

IS THIS AN END TO SLOW BROADBAND MISERY? YES? PROBABLY? WELL, PERHAPS....

The Parish Council have been liaising with Connecting Cambridgeshire about the installation of Superfast Broadband in the village. They have told us that most of the village should be able to receive superfast broadband by the end of September 2015. The enhancement will enable many homes and businesses to receive at superfast speeds (minimum 24Mbps) while others will be able to receive fibre broadband speeds of between 2Mbps and 24 Mbps. (*only 2mbps? I get that now!-Ed*) The broadband speed you will get depends on a number of factors including the length of your line from the telephone exchange or green roadside cabinet, the line quality, and the equipment and internal wiring within your premises. To get superfast speeds you will need to subscribe to your internet provider's superfast broadband service - such as BT's Infinity. See the PC's website for updates.

PLAISTOW POOCHES POSE POO PROBLEMS

Our Parish Council is unhappy that dog owners are not scooping when Fido poops. There are reports of quite a lot of dog poo on the Plaistow, and there's no excuse for that - there is a bin for this waste by the bus shelter.

Please clear up after your dog! says the Parish Council.

More bad news! There's been some vandalism on the playing fields this month, including graffiti, a bin being set alight and some damage to the Children's Playground. Our PCSO's have been asked to come and do some extra patrols.



On 8 August Janet Erskine and her daughter Angela walked the length of Hadrian's Wall in aid of Alzheimer's Society. Janet said, "It was hard going for the first two thirds but mercifully easier after the lunch break when we rested for 45 minutes before the last 10 miles." Janet and Angela finished in 9 hours 10 minutes, a better time than many younger walkers. They've raised £250. You can donate too- go to www.justgiving.com, choose Alzheimer's Society, then 'Angela and Janet's Page'.

OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR WRITES

Recent household flooding The storms in July caused flooding in a number of properties in the villages I represent. We need to make the County Council aware of instances of flooding, so that pressure is brought to bear for drain inspection and remedial work. - Please do report flooding by logging a report at

http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/info/20081/roads_and_pathways/10/roadworks_and_faults. That said, I know that some residents have taken the trouble to report highways faults and have had no response.

Please do let me know if you have experienced this.

Local mental health service open Mind in Cambridgeshire's public mental health service is under way at Melbourn Hub. Dates for the autumn are September 25, October 30, November 26 and December 18, all between 9:30 am and 4:00 pm. These one-on-one sessions last one hour and are intended to provide practical advice and signposting to more

specialist support if necessary. All sessions are free of charge and appointments can be booked at via the self-referral form at www.mindincambs.org.uk. The Mind service is open to residents of all villages in the area including Great and Little Chishill.

Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxtton Rail User Group

The group meets next on 17 September, 7 for 7:30, at Shepreth Village Hall. We will have updates on the situation at Foxtton Level Crossing where the pedestrian gates have been out of action for up to six months, and all access to rail service issues we always cover. Please do come along if you are interested.

Drop-in advice surgery My next surgery is 7 September, 2:30-3:30, at the Melbourn Hub - or don't hesitate to get in touch any time with any matters of concern.

Change of email address I am switching to a new email address, listed below. *Susan van de Ven* susanvandenven5@gmail.com Tel 01763 261833

MUSICAL QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 17 October 7.30
Great Chishill Village Hall

*Think you know your Bach from your Beyonce,
 blues from bossa nova, bassoon from bass guitar?*

Questions and live performances
 presented by Maggie Mather and Lucy Maynard

Bar – Supper – Raffle

Tickets £10 from

Jenny Leitch 07850 862199,

Judy Saunders 01763 838571

Church Office, Chrishall 01763 837272

**Supporting St Swithun's Church
 Restoration Appeal**

GREAT CHISHILL WINDMILL TRUST

**RECIPE BOOK
 FOR THE
 WINDMILL**

The Trust invites friends and villagers to submit their recipes to be considered for inclusion in a 'Windmill' Cookery Book which hopefully will be available to purchase later in the year, the proceeds of which will go towards the Windmill Restoration Fund. More details will follow but, in the meantime, think about a favourite recipe you may have which does not necessarily need to be 'flour' based! Accreditations will be given in the book to the recipes chosen.

Entry forms will be available shortly or you can email a recipe, with your name, to

hayden.heydonrd@virgin.net

Award-winning conductor joins Royston

Choral Society..... and so can you! Royston Choral Society is delighted to welcome Andrew O'Brien as its new Musical Director. There could not be a better time to join the choir and benefit from this talented new conductor's expertise. RCS is a friendly choir with members from around the district, some with much musical expertise, others with less, but all sharing enthusiasm for singing.

Just come along to the next free Open Rehearsal on Tuesday 15 September 8.00 pm at Royston Parish Church and join in for the evening. You won't be asked to sing on your own. The ability to read music is helpful but not essential. Membership fees are modest. Members often meet for a drink after choir and get together for a meal a couple of times a year.

For more information about Royston Choral Society, our new musical director and open rehearsals see our website: <http://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk/>, or call Jenny 837073.

Great Chishill Bowls Club

Now in its 27th year, the club restarts for the season on 10 September. We meet at the village hall each Thursday, starting at 7.30, finishing at about 9.30. We enjoy the company, and a relaxing game. It must be good fun, as several members have been attending for years and years. New members are welcome. It doesn't take long to get the hang of the game.

Just turn up to experience a warm welcome, be you young or not so.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Tuesday 15 September at 7.30pm

'The True Price of Fish and Chips' with speaker Andy Malcolm plus a Fish and Chips supper

Calling all Ladies!

Wednesday 16 September is 'WI Day' celebrating 100 years of the WI and to mark this occasion there will be a coffee morning in the Village Hall from 10.30 am to 12.00 noon - there will be no charge for refreshments.

CHANGE OF DATE

**St Swithun's Church
 Restoration Appeal
 OPEN MEETING**

**Wednesday 30 September
 7.30pm at the Church**

Come along to share a glass of something, hear about progress made since last year's open meeting, and join in the discussion on future improvements.

**BIN COLLECTIONS**

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