

Chishills Newsletter

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Speeding Group

The volunteer speed watch group has started measuring traffic speeds and early indications show that over 30% of vehicles are travelling above 35 mph in hot spots on Hall Lane and Barley Road. The Police have also measured traffic speeds along Hall Lane and again a significant number of drivers choose to ignore the 30mph speed limit.

More speed measuring will continue in January and if you would like to help, please call Chris Martin (838928). A full report on the problem will be made during February.

The Police have agreed to set up enforcement checks during 2008.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on **Monday 14th January** starting at **19.30** at the Village Hall. In 2008 there is the opportunity to have an election of Parish Councillors, so if you would like to become a Parish Councillor, please let the clerk know or come to the next meeting.

Nuisance Behaviour

Unfortunately, in the past few weeks there have been incidents of vandalism to the pavilion and over boisterous activities in Wallers Close and the Bus Shelter. Thankfully we have the support of **the local police** (PCSOs Lee Nutbeam & Emma Garwood) to tackle this problem, so please report any incidents to them on **0845 4564564**.



GREAT CHISHILL BELLS SLOE GIN COMPETITION & PARTY 2008

**Saturday 26th
January 8.00pm
at Hall Farm by
kind invitation of
Peter and Jean
Wiseman.**

Entry per class is
£2.50 (includes
admission) Non-
competitors welcome to
Party at £3.00/head.
Please bring a bottle
and a plate of finger
food (co-ordination
with Jean appreciated)
Last entries Tuesday
23rd January to Hall
Farm, or to Jenny at 6
Colt's Croft
**All proceeds to St
Swithun's Church Bells**

Great Chishill Football Club Update

As the football season reaches its midway point, Great Chishill's two teams both have reasons to be satisfied. In Division 2a, the first team are finding their feet following their promotion last season. Despite suffering from an ever-growing injury list, they currently sit mid-table, with manager John Drury impressed with the reserve players that he has brought in to cover for his absentees.

The high point of the season so far came just before Christmas, as they defeated title challengers Elsworth Sports one nil at the Playing Fields.

Meanwhile, in Division 5A, the Reserve team is beginning to climb the league table after a difficult start, as the new players took time to gel. But with Reserve Team manager Nick Bramwell leading the scoring charts with eight goals so far, the outlook is bright for the new year. They've been involved in some high-scoring games as well, with a 6 - 2 win against Melbourn being the pick of the bunch.

For more information about Great Chishill Football Club, or if you wish to keep up to date with fixtures and results, call John on 01763 837030, or visit our website at www.greatchishillfc.co.uk

Who's new?

A common reaction from many friends has been "why are you moving to a village if you live on your own?" The answer to that is easy - to meet people and be part of a community and that is exactly what I have done.

I moved to Barley Road from Royston in August 2006 which makes me a relative "newbie" to Great Chishill but a year on I feel very much at home and that is thanks to the friendly neighbourhood network that has invited me to so many village events.

I have loved my first year of village life and have made lots of new friends at harvest suppers, village quizzes, wine tasting, evenings in the Pheasant and jazz spectaculars and now a part in the Barkway panto; who would have thought it?


It has been an adventure as well. The flood in June (which I know affected many 'Chishillites') made a spectacular entrance through my chimney so I temporarily had an indoor swimming pool in my sitting room. Finally renovations have been completed and the house is now ready for any large downpours nature can throw at it (not wanting to tempt fate!). Going from too much water to too little, apologies to everyone for cutting the whole village off from water for a whole day earlier in the year, just so I could have a new bathroom fitted and then realising that it wasn't my stop cock after all. I run a company based in Ware providing products and services to the NHS; somewhat different from my former

pastime as a Secondary PE teacher. I beg borrow and steal as many rides on friends horses as possible when time permits and play the odd game of hockey.

Thank you to everyone who has made me feel welcome.

Cassy Pagna

Out of the Arabian Nights!



Barkway Players Present

The Amazing Adventures of Sinbad

as never seen before

Barkway Village Hall

**Friday 1st February
8.00 pm**

**Saturday 2nd
2.00pm and 8.00pm**

Box Office 848347

WI Meeting

The next WI meeting is on 16 January with a talk entitled "Snap Out Of It" given by Radio Cambridgeshire presenter Christopher South and his wife Janet.

And looking ahead: **Sport Relief Mile 2008**

After the success of the 2006 Sport Relief Mile Event, we are organising the event again in 2008.

It will be held this year on Sunday 16th March 2008, with the mile starting at midday. Once again the mile will take place on the playing fields.

If you wish to enter please go to the Sport Relief Website www2.sportrelief.com and follow the links to sign-up.

Opening the mile for us is Nora Sands, Dinner Lady Extraordinaire, who was the Star of Jamie Oliver's School Dinners TV Programme and has subsequently written a best selling cookery book.

If you would like to help on the day with food, or even to have a stall, please contact Catherine Whyte on 838402 or email catherine@sandcwhyte.f9.co.uk

Look out for further information!