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WHO'S NEW?

I first met **Doreen and Laurence Bullen** at a wine circle evening when they had literally just moved into their new home in Colt's Croft. I judged them to be very brave and they proved to be very friendly. Now, a few months later, they are making their house their own, employing an obliging builder from their Norfolk days.

Laurence was able to take early retirement from being a compositor and later from BT, when their really busy life began. They soon found they couldn't tolerate boredom. So, after a year's subscription to "The Publican" and a hectic two weeks of Laurence serving drinks in a gentlemen's club in Southgate, this courageous couple decided the life of a publican was for them. This resolve took them to salubrious sounding Sandringham, Norfolk, where they bought the freehold on a pub and its mixed clientele. After 4 years of this, they sold out to a customer and it was then that they realized that they had been previously under some considerable pressure: "with a pub you never know who's going to come through the door".

Subsequently, they moved to Collier's End for a few years "because of the children", then to a pretty cottage in Cottered, but its main road proved too noisy.

They have come to Great Chishill where "it's nice to be quiet" and unpolluted by light at night. But quiet does not mean uneventful, because since their arrival they have endured snow and fog and 3 weddings and 3 funerals in 3 months. Now they are happily near to their children, watching their house grow a little bit bigger alongside their 11 year old pets; Golden Retriever, Mr Smith and Miss Dusty, the cat who is getting tamer on her new diet of organic field mice.

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MEMORIAL CRICKET MATCH from 13.00
& VILLAGE FÊTE
 14.00 - 16.00
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Sunday 4th July
Playing fields & Village Hall
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Games and Attractions
Arts & Crafts
Bric-à-brac, Books, DVDs
Cake stall (Please donate on the day)
Teas
Barbeque
Proceeds to local charities
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Poor roads and vehicle damage: what's happening and what to do by *Susan vandeVen*

Unfortunately, problems with our roads - whether wintertime impassability or fair weather pot holes - seem to have become a regular feature of life for residents of Great and Little Chishill.

The parish council and I are working together on the wintertime issues and will be

reporting back after a July 13th meeting with Highways.

Meanwhile, an urgent request has been made to Highways regarding the string of pot holes on the edge of New Road - hopefully this will have been dealt with by the time you read this.

About compensation for damage to vehicles due to 'defects on the highway': see 'Responsibility for loss or damage' at <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/highways>. or call 0345 045 5212.

I was quite shocked to see a Highways working map indicating critical and poor sections of road in South Cambridgeshire. There was plenty of 'red' - indicating 'critical' - but Great and Little Chishill stood out amongst the seven villages within Melbourn Division, as the worst off. Granted, the map is somewhat out of date - based on data collected last summer, then printed for work plans this past year - however, it does give a disturbing picture and underscores the need to stay on top of things when dangerous defects become apparent. So please don't hesitate to get in touch with any concerns by contacting me:

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE20TH July**Summer Meeting** at the home of Margaret Stigwood**TRAIN LATE?****GET MONEY****YOUR BACK!**

Did you know that if the train you are travelling on is delayed by half an hour or more - whatever the reason - you can get a partial or full refund from First Capital Connect?

It does not matter what the cause is, or who is to blame. Whether it is due to bad weather, failures by rail operators, industrial disputes or the actions of members of the public, you are entitled to half the cost of your journey back if your arrival time is delayed by at least 30 minutes- and the whole of it if the delay is an hour or more.

You can get a refund under FCC's **Delay Repay** scheme whether you hold a season ticket or made a one-off journey - with refunds for season ticket holders being calculated on a pro rata basis. All refunds take the form of rail vouchers you can use for your next journey or set against your next season ticket purchase.

All you need to do is fill in the **Delay Repay** form available at your local station, or go to FCC's

website at

www.firstcapitalconnect.co.uk/delayrepay.

If you are a season ticket holder you can create an account so you just need to change your journey details each time you claim and can do it all online - rather than start from scratch and have to apply by post.

Obviously, you need to retain your ticket to prove you made the journey and keep an accurate record of your delayed arrival time. FCC checks these details before paying up, in order to prevent fraudulent claims. There is a 28-day deadline for claims to be submitted and FCC is reasonably prompt in responding. Many other rail companies - like National Express East Anglia - have similar schemes.

Delay Repay replaced the previous scheme under which season ticket holders got discounts at renewal time based on train performance. Although this is a better scheme in many ways, it is not widely publicized on delayed trains.

But it is easy to claim and the vouchers do mount up, especially during winter months - and especially for passengers who have to buy more expensive tickets and travel longer distances, like commuters to London.

This information was provided by a member of the Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Rail User Group.

If you like more information about the User Group, please contact:

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