

A5 M1 Link pre inquiry meeting.

The pre inquiry meeting will take place on December 13th, 2011 at Superdrug Stores Plc, Unit 1, Prologis Park, Arenson Way, Dunstable, LU5 4RZ. The date for the public inquiry has yet to be decided.

For those who have written in with comments in the past, you will be notified by the Highways Agency.

You may remember that the stance that Chalton Parish Council have, is that the road serves no real purpose to us in the village, as there is no connectivity to the By Pass and the M1 via Junction 11a from the existing roads. The lorries that we resent going through our village from Vauxhalls, Woodside and Camford Way / Sundon Park, will continue to do so. We would be looking for connectivity to help achieve a lorry ban through our village and Sundon, Streatley and the Fancott, as there will be no need for them to pass through the villages ever again.

The Pre Inquiry meeting sets out what the Inquiry will be looking at. This is strictly for the A5 - M1 link and has nothing to do with the housing that may follow in the future. This road will form a boundary to the development, but the Highways Agency do not take this into consideration. The Inspector will not be looking to field questions on the road at this meeting, so don't go thinking that you will be able to persuade the decision makers to change their view.

Parish Council Meetings

Next Parish Council Meeting, 5th December 2011. 2012 dates to be confirmed. Check Notice Board.

*Russell Currell,
Chairman, Chalton Parish Council*

Chalton Parish Council Pensioners Lunch

We are organising the traditional Pensioners Christmas Lunch at the Star once more over the holiday period. We do not have a fixed date yet, but it will be in early January as normal. The Star are happy to host the lunch again, even though there has been a change in management since last year.

We will be sending out invitations to people who have been to the lunch before, but if you are eligible and want to attend, please let a member of the Parish Council know. You will need to then confirm your willingness to attend, then we will allocate spaces on a first come first serve basis. This is because we will be restricted to 45 places.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

*Russell Currell,
Chairman, Chalton Parish Council*

Broadband Speed

We have been asked to test our Broadband speeds, as there is a campaign to get faster speed. Central Beds are looking for data, so if you are able to test the speed and let us know what your results are. This is particularly a problem in rural areas. If you do this by passing the information to someone on the Council, we would be grateful. We can then pass this to Central Beds for their campaign.

If you wish to test your speed, you can do so by running the test at the following link:

<http://fwd.channel5.com/adv/broadbandspeedtest>

*Russell Currell,
Chairman, Chalton Parish Council*

Textile Recycling at Chalton Lower School

We have a recycling bin for textiles. It is sited against the front wall.

We accept: **We cannot accept:**

Adults and	Toys
Children's	Books
Clothing	Bric-a-Brac
Linen	Electrical Goods
Handbags	
Shoes in pairs	

Please place your unwanted items in the bin.
All proceeds go to school funds.

Thank you in anticipation of your kind support.

Cable Recycling

We are also recycling unwanted cables. If you have any please bring them into the school reception.

Litter Picking by Children at Chalton Lower School

During September, as part of 'Love Where You Live', the year 3 and 4 children of Chalton Lower School joined forces with the Waste Awareness Team from Central Bedfordshire Council and collected litter from around the village and the school. The aim of this event was to inspire everyone to think about their communities and take action to reduce litter in the locations where they live, the places they visit and the spaces they use.

The children were learning about recycling as part of their geography course work and this was a very useful and enlightening activity for them.

Chalton Lower School**CVA News**

Here we are again – the last newsletter of 2011. It's been a busy year at the village hall with all the decorating and refurbishment works and hope you all agree that it's been worth it. Daffodil bulbs have been planted and hydrangeas will be put in next Spring so, hopefully, the grounds will be fairly colourful early next year.

ZUMBA CLASSES: a trial class has been arranged for **Tuesday, 17 January at 7.45 pm.** and will last for approximately one hour. The price will be £4.00 per person but if a mother/daughter attend, this would be £6.00 the pair. The same rate applies to siblings. Ages from 16 upwards. I know many of you have shown an interest in this so **PLEASE** do come along to the class. The instructor needs at least ten participants to make it worthwhile.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: tickets for this will be £12.00 adult, £5.00 children 3-16 yrs. and BYO drink/nibbles. Tickets must be obtained in advance from Jane, telephone 872689. Music will be by DJ Leon. Bring your friends and come along to welcome in the New Year. A Quiz night is being arranged for January with a Curry Night following in February. Details of these events will be available shortly. The Committee wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and hope you will continue to support us in 2012.