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**NEW HOME ON WRIGHTS
FIELD**

A perch-ace?



A new highly desirable residence has gone up on the border of Wright's Field and Bull Meadow. This chalet style construction known as 'Owl Box' is available for immediate occupation by an appropriate couple wanting to raise a family here in Great Chishill.

Messrs Wiseman, Leitch and Maynard put up this prefabricated building on New Year's Day, and it is hoped that it will soon be occupied.

The 'Owl Box' is specifically aimed at Barn Owls, a species which has depleted in numbers over the last 40 years or so, as agriculture has intensified and their natural nesting places have disappeared. However, over the last few years their numbers have started to rise again in this area as people realise their plight and provide

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nesting boxes and other suitable sites. Several of these magnificent birds were seen in the area around Great Chishill last year, so we are hopeful that this box will help towards further raising their numbers.

There's now an owl box supplied by Phil Don used the contraption supplied by Peter And rose up the tree, a suitable site, until He'd fixed a home that couldn't be neater



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	AN APPEAL TO DOG	
	WALKERS	
	If your dog should leave a	
	deposit on the pavement or	
	where people walk, please	
	don't leave it there to be	
	trodden in.	
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Take your
pick:



Valentine's Night
BY **KHANDEL LIGHT**

Please join us for supper and dancing to liven up a chilly February night at **Barkway Village Hall**

Tickets £15 are available from Michelle Marriott (01763 848795) or Yvonne McPartland (01763 848837).

Hope to see you there!

Natalie & all on the Khandel Light team

Or

Save the Children is holding a **SPANISH EVENING**

on Saturday 14 February - Valentine's Day – in the **Town House in Barley** commencing at 7.30pm.

Tickets are priced at **£15** per person and will consist of a Spanish-themed three course meal, with a welcome drink upon arrival.

There will be a bar and a raffle.

Tickets are available from Kate Gardiner on 838511 or Liz Livingstone on 838172.

Please come and support us, those of you who have been to previous events know what a good evening it is".

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE PANEL MEETING

A meeting of the Neighbourhood Police Panel took place at Bassingbourn Village College on January 20th. This quarterly meeting is open to the public and is an opportunity to voice your concerns directly to the police. The Panel meeting covers police issues in our villages of Foxton, Heydon, Meldreth, Melbourn, Shepreth and the Chishills, and also villages in the Bassingbourn area. **Our new PCSO is Carly Freed and she will be joined very shortly by a second PCSO, to be announced.**

E-cops (www.cambs.police.uk/signup/ecops/) was recognised as a useful tool of communication between police and residents. Inspector Chris Savage emphasized that without residents reporting concerns and incidents, the police cannot react. Please sign up if you haven't already.

Next meeting is April 21st, 7:30, Melbourn Village College. All welcome.

FREE HOME ENERGY SAVINGS

SCDC will shortly be sending out letters to parish councils inviting them to take part in a scheme helping local residents to access home energy saving grants, including free home insulation services. Through its Climate Change Working Group, SCDC has accessed a

significant pot of government money to help steer this project.

The scheme would depend on local champions, perhaps willing and enthusiastic members of the local community, co-opted by parish councils specifically for the task. Smaller villages, for example Heydon and the Chishills, or Foxton and Shepreth, could work together.



Sausage Lunch

Please come and join us for this Great Chishill Tradition. Saturday 28th February 2009 @ 12:30 Great Chishill Village Hall For tickets call Sarah Scott on 01763 837112 or email sarahscott2@btinternet.com

Proceeds to the Children's Playground and Christmas Party.

WI Meeting

February 17

"Putting the House to Bed"

Veronica Bennett will talk about how a stately home is prepared for the winter months.

BIN COLLECTIONS

February

07	Black
13	Green
20	Black
27	Green

THE SNOW QUEEN Barkway Pantomime

Come and spot the Chishillites in the production!

February 6th and 7th
Matinee Saturday 7th
Box Office
01763 848347

Living Sport Campaign

to **GETBACKINTO** sport (16yrs+)

Want to join a beginners' session?

Log on to www.livingsport.co.uk

or call 01487 841 559

The Mobile Library

Waller's Close 10:30 10:45

The Church 10:50 11:05

- February 13
- February 27