**CHARITY**

**Fun run set to attract hundreds**

ORGANISERS of tomorrow’s Sawston Fun Run & Walk say they expect more than 900 people to take part.

Registration can be done on the day itself at the start point, Sawston Village College, with registration desks open from 9am until 10am for both the 7.4k route and the shorter 4k route.

Entry fees are £6 for school years 1-11 and £13 for adults.

The organiser, the Rotary Club of Cambridge Sawston, aims to raise more than £15,000 to add to the £411,000 the event has already donated to local good causes since 1986.

The major beneficiary this year will be the Teenage Cancer Trust’s unit at Addenbrooke’s, opened in 2012.

A spokesman for the fun run said: “It is the only UK charity dedicated to improving the quality of life and chances of survival for young people aged between 13 and 24 diagnosed with cancer.”

A special report about the event will be in Monday’s News, and at cambridge-news.co.uk.

**PROPERTY**

**For sale — £3m house that hosted boozy uni parties**

A CAMBRIDGE home that played host to a notorious university prankster with a colourful past is on the market for a cool £3 million.

The Grade II listed Roebuck House, on the corner of Ferry Lane in the heart of Chesterton, has one of the most distinctive histories of any property in the city – with academic fines at Cambridge University marking it home for all manner of shenanigans.

Chief among them was JBS Haldane, the trailblazing physiology, genetics and evolutionary biology scientist who would regularly expose himself to danger in order to obtain data for his research.

His move to the residence in the 20th century marked a new era of his life as he and his wife created a hub for the social activities of left wing and non-conformist dons and undergraduates at Cambridge University.

Haldane was a member of Cambridge University’s Benaki Society, an extroverted and uninhibited institution devoted to the enjoyment of drinking beer.

Its meetings took place at Roebuck House and were hosted by Haldane and his wife after they were banned from the university, when a student was caught throwing urine out of a window on to a Master’s head.

It is said that many of the parties held there were raucous, and rumour has it that the academics would often dance naked in the garden with students.

Another notable Cambridge University academic resident was Charles Martin, a scientist specialising in a range of diseases and the way they spread in humans and animals.

He took up residency at Roebuck House in the 1930s after retiring as director of the Lister Institute of Preventative Medicine.

He equipped the property with a laboratory that was used during the Second World War to rehouse animals being used for medical studies at the Lister Institute.

The deeds of Roebuck House can be traced back to 1069 when a young Richard Rose inherited the building and almost 35 acres of land.

Reverend Robert Robinson occupied the building in the late 1700s, living in the property for more than 30 years.

A foot built in the grounds of Roebuck House can still be found in the heart of the garden leading down to the river and was used by Robinson to perform impromptu baptisms.

The property is on the market for £3m with Carter Jonas Bradshaws. The eight-bedroom house is set in 0.77 acres with a substantial river frontage and includes a separate cottage.

Matthew Smith, associate partner at Carter Jonas Bradshaws, said: “Roebuck House is an incredible building steeped in history and finding a property so secluded with as much river frontage as rare in Cambridge.

“The property has been home to some of the most flamboyant academics our city has seen and now there is an opportunity for a new owner to write the next chapter of this building’s history.”

For more details about the property call Carter Jonas Bradshaws’ Cambridge north office on (01223) 472011.

**DEVELOPMENT**

**Housing plans are approved**

COUNCILLORS approved a number of development applications in South Cambridgeshire in a bid to help meet the current housing shortfall in the area.

At last Wednesday’s South Cambs District Council planning committee meeting, plans for 72 houses in Willingham, 90 houses along with a football pitch in Toft and a farm shop café in Fowlmere were all given the green light by councillors.

Willingham Parish Council had recommended refusing the Willingham application on the grounds of “gross overdevelopment in the worst possible location”.

Separate plans for up to 90 houses, a car park and football pitch in Toft faced opposition from both Toft and Comberton parish councils.

Approved plans for houses in Great Notley proposed demolishing a barn on Overstone Road and constructing 104 homes.

Plans to convert an agricultural building into a farm shop café in Fowlmere also faced opposition from local residents.

**HEALTH**

**Live online forum will allow you to ‘stress less’ next week**

A ‘WEBINAR’ developed by students at a Cambridgeshire college is aiming to help young people and parents stress less during Mental Health Awareness Week.

The live online forum hosted by Huntingdonshire Regional College, which is working with Cambridgeshire County Council, will take place on Tuesday at 6pm.

IT students from the college have been leading on the development of the forum, which will give parents and young people the opportunity to ask mental health related questions to a panel of experts from the Council, Centre 33 and Mind in Cambridgeshire. They will also be joined by a young person who is a Stress Less champion, part of Mind in Cambridgeshire’s Stress LESS campaign.

Everyone is welcome to join in the webinar with discussions focusing on tips and resources for managing stress, mental health and relationships.

The webinar is taking place as part of Mental Health Awareness week which kicks off on Monday and this year focuses on the importance of relationships for managing our mental wellbeing.

To view and take part in the webinar on Tuesday, visit twitch.tv/huntingdonregional.