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WHO'S NEW?

Hello from Dean and Ellie at number 15 Barley Road. After moving to the village in late July it seems we're a little late in introducing ourselves, but we've been a little tied up in decorating and work. Here's a short bit about ourselves. Dean is a painter and decorator and I work in a local secondary school teaching Art. We're outgoing people, who are friendly and willing to help. We're thoroughly enjoying living in the village and would like to thank everyone for the warm welcome.

COME & CHEER ON CHRIS!



THE ANNUAL BISHOPS STORTFORD CC EASTER HILLY TIME TRIAL passes through Great

Chishill on the morning of **Monday 21st April**. It starts at 8am in Great Hormead and riders will be traveling through the village on the B1039 heading towards Barley. Riders start at one minute intervals with upwards of **50 riders competing**, and it would be great if the village could come out and support this classic cycling event. Look out for local rider **Chris Pearce** racing for **Cambridge CC!**



NEW MELBOURN LIBRARY

Due to open beginning of February in The Hub

CONGRATULATIONS



LOCAL LAD, SAM SMITH was named BBC Sound of 2014 as well

as receiving a Brit Award. His family live on Heydon Road and are naturally delighted.

Dancing to **VICKI LAMBERT**

UK's No. 1 Tribute Artist

15th February 20:00

Great Chishill Village Hall

Songs from the 50's to the present day.

Bar and Raffle and Refreshments

Tickets £15 from

Jean Wiseman 838263 and

Lindsay Crawley 838444.

Proceeds to the Bell Fund



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.

GREAT CHISHILL

BELL RINGERS

invite you to their

SLOE GIN COMPETITION 2014

ENTRIES to Crosshill House,

May Street by Tuesday 4 Feb

£3 per entry

RESULTS & SAMPLING PARTY

8 February 8.00pm

At Crosshill House

£4 for non-contestants

Bring wine and a plate of food!



NOT ONLY SPEEDWATCH BUT ALSO:

TAKING A MORE DIRECT APPROACH TO TACKLING SPEEDING

We have lived in Gt Chishill for over 5 years now, opposite the Village Hall which is regularly used by dog walkers, ramblers and families visiting the fields and the playground. At this end of the village there are no pavements and all of us walk next to/on the road which makes us all particularly vulnerable to speeding traffic. I regularly cross the road with 2 small children and the speed of lorries and vans has made me particularly angry. So I decided to tackle the problem.

Over the past few months whenever I have seen a commercial vehicle obviously speeding anywhere in the village I have taken a mental note of the company, the time and the direction they were travelling and have telephoned the company to inform them. There have been some fantastic results.

When I call the main telephone number listed online I am warm, polite and friendly - and I ask for their help. I am clear that I'm not out to cause trouble but that the potential danger is too important to ignore. I describe the risk that speeding in a 30mph zone imparts particularly to our children. I ask to speak to the Operations Manager/Customer Services manager and am quickly connected. They then ask me for more details. In all cases the person I've spoken to has been unfailingly polite and

apologetic and has quietly agreed that it needs to stop. They confirm they will identify who was at fault and speak to them, and all their drivers, to remind them all of the impact speeding can have on a community and the danger it imposes. I remind them of the negative PR a speeding vehicle has on their company which helps reinforce things. In several cases a more senior manager has called back to apologise. So far we - the residents - have had a sincere apology from Waitrose, Ocado, ASDA, Tesco, Herts Skips, Pickfords and Ridgeons to name a few. In some cases (notably Ridgeons Saffron Walden) the manager has offered me a significant discount next time I am in store by way of an apology. Impressive.

I would encourage anybody who sees a commercial vehicle speeding to do the same. Calling a skip hire company or a building firm to complain about one of their boys speeding might feel daunting the first time you do it, but it really is so worthwhile.

Whilst it is difficult to say what bearing this may have on speeding in our village, I believe a call like this at least raises the profile of the issue within the company concerned and could prevent an accident in another village or residential area by making the drivers think more carefully. It also helps me stop being so angry as I feel I'm DOING something about it. And for anyone who fancies doing the same but is not sure how to go about it - do get in touch. I'm trained in

conflict management and would happily coach you through it.

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A NEW KNITTING GROUP has started in Barley. Meeting on the 2nd

and 4th Wednesdays of the month, from 7.30pm in The Fox & Hounds pub. Knitters of all abilities (including beginners) welcome. For more details contact Belinda on [07966 775751](tel:07966775751) or email: knitbarley@yahoo.co.uk.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING

04 Feb Programme Planning at Angela's. 10:00

Great Chishill Village Hall
19:30

18 Feb Auction of Promises

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

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

2nd Friday in the month
14 Feb, 14 March



LOOKING FORWARD TO SPRING?

THRIFLOW DAFFODIL WEEKEND 2014

20% discount for local groups. Adult tickets are just £4, Children just £2 and Under 5s are still free.



DO SOMETHING SPECIAL IN 2014

Foster with Cambridgeshire County Council.

Fostering involves caring for children and young people for a time limited period.

Can you offer a child a room of their own and a positive family experience? If so, we want to hear from you.

We offer generous allowances including a start-up package, 24hr support and full training.

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BIN COLLECTIONS



	Black	Green & Blue
Feb		07
	14	21
	28	
March		07