

The Chishills Newsletter

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As you can see, this is the twelfth month of our newsletter which we all can all enjoy because it is delivered to us by volunteers. Some of these distributors are now becoming a little weary so any offers to continue the footwork would be more than welcome. It will take up to an hour of your time once a month or even less if you build up your own team for your road. Alternatively, you could offer to help the person already delivering on your road.

SLOE GIN COMPETITION RESULTS

'Great Chishill Bell Ringers wish to thank every one who supported our 2008 Sloe Gin competition. The winners were:

Nouveau - Fred Kuenzi

Vintage - Mike Livings

Ringers' Delight - Peter

Wiseman

Presentation - Phil Maynard

Special thanks are due to Peter & Jean Wiseman for hosting both the judging evening and the results party, and to our three judges. The evening made £160 for our fund for re-hanging the odd-struck bells to make them easier to ring with better results.

New and returning ringers are always welcome to our Wednesday night practices -

8.00pm at St Swithun's - but it's advisable to contact Jean Wiseman first to check that our ringing teacher is available when you come.'

Quiz evening at Heydon Church

7 March

19.00 for 19.30

In aid of Heydon church

Teams of 6-8

Fish & Chip Supper

Bring your own wine

Seeking to Understand

It is regrettable to report again, the over-boisterous activities of group of "lads" who tried to gain access to Village Hall on the 5th February at around 20.30. This resulted in the organiser having to refuse entry and in the process, damage to the door entry mechanism occurred, A repair bill of several hundreds of pounds has been the inevitable outcome. The incident was distressing for the event organiser and disturbing to the Village Hall Committee. The Police have been informed of the incident. This together with vandalism to the Pavilion means that **repair costs are running into thousands of pounds.**

It would be very beneficial to understand the background to such incidents and the reasons why they took place.

The **Youth Club** is currently very active and the **Parish Council** would like to encourage the formation of a "Youth Committee" where the views, interests and needs of the 10 -16 year olds could be represented and incorporated into facilities provide by the village. If you are, or have children, in this age group, and feel that more should be done to represent them, please contact the Youth Club or a member of the Parish Council so that we can work together to provide facilities for all residents without disturbing the harmony of the village. As part of the on-going dialogue with interested parties, the Local PCSO will be attending the Youth Club in the coming weeks. Please encourage involvement and openness; we were all younger once and can also understand the frustrations of the older generation, yet the payment of damage sits with us all.

Parish Council Meeting

**Monday 17th March
Village Hall at 19.30**

Bring a cushion as the seats are a bit hard!!

A flyer regarding the forthcoming elections will be put through your letter box in the coming weeks.

**WHO DOES WHAT IN THE
VILLAGE?
GREAT CHISHILL
PLAYING FIELDS
ASSOCIATION**

A committee of village people representing the football and cricket clubs plus other elected villagers look after and maintain the entire playing fields and the Plaistow area on behalf of the village and the various clubs that use the facilities.

The current committee members are Simon Coxall, Andrew Drury, Jeff Gill, Martin Levy, Stephen Saunders, Mark Wright and Darrel Plumb.

Simon Coxall masterminds all of the much appreciated work and is assisted by the committee as well as Garry Wright, Alan Parkes and Dick Sanderson.

The playing fields were **voted in the recent village survey as one of the most valuable village amenities**. The **annual cost** of maintaining the playing fields, including the necessary equipment and the buildings is approximately **£7,000**. The yearly income is approximately £4,000 (this includes the parish council grant) which leaves a **shortfall of £3,000**. This is raised annually by various **fund raising events** which are organised by the hard-working committee and, in turn, supported so generously by people living within the village. **Since 2004 nearly £50,000 has been spent** on projects such as a complete pavilion refurbishment, a new storage shed, flood-lights for evening football training, basketball

equipment, replacement mowers, and a new tractor. Sadly, here has recently been some evidence of vandalism and theft, which is a shame, and one hopes that these are isolated incidents. However, they all have to be repaired which adds unnecessarily to our costs.

We hope that you all continue to enjoy this wonderful village amenity.
Stephen Saunders

**SPORTS RELIEF
MILE**

Sunday 16th March - 11:30 for 12:00 at the playing fields. All ages and abilities most welcome! Come and join us for some fun, enter on www.sportrelief.com -

Why not enter a team? Already the WI, Football club, Youth Group and our local police have entered teams. Fred Smith will conduct a musical warm-up at around 11:45. Nora Sands (Jamie Oliver's favourite School Dinner Lady) and Ollie Oughton (from our own Pheasant) will start the mile or miles - remember you can do 1, 3 or 6 miles this year. Soup and hot sausage sandwiches will be available also. If you would like to help or need further information, please contact Catherine on 838402.

S-P-E-E-D-I-N-G

Recently the Police undertook speed checks and made several enforcements. The weather is warming up and it is light at both commuter times of day so the Speed Watch group will be monitoring traffic speeds and taking notes of speeding vehicles.



March Bin Collections

7 Black **14 Green**
22 Black Sat **29 Green Sat**

WI MEETING 18th March
Election of Committee & Officers
WI Adviser, Anne Bullman attending

COMING SOON

*Great Chishill
Midsummer Ball*

Saturday 21st June
Call Tracey Greenman
838413

**LOCAL COUNTRYSIDE
EVENTS**

Cambridge Ramblers Walks
Sat 1st March
Meet by Barley Church
10.00am 10mile walk

Saturday 19th April
Chishill Conservation Walk
Meet at Windmill
10.00am 10 mile walk

Call 01223 356889