News & Views around



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SLOE GIN COMPETITION RESULTS Bells restoration funds raised

came to £232.

Out of a record breaking 50 entries:

Nouveau: 1st Angela Browne of Worthing; 2nd Graham Erskine; 3rd Angela Patrick.

Vintage: 1st Stella Russell; 2nd Nick Couchman 3rd Chris Cartwright.

Ringers' Delight: 1st & 2nd Stella Russell; 3rd Neil Heywood.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING

Great Chishill Village Hall 19:30 18th March Annual Meeting 23rd March Sports Relief Mile

£ COUNTY COUNCIL HEAD OF FINANCE COMES TO CHISHILL

Chis Malyon - CCC, Head of Finance, is coming to the next PC meeting on 10 March at 19:00. All welcome to ask him any questions.



at Thirty High Street, Melbourn, SG8 6DZ. Tel: 01763 263303

Here you can treat yourself to a coffee (prepared by a trained barista) and cake, and change your library book, all in a light and airy atrium. **Opening Hours**

The Hub: Mon - Fri 09:00-17:00 -: Sat 09:00 -15:00 The Hub Cafe: Mon -Fri 09:00 - 16:00 and Sat, 09:00 - 15:00 Library: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, 14:30 - 4:30;



Thurs, 14:30 - 18:30

Drop-in Surgery with district and county councillors. The CAB and Relate are due to start their counselling services at the Hub soon; we will let everyone know the dates etc.

We have four spaces to hire for a variety of events (three meeting rooms and the atrium area). Our emphasis is on community and the promotion of the business community as well.

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Issue 12 March 2014 The building is wholly owned by the Parish Council (community) and has been leased to the management company (also a charity) who run it on behalf of the community.

All income to the building is payable to the management group who in turn pay the staff wages, utilities, maintenance, café etc.

The Parish Council are now located at the Hub, upstairs in their own dedicated space. Jose



GREAT CHISHILL SPORT RELIEF

It's back! Come and join us on Sunday 23rd March from 10:30, the event starts at 11:00. Walk, jog or run on your own or in a team for 1, 3 or 5 miles at the highest Sport Relief event in Cambridgeshire. It's around the playing fields and Bull Meadow.

To enter visit

www.sportrelief.com and select the mile and tap in Great Chishill. Sarah Scott



IT'S TIME FOR NOMINATIONS FOR ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS



If you know of somebody who works voluntarily and tirelessly for the Chishills, let the Parish Council know. Write their name and reasons for the nomination on a piece of paper and drop it into the box on the bus shelter.

FROM OUR COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

PUBLIC SERVICES AT THE MELBOURN HUB

District Councillor Jose Hales reports from his coordinating role on the Melbourn Hub: The Hub's opening day on Feb 1st saw a non-stop full house of visitors including Chishill residents. Although the Hub has been funded by Melbourn residents it will undoubtedly have a public service benefit to the wider area, not only due to the library service but also the Citizens' Advice Bureau presence via a fixed information terminal and two drop-in advice sessions per month (first Monday and third Tuesday, 9:30-12:30). Other possible services in the pipeline include South Cambs planning and housing advice and quiet rooms for student revision time ahead of A-Levels and GCSEs. A state of the art café offers catering for meeting rooms and bacon sandwiches to enjoy in the library area. Please contact Jose for more information: Tel 221058 or 7703262649.

DROP-IN SURGERY

Susan and Jose's monthly drop-in advice surgery has now moved to the Melbourn Hub - every first Monday of the month from 2:30-3:30. Please let us know if this is not convenient and you'd like to meet at another time or close to home.

RURAL TRANSPORT FUNDING

No doubt rural transport funding will be a continuing battle. We're pleased that constructive cross-party dialogue at the county council has resulted in a consensus that rural transport provides lifeline access especially for all those without access to a private car. The Cambridgeshire Future Transport project now looking at the conversion of the 31 bus service has time-limited funding, as do community transport operators like Royston and District Community Transport and Cambridge Diala-Ride, both of which serve the Chishills.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE EDUCATION FUNDING

Cambridgeshire remains the worst funding local authority for education in the country. Were MVC situated in Hertfordshire, it would receive an additional £150,000 per year. The College has urged people to review and sign this petition for fairer funding: http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/ petitions/58898

ADVICE AND SUPPORT FOR CARERS AND ADULTS WITH LONG-TERM NEEDS

A series of drop-in events has been organised to provide free and confidential information and advice to adults living with a long-term illness or disability, older people struggling with an age-related condition, and anyone providing unpaid support to adult family members or friends who could not manage without this help. The drop-in sessions nearest to our villages are being held at the Horizon Centre, 285 Coldhams Lane, Cambridge CB1 3HY from 3.30pm to 5.30pm (last Wednesday of the month). For more information please contact

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Susan and Jose

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ROYSTON CHORAL SOCIETY presents Choral Classics at All Saints Church, Melbourn Saturday, 29 March at 19:30

Tickets £9 (Concession £8, School students £3) are available from All Saints Church, Royston Library, choir members and at the door. Programme includes Howard Goodall's The Lord is my Shepherd, The Vicar of Dibley, Chilcott's Little Jazz Mass, Byrd's Ave Verum and Stanford's Beati Quorum. Irving Berlin's Putting on the Ritz and Guy Turner's Tequila Samba For further information about this concert or the choir, phone 07876 444701, email

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