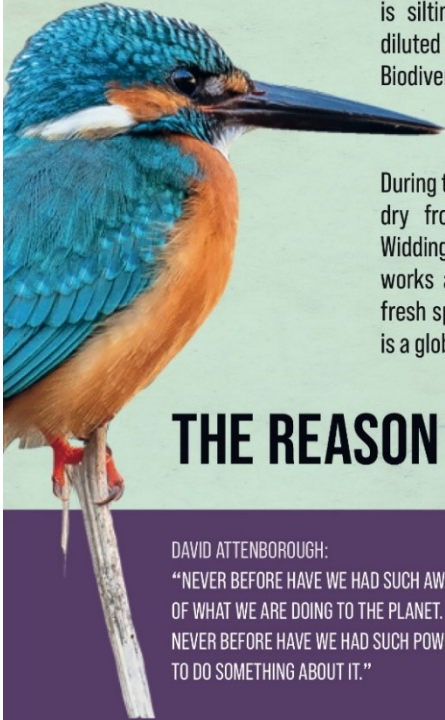
During 2019, the Environment Agency surveyed 4,600 rivers, lakes and waterways in England. The results were released in September of this year. All 4,600 (including Uttlesford's rivers) failed the standard for priority hazardous substances such as solvents, flame retardants, phosphates and

insecticides. It is an appalling indictment of Government's environmental stewardship.

As for the future, will meaningful action be taken to restore and protect our rivers from pollution? Will sustainable water sources be brought forward that not only secure our future water supply but do so without destroying our rivers and their important role in biodiversity?

IN 2019 THE RIVER CAM WAS AT ITS LOWEST LEVEL SINCE RECORDS BEGAN 70 YEARS AGO

OUR RIVER IS DYING!



The River Cam does not have enough water to function properly. The river bed is silting up. Pollutants are not being diluted and washed away fast enough. Biodiversity is being lost.

During the summer the Cam is completely dry from its historic source east of Widdington to the outflow of the sewage works at Newport. It is not getting the fresh spring water it should have. At risk is a globally rare chalk stream.

THE REASON IS MAN-MADE

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH:
"NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE HAD SUCH AWARENESS
OF WHAT WE ARE DOING TO THE PLANET.
NEVER BEFORE HAVE WE HAD SUCH POWER
TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT."

JOIN THE TEAM
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census 2021

A census has taken place in England every ten years since 1801 (with the exception of 1941). A census gathers information about our society so that appropriate services can be put in place for everyone to enjoy now and in the future.

Fans of TV programmes such as “Who Do You Think You Are” will know the value of historic census data to family historians and genealogists, but data from the census impacts our lives every day, often without us even realising it.

Did you know that water companies use census data to anticipate peak water demand? Or that the NHS uses census data to plan a wide range of services such as hospitals and GP surgeries, mobile chiropodists and home support? Everything from schools to care home places are planned using census data to make sure that the needs of all age groups are met.

Every aspect of our lives is impacted by the census, so it is vital that everyone participates to ensure the best possible understanding of the structure and needs of our society.

By taking part, you can make sure that your community is represented and gets its share of public and other funding to ensure the provision of services now and in the future.

The next census official census date is Sunday 21st March 2021, but Census 2021 will be the first time that everyone will be able to complete the census online at any time from the beginning of March 2021.

You will receive a letter with your unique access code and will be able to complete the census online using any device.

Help will be available if you need it by phone, email or text. You will also be able to use webchat or social media, or drop into a COVID-19-compliant Census Support Centre. Guidance will be available in a range of languages and accessible formats, and the paper option will still be available if needed.

The census is run by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) which operates completely independently of government and of any private sector interests.

All information submitted for the census is stored securely and anonymised. No personal data is ever sold nor is it shared with any other government department.

Information from the census is only released after 100 years when your descendants may be tracing their own family history.

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

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

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Did you know that 128 Chrishall residents (up from 110 – 9 mths ago) are members of Nextdoor.com which amounts to 42% (37%) of the 239 Chrishall households.

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

Sign up at www.nextdoor.com but don't tick the box for neighbour invites, otherwise we will all be flooded with postcards!!
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Khandel Light Advent Appeal 2020

Virgin Money Giving

This year the lives of people all over the world have changed. This year people fell ill. This year people lost jobs. This year people couldn't afford food. This year people didn't have enough clean water. This year in Rajasthan was hard. So this Christmas we're asking you to spare the luxury of Advent Calendars and Christmas Cards and donate to families who urgently need your support.

At Khandel Light, we've been working extra hard to continue providing clean water for 400 families, to give educational bursaries to over 100 students, to supply women with the sanitary products they need, all while sticking to the COVID-19 guidelines in India.

But we have done more than just that. Those people who were living daily pay cheque to pay cheque have lost their jobs due to the pandemic and could no longer feed their families. We've been able to step in and provide essential food items to families throughout the Rajasthan region.

But this all comes at a cost. Fundraising in 2020 has been near impossible for small charities like ours. And yet these crises continue and we must support communities globally. So, with more going out than is currently coming in, Rajasthani families and communities need your help more than ever.

So, this Christmas, we're asking you to donate the cost of a Christmas luxury - maybe your advent calendar or your Christmas Cards - to Khandel Light to keep this vital work going into 2021. Please donate whatever you can at: www.virginmoneygiving.com/adventappeal and if you're wondering what to send your family and friends instead we've created a downloadable Christmas Card - available here - that you can send virtually, or head to our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages for our very own Khandel Light Advent Calendar.

Please help us to continue helping communities in Rajasthan. Thank you.

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