

WINDMILL WORK BEGINS IN EARNEST

The team in charge of the windmill restoration is delighted with the response to their 'Sponsor a Board' campaign. So far the scheme has raised £12,000 - which has gone a long way to saving the Windmill Trust from a critical shortfall in finances for the current work. Trustee David McKeown said: "We'll record sponsors' names both in a book chronicling the restoration, and on the boards themselves. At historic moments of reconstruction in the past, millers carved their initials and the date in the wood structure and we shall follow in this tradition by painting the names of sponsors on the boards. We've had a great response, but there are still some boards available for sponsorship."

Grant awarded

"We were also very pleased to be awarded £15,729 on July 11th by Historic England; the people there are very keen to see our windmill restored and removed from their 'Buildings at Risk' register."

Timber repairs

The scaffolding is up and now, as you pass by, you can see the work progressing. Millwright Bill Griffiths and his assistant Klaine Feagan are removing weatherboarding, initially to expose the important structural timbers for inspection. This has already shown that the corner posts have degraded quite badly so a plan is being drawn up for their repair. As much of the original wood will be saved as is possible and patches of green oak inserted to

bring the surface back to square. Once the condition of all timbers has been assessed and necessary repairs made, the millwrights will begin to board the mill with new red cedar boards that should last upwards of 100 years.

A new coat for the old lady

The Trust's own Committee Members, Tony Andrews and David Livingstone, have renovated the trestle woodwork and filled the major

cracks with epoxy resin filled with wood flour and microfibres. The massive trestle members will be topped off

with aluminium protective covers and painted white, to match the rest of the mill. The final job in this phase of the work will be for the millwrights to seal and apply flashing to the corners, then paint the whole mill in a special paint (Kreidezeit) that will give the 'old lady' a new coat with which to greet

visitors.

Celebration planned

David added: "To mark this huge milestone in our restoration programme, we are organising a Harvest Celebration Supper and Music Evening featuring the Elderly Brothers with supporting acts. **This will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 23 September.** Please contact any of the Trustees, Hazel Hayden, David McKeown, Jeff Gill or John Murgatroyd for more information and to reserve tickets."

The full programme and prices will be announced very soon - so look out for the details in your next Newsletter!



Bill and Klaine remove the first boards



It's going to be a big job....

Family Tennis Tournament Monday 28 August at 10.30

Our ninth annual family tennis tournament in aid of the parish's churches will be held on private courts in Chrishall, Duddenhoe End, Elmdon, Great Chishill, Little Chishill, Heydon and Strethall. Semi-finals and the final will be played at Little Chishill Manor. Mixed pairs of any age from 11 upwards can enter - fee will be £3 per player to cover overheads, and players are invited to make a donation (may be Gift Aided) of, say, £12 each to the Icknield Way Parish Trust. Entry forms from the Church Office 837272/iwp.parihoffice@gmail.com or Sarah Tunnicliffe 838555/mail@tunncliffe.org

August Wine Circle

25 August at Jane and Nick's,
Abrams Lane, Chrishall

The Youth Club has had a great year with sustained high attendance. All the members really enjoy being able to kick back and relax, tuck into the tuck shop and get busy with crafts, sports and fundraising. The summer term ended with a bbq and rounders match in the glorious evening summer sun. Club members all donated to the Uttlesford Salvation Army foodbank in exchange for their food and treats. Well done everyone, you should be very proud of your generosity - we filled the food bank donation box to the brim at Tesco's in Saffron Walden! Have a great summer and see you on Tues 12th September. From Emily, Dan & Steph

EMILY STATES: 'FETE'S GREAT'



The annual village fete turned out miraculously dry on 15th July! Despite a wet and windy start the clouds cleared and everyone enjoyed another wonderful day



of fun and games, fantastic cream teas, Wobbly Wayne's bouncy castles, the ever popular dog show, tug-o-war, hilarious egg throwing contests, but to name a few of the attractions! The Chishill Chimps and Youth Club stalls alone made an impressive £740.00, which will go to sustaining the Youth Club and Playground. Many other local groups got involved and our thanks to Simon Oughton for his tractor rides. Great thanks to all who contributed to another successful community event. *Emily*



SKYLARKS SOAR

Yet another St Swithun's restoration fundraising event took place in the church on 22 July with a recital by Skylark, a talented quartet (vocals, keyboard, bass, trumpet). They blended American song book standards with tango, bossa nova and songs by Jaroslav Ježek, aka Czechoslovakia's Gershwin. It was good to see the Anand, the parish's rector-in-waiting, and his wife Shailaja mixing happily with the audience in advance of his installation the following week.

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY 16
DECEMBER at
St Swithun's
CHRISTMAS
TREE
FESTIVAL
 more details soon!

Cricket

It has been a disappointing month the Club losing all four games so far. We were never thumped nor beaten convincingly, but in the final game of the month. we were not beaten by the opposition when we had Wilburton 135 for 7, we were beaten by the weather!

August fixtures: 5th Newport away; 12th Fordham away; 19th Cottenham home; 26th Cherry Hinton away

We may be languishing in the relegation zone of Senior Division 3, however, there is still much to play for in the coming weeks. We hope that you will continue to support us. Don't forget our teas are still the best in the league!

If you'd like to join us for our golf day on Sunday, 17th September please book your place now with Angus angusgent@gmail.com. Great prizes to be won for all abilities!

Little Chishill Church

is hosting a family communion service on Sunday 6th August, followed by Bring and Share barbeque lunch. If you're coming, please liaise with Elaine Knobel-Forbes 838781 or Jenny Leitch 837073 about what to bring.

Women's Institute

15 August 7.30pm

Spirits

John Waters

The English Spirit Distillery

Visitors welcome- call Angela 837353

BIN COLLECTIONS

	Black	Blue & Green
August		1
	8	15
	22	30 (Wed)