

CHRISHALL VILLAGE NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019



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WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE

- Regular Meetings: Chrishall W.I.: 3rd Wednesday of the month in the Village Hall, 7.30pm. Details: Jane Gravett on 838018 and page 11.
- Open Door: 1st Monday of the month in the Village Hall, 12-2pm. Details: Jenny on 838386 and page 11.
- Parish Council: 1st Tuesday of the month (no meeting in December), 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Details: Belinda on 838732 and page 14.
- Village Lunch Club: 4th Thursday of the month (April – 3rd Thursday, December – 2nd Thursday). Details: Meg on 838936.
- Society of Chrishall Artists: last Thursday of the month, Village Hall 7.30-10.00pm. Details: Helen on 838930.
- Yoga Classes: Village Hall, Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings. Details: page 14
- Keep Fit: Ladies' Keep Fit, Village Hall Tuesdays 9.15am. Mixed Keep Fit, Thursdays 7.00pm. Details: Nic Bennett on 838711 or ingoodnic@hotmail.co.uk
- Church Mice: Parent and toddler group with a Christian focus. Songs, stories, craft and more. Village Hall, 2nd and 4th Wednesdays during term-time, 10.30am-11.30. Details: Helen on 01799 520398.
- Carpet Bowls: Village Hall, 2nd Wednesday of the month, 7.30 to 9.30pm. Details: Mike on 838027.
- Lingualounge: Language classes for adults. Tuesday evenings, Wednesday mornings and Thursday evenings in Royston, Monday and Tuesday mornings in Saffron Walden, Friday mornings in Cambridge. Details: Sarah on 07775 640794 or see www.lingualounge.co.uk. and page 19.
- Pilates: Tru-2-pilates. Mondays, 9.45 and 10.45am, and Fridays 9.30 to 11.30am in the Village Hall. Details from Chloe on 849113 or chloe.romans@gmail.com.
- Chrishall Library: Details and opening times: page 4.

Youth Club: monthly at the Village Hall. Details from Belinda on 838732.

'Drop in and Draw' sketching group; 1st Wednesday of the month at the Pavilion from 1.30pm. Details from Paula on 836240.

Knitting and Crochet group; 1st Saturday of the month, at the Pavilion, 10am to 12noon. Details: Barbara on 838626.

Summer Events: June 13th: Pavilion fund-raiser. Details: back page
June 22nd: Vintage sports car event. Details: page 16

USEFUL INFORMATION

Parish Council Chairman	John Kay	838747
School – Head teacher	Tracey Bratley	838592
Pre-school	Abby Musk	07817 940813
Neighbourhood Watch	Paul Lewis	838737
Village Hall Chairman	Guy Rackham	838453
Village Hall bookings	Clare Godfrey	838691
	chrishallvhbookings@gmail.com	
Church bookings	Helen Bennett	838711
	info@helenbennett.com	
Church Office	Erica Debnam	837272
	iwp.parishoffice@gmail.com	
Open Door	Jenny Rodda	838386
WI	Jane Gravett	838018

Library Van - every second Thursday, 11.40-11.55 am at Pinkeneys, Crawley End, and 12.55-1.25 pm at the School.

Newspaper delivery	Mr Harvey	01223 834591
Milk delivery	Russell Joyce	07512 450552
	russelmilk@outlook.com	

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

History websites:	Fred Davies	www.chrishallessex.com
		www.recordinguttlesfordhistory.org.uk
Parish website:	John Kay	www.chrishallpc.org.uk
Village Hall website:	Richard Keeling	www.chrishallvillagehall.co.uk

EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Summer 2019 edition of the Chrishall Parish Council newsletter. It is slightly later than usual but we took the opportunity of a week's holiday.

Since our last newsletter, we have of course had an election; the Parish Councillors were re-elected unopposed but this left two vacancies on the Council. More details about this on page 14. We also welcome our two new District Councillors, Richard Pavitt and Niel Gragory.

