

The Chishills

Editorial Contact:

Janet Erskine 01763 838300
jngerskine@gmail.com

**CHISHILL PARISH COUNCIL,
 NOVEMBER 2013
 COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

1. The County's chief finance officer has said he would be happy to visit any parish council that would like a brief presentation on the county's budget situation, or a chance to ask questions.

2. The county council is working well towards reconstituting itself under a service area committee system, to replace the old cabinet system which tends to recycle the same people around the top table year after year. Already its work is more transparent and councillors are probably better informed. The involvement of a wider range of people in decision-making means that potentially, more expertise can be drawn upon.

3. **The Melbourn Hub and our library access point** are due to open sometime very early in the New Year. The entire transfer of books to the new premises will be done by volunteer staff and any help on this front will be gratefully received.

4. Many people are reporting **pot hole accidents** and damage to their cars. Here is the on-line system for applying for compensation:
<http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/highways/>

5. **31 bus.** The county council has emphasized that it will not remove any subsidized bus service until a new transport solution has been worked out and is ready to go. Roughly 40% of the old subsidy

should be available, though the council is reluctant to work on exact figures and is saying that it has 40% of the previous overall budget to work with, county-wide. The 31 has a particularly important role as it serves the education transport needs for 16-19 year olds. From ridership and subsidy figures presented in March 2012: the 31 bus receives £78,894 per year in subsidy. It carried 19,026 passengers and the average cost per passenger journey was £4.15. This is not exorbitant when compared against other subsidized bus journeys in the county.

**LOOK OUT FOR
 CONSULTATION NEWS**

on the 31 bus!
 Questionnaire and consultation meetings to come.


**CHISHILL'S OWN EXCLUSIVE
 CHRISTMAS CARDS**

6 designs of Christmas Cards using pictures taken by local people. 12 for £5.
 Message inside 'Happy Christmas'.
 Proceeds to St Swithun's.
Contact Judy Saunders on 838571



The post office in **Barley Shop** is now open whenever the shop is open.

Mon to Fri 7:00 to 19:00
Sat and Sun 7:00 to 14:00
 Tel 848288

That is impressive service!

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
 MEETING**

Great Chishill Village Hall
19:30
 17 December

CHRISTMAS PARTY
FEEDBACK on POPPY LUNCH

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Poppy Lunch and to those who supported us with donations, raffle prizes etc. We served 62 adults and children with cottage pie and apple crumble, not to mention the ramblers who arrived just as we were clearing up and had apple crumble and cups of tea!

We raised the fantastic sum of £419.65, half of which will go to this year's Poppy Appeal.



Photo by Emily Brown at Chishill Chimps

SHARING SALT BLOCK SUPPLIES

Are you interested in sharing a large load of Kinetico salt blocks [or substitutes]?

144 packs can be acquired at under £3/pack compared with £4.4 +.

David Livingstone 838172

livingstone.ceng@gmail.com

REMEMBER!!
CRAFT in the BARN
URC

Sat 7 December
10:00 - 16:00


**SENIOR CITIZENS'
 FESTIVE TEA**

10 December
at 15:00
in the Village Hall

Book with Janet on 838301

SAVE THE DATE

Early bird registration for the **Great Chishill 2014 Sport Relief** event.
23rd March 2014
Playing Fields, Gt Chishill

TRADING STANDARDS ADVICE ON BUYING A SECONDHAND CAR

Check before you buy:

The validity of the **MOT** on VOSA's website (www.gov.uk/check-mot-status) and check the car's details are correct on the MOT certificate. If it states there were advisory points, make sure you see the details so that you know what work is likely to be needed before the next MOT.

VOSA website to check the vehicle has not been recalled.

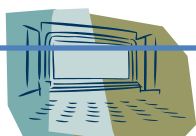
Service history. How often has it been serviced, and has it been serviced in line with the manufacturer's recommendations?

Carry out an HPI (www.hpi.co.uk) check to make sure there is no outstanding finance on the car that could lead to its being repossessed by the finance company. An HPI check will also tell you if the car has been written off or if it is stolen.

Physically check the car, carry out a walk around check and test drive the car. If you are not mechanically minded we would also strongly recommend you have the car checked by an engineer.

More advice can be found on the Citizens Advice website (www.adviceguide.org.uk/consumer).

ROYSTON PICTURE PALACE
Royston Town Hall
Le Weekend 15 Fri 6 Dec 19:30
Sunshine on Leith PG Sat 16 Dec 19:30



MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

2nd Friday in the month

13 Dec, 10 Jan
The Church 13.25 - 14.05

MELBOURN LIBRARY TIMETABLE

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

Gt CHISHILL Youth Club
FUN FOOD
Tuesday 10 Dec
CHRISTMAS PARTY
Book with Fred on 07976 883524
Every Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00pm
Ages 10 - 17
Gt CHISHILL Village Hall
Contact: Fred Smith 07976 883524

All in the Chishills and Heydon & in secondary school welcome!

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

with Party Food, "Stripey-Wipey" & visit from Santa

Sat 14 Dec 11:00 - 13:00
in the Village Hall
Free for all in pre- & primary schools in Chishills & Heydon
Book with Kathryn on 838505



healthwatch

Cambridgeshire your spotlight

on health & social care. Healthwatch Cambridgeshire is the new champion for people using local health & social care services; we launched in July 2013. We work to ensure that people's voices are heard in making important decisions

about local NHS, social care and public health services.

We talk to people in the local community about their experience of the care they receive to help us understand how well local care services are working. We make sure we feed this information back where it matters to the people buying, providing and regulating local care services.

Tell us about your health & social care experiences. We want to hear about the good and not so good.

Join our Consultation Network, which will connect you with organisations that should know about your experiences and opinions of care in Cambridgeshire.

Get problems resolved... We can make sure you know where to go if you need to sort out a problem with a local care provider.

Find out about local care. We are developing a Signposting & Information Service, to help you find out about your choice of health & social care services. Find out more about Healthwatch Cambridgeshire and get involved by calling us on 01480 420628, emailing enquiries@healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk or visit our website www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk



BIN

COLLECTIONS

	Black	Green & Blue
December	06	13
	20	30 Mon
January	06 Mon	11 Sat
	17	24