News & Views around

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CHISHILL CRICKET CLUB HAS HOPES FOR ITS FUTURE

Great Chishill Cricket Club won four matches in a season that was severely curtailed by the weather but the team was eventually relegated to Division Two of the Cambridgeshire Cricket Association Junior League. On a positive note, however, the side regularly contained four or more players between the ages of sixteen and eighteen and it looks certain that the Club can progress at a lower level as these young players improve.

Weekly practice evenings

To help with the development of the juniors (and perhaps some of the more senior members) we purchased a mobile cricket net. This means that in the summer months we can run weekly practice evenings on the cricket square itself. These sessions are open to anyone interested in playing for the village whatever their age or ability.

Fund raising

The club will be holding a series of events to raise money for the mobile nets and other projects. The first of these will be a dinner at Great Chishill Village Hall on Saturday 17 November. Tickets are £20 per person including a three-course meal and live entertainment from freelance singer Melissa Baker. Melissa has been entertaining audiences at various local venues with theatre pop and dance music since 2006.

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CIRAIFTS IN THIE BAIRN

Saturday 8th December 10am - 4pm LYNCHETS FARM, NEW ROAD, GT CHISHILL

CRAFTS & GIFTS MADE BY LOCAL PEOPLE

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE FREE MULLED WINE AND MINCE PIES

In aid of the St Swithun's Bell Fund

If you would like a stall please contact Carolyn on 01763 836233 or Lindsey on 838444

There will also be a bar and a raffle and auction in aid of the club. Tickets are available from Andrew Drury (01763 837364) or Angus Gent (07885 307301) or email richard@brunt.com. Please come along and support your local club; it should be an enjoyable evening. Simon Coxall

CHISHILL CRICKET CLUB

DINNER

Saturday 17 November Great Chishill Village Hall

Tickets £20 from Andrew Drury 837364 Angus Gent 07885 307301

Bar - Raffle - Auction

Entertainment by Singer Melissa Baker



2nd GREAT **CHISHILL** WINTER CHARITY BALL



On **Saturday** 1st December the 2nd Winter Ball will take place in the village hall. The

format will be the same as last year. Dancing to Mind the Gap and delicious home cooked **food** and plenty of pre-Christmas festivities! Tickets at £20 can be purchased from Tracey Greeman - Royston 838413 or email tgreeman@aol.com

FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

BROADBAND CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

Please register your interest for Superfast Broadband in our area by clicking

www.connectingcambridgeshire.co. <u>uk</u>.

Chishills have presently a low demand. High demand villages to be supplied.

FREE BIKE RACKS

The County Council is now giving away free pairs of cycle racks to community groups, out of a grant from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. Voluntary sector organizations, charities, doctors' surgeries and places of worship can all apply. The recipient is responsible for installing them on

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their own premises, in a location agreed with the scheme organizer. For more information please contact Park That Bike at www.parkthatbike.info or 01594-564344. This is a first-come, first-served opportunity.

FLOOD RISK REGISTER

The County Council has been mapping flood risk across Cambridgeshire, and we have asked them to visit our villages next month to ensure that the new register fully takes account of known areas of concern. Thanks to everyone who has been in contact recently to flag up localized flooding hot spots.

HEYDON FOOTPATH: BADGERS OUT, ENGLISH HERITAGE IN

Heydon's 'Bran Ditch' Footpath not only sits over important archaeological remains, but has been a favourite habit for protected badgers - and now rabbits. Restoring the damaged path turns out to be a complicated business. Our County Council Rights of Way team is making progress, and is now working with English Heritage to put things right.

At the moment consent is being sought to repair holes covered by vegetation, and work is hoped to be completed in the near future Matters have been helped somewhat by the fact that the badgers have decided to move elsewhere. Meanwhile, people should take care whilst walking the path.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH TAKE-UP: STATION GARDENING

Thanks to local Duke of Edinburgh students who have signed up to help look after Meldreth Station Garden in the coming months.

There is plenty to be done and we are planning a combination of working parties: after-school, during October half-term and on Saturday mornings. Please get in touch if you'd like to join in.

SUSAN AND JOSE'S DROP-IN SURGERIES

Melbourn Library Access Point, in the green portable cabin adjacent to the Melbourn Village College Entrance in The Moor: 5 November and first Mondays of the month, 2:30-3:30 PM.

RICHARD AND JUDY TOP TEN AT MELBOURN LIBRARY

Melbourn Library Access Point is now stocking Richard and Judy Book Club Top Ten recommendations. The Library is open MTWF 2:30-4:30, Th 5-7 and Sat 10-12. Or ring 01763 269956 to reserve a book.

LIBRAY DOORSTEP DELIVERY

A Cambridgeshire Library Service doorstep delivery is available for people with mobility difficulties - the number to ring is 01223 718358 or 0345 045 5225. For any adult with visual impairment, a free doorstep delivery service exists for audio books - please ring 0345 045 5225. (Audio books are free for all children.)

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Jose Hales, District Councillor, Melbourn, Heydon and the Chishills Contact details at <u>www.josehales.com</u>

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE

2nd Friday in the month **09 Nov, 14 Dec** The Church 13.25 - 14.05



Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri:

14.30-16.30

Thurs: 17.00-19.00 Sunday: 10.00-12.00



Do your bit to bring better broadband for the Chishills and register.

The registration rate in the Chishills is now 24.2%, compared with very high rates of 86%, 96% and even 99% in other Cambridgeshire villages. It is to those other villages that work will be directed first because of the clearer sign of a receptive market.

We need as many people as possible to register before December 2012, when a supplier will be selected and planning for the big broadband rollout begins. It only takes a minute to go online atwww.connectingcambridgeshire.

co.uk or fill in a Freepost reply form in the leaflet at your local library or council offices.

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