

# Chishills Newsletter

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## FAREWELLS

The Papillon family moved into The Old Village Shop in late 1999 when their eldest was still a baby; since when, Mario and Alison have had another daughter and a son. They have all gone to sample life on the Swiss-French border, but we hope to see them return to Chishill one day.

Jo, John, Hannah and Adam Jones moved into Heydon Road in April 07 and featured in last December's newsletter. Now we say goodbye to them as they are moving to Cheshire where John has taken on a new job with the retailers Littlewoods. The family will be greatly missed, but we hope that we will see them back in the village from time to time as they are renting out their house. Jo gallantly took over and revamped the village website whilst juggling with a young family. She has given a valuable contribution to village life but our loss is Cheshire's gain. Even so, we hope their stay in the village was happy if not long.

Michelle, Chris, Josh and Harry Maxwell are also leaving us. The family is relocating to the Cotswolds as Chris has taken on a new role for a company in Swindon. Twins Josh and Harry have been a familiar sight at the playground. Keen runners, Michelle and Chris have spent many hours pounding the footpaths and pavements of the village and surrounding areas. Michelle set up the Babysitting Circle and had also been instrumental in running the Mother and Toddlers group.

Good bye to you all - you will be missed!

## PLANTING at the CROSSROADS

Last month, I made an appeal for cuttings etc for the flowerbed at the crossroads.

Alan Parkes voluntarily tidies, cuts, lops and prunes at the crossroads perhaps 3/4 times a year.

Cuttings or bulbs are not really practicable unless some willing soul were to

maintain e.g. plant, water and attend on a regular basis.

There is no real soil there (albeit loads of old footpath tarmac and flint) and certain new plants would need compost and regular watering.

What we could do with, however, is any amount of compost or manure wheel-barrowed to and placed on the area to improve the soil.

If there are keen gardeners in the village to assist Alan or to maintain a more colourful 'garden' area, he would be the first to encourage them.

St Swithun's Church  
**The Village  
Carol Service**  
21st December 2008  
at 6.30pm followed by  
Mulled Wine & Mince  
Pies  
**Everyone Welcome**

## Christmas Eve Crib Service

3.00pm  
at St Swithun's

Do come along and **bring the children** to take part in singing carols and creating the Nativity Scene



**Great Chishill and  
Heydon Annual  
Children's Christmas  
Party**

- 14th December
- 3.00 - 5.00pm
- Great Chishill Village Hall
- Smarty-Arty will once again be providing the Entertainment.
- A special festive tea will be served, followed by a visit from Father Christmas.
- Littlesnaps
- Photography will be on hand to capture those special moments (Tel: 07767 254 115 [www.littlesnaps.co.uk](http://www.littlesnaps.co.uk))
- Invitations will be delivered shortly, but if you think that your child is eligible to attend (up to and including Key Stage 1)
- Please contact Sarah Scott on 01763 837112

**Sewing Circle**

at Lindsey's  
838444  
14.30 - 16.30  
from 11 December  
Bring anything you want to knit or stitch



**FOOTBALL TRAINING**

If you're 14 or over, come along to the football training sessions at the pavilion on Wednesdays, 18.30 - 20.30.

More players are needed for 2 teams.

Come and have fun keeping fit and improving your skills.

Contact Fred on 07976883524.

**County Council's Village Benefits Advice Service**

This consists of a small team of advisors whose main role is to visit people in their homes to give information about benefits and help people with the claims process. It is aimed primarily at people in rural areas or those who do not have access to help and information because they are too sick or disabled to get around.

Further information on the service can be had from Anjela Davis on 01223 715901 or Ian Collins on 01223 715900 or from the pamphlet displayed on the parish notice board. **Copies of this pamphlet can be obtained from Cynthia Buckland.**

**MOBILE LIBRARY**

December 5 & 19



**THE QUIZ NIGHT**

held in Great Chishill Village Hall on Saturday 25 October 2008 raised the incredible sum of just over **£867 for the Playing Fields Association**. We would like to thank all those who helped out on the night and everyone who attended the quiz. We are considering making it an annual event, possibly on the Saturday in October when the clocks go back.

Watch out for more details next year.

Simon Coxall  
Great Chishill PFA

**WI MEETING**

16 December  
**Christmas Party - theme Red, Black and Silver**

Bring a Dish to Share and a wrapped gift to the value of £5 for Santa's Sack.

**BIN COLLECTIONS**

**Green 5**  
**Black 12**  
**Green 19**  
**Black 27 Sat**

**January**

**Green 3 Sat**  
**Black 9**