

The Chishills

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WHO'S NEW?

MEET THE McKEOWNS.

Wendy and David McKeown moved from Foxton where they had lived the last 37 years into the bungalow at 4 New Road in October last year. They started married life in Duxford where both their children, Gavin and Amanda, were born. Gavin emigrated with his wife to Boston, USA, 15 years ago but Amanda is another resident of Chishill - she lives in New Buildings Farmhouse.

Wendy used her secretarial qualifications working for a number of eminent scientists during her working life. She started at Hinxton Hall where Tube Investments had their research labs and returned there many years later to finish her career with The Sanger Centre as Sir John Sulston's PA. In between she worked for various departments and colleges in the University of Cambridge.

David also started and finished his career at a local technology centre, though for him it was Abington Hall. Having graduated from Cambridge (he was at Downing College and has a couple of oars hanging in his living room to prove it) he started work at The British Welding Research Association. Whilst there, he completed a PhD for which Wendy typed the thesis at the same time as looking after two children under the age of two. He went on to work for an International Nickel company in Hereford and then BOC (later to become ESAB) Welding at Waltham Cross. David returned to Abington Hall, where BWRA had grown and become The Welding Institute in

1995 and from here he retired in 2009.

Whilst they both enjoy creating their 'retirement home' and intend to make the most of living in Great Chishill, they also like to get away whenever practicable to their lodge in Weybourne on the North Norfolk Coast where walking and bird watching help them to relax.

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AN APPEAL FROM THE EDITOR

This issue of the newsletter brings us into its eighth year.

As well as writing it, putting it together and sending it off to the printer in time, being the editor entails taking delivery of the newsletter from the printer and distributing it to the people who then put a copy through your letter box.

I am hopeful of finding somebody to relieve me of the task of receiving the copies and delivering them to the 9 distributors in the village.

This task could of course be shared so I'm looking forward to hearing from you. *The Editor*

MOBILE LIBRARY

TIMETABLE

2nd Friday in the month

11 April, 9 May

The Church 13.25 - 14.05



MELBOURN HUB

LIBRARY TIMETABLE

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri:

14.30-16.30

Thurs: 14.30-18.30

Saturday: 10.00-12.00

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meet on 15 April

in Great Chishill Village Hall 19:30

Plant a hanging basket or garden pot

LOOK OUT FOR local rider Chris Pearce racing for Cambridge CC!



The annual Bishop's 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 travelling through the village on the B1039 heading towards Barley.



WHAT'S HAPPENING TO THE WINDMILL?

In November 2010 the County Council deemed the mill "surplus to requirement". The parish council decided it would be a future liability for the parish to own it so in July 2011 the possibility of a trust to acquire and restore the mill was looked into by Jim Brearley. In March 2012 after negotiations with the County Council a trust was set up whose articles were approved by the Parish Council. The following month there was much activity including a Cambridge & Essex Conference in our village hall attended by over 100 people as well as the press and TV. Next the problem of insurance became a financial stumbling block.

Then in July 2013 it was proposed that the CC should lease the mill to the trust whilst paying the insurance. Finally in January 2014 a lease agreement was drawn up but the trust is still waiting for its approval by the CC.

In the meantime a strong team is ready to start work and once the lease is settled specific working parties from friends of the mill will be set up to make the mill secure and water tight.

Editor from notes by J.Brearley



**PEOPLE LIKE YOU CAN
BECOME SCHOOL
GOVERNORS**

We currently have a vacancy for a Community Governor at Fowlmere Primary School.

Did you know that you don't have to be a parent or member of staff to be a school governor? School governors are drawn from the local community and come from all walks of life. What they do have in common is a desire to get involved in children's education.

School governors represent England's largest group of volunteers (currently some 300,000 strong), who are dedicated to school improvement. Governors make important decisions with regard to the running of the school - that is, with regard to curriculum, pupil targets, school improvement, budget, staffing, health and safety, management of premises etc.

Governors report that they derive a range of personal benefits from the work - indeed, many find the role enormously rewarding and stay with the same school for years. These benefits include: the chance to acquire new skills and upgrade existing ones, undertake an exciting and challenging role, meet new people and work together towards a common goal. Governors also report immense satisfaction that, in giving up a few hours a term, they can help make a real difference to children's lives.

If you would like to find out more about becoming a Community Governor at Fowlmere School please contact the school office on 01763208203 office@fowlmere.cambs.sch.uk Fowlmere Primary School, The Butts, Fowlmere, Herts. SG8 7SL

**FLY TIPPERS ARE ABOUT
BE AWARE, WATCH OUT**

Thriplow Daffodil Weekend
"A celebration of Spring" April 5 - 6, 2014

**FROM OUR
LOCAL COUNCILLORS**

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 closer to home. We had some good questions from Chishill residents at our March surgery.

**WHERE NEW HOUSES WILL GO
AND HOW TRANSPORT WILL BE
MANAGED**

It has been a big month for figuring out housing and population growth for South Cambridgeshire. Several big plans, with a certain amount of government funding attached, have now come into focus. Titles and acronyms can make it come across as just a lot of government bumpf... Nevertheless, it is a significant moment in time for the Cambridge area, which is seen as key for national economic growth. As your councillors, we have been trying to stay on top of the implications for our local communities.

Firstly, the South Cambs Local Plan was voted through and this pinpoints where the district's huge amount of new housing will be situated. Nearest to us is the growth on the southern fringe of Cambridge, some at Sawston and a relatively small amount at Melbourn; the really big new settlements are


to be located at Waterbeach and Bourn Airfield. The new town of Northstowe is not exploited to the extent that it might have been.

Secondly, the Cambridge and South Cambs Transport Plan is now in place. This is about infrastructure for that growth, including ways of averting increases in vehicle congestion by augmenting sustainable modes of transport where possible: improving rural rail services and providing more cycle links to employment centres.

Thirdly, the Government has now announced the Greater Cambridge City Deal, which provides the funding to implement many aspects of the Transport Plan. The City Deal effectively creates a new local authority consisting of South Cambs District Council, Cambridge City Council and Cambridgeshire County Council.

While most of the villages directly south of Cambridge are not significantly affected in themselves for day to day life, Cambridge is changing before our eyes and will change further in the coming years. Please let us know if you have any questions and we will do our best to answer them.

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	26 Sat	
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