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Our postman, always on time and cheerful, is soon to retire in the New Year. Anyone who has delivered this newsletter or the Village

Web magazine will know that letter boxes are not all at a standard height or sometimes require two pairs of hands. They, more than others, will realize how Graham has worked and served our community beyond the requirements of duty. We'll be able show our appreciation at Barley PO where our postmistress, Angela will arrange things.

SEPTEMBER HARVEST PICNIC UPDATE

On Sunday 5th September, the Lanes hosted another Harvest Picnic Lunch in their garden in aid of the Royston and South Cambs Homestart. Entertainment was provided by the Vine Street Six Jazz Band and the Royston youth Choir. Members of the choir were aged between 10 and 16 and sang their hearts out and were rewarded with cheers and loud applause. Glasses of "bubbly", teas, coffees and cakes from the cake stall all added to the total so that £843.09 was donated to Homestart.

Thanks to all those who helped to raise this magnificent sum and to make the day so enjoyable and successful.

Ann Lane: Homestart fund raising team and volunteer.

NEWS FROM OUR YOUTH CLUB

Qualified baby sitters

Members of the Youth Club have been following a baby sitting course run by the County Council.

In future, to benefit from a qualified baby sitter contact Fred on 838513 or at fredsmith@blackberry.orange.co.uk



Keeping it clean

Members of the Youth Club have done a thorough job of cleaning and sprucing up the Great Chishill bus shelter. Well done!

NEWS FROM OUR LOCAL COUNTY COUNCILLOR, Susan van de Ven.

STUDENT RAIL FARES: are you still having trouble?

Some residents have still not been able to find a clear path through County Council bureaucracy toward the student rail pass that every post-16 year-old attending their designated college is entitled to. First Capital Connect bureaucracy too can be daunting, when applying for a refund on an existing pass in order to switch to a County-issued pass. Nevertheless, many people will be looking for much-needed financial savings. If you are experiencing difficulties,

please let me know and I will try to help.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

THE CHRISTMAS PARTY

is being held on 15th December

Usual time and place



FESTIVE SINGING

The Royston Choral

Society invites you to join them for some festive singing on **Saturday 19th December** at 7:30 pm in St John's Parish Church, Royston.

Tickets will be available from Royston Library, choir members and at the door, priced £10, £8 concessions, £1 'still at school'.

For further information please contact Elisabeth Spain (Publicity Officer) on

ecspain@btinternet.com or David Boarder (Conductor) on david.boarder@virgin.net or [visit our website at www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk](http://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk)



REMEMBER

Cambridgeshire Constabulary telephone number has changed.

The new number is 0345 456 456 4.

The move will allow people with call packages which provide free local calls to benefit.

BUT in an emergency, always dial 999.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL



HEYDON AND CHISHILL GRITTING

The County Council's gritting schedule for the coming winter has been published with no change for Heydon and the Chishills. Great and Little Chishill Parish Council is looking into ways of accommodating those streets not included on the County schedule (May Street and Little Chishill)

This issue was discussed in further detail at the October Parish Council meeting when it was concluded that if the parish purchased recommended bins for Lt Chishill and Maltings Lane, the Highway Gritting Team would stock them, but the public would have to spread the grit. The Council would have the final say as to where the bins were to be located but would seek residents' views on their possible location.



Please let Sarah Scott or Andrew Gardiner know if you have any ideas on their placement.



TREE WARDEN SCHEME

There is to be a Tree Council training programme in the New Year (half-hour sessions on Saturday mornings in Cambourne) for those who are interested in learning about helping to look after the trees of the village. Further details can be obtained from our Parish Tree Warden, Tim Scott. There are a number of trees currently on order from the South Cambs tree officer, including a fir tree which could be decked and lit, using electricity from the bus shelter.



CHALK PIT

This sadly neglected area is, after much discussion, to become a wildlife haven with the agreement of the new tenant of Lychetts Farm. Charlie Shickell is currently working on his Duke of Edinburgh Awards and is keen to help with this community project. It has been suggested by Cllr Scott that he could carry out a tree audit there. Who knows what may be unearthed after years of casual dumping.



WEBSITE

Phill Maynard had kindly offered to update the Gt Chishill website



VILLAGE SIGNS:

Those that are missing should soon be replaced at some cost to the community.



SPEEDWATCH -

There has been some reduction in speeding through the village, thanks to the unstinting activities of the Speedwatch volunteers. Long may erstwhile speeders continue to check their speed!



OUR WINDMILL

It's in a sorry state with repairs needed to the roof. It has had to be closed to visitors until the County Council can repair it.

PC Meeting:

**Thursday 17 December
19.30 in the Village Hall
Committee Room.**

BIN COLLECTIONS

Dec	04
	11
	18
	28 Mon
Jan	04 Mon
	09 Sat



Mobile Lending Library

Waller's Close 10.30 - 10.45

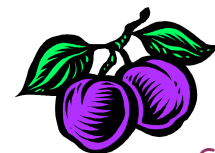
The Church 10.50 - 11.05

December 4th and 18th



RINGING IN 2010

It's ten years since the bells of St Swithun's were restored as Gt Chishill's chosen Millennium Project and now, 10 years on, Chi shill's ringers will be ringing at midnight on 31st December to wish all residents, partying, or at home, a **HAPPY AND PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.**



A REMINDER - SLOE GIN

We've had a fruitful autumn with plenty of sloes and damsons for your sloe and damson gin.

☺ If you need a recipe or fruit call the Dibbles on 838276