

# Chishills Newsletter

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## Our Parish Clerk

With the arrival of the New Year we are about to have a new parish clerk after more than 20 years. Cynthia Buckland has ably filled the post and has been a well-known figure in the villages of Great and Little Chishill as she delivers items for our information and updates the notice boards. From the new financial year in April the parish will have a new clerk to start work, initially under Cynthia's wing. If you feel you are the right person for this part-time but busy job, let the Parish council know.

## Cynthia writes of her work in the parish:

*Little did I think that when my next-door neighbour (George Stirling) knocked on my door in 1985 and asked me to take on the job of Parish Clerk, that I would still be doing it 24 years later! However, I shall be leaving my post on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009. I have enjoyed working with and helping the people of Great and Little Chishill and I know I will miss the work in many ways - not least for the fact that walking round the village has helped to keep me fit!*

*The Parish Council is looking for a replacement - it could be a man*

*or woman. The work is very varied and encompasses, organising meetings and taking the minutes, and being responsible for the finances. In this respect I would mention that the precept has grown from £650 to over £20,000 (but it is well to remember that for a small village we have many clubs and activities which need financial help.)*

*The paperwork from the District and County Council and other numerous bodies has greatly increased. It is also part of the job to keep an eye on the street furniture to ensure that it is maintained and that the grass verges are cut, etc.*

*There are many repetitive jobs which crop up annually. I shall of course work with the new candidate to introduce him or her to the ramifications of the job.*

*In my opinion, a Clerk needs to have patience - (and a sense of humour also helps.)*

*If you are interested in becoming our next parish clerk, please get in touch with the Chairman, Andrew Gardiner on 01763 838511 or John Murgatroyd on 01763 838467 who will be very pleased to hear from you.*

*In the mean time, Cynthia will continue her hard work for which we are all very grateful.*

## Sloe Gin Competition 2009

Hall Farm  
Saturday  
31st January

Proceeds to Great Chishill Church Bells Refurbishment Fund - Stage 2 (nearly there!)

We know there weren't many sloes this autumn, but some people have made Nouveau, and many have vintage sloe gin or other fruit based tipples stashed away, so come and join us to banish the **January blues!**



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