



October 2009

## **Editorial Contact**

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This month everything
is prominently on
the front page!

## YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!!

Dawn Crow, our
Webmaster is super
busy with youngster
& baby. Can you
revamp and/or
maintain the Chishill
Website?
Call Sarah Scott on
837112

calming measures and the way forward was to prove that there was an issue. So a "Speedwatch" team was set up to tackle this issue. A speed gun was purchased and random checks were carried out in the village by the team. The police from Melbourn subsequently sent up a police officer on a

couple of occasions and each time motorists were booked and fined for committing speeding offences.

Following on from a pilot in East Cambridgeshire, South Cambridgeshire adopted the "Speedwatch" initiative as a way to collect information on the scale of the problem and give support to Parishes to find a way to educate drivers. With the full support of the Parish Council, volunteers from Great and Little Chishill were trained by the police and now Speedwatch takes place regularly in the Village. This entails an electronic board which monitors the speed of cars being erected in the village as well as signs that state that this initiative in operation. All volunteers wear fluorescent jackets and it is very clear what is taking place. If a car is travelling at a speed over 33 miles per hour the equipment shows the speed of the vehicle, details of the vehicle are noted by the speed watch team, and this information is passed to a central coordinator in Cambridge. Drivers of vehicles travelling more than 37 miles per hour (speed limit plus 3 mph plus 10%) are sent a letter from the Sector Inspector. The Sector Inspector has been instructed that where speeding vehicles are from the Parish, then the PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) will

distribute the letter to the

driver in person to reinforce the message and the police support to the scheme. Where hot spots of speeding are occurring the enforcement Police Officers will follow up with Speed Checks and offenders will be prosecuted. Please note that the Speedwatch initiative means that enforcement police are not being taken off the job of catching criminals etc, but will help where speeding is at a high level and direct activities to help combat

## SATURDAY 10 OCTOBER

7.00pm

in your very own Village Hall

OARS THEATRE COMPANY
PRESENTS

## A MURDER MYSTERY EVENING

Can you work out from the clues who committed the heinous crime?

TICKETS £10 per person to include a PLOUGHMAN'S SUPPER can be purchased from JANET CROUCH - 01763 838301

OR

LIZ - 01763 838380

MAKING THE UNMISSABLE UNMISSABLE

# SPEEDWATCH IN GREAT CHISHILL

Following on from the Parish Plan, a major concern was speeding in the village for the majority of residents. The Police and Council were approached regarding traffic

# WOMENS INSTITUTE MEETING

this very important issue and indeed

ı 20<sup>™</sup> October

a potential killer.

True Colours Analysis

with Wendy Marshgreen

### YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

The Youth Club's Chairperson and Secretary are about to step down after its initial two years.

Can you fill either of these posts?

Can you give a demonstration suitable for the girls one evening? (handicrafts, cooking etc)

Call Fred on 838513 for more information

Microsoft software donations for voluntary and community organisations with

charitable status

Those eligible contact the Parish Clerk Sarah Scott on 837112





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# WANTED: SINGERS AND SPONSORS FOR SPRING 2010 VERDI'S REQUIEM CONCERT

## Royston Choral Society and Bishop's Stortford Choral

**Society** are looking forward to an exciting production of Verdi's Requiem in Thaxted on 15th May 2010.

We would like to give a unique opportunity to local singers to join us for 2 terms to rehearse and perform the concert. We are particularly interested in people who have previously sung in choirs, and have performed Verdi's Requiem and/or are confident and committed to learning it with us.

We are also looking for help with fund-raising for the event, and so are looking for organisations who would either like to place an advertisement in the concert programme, or sponsor some aspect of the arrangements. Please contact Elisabeth Spain on <a href="mailto:ecspain@btinternet.com">ecspain@btinternet.com</a> or David Boarder (Conductor) on 07876 444701 if you are interested in singing or sponsoring this exciting event.

For more information see <a href="https://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk">www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk</a>

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#### Letter to the editor

I am disappointed that virtually the whole of the front page of the recent Chishills Newsletter was given over to a lobby campaign, namely Stop Stansted Expansion. No mention is given of the alternative position. There are many who favour the expansion of Stansted yet being far less vocal, are overlooked. There is a widespread misconception that airliners are noisy. 15 or 20 years ago, that was indeed true. Tridents, BAC 1-11s and early-version Boeing 737s with old-style turbojets were certainly a real nuisance but have long since been retired. Today, modern aircraft, such as the Boeing 737-800 series have quiet, efficient turbo fans. I have to wonder just how many people understand the difference between the various types of aircraft engine. The popular perception is that they are ALL noisy; that is incorrect. Most of the aircraft noise we experience over the Chishills has nothing to do with Stansted. Low flying helicopters are by far the worst. If there were to be a campaign against aircraft noise pollution, then this is where such a campaign should be directed. Airliners operating in and out of Stansted (and Luton) are high when they pass over the villages. There is some enroute over flying traffic at considerable altitudes (i.e., above 25,000 feet). In most cases they are probably flying between North America and mainland Europe. But in any case, the noise from these high aircraft is hardly an issue. I do appreciate that there are other issues apart from perceived noise from an expanded Stansted, increased road traffic on the M11 being

just one example. But more

passengers would be able to fly from a nearby airport and not have to endure that tedious journey round the M25 to Heathrow or Gatwick prior to going on holiday or on business. Stansted is ideal for those living in East Anglia.

Jack Harrison Retired Airline Captain, 58 Heydon Road

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

### SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER VILLAGE HALL

Bar and raffle

Proceeds to Great Chishill Playing Fields Association

Simon Coxall, 18 Hall Lane 01763 838055) or Janet Crouch, 14 Heydon Road 01763 838301 or email simon\_coxall@lineone.net

## Neighbourhood Watch

Our last neighbourhood watch organiser and co-ordinator left us some time ago. The task was then passed onto Rosemary Livings who would now appreciate some help in this capacity. Help with liaison and co-ordination with the existing team would be much appreciated. If you feel that you have a little spare time to offer and would like to help maintain our neighbourhood watch status, contact Rosemary on 838708.

YOUTH CLUB AGM 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary 15 October 19.00 in the Pavilion

All welcome