

The Chishills

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WHO'S FAIRLY NEW?

Albert and Gillian Phillpot started renovating their house in Waller's Close nearly 2½ years ago and they have nearly finished. It is Albert's main occupation now, but they've learned to live around the conversion work which nevertheless stops when the grandchildren visit.

They started married life in Surrey, having met when they both worked for airlines; Albert in telecom for Pan American and Gillian as a PA for BEA and Air India, when their love of travel was sparked 40 years ago.

Even so, Gillian appreciates not having to commute as she works in Cambridge for a charity which raises awareness of the deaf and helps them to use their hearing aids. She also volunteers for Air Ambulance part-time.

They fell in love with the area when they drove up the hill past the windmill. Later they were welcomed by their neighbours with offers of help. They appreciate the sense of community in Chishill and like the fact that there are plenty of activities in a small village. They don't have the time to take part themselves yet but will do so when the conversion work has been finished.

In the meantime, they enjoy hearing the football and cricket matches going on in the

background, walking around the open gardens and going to The Pheasant; a big plus for the village.

Editor

Last month an evening of [Victorian Magic Lantern slides](#) transported us back to the end of the 19th century and to China. Some of the slides were quite sophisticated with moving parts and the photos of early 20th century China showed long "queues" still being worn.

Those that participated in what proved to be a very enjoyable and interesting evening helped to raise **£525 for the Save the Children Fund** and were sustained by a wide choice of pies and desserts on what was after all a very wet evening.

BEWARE !

In Colts Croft 2 men were trying to steal some metal brick ties from beside a garage on 26 October. They were driving a dark blue Transit van index M621HDF. Police are aware but be vigilant.

FEEDBACK

from the Parish Council
NEW ROAD WINTER GRITTING

Despite representation by our County Councillors, the issue of New Road no longer being on the winter gritting schedule despite the fact that it's part of a school bus route is still unresolved. As it's not a bus route, it is unlikely to be gritted even though salt stocks are adequate. We are not alone with this problem and councillors of other areas are

considering petitioning if necessary.

FLINT CROSS

The Highways department has not yet replied to any enquiries made about the lack of a 50m.p.h. speed limit at Flint Cross.

SPEEDWATCH statistics have proved that our village has a speeding problem and it is now for the highways department to come up with a solution, not the police who are only the enforcers of speed limits. Cllr Scott was to attend the next Police Panel meeting and again raise the concerns of the parish.

SKATE PARK UPDATE

A youth committee is to be formed to take responsibility for the skate park and source funding for maintenance.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

19.30 Village Hall
Committee Room
15th November

Kate Gardiner is holding
A COFFEE MORNING
for **Save the Children**
on Friday 5 November
between 10am and 1pm
at Fir Tree House, 62 Heydon Road,
Great Chishill
for the sale of Christmas Cards and
wrapping paper.
All welcome.

A REMINDER

It's time you started picking those sloes to make your sloe gins. Also Ringers' Delight and other fruit based liqueurs.

Provisional competition date: Saturday February 12th. New competitors welcome. More details to follow. Enquiries: 837073 or jenny_leitch@btinternet.com

Concert and Quiz at

Heydon Church on **Friday 19th November** at 7:00 for 7:30.



Bring your own booze, hot supper provided.

£10 -00 per person.

By all means bring a team of 6, or take pot luck on your table. If quizzes are not your thing, lie back and enjoy a concert which includes

The American Songbook, musicals, opera, pop classics, Oscar winning songs and much more.

I look forward to singing for you.

Maggie Mather



Graham Manley has **an owl box** to donate to the village.

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From County Councillor Susan van de Ven

New Road gritting: Almost as soon as the parish council offered to contribute to County Highways' gritting of Chishill roads, by arranging for snow clearing for some of the parish's smaller roads, the County announced that New Road would be coming off their gritting list. The fact that this is a school bus route does not seem to have been deemed sufficiently important to keeping the route on the schedule. On top of all this, there has been a complete failure to acknowledge our concerns. Other councillors too are lobbying for a policy of including school bus routes on Highways' gritting route list.

A Children's Centre for our area, offering free services for young children and their parents, is based at Melbourn Village College. Services are based largely around baby care. A Toy Library has also now started up. The centre is open Mondays and Fridays from 9:30-12:30. I would be interested to know whether residents are aware of the centre, and if so whether they can access it and whether they feel it is a good thing. I understand that the take-up is not as high as it might be, and would be glad to have any feedback from Chishill residents.

Home-school transport for 16-18 year olds: The discounted student rail fare, which has been achieved through close work with local rail operators, is

now significantly cheaper than a year ago, and certainly competitive with the County Council's subsidized school bus service. I realize it is a distance to rail stations but am aware too of some students from Heydon and the Chishills who choose rail transport, and hope that people are aware of the option.

Please feel free to get in touch anytime on 261833, or susanvandenven@yahoo.co.uk

A DATE with the W. I.

16th November
Life at Jersey Zoo
by Barry Kaufmann Wright

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE
12th November, 10th December
The Church 13.25 - 14.05

REMEMBER - Melbourn Library -
Use it or lose it!

BIN COLLECTIONS

Black	Green & Blue
November	
12	5
26	19
December	
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