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**Father Christmas** made his timely appearance at the Children's Christmas Party much to their delight with a Ho Ho Ho and a spadeful of presents!



Well done, Father **Christmas!**

**CRICKET CLUB DINNER FEEDBACK**

Chishill Cricket Club would like to thank everyone who attended the annual dinner on 23 November 2013 and those who supported us with donations, raffle prizes and items for the auction.

Over seventy people enjoyed an excellent three-course meal provided by Dawn Jaffray and her team of helpers, including some waiters who bore an uncanny resemblance to members of the cricket club! Live entertainment came from singer Melissa Baker, back for a second year by popular demand. The evening raised the remarkable sum of £908 and this



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will be used to fund the club throughout 2014 in what we hope will be a very successful season.

*Simon Coxall*

**CRAZY SPEEDS**

The Flashing sign is being moved around the Village on a fortnightly basis and is recording some pretty poor behaviour by the passing motorists.

New Road (entering the Village) has the worst percentage of speeding: in the 2 weeks ending 4 September, 33.2% were caught at 35mph or more - a full 10% worse than the next highest rate (at Colts Croft). The highest recorded speed was 69mph coming into the Village (at 2 a.m.) on Barley Road. 66mph was reached in New Road and 65mph at Colts Croft.

The Police Camera crew has been asked to make a special effort to issue tickets to offenders in New Road! However, the volume of traffic (only 30 vehicles per hour between 7a.m. and 9p.m.) may be considered too light compared with other black spots in South Cambs. If you would like to receive a detailed summary of the results to date please email

[martin.gruselle@btinternet.com](mailto:martin.gruselle@btinternet.com).

*Martin Gruselle*

**SENIOR CITIZENS' FESTIVE TEA**

Not only the very young but also the young at heart enjoyed a party in December.

Thanks to the hard workers who made it possible.



**2014 DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

8 January, 6 February, 13 March  
24 April, 16 May - AGM / APM  
11 June, 16 July, 17 September  
16 October  
19 November

**SNOW AND ICE ON THE ROADS**



Members of the Parish Council had a meeting with S Cambs Highways Department and were reminded of a number of issues regarding snow clearance that we would like to share:

The main road through the village (B1039) will be ploughed by Highways.

They also plough the road down to the A505 via Heydon as this is the access for emergency services.

New Road is very much a secondary road (not wide enough for a white line) and is normally not ploughed. This road is difficult in snowy weather as it is so open and snow drifts often form.

Highways will grit the roads when the trigger temperature is reached but this will not make driving conditions the same as if the road were dry and warm - you should still drive with extreme caution.

The yellow hoppers have been filled and Highways would like us to remind everyone that the grit is meant for the roads and not private driveways.

It may be possible that extra ploughing on minor roads can be achieved by asking local farmers to help, but this should not be relied upon.

Highways will do the best that they can within budgetary restraints and by careful utilisation of grit supplies. Meanwhile, please drive carefully and safely.

*Cllr Susie Harrison*

**SLOE GIN COMPETITION**

9 February

To be held chez Dibblee,  
Crosshill House, May Street**\*FUTURE TRANSPORT  
CONSULTATION**

Here's an idea as a replacement for the 31 bus. A shuttle bus - Barley, Chishill, Heydon, Chrishall, Elmdon to a Park & Ride. More convenient, with more frequent and shorter journeys.

Give your ideas an airing on the questionnaire available at

[http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Ca\\_mbsFT1](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/Ca_mbsFT1)

or on the Great Chishill PC website, whilst paper copies can be supplied by the Parish Clerk, Sarah Scott.

**Community drop in event** at the Village Hall on 23 January from 3-5pm; you are encouraged to attend.

**FROM OUR COUNTY  
COUNCILLOR****MELBOURN LIBRARY: NEW  
YEAR, NEW PREMISES**

Melbourn Library Access Point closed just before Christmas, bidding farewell to the green portacabin. The move to the new Melbourn Hub will take place in early January, with library volunteers undertaking the transfer of books. The official opening date will be posted shortly. Please contact Jose for any queries on the Hub.

The library will continue to need help from local parish councils, mainly to buy new books which can't be obtained from Cambridgeshire Council.

**\*WHAT ARE YOUR TRANSPORT  
NEEDS?**

As previously reported, the County Council is in the process of removing all bus subsidies and designing new transport provision at a lower cost. Many bus routes have not

been reviewed for many years, and so it is hoped that in spite of the associated cost reduction, the new transport services will also be more effective. The first step is to assess the transport needs of Chishill and Heydon residents, in advance of removing the current subsidy attached to the 31 bus and designing a new service in its place. The County Council is working with parish councils, and it is great to have such a strong team in Chishill.

**DROP-IN SURGERY**

Our drop-in surgery resumes in February at the Melbourn Hub (alongside a lovely café) - please don't hesitate to get in touch in the meantime with any queries or concerns.

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Jose Hales, District Councillor,  
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**AN NHS REMINDER**

Find the right service for your illness or injury this winter. Last year mis-use of A&E cost the local NHS £2million; this could have treated 500 heart attack patients or bought 250 hip replacements.

**A & E** means accident and emergency **only**.

**Pharmacies** can help with bugs and viruses, skin conditions, allergies, pregnancy testing and help with stopping smoking.

**GPs** can help with back ache, ear aches, painful coughs, mental health conditions and any illness or injury that won't go away. Make sure that you have your doctor's number to hand.

**Walk-in centre** or minor illness or injury unit - these can help with minor burns and scalds, bites and

stings, strains and sprains and minor eye or ear problems.

**YOU** can look after colds, coughs, sore throats, hangovers, tummy upsets and grazes at home with a well-stocked medicine cabinet.

Dr Geraldine Linehan GP in Cambridge, Chair of CATCH Local Commissioning Group said, "Winter brings more coughs, colds and 'flu so it is a good idea to be prepared and to make sure you have a supply of remedies at home to help care for you and your family over the holiday period. If you need a regular prescription for a long-term condition, please check now to make sure that you have enough to last you over the holiday season, and go to your GP or pharmacist to collect any prescriptions in good time before Christmas and New Year holidays."

Your local NHS has advice on where to get the right treatment for your illness or injury this winter [www.cambridgeshireandpete.rboroughccg.nhs.uk/choose-well](http://www.cambridgeshireandpete.rboroughccg.nhs.uk/choose-well)

Be prepared for winter by getting prescriptions completed in time and having a well-stocked cabinet

**If you need to see a GP weekends, evenings or holidays**, call your usual practice number and follow the instructions.

**BIN  
COLLECTIONS**

	Black	Green & Blue
January	06 <b>Mon</b>	11 <b>Sat</b>
	17	24
	31	
February		07
	14	21