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News and Views around



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## NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR PHONE BOX

The Great Chishill Telephone Box Book Exchange has arrived (final touch ups outstanding). The box has been renovated by the Livings family in loving memory of Michael John Livings who loved to read! Mike passed away on 1st February 2017. He had lived in Great Chishill for over 40 years. Mike was married to Rose and bought up his four daughters here whilst doing what he loved - working as an Architect. Rose asks residents: "Please enjoy and make use of it. It has been stocked full of books for readers of all tastes. If you



have any books, in good condition that you would like to donate, please think of our new Book Exchange and swap your books for some new ones. Please

resist the urge to overfill it. Books left on the floor will sadly get damaged by rainwater as the box is not 100% weather tight. Please leave this community scheme tidy - there's a plastic box on the floor, for children's books, for easy access."

using only the shelves provided." *Great and Little Chishill Parish Council would like to thank the Livings Family for undertaking this job and making great use of our phone box for the benefit of everyone in the village.*



## Seniors' Tea

Thursday 7 December  
in the Village Hall

3pm- 5pm

**All seniors from Great and Little Chishill are welcome!**



## REMEMBRANCE DAY

Villagers from all parts of the benefice assembled at the War Memorial to hear the names of the fallen read out and the Last Post sounded. A service in St Swithun's followed the two minutes' silence and Taps.

**Tracey Walks the Walk** 2018 will be a busy year of walking and fundraising for the breast cancer charity **Walk the Walk**. Tracey Greeman is entering the BIGhalf along with Alison Start. She is then taking part in London MoonWalk, Edinburgh MoonWalk and several other events culminating in walking the Inca Trail in Peru in June.

Two fundraising events are already in the pipeline. On 6th January, there's the Walk the Walk Charity Quiz night at Great Chishill Village Hall from 7pm. Tickets £10 a head to include food, to be confirmed nearer the time. Teams of 6 - 8 will be allowed but there will be penalties! On 5 May, the soon to be legendary 'Rock Night' returns with the band Allergy taking centre stage for the third year. Tracey says it will be a bigger and better night than the last two - if that is at all possible! For any further information and to reserve your table(s) for either event please contact Tracey at [tgreeman@aol.com](mailto:tgreeman@aol.com) 0773699694 or message her through Facebook.



## CRAFTS ON THE HILL

Saturday 2 December  
Great Chishill Village Hall

10.00 - 4.30



CRAFTS AND GIFTS MADE BY  
LOCAL CRAFTSPEOPLE  
Teas and Cakes, Hot Dogs  
CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE

Donations for St Swithuns and Windmill  
Restoration Funds

Enquiries and stalls: Lindsey 838897

Gt Chishill & Heydon Children's Christmas Party  
with fun & games from Stripey Wipey,  
party food and a very special visitor!

Sunday 10th December 3 - 5pm  
Gt Chishill Village Hall

Free to all pre and primary school age children  
in Heydon, Gt & Lt Chishill. Book your place  
by 1st December with Emily 836257 or Islay 838194

## St Swithun's Christmas Tree Festival in the church, Great Chishill

**Saturday 9 December**  
2pm - 6pm.

**Sunday 10th December**  
12 noon - 4pm

**Christmas Music and Singing**  
**Festive Tea on Saturday**  
**Christmassy Food on Sunday**





### CHRISTMAS WREATHS

In aid of St Swithun's  
Appeal. Order one of  
your choice in advance  
from Tess 838941 or  
take pot luck at Crafts  
on the Hill.

### CHURCH UPDATE

Repair work on the tower started on 6th November. The big cage next to the road is where the site office will be located. The builders are chiselling off the internal render - this will help dry the tower. Detailed inspection shows many different materials have been used to point between the flints externally. Cement pointing is "bad", it stops any water inside the tower from escaping and damages the softer internal lime mix, and unfortunately this is used all over the tower. So in the coming months the cement pointing will be replaced and any unsound areas repaired / rebuilt. Work will focus on the tower first, the water supply and loo will be installed later. We hope the project will finish in early Spring. Our Heritage Lottery funding didn't include money for the kitchen, so we will carry on fundraising, so look out for more exciting events to come!



LOTTERY FUNDED

### CRIB SERVICE


3pm, 24th December  
at St Swithun's



### Yuletide 2017

Royston and District Choral Society is cooking up a feast of seasonal music to start your Christmas. There will be something for every taste. Not to mention audience carols, mince pies and mulled wine!

Musical Director Andrew O'Brien  
Saturday 16th December - 7.30pm Royston Parish Church



**Parish Council News** Thank you for everyone for completing the security questionnaire. The next step is to put together a Parish Security Sub Committee. Robin Dibblee has offered to head up the first meeting. If you would like to be involved, please either contact Robin on [robin.dibblee@btinternet.com](mailto:robin.dibblee@btinternet.com) or Sarah Scott on [sascott42@gmail.com](mailto:sascott42@gmail.com).

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2018. Thank you for all of your support in 2017.

### Women's Institute CHRISTMAS PARTY

19 December in the  
Village Hall at 7.30  
Visitors welcome- call Angela 837353

### BIN COLLECTIONS

	Black	Blue & Green
Dec	5	12 (B&G)
	19	28 (Blue only)
	4 Jan	