

## CHOIR FILLS CHURCH FOR FUNDRAISING CONCERT

Royston Choral Society (which includes one or two Chishillites in its ranks) made a welcome return to St Swithun's on 14 March, with a concert in aid of the church restoration fund. Guest flautist Kirstey Gunn and accompanist Louise Atkins joined conductor Richard Prince to create an excellent evening's entertainment. The choir was (quite literally) on song, and took us from Bach to Sting via folk songs and flute solos. The church wasn't far off full, which was a nice compliment to the choir, and also very good news for the Restoration Appeal, for which the concert raised a handsome £256 + bar proceeds.



## NEWS FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

If any village organisations are looking for grants for projects, please contact the Parish Council and they will consider proposals and possible funding. The Parish Council won a minor highways grant for the proposed speed buffer from the windmill to the entrance to the village on Barley Road. We have consulted with the Parish, bus companies and police as per highways requirements, we now await final confirmation from Highways. Advanced warning - the Annual Parish Meeting will be on 8th May in the Village Hall. The Parish Council car park, next to the bus shelter, will be resurfaced within the coming months. Don't forget that Information about the Parish Council, minutes of meetings, consultations etc can be found on [www.greatchishillpc.com](http://www.greatchishillpc.com).

## Refurbished Village Hall Re-Opens Soon

### Village Hall Launch Party

Friday 10th April.

Please come along and view the recent renovations and meet the Village Hall Committee.  
From 7:30 onwards.

## FOOTBALL NEWS

*Russell Drury reports:*  
Great Chishill's football team has endured a difficult season under new player manager Lee Smith. With numerous injuries to players throughout the campaign Lee has faced a constant battle to field a full team every week. Despite the struggle, Chishill are currently sitting in a comfortable mid-table position in Division 1A, and still have two cups to play for as they enter the final few weeks of the season. The club would like to thank all the supporters who continue to show up and cheer the team on every week, come rain or shine.

### UPCOMING FIXTURES

**28 March:** Ashdon Villa (away) - League  
**2nd April:** Fowlmere Reserves (away) - Cup  
**4th April:** Sawston Utd Reserves (away) - League  
**7th April:** Whittlesford (away) - Cup  
**11th April:** Whittlesford (away) - League  
**14th April:** Saffron Rangers (away) - League  
**18th April:** Linton Granta Reserves (away) - League

**HEATING OIL THEFT**

A complete tankful of heating oil (1000L+) was stolen from a house in Great Chishill at the end of February. The victims said: 'We wouldn't have even noticed, but we had our regular boiler service and the man who services our boiler always checks our tank, pipes and gauge for us and it was he who told us that we had very little oil - only enough at the bottom for a couple of days !!'

'The cap was sliced down the middle and probably prised off with a chisel like tool - crime squad are saying that our back gate was not shut properly, and most likely walked down the footpath.'

While a determined criminal can probably defeat most security measures, it makes sense to make it as difficult as you can, in the hope he'll give up and try elsewhere. So keep those gates closed and locked!

**FAST BROADBAND**

Our Parish Clerk says that fast broadband will come to Chishill in September. Just six more months of frustration to go!

**BIN COLLECTIONS**

	<u>Black</u>	<u>Blue &amp; Green</u>
APR	4 (SAT)	11 (SAT)
	17	24
MAY	1	9

**Womens' Institute**

21 Apr, 7.30, Village Hall!

'Dessert' Island Discs and Yummy Desserts!

## St Swithun's Midsummer Ball at Great Chishill Playing Fields on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015 In aid of St Swithun's Church restoration appeal

Tickets are £70 each, or early bird discount £60 each. **By popular request the discount is extended until after Easter, but hurry!**

**Reserve SOON as over half the tickets are already sold!**

*You can buy tickets singly, in pairs or as a table.*

CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL RECEPTION FROM 7PM

Evening Entertainment will include:

live music from 'Back to the 80s' and Elderly Brothers

Raffle \* Auction of Promises

Dress: Black Tie \* Carriages at 2am

For ticket information and

sales: [stswithunsball@gmail.com](mailto:stswithunsball@gmail.com)

or phone Clare 838100 or Kathey 837285

**TYPE 2 DIABETES? Read on.....**

Diabetes UK has developed a new peer support project for people with Type 2 diabetes, called **Type 2 Together**. The service is available to anyone living with Type 2 diabetes in Cambridgeshire and Peterborough, with the aim of setting up 25 peer support and education groups in the area - so people living in these areas are bound to find one near them. The groups will give people the chance to meet others with diabetes, support each other and make friends, and share experiences and information. We're looking for a total of 50 volunteers to facilitate the groups (Diabetes UK will provide all the training) as well as people to come along and be members of the group. For more information, people can email [Type2Together@diabetes.org.uk](mailto:Type2Together@diabetes.org.uk) or call [0345 123 2399](tel:03451232399)

**From our County Councillor****WHY ARE SMALL HIGHWAYS**

**JOBS SO EXPENSIVE?** Wonder why a job like 30 metres of double yellow lines can cost up to £2000? To change traffic rules, a Traffic Regulation Order is required, which must be advertised in local press. Those ads add significantly to the cost. Cambridgeshire is now one of several highways authorities looking at ways of reducing these costs.

**BRIDGEFOOT FARM FIRE** All publicly available information about fire and its aftermath can be found at <https://www.scamb.gov.uk/content/bridgefoot-quarry-fire> Costs to the public purse include £56,703 to the Environment Agency alone, as of January. The authorities tell us they recognize the strength of public feeling following the November fire and this is something we have empha-

sized in the strongest possible terms. There are no plans to lay charges. **NEW FASTER P&R BUS** From April 7 Stagecoach will be operating a new Guided Bus link from Trumpington Park and Ride to Cambridge Station that does not stop at Addenbrookes. The journey time is guaranteed at five minutes. Unfortunately, the journey by car from South Cambs over the M11 roundabout to Trumpington Park and Ride cannot be guaranteed. **DROP-IN SURGERY** Susan and Jose will be at the Melbourn Hub for their drop-in surgery one week late, due to the Bank Holiday: please feel free to drop in on 13 April, 2:30-3:30, or ring us anytime.

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