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## Who's new?

40 years on, Walnut Tree House has again a young family to harbour. The Dring family, Simon, Islay and 2 year-old Ula, have been settling in and getting to know the village since the beginning of the year.

Simon, originally from the Oxford area, is a graduate of rival Cambridge. He met Islay in London and subsequently they came to work at PA Consulting, Melbourn. Islay, of Scottish origins, is local to the Saffron Walden area and had 9 years living in Cambridge.

With a family to cater for, village life with a welcoming community beckoned from Great Chishill. They appreciate their garden's quiet as well as its views and wild life including frogs and owls.

The family met some of the community when they came to the sausage lunch where Islay made herself very useful. She is a keen athlete and marathon runner, finishing this year's London Marathon in a very respectable time of 04:15:19. Her second half was as strong as her first. Islay and her sister Rona have run a series of charity runs for cancer charities over the last 12 years since their father's diagnosis of bowel cancer.

Sadly, he passed away in 2002 but they are still running; this time she ran to raise £2,500 for Beating Bowel Cancer. So far she has raised 72% of the

total. You can still give through [www.justgiving.com/islay](http://www.justgiving.com/islay).

We wish the Dring family a long and healthy time in Great Chishill.

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## More Great Chishill charity athletes



**The London Moonwalk**  
(raising money for Breast Cancer Charities)

On the stroke of midnight 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> May, Tracey, Alison and Gill will be attempting the 26.2 mile charity walk around London. Last year Tracey and Gill entered the walk as they had both had friends and family diagnosed with breast cancer. They both wanted to do something that would not only raise money but challenge them as well; neither of them is getting any younger! After many weeks of pounding the local pavements, they decorated their bras and set off. They promise they won't display them in the village! The atmosphere in Hyde Park that night was electric. They met many people and heard stories of extreme sadness alongside stories of great bravery and hope. They were entertained by numerous celebrities who gave up their time to help with this charity as well.

They would never say they found the walk easy, it wasn't, but there was no way they would give up.

After many miles, blisters (some in unmentionable places!), chaffing and, in Tracey's case, grazed knees as she took a tumble (amazing as she hadn't been anywhere near an alcoholic drink).

After 8 hours and 25 miles they could see the finishing line, but who would have thought that last mile would be all uphill!

People in the villages were very supportive and they managed to raise in excess of £1200.

This year they are hoping to beat that.

A quiz evening was organised by the Pheasant pub on Easter Sunday, when £306 was made to start the fund raising.

Many thanks to all who came along.

A plant sale is to be held in early May. They would be very grateful for offers of spare plants.

If anybody would like to sponsor them please go to

[www.justgiving/greatchishillwalkers](http://www.justgiving/greatchishillwalkers)

Gill Morgan 838451  
Tracey Greeman 838413  
or Alison Hulford

## Annual Parish Meeting

(Preceded by Parish Council AGM)

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May  
7.30 for 8.00 pm**

Come and meet your parish councillors and fellow parishioners and ask questions too.

**Community Awards** to be made. Nominations to Councillor Ruth Dibblee, 838276

 **GREAT CHISHILL  
YOUTH CLUB**  
**FAMILY FILM SHOW**  
**TOY STORY 3**  
GREAT CHISHILL VILLAGE HALL

SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2011

FILM STARTS 3.00 pm

REFRESHMENTS

**TICKETS** Adult £3, Child £2, Family £10 (2adults + up to 4 children) beforehand and on door.  
Contact Fred Smith 838513

**SAUSAGE LUNCH**

Many thanks to all those who supported the Sausage Lunch on Saturday 2nd April.  
**A profit of £237.50** was made which will be used to finance the Children's Christmas Party in December.

**CHISHILL YOUTH CLUB GOES IT ALONE**

Since the County Council has withdrawn all funding from open access youth clubs, the committee members of the Youth Club have decided to continue employing the present youth workers financed partially by the parish council's generous grant and your support at fund raising events.

W I Meeting  
19.30 Gt Chishill Village Hall  
May Resolutions Meeting  
17 plus Wine and Cheese

**SHUTTING THE DOOR ON BOGUS PRIZE DRAWS: ADVICE FROM TRADING STANDARDS**

Many of us receive junk mail through the post, with the vast majority going straight in the recycling bin. However for some it can be tempting to try your luck on a 'prize draw' letter that comes through the letterbox. The cost of this temptation can be seen in figures released from the Office of Fair Trading which shows that last year, 1 in 25 people lost money to a scam, be it bogus prize draws, foreign lotteries, miracle health cures or money transfer scams. Seven per cent of those lost £4000 or more and those are only the ones that were reported.

The organisers of these scams are smart - the letters look professional, they are often personalised so they have your name throughout (sometimes appearing to be handwritten), and there is often a short deadline to respond so that you don't have time to think.

By replying to just one of these letters, your information will be shared by other scammers who will then write to you, inundating you with letters.

**The message from Trading Standards is simple: if it looks too good to be true it probably is and if it asks for money upfront, even in the form of an admin charge for processing your winnings, it is almost certainly a scam.**

If you are in any doubt or think you may have responded to a scam, speak to friends, family or Consumer Direct for advice. Consumer Direct provides advice on behalf of Trading Standards and can be contacted on 0845 4040506 or you can ring Age UK (Age Concern and Help the Aged combined) on 0845 5213481.

**You can register with the Mailing Preference Service which is free.** It won't cut out all scams but it should significantly reduce the

amount of marketing mail you receive. Their phone number is 0845 7034599, you can register online at [www.mpsonline.org.uk](http://www.mpsonline.org.uk) or you can write to Mailing Preference Service, Freepost 29 LON20771, London, W1E 0ZT. If you are tempted by prize draws because you are struggling financially, speak to your local Citizens Advice Bureau. They can provide you with free, confidential and impartial advice and check you are receiving all the financial benefits and allowances that are available to you. You can telephone 0844 411 1444 or visit [www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk) to find your local bureau.

**PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS**

to discuss the strategy for the future of **Library Services**, on Monday 23rd May 2011 at Orchard Park Community Centre, from 7:30-9:30pm.

This meeting will provide information to the public about the future of the Library Service and the changes that will affect all libraries. Details of all public consultation meetings can be found on our website: [http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/libservice/review/library\\_service\\_review.htm](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/leisure/libraries/libservice/review/library_service_review.htm)

MOBILE LIBRARY  
13<sup>th</sup> May, 10<sup>th</sup> June  
The Church 13.25 - 14.05

**BIN COLLECTIONS**

	<b>Black</b>	<b>Green &amp; Blue</b>
<b>MAY</b>		
02	Mon	07 Sat
13		20
27		
<b>JUNE</b>		
10		4 Sat
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