

# Chishills Newsletter

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## Who's new?

When **Jo and John Jones** and their 17 month old daughter, Hannah moved into Heydon Road in April this year, they were welcomed by the first Newsletter. Having moved six times in five years, they hope to make Great Chishill their long-term home, especially as they are expecting their second child in February; well, new house, new baby.

John works for Tesco in their head office in Chesunt. When not at work, he likes to cycle, sail and grow vegetables but with a February deadline for sorting out the house, he has been spending all his spare time as DIY Dad.

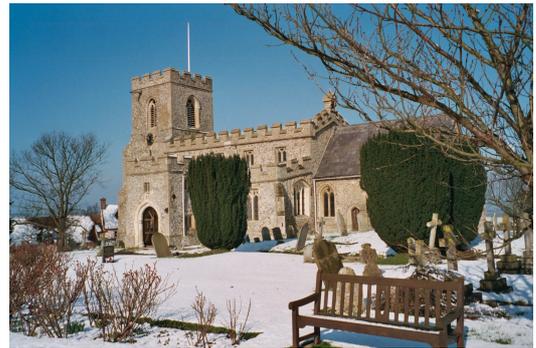
Jo's love of horses and riding has had to take second place to her expanding family. As well as looking after Hannah, she spends her time designing websites and **has recently re-designed the Great Chishill website** ([www.greatchishill.org](http://www.greatchishill.org)) Hannah likes looking after her soft toys (Cow in particular) and has had a lot of fun playing in the crunchy autumn leaves around the village.

Before Chishill, John and lived for 18 months just outside Zurich, Switzerland because of a transfer from Vauxhall to General Motors. Their plans for a few years' fun time with lots of skiing and horse riding in spectacular scenery (Jo's horse

was moved with them) were curtailed when they found out that Hannah was on her way and six months later, John was offered a job with Tesco. So they moved back to the UK when Hannah was only 3 weeks old.

Originally, John is from Liverpool and Jo is from near Cardiff but they met whilst both working for GM in Luton. They are celebrating their third wedding anniversary this month.

We wish them all a long and happy stay in the village.



## Children's Christmas Party

Sunday 16th December

3.00 - 5.00 pm  
in the Village Hall

**DON'T MISS IT!**

## CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERT

**The Royston Choral Society and Royston Youth Choir** invite you to join them for a Christmas Celebration concert on Saturday 22nd December at St John's Parish Church in Royston.

Some of you may have attended the Royston Choral Society's autumn concert – and we hope you enjoyed it. This time you will have a chance to join in, as we perform carols and other arrangements for choirs and audience.

The ticket price includes a glass of mulled wine (or other refreshment) and a mince pie before the concert. We hope you will be able to join us on Saturday 22nd December, from 7:30 pm, at St John's in Royston. Tickets are available from Royston Library, choir members and at the door, priced £10, £8 concessions, £1 'still at school'.

For further information please contact Val Hirst (Chair) on 01763 224982 e-mail, [val.hirst@ntlworld.com](mailto:val.hirst@ntlworld.com) or David Boarder (Conductor) e-mail [david.boarder@virgin.net](mailto:david.boarder@virgin.net) or visit our website at [www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk](http://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk)

Again, do make sure you bring a cushion for comfort, and extra layers for warmth should you need them.

## The Village Lock-up

Heydon Rd opposite New Rd  
(Source Christopher Cartwright)



**THEN**

The lock up or cage was probably erected at Parish expense in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The date of the building is not known with any accuracy; records of enclosure in 1818 show no building existing on what was then highway verge, but by 1896 the present building was extant. Information supplied in about 1910 describes it as a village cage having been let for a short time as a cobbler's shop in possession of the parish council. Village lock-ups were used to detain breakers of the peace or felons until they could be brought before a magistrate. The official necessary for their detention was the Parish Clerk who, in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, was officially appointed by the Vestry, but in earlier times was chosen by the manorial court.

**NOW** As mentioned in the June Newsletter, the lock-up has been used to house the wooden funeral bier used to transport coffins to the church for the funeral service. It is thought that either the Mill or Little Chishill church would be more appropriate for its storage and at the same time would facilitate renovation of the lock-up. The Parish Council is keen to carry out some restorative work on it but cannot afford to spend the £5,000 required by the District Council for a complete "make-over".

**WI meeting**  
**18 December**  
**'Bring a Dish'**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**PARTY**

theme of  
**Gold and Silver**

## Speeding .....

It's perhaps the hottest topic facing us. There is a group which is working on finding a solution to this problem. To validate where and when we have a problem, a measuring speed device requires volunteers to measure traffic speeds. If you would like to help and validate areas where speeding traffic is a problem, please call Christopher Martin Tel: (01763) 838928.

## CHILDREN'S XMAS DISCO

**AT**  
**GREAT CHISHILL VILLAGE HALL**

**WED 19 DECEMBER**  
**6-00 – 7-30PM**

**FREE TO ALL GREAT CHISHILL**  
**AND HEYDON CHILDREN**  
**SCHOOL YEARS 2 – 6**

## Neighbourhood Watch

It's been several months since Tony Harding, our local coordinator left the village. We are very fortunate to live in a very safe place. However, we must be vigilant to maintain this status. Neighbourhood watch provides local eyes and ears, and we need extra volunteers plus a coordinator to keep this a secure and confident Parish.

If you are interested please call the Parish Council Clerk on 01763 838685, or email [Chishill@aol.com](mailto:Chishill@aol.com)

## Planning Applications

If you want to know what is happening with planning in this area, look on line

<http://egov.scams.gov.uk/planningapps/pa.php>

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING UPDATE

The long awaited affordable housing project has finally been realised. Those with strong links with Chishill and Heydon are already settling in. Original vegetation has been left and water butts provided. There is to be an official opening ceremony in the spring.