I am sorry to have to record that the former Chairman of the Parish Council, David Thomas, decided not to stand again as a councillor. David presided over a particularly turbulent year for the Council and we are grateful to him for the considerable amount of work and effort he put in.

Lastly but absolutely not least, I'm delighted to say that Philip and Jane Gravett have kindly offered to take over the production of this quarterly newsletter, with effect from the next issue. Philip and Jane have lived in the village for a long time and know it very well; I know all our contributors will give them the same huge support and encouragement that I have been proud to receive over the past seven years.

Many thanks, as always, to all our contributors and our gimlet-eyed proof readers.

I hope you will enjoy reading the newsletter.

Stephen Foote

CHRISHALL COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Just a reminder of our opening hours:

Monday mornings, 9 – 10 am

Wednesday and Saturday mornings, 10 – 12

In addition we are open on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons from 2.30 – 4.30pm, and on Saturday afternoon from 2 – 4pm.

We are also fortunate in that we have access to the whole of the Essex library network for any book or books which we do not have in the village, which is very convenient if anyone is unable to get to the public library in Saffron Walden. It is quite simple – fill in a form in our Library, it will be ordered for you – and as soon as it becomes available it can be collected in the village. It has already been used on a number of occasions and works very well.

It is just a part of the facilities which are available in the Village.

Best wishes to all

Barbara Smith

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RAINFALL FOR THE 1ST QUARTER OF 2019

January – rainfall 0.79 inches. Hardly any rain at all; snow towards the end of the month.

February – rainfall 0.81 inches. Most fell in the second week. Very warm for February.

March – rainfall 1.18 inches. Cold and windy days.

April – rainfall 0.15 inches. Beautiful weather during Easter.

2.93 inches of rain in the last 4 months, which is very dry. The gardens and fields need a good slow soaking for a couple of days a week. This year so far we have had snow, ice, frosts, hail wind and rain, with some pretty sunsets too.

Weatherwise



Are you finding life or work a strain?
Having trouble making sense of your life?
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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 GOLF DAY MAY 2019

The annual Chrishall Village Golf Day was held on Thursday 2nd May at Cambridge Meridian Golf Club, where a superb day's golf was enjoyed by all who played, despite a few rain showers in the afternoon. Eight Chrishall golfers played in the 9 hole Texas Scramble team competition in the morning, and after the brunch of bacon rolls and coffee, a further four joined us for the 18 hole individual Stableford competition in the afternoon. At the end of the day we returned to The Red Cow for dinner followed by prize giving, and our congratulations go to all the winners.

Thank you also to Toby and the team at the Red Cow for making our evening very enjoyable, which really rounded off a fantastic day.

We look forward to seeing all this year's players again in May 2020, and any other golfers in the village who would like to join us for this very enjoyable event; look out for details in the winter edition of Chrishall News.

Peter Hards-Nicholls
Dominic Reilly



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ACCESSING HELP IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH FRONTLINE

Help and information at your fingertips is now a reality thanks to Frontline. This is the pioneering new service launched by Uttlesford CAB in conjunction with Essex County Council and the West Essex Clinical Commissioning Group.

We all have periods in our life when things get tough. We may have financial worries, concerns about elderly relatives or be facing up to marital breakdown. It's at stressful times like these when finding the right help is all important. But just where do you turn?

Giving you access to more than 150 services across Uttlesford, Frontline operates through an easy-to-use website:

www.uttlesfordfrontline.org.uk . Broadly listed under Advice, Family, Older People, Mental Health, Transport, Disability, Addiction, Well Being – you can browse through a “library” of all the services on offer or hone down your search to provide information specific to your problem and where you live.

Each service offers a printable fact sheet detailing how it operates, who is eligible and how to get in contact. Many offer a call back facility. Frontline is also available as an app called "Frontline Public". And for anyone who doesn't have internet access, Healthwatch Essex is available on 0300 500 1895.

