

The Race is on for High Speed Broadband Don't Let the Wychwoods Get Left Behind!

It wasn't that long ago that we were all listening to the beeps, squeaks and squawks as our computers dialled into the internet, only then to sit and wait while the next page loaded. Then came ADSL Broadband to the city dwellers and the continuing wait for us country bumpkins, although we did get Wireless Broadband, courtesy of Oxfordshire Rural Broadband and RuralSat, who some of you are probably still using.

cable to your home, this offers download speeds of 40MB, dependent on your distance from the local cabinet.



But Not for Us!

Again it's the urban areas that are first on the list.

However, BT have now initiated a national competition called *The Race to Infinity*,

whereby the five areas that receive the highest percentage of votes **before the 31st December, 2010** will be enabled for Fibre Optic Broadband and receive a donation of

£5,000 for computer equipment for a local community project.

So come on, let's see if we can be one of those top five, register your vote at www.bt.com/racetoinfinity and tell all your friends and relatives in the area to vote too! We don't want to be left behind again!

Neil Munro

Roll-Out of Fibre Optic Broadband

In 2005, BT installed ADSL capability at the Shipton exchange and most of us have now signed up for regular broadband with our respective service providers. Now BT have started to roll out Fibre Optic Broadband across the UK, which provides a Fibre Optic cable to the local street cabinet and then uses the existing copper

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Harvest Supper

The 2010 supper on Saturday October 9th, organised by the Trustees and Helpers of the Parish Hall, was a great success. A sumptuous meal was enjoyed, accompanied by gales of laughter over the 'Identify the photographs of those attending, when very young' competition. Tom Gay led delightful community songs. Although not a fundraising event, the evening made £175 for Hall funds.

Christmas Party in the Hall

Friday 17th December is the date for your diary and it is open to all Fifield residents. This is the Trustees party to

thank the Parish for all its support for the Hall. No entry charge, but please let Diane Coad know if you are coming to help with the catering. Diane can be contacted on: 01993 830519. Do please come - we look forward to seeing you there.

Fifield Carols at Christmas

Wednesday 22nd December at 7pm is the time for *Carols in the Evening* at St. John the Baptist Church.

Now that Fifield Carols is an annual event this is an ideal way to start the Christmas festivities.

Catherine Hitchens