

Sport Relief a Huge Success *Sarah Scott writes:*

On Sunday 20th March, 140 people turned up from far and wide and



took part in the Great Chishill Sport Relief Event.

The sun shone, the WI served freshly baked cakes, Wobbly Wayne bought along one of his bouncy castles and we were all set for a great time. Our MP Heidi Allen had agreed to open the

event, but the organisers were surprised to find that the BBC Politics Show had turned up with her, to do a live broadcast! Everyone seemed to have a great time, as they walked, ran or ambled either 1, 3 or 6 miles around a



scenic Great Chishill route. Freddie Garner-Smith (9) showed a particular talent for distance running - he sailed around the course, barely pausing to catch his breath as he completed 6 miles! Our local PCSO, Lindsay Gardiner walked the course with members of the WI. The atmosphere was lovely as families cheered on family members, people munched on cake and children played on the bouncy castle and in the playground. The final total of funds raised will not be released until June (when the sponsorship pages close), but on the day, and coupled with great events organised by Chishill Chimps and the Youth Club, over £1000 has been raised so far. Thank you all for your tremendous support, you were amazing!



Revd. Owen North

Mike Livings writes:

It is with great sadness that I report that Owen died in the early hours of Thursday 24 March 2016 at his home in Bristol. He had been unwell for some months and his wife Dottie put a sad note in their last Christmas Card to say that he needed to use oxygen for large parts of the day and he had become severely depressed about his health. Owen grew up in Littlington where his father was the local baker. He went to school in Bassingbourn and when he left school started work in his father's bakery. When his father retired Owen relocated the bakery to Heydon. And it was from Heydon that he provided all the bread for his shops in Melbourn, Royston, Sawston and Buntingford. Owen was one of the great personalities in the village for many years and I remember the excitement in September 1983 when he was successful in getting into the Guinness Book of Records for the fastest time for producing loaves from growing wheat in a time of 40 min 44 sec.

After running a very successful business for many years Owen ran into financial difficulties and sold his shops which by then had been fitted out with baking facilities. Owen then decided he wanted to retrain as a URC Minister. Owen had been a member and Elder of our United Reformed Church for many years and over a two year period he retrained to become a Minister.

Once he was ordained his first church was in a village just outside Newmarket in Suffolk. He then went onto be Minister at a church in Norfolk. It was while he was living in Norfolk that he met his wife Dottie. As a Minister he was supplementing his income by driving a coach for a local firm. On a coach trip taking a party from the Great Northern Norwich Hospital he met The Master who was the first female Master of the hospital. That coach trip was in 2002 and in 2004 they were married. Owen often joked that he was no longer Master at home because he had married one. When Owen retired from the Ministry they moved down to Bristol where most of Dottie's family are based, and it was at his home in Bristol where he passed away aged 72. Owen's funeral will be in Bristol on 12 April 2016 at 12.00.

Free Royal Birthday Memento for Children



To celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday the Parish Council are planning to purchase a memento for every child aged 0-11 (babies up to and including year 6 children) in the village as a celebration of this occasion. To make sure no-one is

missed out, please can you let Sarah Scott know the name and age of your child by 15 April. Her email address is sascott42@gmail.com.

Women's Institute
 19 April
 Alaska - with Jeff Evans
 Village Hall 7.30pm
 Visitors Welcome



Harriet Scott has once again been helping her Dad grow tomato plants. She has over 200 plants for sale this year in many varieties, colours and sizes. Her chosen charities are: FOCS (Friends of Chrishall School), 7th Royston and Barkway Cub Scouts - and she hopes to raise a little pocket money for herself too! Please contact me on sascott42@gmail.com if you'd like to place an order.

BLOWING HIS OWN TRUMPET
 Friday 15 April 7.30pm at St Swithun's Church
CRISPIAN STEELE-PERKINS
 with organ accompanist - Richard Carr
 The next event to raise money for the St Swithun's Church Restoration Appeal will be a recital and talk by world famous trumpeter renowned for his international work with classical orchestras, period instruments, TV and film themes from Bond to Antiques Roadshow and Dr Who!
Tickets £15 from Judy Saunders tel 01763 838571

WELCOME TO.....Tristram Alexander and his partner have moved into Hope Cottage – that's the round-the-corner one opposite the church – and they are enjoying their cosy and eccentric new home. Chishill's their first experience of country life; Tristram's an IT specialist (data storage and disaster recovery) and his last posting was in Brussels. In his spare time, he's an Institute of Advanced Motorcyclists coach and a photographer. The couple look forward to getting more involved in village life, just as soon as Hope Cottage has been given the dose of TLC it needs (central heating and some hot water would be nice, they say).

Windmill Dance Group

Six months of lessons were put to the test on Friday March 18th when the Group held its first dance in the village hall. All passed with flying colours - in fact one experienced dancer said that she could not identify any obvious beginners!



Wendy and David, the teachers of the Group, opened the dance to villagers and others and 34 dancers arrived to enjoy the event. Ballroom and Latin dances were played throughout the evening so having sped round the floor with a quickstep, dancers could catch their breath with a rumba. Waltz and jive were particularly popular. A good time was had by all, one villager remarking that it was refreshing to attend a dance without having disco music blasting at you.

People gave generously to the Trust contributions box and we were able to announce at the end of the night that the whole dance lessons initiative had made £1000 for the fund. There was also a raffle for St Clare Hospice where Wendy and David's teacher, Peter Sturt, had recently died. We are sure that he would have been proud to see many of his former pupils and those taught by former pupils dancing the night away.

BUS MEETING OUTCOME

Susan Van de Ven writes: A small group of Heydon and Chishills residents met on March 14 to discuss concerns about gradually diminishing County Council transport subsidies. Key points: a regular daily service is needed to get people mainly to Cambridge and mainly to education, plus some to work. A number of ideas were raised: Royston and District Community Transport to investigate cost of running a link service to Trumpington Park & Ride/Shepreth Station; investigate further buying into the Barley private bus service; County Council to investigate possibility of a small number of seats to piggy back on a regular school transport service. More Community Transport volunteer drivers & more lift-sharing would be useful. We need to know whether residents rely on public transport & if so for what purpose: questionnaire to be prepared. We will meet again early summer to shape the most viable ideas. Any questions please get in touch. Susan van Ven, susanvanden5@gmail.com, 07905325574. My next surgery is on 4 April, 2.30 - 3.30 at Melbourn Hub.

Youth Club members are pleased to have raised £34 for Sports Relief with a Bouncy Castle and pizza night.... fun was had by all!

Transport to Church

We can now offer a lift thanks to a number of volunteers who are willing to come and collect you and take you to church with them. Please call the church office 837272 during the week or Liz Stott 01799 521217 on Saturdays.



BIN COLLECTIONS		
	Black	Blue & Green
APR	2(Sat)	8
	15	22
	29	6 May