

# The Chishills

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## OUR PARISH CLERK IS HIGHWAYS WARDEN

Sarah Scott has been recently inducted as the Parish Highways Warden (for Great and Little Chishill and also Heydon). This means that she will liaise directly with a dedicated person at Highways relating to issues on our roads.

She regularly reports issues such as blocked drains, potholes, overhanging branches etc. If you spot any highway problem, please contact Sarah on:

[01763 837112](tel:01763837112)

[07891313583](tel:07891313583)

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## ☺ CHRISTMAS PARTY ☺

For children aged 0-6 (up to primary school year 1)

Sunday 18th December

3-5pm

Great Chishill Village Hall

If you do not receive an invitation & would like to attend, please call Kathryn 838505

## HEYDON & GT CHISHILL

Women's Institute

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December

19.30 Gt Chishill Village Hall

CHRISTMAS MEETING

Theme: Red, Black and Sparkly

## CHARITY WINTER BALL

Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
19.00 for 19.30 - midnight

Great Chishill Village Hall

Dance & Dine to  
**MIND THE GAP**  
Posh frock/Black tie  
BAR

**Have you got your tickets yet?**

Tickets £20 from Lindsey on  
838444

**Offers of desserts welcome**

## SPEEDWATCH FINDINGS

As a result of Speedwatch activity over the year, the police report that:

"In total 397

letters have been sent out to vehicle keepers in respect of those travelling 35mph or more. Of those 58 were from the village, 185 from surrounding villages and 154 from other locations"



It is clearly marked that the limit is 30 mph through the village as it is nationally in built up areas. Anybody who walks through the village will be only too aware that there are several places where there is no pavement and walking in the road is a necessity. A vehicle passing a pedestrian at the regulated 30 mph is dangerous enough, yet we have residents, 58 of them as recorded, who have driven at 35mph at least. Why? The very real danger is that a child could be killed in our village. Get organised and set off

earlier if lateness is the reason for risking lives.

Had they been caught by police radar, it would have been a question of points on their licence and then a fine for further instances.

Unfortunately for the sake of safety, there are not enough police officers to be present in the village so we have to rely on the public spirited Speedwatch team to demonstrate to the police that we do have a speeding problem in our village and that those who should know better are culpable. Keeping to the speed limit doesn't mean you don't know how to drive fast.

Let's hope we have a happy and safe Christmas.

*Editor*

## DON'T MISS THIS:

### CRAFTS IN THE BARN

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

10am - 4pm

LYNCHETS FARM,  
NEW ROAD, GT CHISHILL

**ELEVEN STALLS OF CRAFTS  
& GIFTS MADE BY LOCAL  
PEOPLE**

**CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE  
FREE MULLED WINE AND MINCE  
PIES**

**Donations for the St Swithun's  
Bell Fund**

**If you would like a stall please  
contact Carolyn on 01763  
836233 or Lindsey on 01763  
838444**



**SUBSIDIZED BUS SERVICES CONSULTATION**

The county council is consulting on subsidized bus services. It's a bit confusing because, well, the decision to cut 100% of bus subsidies was made last February and the first tranche of cuts was implemented in April. An application for judicial review has meant that the council must carry out a public consultation and that is what's happening now. It is unclear whether the original decision on cuts will be altered, but potentially, some services could be saved. At risk for the Chishills is the county-subsidized 31 service. I have had some emails from residents concerned about the prospect of losing this service which, for those without access to private transport, is a vital link. Please take the time to respond before December 9th - you can do this either on line (<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/buses/busconsultation.htm>). Alternatively, let me know if you'd like a paper copy and I'll get one to you. The consultation format and content has been criticized by the Campaign for Better Transport and I can provide you with their guidance if you like; in my view, whatever you think of the consultation it is still best to respond to it!

Any queries, please let me know.

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**DROP-IN SURGERY**

We have held several drop-in surgeries at the Village Hall but there was very little take up

(actually, none!). We may try this again at some point but for now, just to say that if there are any issues that you'd like us to help get sorted, please let us know by phone or email. We'd be happy to come out and talk with you any time.

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**MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE**



2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in the month  
**9 Dec, 13 January**

The Church 13.25 - 14.05

**MELBOURN LIBRARY TIMETABLE**

**Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri:**  
14.30-16.30  
**Thurs:** 17.00-19.00  
**Sunday:** 10.00-12.00



**e-cops**

**We** have had a report of a horse being 'marked'. The owners

of the horse found initials of 'O R' marked on a hoof of the horse. After speaking with their farrier they have been told that this is an activity that is carried out before the horse is stolen so the offenders know which horses are valuable. Other ways of 'marking' are to put a small plat in the tail.

If you or someone you know has horses could you please make them aware of the incident? If you do notice any unusual activity at a location that has horses then please use the 101 number or in an emergency dial 999.



You can now contact

**Cambridgeshire Constabulary on 101 for all non-emergency calls.** The [0345 456 456 4](tel:03454564564) number will remain in use alongside 101 for several months to allow people time to get used to the new number.


The change comes part of a national programme to make 101 the single non-emergency number in England and Wales, giving residents an easy-to-remember number to contact local police wherever they are.

The call system is designed to recognise where you are calling from and connect you with the local police service. If you did not want to speak to your local force, or the force area you are in, you will be given the option to be connected to different one.

The number change does not affect the way that calls are handled and we will continue to take non-emergency calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Please continue to call 999 when an immediate response is needed because a crime is happening, someone suspected of a crime is nearby, or someone is in danger.

**BIN COLLECTIONS**



<b>Black</b>	<b>Green &amp; Blue</b>
December 09	02 16
December 23	
January 09	03 14
Monday	Tuesday Saturday