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INTRODUCING THE BELSTEAD HERD OF LINCOLN REDS



Around the village you may have seen or heard our cows and many people have stopped us to ask about them so we thought you may like a bit more information.

We took over the tenancy of Lynchets Farm in the village from Terry Ingle in October 2009 and the cows arrived in October 2010 once grazing land had been found.

Why Lincoln Reds?

They are our favourites! And Robin is a Lincolnshire lad who grew up working on the farm where ours were bred. They are a native British breed that are docile, easy-calving and do well living out in all weathers. They produce quality succulent beef. It's so good they sell it in Harrods!

Why Belstead Herd?

The herd is named after the Late RT Hon Lord Belstead our former employer who loved his farm and suckler herd which included Lincoln Reds. Our foundation cows are Donington Jessie and Donington Gloria and

they have two steer calves at foot. The bull's nickname is Bison (Anwick Debonair).

Our intention is to increase the herd but as pedigree Lincoln Red cows are very expensive we shall keep any heifer calves that we breed and rear any steers for beef. So it could be a while before we have a good number!

The cows spend the majority of their time out grazing but come in during deepest winter to stop the pasture turning to mud. When they are in they are fed on hay made from around the village including Bull Meadow. They are reared traditionally with no bought-in feed being used.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in our new venture. A special thanks to Ben Palmer who has let the cows graze on his farm. For more information please contact Robin and Carolyn Truss on 01763 836233 or visit www.belsteadlincolnreds.co.uk

Carolyn Truss



Dog fowling on the playing fields

This is now becoming an unpleasant and increasing problem. **When using on the Playing Fields, please could all dog walkers keep their dogs on leads, use only the public footpath and always clean up after their animals.**

Thank you

CAR LINKS TO TRAINS

If you think there's a need for car transport links from the Chishills to specific railway stations, let our County Councillor, Susan van de Ven know as she's trying to organise this.

FROM OUR DISTRICT and COUNTY COUNCILLORS

SUSTAINABLE PARISH ENERGY PARTNERSHIP: TALK ON SOLAR PANELS

The Meldreth, Shepreth and Melbourn Sustainable Parish Energy Partnership will be sponsoring a talk on local residents' experience of installing solar energy panels. This takes place on November 25, 7:30, Meldreth Village Hall. For more information on any aspect of SPEP, please contact Surinder.

COUNCIL TENANTS: MAINTAINING HEDGES AND GATES

Elderly or disabled council tenants facing maintenance difficulties should ring South Cambs District Council direct on [0800 085 1313](tel:08000851313) for gates in disrepair. This is a required service. Unfortunately, hedge trimming will not be undertaken by the council. This is a serious concern for many residents who are unable to undertake such work themselves. The link in the next item may be helpful.

CHALLENGE TO COUNCILLOR PAY RISE

There has been much publicity about last week's County Council's decision to increase councillor allowances by 25%. The allowance rise was recommended by an Independent Remunerations Panel and taken forward by the Leader of the Council. Political groups took a free

vote; all Conservatives but four voted for the increase, while all Liberal Democrats but one voted against it. Subsequently the procedures around the setting up of the Independent Remunerations Panel have been challenged, and the timing of the implementation of the new policy was found to be incorrectly advised - to take effect next April, not. The decision has now immediately been challenged by a Liberal Democrat motion, calling for the new policy to be rescinded. Susan van de Ven, County Councillor
 Foxton, Heydon, Melbourn, Meldreth, Shepreth and the Chishills
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**MOBILE LIBRARY
 TIMETABLE**

 2nd Friday in the month
11 Nov, 9 Dec

The Church 13.25 - 14.05

**CHARITY
 WINTER BALL**

Saturday 10th December
 19.00 for 19.30 - midnight

Yes, it's in
Great Chishill Village Hall !

Dance & Dine to
MIND THE GAP
 Posh frock/Black tie
 BAR

Tickets £20 from Lindsey on 838444

**Offers of desserts
 welcome**

CHALKY WALK

The Parish Clerk, Sarah Scott and Lorraine Brand, responsible for footpaths in the parish have met with Peter Gaskin of the County Council to form a plan to improve the byway, Chalky Walk. Costing is now being looked into.

e-cops

Please be extra vigilant when near your local churches. This year, many churches in our community have suffered theft of lead from their roofs, and we had an incident last week where a person was disturbed in church grounds and ran off. Any suspicious persons or vehicles should be called in straight away with as much detail as possible on 999.

Over the past few weeks there have been an increased number of hare coursing incidents reported in the Hurdledich road area of Orwell and the Malton lane area near to the golf course. The vehicle that has been seen (with two to four males and up to three lurcher type dogs on board) is a dark red Landrover Discovery displaying P509 GNV. If you see this vehicle acting suspiciously please call it in on 999. There is a very good chance this vehicle could be seen in the Melbourn / Bassingbourn area

Please be extra vigilant at this time. Anyone with information regarding hare coursing or suspicious activity in the fields should contact the Rural Crime Action Team on [0345 456 456](tel:0345456456) or email rcat@cambs.pnn.police.uk.

CRAFTS IN THE BARN

Saturday 3rd December
 10am - 4pm
 LYNCHETS FARM, NEW ROAD, GT CHISHILL

**CRAFTS & GIFTS MADE
 BY LOCAL PEOPLE**

**CHRISTMAS TREES FOR
 SALE
 FREE MULLED WINE AND
 MINCE PIES**

**Donations for the St
 Swithun's Bell Fund**

**If you would like a stall
 please contact Carolyn on
 01763 836233 or Lindsey
 on 01763 838444**

HEYDON & GT CHISHILL W. I.

19.30 Gt Chishill Village Hall
12 November
**Natural Way to Better Health
 by Glenys Collings**

**MELBOURN LIBRARY
 TIMETABLE**

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri:
14.30-16.30
Thurs: 17.00-19.00
Sunday: 10.00-12.00



**BIN
 COLLECTIONS**

Black	Green & Blue
November	
	04
11	18
25	
December	02