

The Chishills Newsletter

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Great Chishill Quiz Night

Simon Coxall and his team organised a very successful quiz night at the Village Hall in Great Chishill.

Over 90 people from Chishill and surrounding villages took part in the quiz and the winning team came from Barley. Eileen Murrell and Janet Crouch ably produced a lovely Ploughman's supper for everyone.

The event raised over £700 which will go towards the continuing upkeep and maintenance of the Playing Fields.

Thank you to everyone for their help and support at this event.

For further information, please contact Simon Coxall on 838055

We need **volunteers** to **combat speeding** in our village. There's a plan ready to be put into action. Call Tim on 837112



PRINTING THE NEWSLETTER

Bob Hatt very generously printed the first issue of the newsletter. Ivor Dartnall's company MFK has given us a very favourable rate and is now our printer.

Easter Egg Hunt In Great Chishill

Two grown-up Easter Bunnies were busy hiding Easter Eggs in the Children's Play Area on Easter Sunday.



Thank you to all of you who brought your children along for a little bit of old-fashioned fun on Easter Sunday. The inaugural Great Chishill Easter Egg Hunt raised £30 which will go towards the running and up keep of the Children's Playground.

For further information, please contact Sarah Scott on 837112.

Breakthrough Funds Raised

Well done to Heather Dartnall and her team who organised an evening of Barber Shop singing with *Mark Time* last month. It was a resounding success and raised a healthy **£750 for 2 charities**: Breakthrough for Cancer and St Swithun's Bell Fund. The general feeling was, "*How pleasant to have a village get-together in the village hall.*" Thanks to everybody who helped, especially Pat Stansfield.

GETTING THE NEWSLETTER THROUGH YOUR DOOR

We need a big team to help distribute the newsletter in future. Please tell us if you can sometimes help.

Future events

- ☐ Tuesday 8 May 6.30pm Meeting for Youth Committee Volunteers in Pavilion
- ☐ Tuesday 15 May 7.45pm Next WI Meeting
- ☐ Friday 18 May 7.30 pm Parish Council AGM
- ☐ Sunday 20 May 2.00pm Bluebell Walk. Meet at the Village Hall

Great and Little Chishill Parish Plan Update

The Steering Team were greatly encouraged by the take-up of response to the questionnaire. As you know, this will form the basis of the Parish Plan.

An action list has now been submitted to the Parish Council; it was reviewed and approved. This will be now be submitted to ACRE. Once approved by them, it will then be published and the Parish Council will be able to adopt the plan. Copies of the plan will be made available to anyone who wishes to receive one.

However, we are still looking to recruit individuals to champion key issues such as speeding. If this affects you, can you spend a few hours a month in helping to address this problem?

It will be difficult to solve without your help. Please contact Tim Scott on 837112, if you can assist.

Thank you for your support.

Village Hall Booking Details

Accommodates 200 seated
180 dancing events

HOURLY RATES	Village clubs	Resident lettings	Non-village/business
Daily until 18.00	£3.50	£4.00	£7.00
Sunday-Thursday 18.00-midnight	£5.00	£5.50	£10.00
Friday & Saturday 18.00 - midnight	£40.00	£40.00	£80.00

Bluebell Walk

The WI have organised a guided walk around Hall Farm for all the family. Meet at the Village Hall at 2.00pm. Sunday 20 May Tickets £4 each (children free) to include a Cream Tea. Dogs on a lead are welcome.

BYWAYS, BRIDLEWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

Great and Little Chishill Parish Council belongs to something called the Parish Paths Partnership or P3. The partnership is between the Parish Council and the County and District councils and its function is to improve, maintain and promote public rights of way. Each year the parish puts forward a grant request which may or may not be awarded depending on whether or not the bid is in keeping with the County Council's envisaged programme and how much money is available that year. In addition to the County Council's statutory duty to 'protect and assert the public's existing rights of access', it has the following priorities:

- Making the countryside more accessible to everyone
- Making the RoW network safer to use

- Preventing new development from damaging the RoW network
- Providing up-to-date, accurate and user friendly information about access
 - Joining up the RoW network by filling in the gaps
 - Making sure the definitive map {the legal documents for RoW} and other records are reliable, accurate and easy to use
 - Managing access with farming, conservation, heritage and crime in mind
- Making using the RoW network straightforward, enjoyable and inspiring

Lorraine and Peter Brand {838714 / labpjb@btinternet.com} are P3 co-ordinators.

Their job is to act as a channel of communication between the Parish Council and the District Council. Let them know if you notice anything on our rights of way that you think needs attention. They hope to put a map of the rights of way in our Parish on the web in the not too distant future. N.B. It may not have come to your notice that we now have greater access to the countryside via 'conservation walks' – a network of permissive bridleways for use by both horse riders and walkers and set up by DEFRA. **Maps of where you can walk are on the gate leading to the fields at the end of the Pudgell and also on the field nearly opposite number 49 Barley Road.**

NEXT WI MEETING

Tuesday 15th May 7.45pm – Resolutions Meeting to discuss "The closure of Community Hospitals". Fran Saltmarsh NFWI vice-chair will be our guest and the "Denman Exhibition" will be held.

GREAT CHISHILL WEBSITE

www.greatchishill.org

Further details from Bob Hatt

Great Chishill Marathon Runners

Great Chishill's favourite landlord Simon Oughton and his running partner, Toby Staines, both completed the London Marathon on Sunday 22 April raising money for their chosen charity Medics. In his first ever Marathon Simon finished a credible 19319 out of 37000 with a time of 5 hours and 11 minutes.

Toby, also running his first marathon completed the race with a time of 3 hours 39 minutes and was placed 4400.

Well done to you both and of course to any other runners from the village who also took part!

Parish Council AGM

The next Parish Council AGM will be held on Friday 18 May. Do come along and join us for a glass of wine at 7:30pm to be followed by the meeting at 8:00pm.

In the next issue, we will introduce your Parish Councillors to you.

