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**INFORMATION ON BROADBAND**



The Exchange in Chrishall (which serves our community) had fibre optic cables fitted (replacing the old copper ones), so this is as upgraded as it is likely to be for the coming future. If poor speeds are encountered, it could be down to the lines into the individual's house, the equipment (routers, hubs etc) and even how the computer is set up as regards the position of the hub or router in the household. Please contact your service provider if you are encountering problems.

BT is currently in the early stages of trialling a new service in a couple of areas of the country which will enable very high speeds (up to 50mbs or more). Once all the testing and quality issues are complete it will roll out nationwide, starting in larger cities and towns initially. It will be a good few years before it reaches Great and Little Chishill.

Even so, with speeds of 2mbs it is still possible to upload/download/surf/email/go gaming successfully without encountering issues. The Government recommended minimum connection speed is also 2MB's. **Sarah Scott**

**MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT**

**ATTENTION ALL KEEN GARDENERS IN GREAT CHISHILL**

St Swithun's Church Council is hoping to organise **an open gardens event** in early May 2010. Anybody who would be interested in opening their garden is invited to **a preliminary planning meeting** at Great Chishill Village Hall on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm.

If you are interested but cannot make the meeting, please contact Janet Crouch on 838301 or Eileen Murrell on 838909.



'Don Leitch and daughter, Caroline, would like to thank everyone who supported their recent fundraising event for Macmillan Cancer Support - Winston the Singing Farmer.

**The evening raised £1,147.05**, a tremendous boost to their fundraising ahead of taking part in the Macmillan 4x4 Driving Challenge in March 2010. In March this year they finished half way up the

leader board at their first attempt at this 3 day orienteering and off-road driving challenge. We expect a higher finish in 2010!

To follow the progress of their fundraising, or make a tax efficient donation, log on to the Just Giving website and enter Caroline Leitch. All proceeds help fund Macmillan Nurses.'

*Jenny*

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** Did you know that minutes of the Parish Council meetings are displayed not only on the village website, but also on the Parish Council notice boards in Great and Little Chishill?

**WI meeting 17 November** a talk by Keith Baldwin "All The Queen's Horses and All The Queen's Men"

**CHISHILL PENSIONERS tucked into a tasty Tuesday tea** early last month, kindly served up and provided by the ladies of the Women's Institute. A very sociable time was agreeably passed.



## NOT TOO MUCH OF A MYSTERY

The Murder Mystery Evening organized by the Village Hall Committee was well attended.

The puzzle presented by the players proved not too difficult to solve as three teams of detectives outwitted the murderer.



Boosted by the bar and raffle, the profits amounted to £570.

Many thanks to those who helped towards the evening.

**IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR SLOE GIN**

## 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). One possible solution is for the Parish Council to purchase grit bins for these areas. The County Council would replenish the bins with grit, but residents would be responsible for spreading the grit. This will be discussed in further detail at the next parish council meeting. In severe weather, as encountered last year, these roads will be gritted by the County Council gritting team.

Thanks to the Parish Council for investigating a way of addressing this gap.

## POST-16 STUDENT TRANSPORT COSTS

Parents and carers of post-16 aged students needing to get to college in Cambridge continue to be concerned about lack of affordable transport. For many this creates intolerable financial strain. Please feel free to get in touch as I am collating individual cases to take to the County Council.

## KEEP REPORTING THOSE POTHOLES!

Highways have a statutory duty to fill dangerous pot holes so please continue to report any you are concerned about - write to [street.scene@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:street.scene@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). You should get a reply, but if you don't please let me know.

*Susan van de Ven*

Liberal Democrat County Councillor for Melbourn Division and District Councillor for Meldreth Ward

## NOVEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

Nov 06 green  
13 black  
20 green  
27 black

Dec 04 green

## Calling South Cambridgeshire District Council tenants

South Cambridgeshire District Council needs you to help them shape your housing service.

As a council tenant we are asking you to come forward and take control over shaping the service South Cambridgeshire District Council provides.

If you think you would be interested you could become the point of contact with the council for your village - a "village voice."

South Cambridgeshire District Council will provide you with support and advice on how to get started and put you in touch with the network of other village voices.

You can make a difference to your community.

Phone **Teresa Lucey** on **01954 713 227** with any queries or questions, or for an informal chat and information on how to get started.

## Mobile Library Bus

November 6, 20 December 4

**The Royston Choral Society** has a mellow evening of music for you this autumn, on **Saturday 14th November, at 7:30 pm**, in St John's Parish Church, Royston.

For further information please contact Elisabeth Goodman (Publicity Officer) on [ecspain@btinternet.com](mailto:ecspain@btinternet.com) or David Boarder (Conductor) on [david.boarder@virgin.net](mailto:david.boarder@virgin.net) or visit our website at [www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk](http://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk)