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**WHO'S NEW?**



**INTRODUCING**

**CHRIS AND SALLY, NEW TO COLT'S CROFT.**

We moved to Great Chishill in August, after searching for about 8 months for a house to call our own. We previously lived in Ashwell, and prior to that deepest Hertfordshire where Chris is from whilst Sally is from Cambridge; Great Chishill is the ideal location being in the middle of the two!

Since moving we have spent much of our time putting our stamp on the house, and learning a huge amount about DIY. It's still very much a work in progress, and we're looking forward to some better weather so we can get to work on the garden.

Chris works in Borehamwood for Activinstinct, an online sports retailer, and Sally works in Melbourn for Drinkstuff, an online drink and homeware retailer, both as the product buyers. Chris is also a keen cyclist, a member of Cycle Club Ashwell, so you will often see him in his blue jersey enjoying the great country roads around

the village.

We got engaged in August (a busy month!) after 3 years together, and we have further exciting news as there will be a new Chishill resident; we are expecting our first baby in August. So the next few months will be a challenge to get the house ready for this arrival! We're very much looking forward to starting our family and calling Great Chishill our home.

**COMIC RELIEF COFFEE MORNING**

Many thanks to everyone involved in the Comic Relief coffee morning held by Chishill Chimps toddler group on 14<sup>th</sup> March. **A fantastic £103.60 was raised from tea & cakes, the raffle and bookstall.** Despite Arctic temperatures (due to lack of heating!) we all kept warm with cosy brews and well done everyone who got baking to provide such a delicious selection of sweet treats.



Great thanks to everyone who came along to join in the fun and show their support, and to all the little ones in their brilliant fancy dress outfits. **Watch this space for another fun village event by the Chishill Chimps!**

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING**

Great Chishill Village Hall  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month  
16 April 19:30

**Beekeeping and the Gardener**  
by Stephen Poyser

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 16<sup>th</sup> April 19:30**  
**Committee Room,**  
**Great Chishill Village Hall.**



**THE GT CHISHILL VILLAGE FETE** is to be held on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> July this year.

This is a village event for every one of all ages to enjoy and we would love you to be involved.

To be part of the fun or just to give us your ideas contact Emily 836257 or Fred 838513.

**Over 50s social group** for the village. Female /mixed version of the senior citizens' "youth" club. (If not interested in bowls or sewing!) Those interested in helping to set one up call Liz on 837263



**MOBILE LIBRARY**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in the month  
**12 April, 10 May** by St Swithun's



**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

Please be aware of recent thefts of heating oil being syphoned from domestic properties.

Having a padlock on garden shed or garage does not guarantee safety. Recent thefts of high quality petrol tools, mowers and rotovators have been reported in our areas.

Recent spate of catalytic converters stolen in our areas. **GOOD NEWS:** Speed checks in Hall Lane, Great Chishill on 6.3.13 - NONE breaking the law. Thanks for your continued support.

If you see any suspicious activity, call 101, the non-emergency number for Cambridgeshire Constabulary. In an emergency or if you believe a crime to be in progress, dial 999.

*PCSD Lindsay Gardner & James Lynch*

transport schemes have yet been established.

It was hoped that this delay would have put any changes to the 31 bus route on hold, but it seems that the council still wants to move ahead with its cuts schedule.

Susan has received an assurance that the post-16 education transport service provided by the 31 bus will be protected, but it is unclear how. Equally important are daily scheduled journeys for work commuters and essential access to public services.

In response to criticism that this project threatens to undermine the already thin network of public transport in rural areas, the council leader has given assurance that no subsidized bus will be removed before a solution is found and whatever replaces the 31 will provide an "even better service than before".

Susan has asked when and how the council intends to start talking with people.

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**JAZZ ON THE HILL**

Saffron Walden County High School Jazz Band

**Sunday 12th May**

May Street Farm, Great Chishill  
Fish & Chips - Bar - Raffle - Bouncy Castle Adults £12 Children 13 and under £6 Proceeds to Great Chishill Church Bells Refurbishment & Motor Neurone Disease Association

Help with desserts (Jean Wiseman) & raffle prizes (Pamela Ingle)

Tickets: Jean Wiseman 838263

Pamela Ingle 838407

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**GREAT CHISHILL'S OWN RABBIT RESCUE WINS AWARD AT NATIONAL STAR-STUDED EVENT**

The Rabbit Residence Rescue in Great Chishill hopped off with the Best Small Animal Rescue Centre award at the annual Burgess Wetnose Animal Rescue Awards in London on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

Local resident, Caroline Collings, founded the Rabbit Residence Rescue and ran it as an individual venture for many years with the gradually greater involvement of volunteers. Now the rescue has a managing committee and gained charity status last year. As well as taking in, caring for and rehoming unwanted rabbits, the Rabbit Residence Rescue is committed to helping educate the public about good practice in rabbit care. They also provide free advice, health checks, a bonding service and boarding service (on a donation basis). *Colin Aylott*



**FREE TO GOOD HOME**

**TP climbing frame, adjustable height and can be linked to a range of TP play equipment. Great garden toy, now sadly outgrown. Free if you collect from our Great Chishill garden.**

**Andrea 838465**

**FROM OUR DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS**

**The 31 bus**

The County council's plan to remove 100% of bus subsidies and replace them with a new council-administered localised transport scheme, is turning its attention to the 31 bus. Under this county wide plan, the council will save £1.7million. However, 2 years into the project, no new viable bus

**BIN COLLECTIONS**



**Black Green & Blue**

<b>April</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>06 Sat</b>
	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>11 Sat</b>	<b>03</b>
		<b>17</b>