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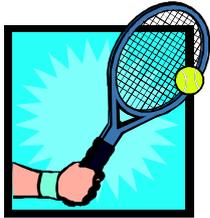
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Great Chishill's Young Achiever



Georgie Stoop

You may or may not have read in the Royston Crow and Royston Weekly News about a young English tennis player called Georgie Stoop. Sadly, due to injury, she was unable to take part in Wimbledon this year, so we took this opportunity to chat with her.

Tennis Pro Georgie, aged 19, has lived in Great Chishill for 12 years. She attended Thriplow School and then went on to St Faith's and The Leys in Cambridge. There, as well as playing tennis, she also played Netball, Hockey and Rounders. Her siblings, Olly, Sam and Milly all excel in sport too.

Playing since 4

Georgie found her interest in tennis thanks to her Mother, Tess, who used to coach and Georgie decided to 'just join in!' She started playing tennis when she was just four, playing competitively by the time she was 14.

Training and Fitness

Each day, Georgie does four hours of purely tennis-based training and then a further two hours on fitness. She says "I think it is important to cover all aspects of the fitness side, for instance, I do weight sessions three times a

week as well as hand/eye co-ordination, drill, speed endurance and core stability exercises". She has a South African coach, Damien Robert. The LTA (Lawn Tennis Association) has been an enormous help in terms of contributions to training, coaching and sports science and Georgie is extremely grateful to them. Her family are also hugely supportive. Adidas supply shoes and clothes and Wilson provide rackets and bags. Despite this help, Georgie is on the road between 20 and 25 weeks a year and is always looking for additional help with sponsorship.

Australian win

To date, Georgie's hard work has paid off, when she won her first \$25,000 tournament in Australia (her proudest moment so far). But, she says, it can be tough when you don't have a good run in matches and things do not seem to be going too well. However, she does say, that she aims to reach her potential and not give up and would like to see herself in the top 100 within two years. Her hints for budding tennis players include "enjoy the game, work hard and you will reap the rewards; give it your all everyday, smile but also have fun".

Finally we asked George who her favourite tennis player was; the answer, Roger Federer. As for "Hawk Eye" – for or against? Georgie

is not a big fan of this innovation at the moment, but she is the first to admit that maybe her opinion might change when she has a chance to use it.

So, look out for Georgie at Wimbledon 2008, where she hopes to play in the Ladies Singles, as well as in the Mixed Doubles.

Sponsorship

If you can help Georgie with any sponsorship, please email her at georgiestoop@hotmail.com.

Useful Phone Numbers

Hall Lane Guest House	838263
Great Chishill Playgroup	838708
Citadel Computer Solutions	838986
United Reform Church	838708
St Swithun's Church Office	837272
Chairman of Parish Council	838467
Police Non-Emergency	0845 465 456 4

STOP PRESS
Additional empty
black wheelie bin
outside
26 May St.
Is it yours?

Parish Council Meeting
28th August 19.30
at Village Hall
all welcome

Police Tip for Hot Summer Weather

We're making no predictions, but if August proves to be hot, you may need some tips from **Lee Nutbeam** on 0845 456 456 4.



June Floods

Whilst on the topic of weather, we have a **call for pictures of the floods** for the

archives. If you have any, please contact **Gillian Lyster** on 838238.

Chishill to Barley Footpath

Many of us in Great Chishill try to walk to the post office and shop in Barley although it's a trip into another county and the traffic speeds up the hill as well as down. A footpath would obviously render the walk much safer and agreeable. **Lorraine and Peter Brand** our P3 co-ordinators are looking for volunteers to help them make a footpath a reality.

Contact them on 838714 or labpjb@btinternet.com

The Stansted Club

Like it or not, flights out of Stansted and Luton are getting cheaper, but the cost of parking or getting there by taxi remains disproportionately high whilst public transport is neither convenient nor reliable.

This is why the **Stansted Club** has been started by Phil Maynard. The idea is '*if I take somebody then in return somebody can take me*'. Anybody who is likely to want to go to Stansted or Luton can 'join' so long as they are prepared to collect someone else.

Phil can act as go-between so that it need not be a 'one for one' deal; if one person takes you it could be someone else who brings you back and you may reciprocate by taking someone else.

In order to make this work, there is a '**points scheme**', a bit like a babysitting circle, where each person who joins is credited with an initial 6 points. Every time you take or collect someone you get a point from them. Of course, no overdrafts are allowed!! The reason for 6 points is that you should earn (or pay) more points if turning out at an unsociable time, so activity before 7 am or after 8 pm is worth 2 points. If you wish to join, contact Phil on **838311** or by email pm@maynardprojects.co.uk with you phone number and e-mail address and an idea of your availability and/or lift requirements.

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EVENING FETE

Despite the appalling weather and the postponement from Friday to Saturday, the evening fete **raised £1063** for the Playing Fields Fund.

W I Meeting

21 August
Painting on Silk with Norma and Alan Ashcroft plus a chance for some 'hands on' experience.

Update on New Village Hall Toilets

Work should have started on Monday 30 July.

The Pheasant

The smoking ban is a month old now and both sides of the bar at the Pheasant are enjoying the pleasant smokeless atmosphere.



Smokers are still catered for outside in the gardens with ashtrays and protection from the rain.

If you have any news, dates or views for the September issue, please let us know on

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