Frontline can't offer a magic wand, but it can provide a fast and stress-free shortcut to services that can help solve your particular problem at times of need. And you don't need to wait for a GP appointment.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From: Ms. Barbara Smith, March 2019

Dear Sir

I have read Councillor Rackham's piece in the Village newsletter and also the comments made by Mrs. Paula Parish. I would like to make known my own feelings with regard to the pavilion.

As I am sure it will be appreciated that a lot of work and money has gone into the establishment of our library in the village, it will not be a surprise to learn that I would be horrified and disappointed if funding were to be withdrawn from the Pavilion. When the pavilion was refurbished I understood that the object of having a usable building was to enable any villager or group of villagers to use the building free of charge – in other words, rather as a Community Hub which would be supported by the Parish Council.

As all the activities which take place in the pavilion are run by volunteers and no charges are made, it would not be possible for us to support the building ourselves. If charges were levied, it would make it even more difficult to get people to engage in the activities we have to offer.

I could go on, but suffice it to say that I am strongly opposed to funds being withdrawn from the pavilion – the use of which should be advertised and encouraged.

I hope to be present at the next Parish Council meeting but in any event may I ask that my comments are made known to the meeting and for what I have said to be printed in the next issue of the Village Newsletter.

With many thanks

Barbara Smith
Lead Volunteer for the Library

ROYSTON AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Important changes to our mileage charges

As from 1st June 2019, our new charges for car journeys will apply as follows:

55p/mile

**Minimum charge for journeys of
10 miles or fewer: £5-50**

The charge is per car, not per person.

Please give as much notice as possible - *at least three working days* - when booking a journey.



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If there is no bus service where you live and you don't have the use of a car, call us and we promise we'll try to help.

CHRISHALL WI

Chrishall WI meet on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the South Hall, Crawley End at 7.15 for a 7.30pm start.

For our June meeting we celebrate our birthday visiting a place of interest. This year we are going to Burwell Museum.

At our July meeting we have a speaker – Dr.Tim Wreghitt talking about Medicinal Plants.

CFWI (Cambridge Federation Womens' Institute) are having their centenary this year with a dinner at Homerton College, Afternoon Tea and a treasure hunt. There are several outings to go on; The Denby Potters, Village Westminster, Southwold and Tutenkhamun.

Leisure activities for this year: Croquet Taster, Golf and Sailing. Our darts team were unsuccessful this year in getting into the quarter-finals.

We might be a small WI but most of us take part in quite a few events during the year, so if you would like to come along for a visit, to come and try us out.

Tuppa Wiseman

838282

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OPEN DOOR

Open Door continues to be well supported, which is excellent news. However, in view of the large attendance, we are now asking those who know they will definitely be there to contact Jenny Rodda the week before each session. This will give the caterers a rough idea of numbers while ensuring that there is always enough food for those who decide to come on the spur of the moment.

Many guests have lent a hand by putting out extra tables when needed, clearing tables or washing up and tis has been a great help to the caterers. Thank you to you all for sharing some of the chores.

Our next lunch is on June 3rd (*sadly before the issue of this newsletter - Ed.*) Following this, there will be no Open Door lunches during July and August as many people are away at this time. We shall then resume in the autumn, meeting on the first Monday of the month, starting on September 2nd.

We look forward to sharing many more lunches with you all.



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Further education – transport costs, books, equipment.
Help towards the purchase of essential household items.

Assistance with cost of respite care for those in need.
Help with essential equipment for the sick or disabled

Since its commencement in 1996 over 570 individual awards have been made together with an annual Cold Weather allowance grant to about 40 households.

We have also made over 70 grants of up to £200 to those proceeding to state secondary schools for the first and subsequent years. An application form for this year's allowance is attached.

Over 55 awards have been made to those students leaving home for the first time and going to University or similar further education facilities. The maximum amount of the grant is £1,000. For those interested in the scheme please feel free to contact one of the Trustees.

