#### News and Views Editor: around

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## CHISHILL REMEMBERS

Villagers gathered at Chishill's war memorial on 9 November to remember the dead of two world wars. PC Chair Andrew Gardiner laid the wreath. Prayers were led and the Last Post was sounded by Rev. Duncan Goldie before the names of all the fallen from the Icknield Way villages were read out. The service concluded at the United Reformed Church.



## Great Chishill Bell Ringers Sloe Gin Competition

Saturday 21st February at Hall Farm. Entries: Nouveau, Vintage or Ringers' Delight (any homemade fruit based liqueur) to Hall Farm by Monday 16th Feb. Full details on Great Chishill website, or from Jenny Leitch 07850 862199 jenny\_leitch@btinternet.com

# Say hello to....

Phyllis Bradshaw, New Road's latest arrival. Phyllis has lived locally for nearly 30 years, and she's a long-standing member of Heydon and Great Chishill WI. Phyllis is delighted to have been welcomed by so many people, and hopes to play an active part in our village life.



# 'CLOSE THE DUMP' SAYS COUNCILLOR

The 13 November wood chippings fire at the Bridgefoot Farm Quarry, which forced the closure of the A505 and which continues to burn as we go to



press, is affecting air quality throughout the area. This is the third fire on a site already held to account for planning breaches. County Councillor Susan van de Ven has asked for a reckoning of the cost to the public purse of the current and previous fires, and that serious consideration now be given to permanent site closure. (Chishill residents will no doubt say hear, hear! -Ed)

# PARISH COUNCIL NEWS Village lock-up

The Parish Council is putting together a schedule of works for doing up the lock-up on Heydon Road.

Speed reduction, Barley Road. Thank you to everyone who has responded. So far, we have a received a tremendous 78 responses, with the majority in favour of us looking to reduce the speed limit by the windmill. There have been questions about the cost. The reason it seems so high is that legal fees have to be taken into account and also any change in speed limit has to be advertised in the press. I have been to highways to bid for funding for this under the Minor Highways Improvement Scheme. We will hear in January if we have been successful.

#### Bus Shelter

The bus shelter light should be fixed soon and we are looking to have the potholes filled on the Parish Council Car Park next to the bus shelter.

#### Poo!

South Cambridgeshire District Council will not replace the broken dog poo bin on the Plaistow. The Parish Council is getting costs for a replacement one and also a bag dispenser which we hope will aid the very awful dog mess problem on the Plaistow, which is getting worse and makes it unpleasant for walkers, children and those who manage its upkeep. We are also at looking to get a new dog poo bin at one end of the Pudgell, but we are waiting for South Cambs to confirm that they will empty it. The Parish Council has written to MP Andrew Lansley about the way the closure of Southwell Court in Melbourn has been handled.

#### Winter Gritting

There could be further cuts in gritting next year. The Parish Council have written stating our case to have our current routes kept. As in previous years, the Parish Council will have local farmers on standby to clear roads in severe weather.

Sarah Scott

#### News and Views around the Chishills

ROYSTON CHORAL SOCIETY presents CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> 7.30pm Royston Parish Church with Royston Youth Choir and Santa's Hatband

Start your Christmas with festive music familiar and new at Royston Choral Society's Christmas Concert. Audience participation, mulled wine and mince pies make a successful recipe for getting everyone in festive mood! Tickets £12 (concessions £9, school students £1) available from choir members and at the door.

# HEYDON - CHISHILL ROAD TO CLOSE

The road between Great Chishill and Heydon is to close during the day for nearly two months, to allow water mains to be replaced. Between 5 January and 2 March, the road will be closed to through traffic from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday; but it will still be open at night and weekends and residents will have access to their properties at all times (though they may need to use a diversion). And the Pheasant and King William car parks will be accessible too! (sigh of relief) Diversion signs will be in place.



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Many stalls for all the

family. Come along

and join in the fun!

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Dec	5	12
	19	27 (Blue, <mark>Sat)</mark>
Jan	09	16
	23	30 (Blue)

# Senior Citizens Festive Tea Gt. Chishill Village Hall Thurs 11 December (No charge!) >Please contact Janet 838301 if you would like to attend.

### Less able? Do you sometimes need transport?

Royston & District Community Transport will take you where you need to go. RDCT's volunteer drivers (two of them live in our village) will take you to shops or clinics at a reasonable cost they even have an accessible vehicle to carry you in your wheelchair. Call 245228 for information or to make a booking.

#### Melbourn Village College welcomes Primary Pupils

During the first half of the Autumn Term Melbourn Village College has welcomed over 230 Year 4 and Year 5 students to experience a day as secondary pupils. The younger students were treated to a day of fun and learning based around the subjects they will study when they go to secondary school and the Year 5 pupils enjoyed arts days. The College's Primary Co-ordinator, Kelly Coghlan said: "All the pupils were fantastic and a credit to their primary schools, parents and themselves. For most, this was their first time experiencing a secondary school environment, but this didn't seem to faze them. The step up to a secondary education is often a daunting one, but days like this can make that process easier. It was great to give these young pupils a taste of secondary education and the wonderful opportunities that will be available to them."