

Chishills Newsletter

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WHO'S NEW?

Rod Doulton, his wife, Lynne and their dog, Mack, arrived in our village on a memorable day, Valentine's Day. Officially, he is the Director of the United Benefice, but he likes to be called, quite simply, Rod. Their two children, Graham and Katy, might be seen at the weekends but they still live in Macclesfield where they all lived previously.

Rod grew up on the edge of Stanmore, Middlesex which was quite rural then. The countryside is something that he appreciated about Macclesfield's proximity to real hills, but our little hill did not come as a total shock as knew this area from having previously worked nearby in Biggleswade. Educated at Harrow (State) School, Rod has worked in various walks of life from the army to a store's electrical department but more importantly, and what brings him to Chishill, he has worked in the Church for 14 years. It was when they were living in Watford, where his children were born, that he realized through their very participation in

Church life the value of faith in a person's life.

Rod and Lynne enjoy their walks in the peace of the Chishill countryside with Mack, their yellow Lancashire Labrador. Other interests of Rod's are bird watching and mastering his digital camera, a present from Lynne. He enjoys meeting people, perhaps in the Pheasant or at village fêtes and gatherings, but he finds that it takes time to get to know everybody.

So, if you would like to call in and say hello to Rod and his family you are more than welcome to call in at The Rectory.

Auction of Promises

Eager bidders gathered one Sunday evening in mid October at the Pheasant to raise funds for the Great Chishill Playground. Julian Tunncliffe, auctioneer for the evening,



used his wit and wooden spoon gavel to ably work his way through the catalogue of 55 promises and into the wallets of the bidders. A week at a holiday home in Perth went for a snip whilst a medium sized load of logs must have been

gold plated, but that's auctions for you.

The Pink Ladies who enthusiastically hosted the evening say. "The final total has now risen to an astonishing £5500 - including the raffle monies and really generous donations. So the whole team is just elated and really would like to offer their heartfelt thanks to everyone who was involved in the Auction (before, after and on the evening itself)."

Bowls Club Dinner Dance



16
November
Tickets:
Tony Mace on
838833

Annual Great Chishill Sausage Lunch

Friday 23rd November
12:00 Village Hall

Do come along and join us for this annual event. All proceeds go towards the annual Great Chishill **Children's Christmas Parties**

All welcome!

For tickets or further details please contact Penny Pyle on 837314.

Pheasant News!

Simon Oughton is running the New York Marathon on 4th November. Good luck!

WI Meeting –

20 November

"For those who would otherwise sleep rough" - Ed Cook the Project Co-ordinator of Jimmy's Night Shelter will talk about this Cambridge Facility for the Homeless.

The Village Hall

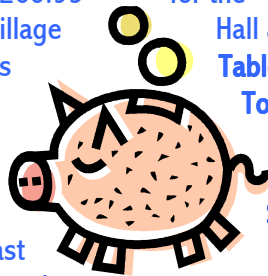
Committee raised

£260.95

for the

Village
its

Hall at
Table
Top



Sale

last
month.

It gave an opportunity for villagers to shop early for Christmas as well as chat over a cup of tea and cake.

MASTERMIND IN THE VILLAGE

If you thought you'd seen a familiar face on BBC 2's Mastermind in October, you most probably did; it was **Robin Healey**. In a very close contest, Robin chose artist John Piper as his specialist subject when he was beaten into 4th place by only one point.

Robin has lived in Great Chishill since 1995 and describes himself as a historian and biographer. His wide range of interests including gardening, botany, maps, art, architecture, cricket, pétanque and, of course, quizzes, stood him in

good stead for the general knowledge round.

When applying for the third time to become a contestant for Mastermind in January of this year he had to name his most embarrassing moment, and needless to say, offer three subjects and his sources. For his latest television appearance, he found waiting his turn worse than sitting in *The Chair* in the dark and being questioned. Contestants wait in the Green Room as several rounds are recorded at the same time before an audience of about 300. The live audience makes the experience more dramatic than the radio version.

But Robin is no quiz novice, having been a contestant on the radio version of Mastermind with Peter Snow as the quizmaster in 2000, and on the TV version of Brain of Britain as a student as well as on satellite TV in *Say the Word* which he says was worse than Mastermind. Nearer to home, he's a member of the Pheasant Pluckers (no spoonerisms, please) Team that has quizzed with some success.

Apart from his life as a "quizzee", Robin is currently writing the biography of another writer, Geoffrey Grigson and is also compiling a Gazetteer of Landscape Artists in the UK and Ireland. We wish Robin every success in his future contests and work.



GETTING YOUR NEWSLETTER TO YOU Thanks to all the gallant distributors who make sure you get your copy of the newsletter.

They are sure to welcome a helping hand so don't be shy.

The Youth Club has got off to a roaring start with 20 members already. If you are aged between 11 and 17 and haven't joined yet, it's not too late. Come along on any Tuesday evening the Pavilion and join in.

St Swithun's Church Wall

Janet Crouch writes:

You will have noticed that work is progressing well on the church wall. Which I am sure you agree will be a great improvement to the central part of our village. However, this has been a major drain on our limited financial resources.

A very big thank you to everyone who has so far responded to our previous appeal. We are now appealing to those of you who have yet to respond to think about whether you are able to help us. Please consider either a one-off donation or a regular commitment by direct debit in a tax efficient way.

Eileen Murrell (838909) and Janet Crouch (838301) are happy to discuss and provide further information.