Margaret Rogers retired in the Spring after many years as a loyal and dedicated Trustee and we welcome the appointment of Jane Gravett who is well known throughout the village.

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

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

APPLICATION FOR SECONDARY EDUCATION GRANT

for Children starting at State Secondary school in September 2019 and also in subsequent years

Applicant name & address :

Telephone number:

Childs name:

Proposed/Actual Secondary School



WEEKLY YOGA CLASSES Chrishall and Barkway

Monday:	Power Yoga	09.30
	Gentle / Beginners	10.45
Tuesday:	Flow & Restore	19.00
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Friday:	Slow Flo	09.30
Saturday:	Uplifting Flow	09.00

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REPORT FROM CHRISHALL PARISH COUNCIL

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

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Parish Councillors:

Chairman: John Kay

Councillors: Stephen Foote, Jane Holloway, Sheena Lashko, Ian Pitfield,
Guy Rackham, Tracey Slade

Uttlesford District Councillors: Richard Pavitt and Neil Gregory

Essex County Councillor: John Moran

Parish Council meetings for 2019:

First Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall
2nd July, 3rd September, 1st October, 5th November.

Parish Council vacancy:

Two vacancies on the Council arose as a result of the recent election and at the monthly meeting on June 4th, 5 candidates put their names forward for co-option onto the council. Councillors held a ballot which proved in favour of Mrs. Gill Eaton and Mrs. Paula Parish. The Chairman, John Kay welcomed Gill and Paula to the Parish council and hoped they would find the experience rewarding. He thanked the all candidates for their interest.

Dog waste:

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

Defibrillator:

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

Trees, Hedges and ditches:

Can you please make sure that trees and hedges are not cut until after the bird nesting season which commenced 1st March and finishes at the end of August.

Bonfires:

Please do consider your neighbours and restrict lighting bonfires to early evening.

Green Waste Collection:

There is a monthly green waste collection which alternates between Pinkeneys and the Red Cow. The dates will be posted to the website and the notice boards once the PC gets them for 2019 from UDC.

Uttlesford District Council also provide a weekly green waste collection for a fee of £40 per year which reduces the need for most bonfires.

Does anyone know where our ramps are?

The Pavilion User Group is anxious to trace some ramps which were made to enable disabled access to the pavilion. They have a feeling the ramps may have been lent to somebody but no-one can remember who or when. If you know the whereabouts of these ramps could you please contact Tracey Slade on 838071.



VINTAGE CAR EVENT

The Vintage Sports Car Club are holding an event on June 22nd which will run through our village on its way from Littlebury Green and towards Thriplow at or around 3pm. It is expected that most cars will be through within an hour but those with any navigational, car performance or other issues may continue passing through for a further hour or so.

The Club has sent us the following details:

The Vintage Sports Car Club (www.vsccl.co.uk) was founded 85 years ago, has over 6000 members and runs various events for members and public spectators throughout the year. The cars, which are all pre-WW2 or 1950s classics (so around 60 to 100 years old), are driven by members who cherish them. The club is organising a Herts/Cambs Navigation Rally for such cars during the daylight hours of June 22 (Saturday) 2019.

As far as we know this is the first VSCC Rally in this area for 25 years or so. The rally is a test of navigational skill and NOT one where the fastest wins. Average speeds, depending on class of navigator, fall between 18 and 24 mph according to nature of the roads in each section. Cars are not noisy and are driven with consideration.

The cars (no more than 60 of them, more likely 45) will pass your property that day at about 3pm.

(Not all in one group but at regular intervals across about 90 minutes).

This is quite a photo opportunity perhaps. There are some photos of typical cars on the back page.

The event is being organised in accordance with the Motor Vehicles (Competitions and Trials) Regulations and the general regulations of Motorsport UK. Motor Rallies of this sort are permitted under Motor Vehicles (Competition and Trials) Regulations 1969. The Police have been informed of the route. We hope you will enjoy the spectacle of these fine cars in use.

VSCC, The Old Post Office, West Street, Chipping Norton OX7 5EL Tel. 01608 644777 ext 4.

List of Cars expected to Participate
(At June 4th 2019)

Vauxhall 30-98 E Velox	1922
Renault KJ1	1924
Austin 7 Chummy	1928
Austin 7 4-seater Tourer	1928
Lea-Francis Ulster Open 4-seater	1928
Bentley 4.5 litre	1928
Ford Model A	1928
Lancia Lambda	1929
Austin 7	1930
Ford Model A	1930
Bentley 4.5 litre Tourer	1930
Aston Martin International	1930
Lagonda tourer	1930
Lagonda 2-litre Low Chassis	1931
Sunbeam 20hp	1931
Alvis 12/60 TL saloon	1932
Austin 4-seater tourer	1932
MG J2	1932
Riley Nine Special	1933
Lagonda 16-80 tourer	1933
Lagonda 16-80 tourer	1933
MG PA Sports	1934
Bentley 3.5 litre	1934
Alvis Speed 20	1934
Lagonda Rapier	1934
Railton Randalagh Sports coupe	1935
Riley Sports	1936
MG TA	1936
Frazer-Nash/BMW 319/55 Sports	1937
Lea-Francis 12.9 Sports	1938
Jowett 8hp	1939

See the back page for pictures.

CHRISHALL VILLAGE HALL



The third quarterly draw of the 100 club 2018-19 season took place on Sunday 28 April at The Red Cow, and the winning numbers were drawn by: Jim Pigg.



1st prize £120 won by Jan Rackham
2nd prize £60 won by Iris Sinfield
3rd prize £30 won by Gordon Crabbe

Congratulations to all

The next draw will take place on Sunday 28 July 2019, 4.30 p.m. at the Red Cow. You are most welcome to attend.

The 100 club draw entrance fee is £36, and we currently have only 50 paid up members for this year. In order to make the 100 club worthwhile we do need more participants. We offer almost half of the fee back in prize money with the remaining balance making a valuable contribution to maintaining the village halls. Please contact me if you would like an application form.

Helen Melville-Smith, Treasurer

telephone: 838930 or email: cvh100club@gmail.com

THE BRAND PAVILION

Residents may like to hear about our future plans for the use and maintenance of the Brand Pavilion (see Councillor Rackham's letter in the Spring edition of this newsletter).

We believe that the Pavilion is a valuable community asset, and our views are firmly in line with Uttlesford District Council's policy on supporting voluntary community ventures, as stated by Councillor Robert Chambers at a recent council meeting. Therefore, as a group we are investing time and effort into making the Pavilion as welcoming a venue as we can for all users.

It is true that the Pavilion can be extremely cold in the winter months and we will be installing additional insulation in the roof space. The amount of £2,600 quoted in Cllr Rackham's letter bears no relation to the actual cost, and we have, in fact, secured funding from the Cricket Club to do this at no cost to the Parish Council. There is certainly more that can be done, and we will be applying for a number of grants.

The Parish Council took the decision, at its AGM in May 2017, to make improvements to the fabric of the building and we fully anticipate that it will continue to do so, particularly as the recently-refurbished Parish clerk's office is also contained within the building. A survey we carried out recently revealed that there were 360 user events during 2018, including the library, the archive, cricket matches, small arts and crafts groups, the youth club and private events. The majority of these events are run on an entirely voluntary basis, offering residents a range of cultural, social and sporting activities. Whilst the new Village Hall provides a valuable resource for larger groups, we believe that the unique community space offered at the Pavilion should continue to receive our support.

Please do come along to our first fundraising event on Thursday, 13th June (see notice on the back page) and let us know if you have ideas of your own for making use of the Pavilion and its surrounds. (Enquiries to Tracey Slade on 01763 838071)

Brand Pavilion User Group

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Brand Pavilion Fundraiser

Thursday, 13th June from 3 p.m.

at the Brand Pavilion
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Crafts, plants, cakes and refreshments



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