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**OUR WINDMILL &
CHARITABLE TRUST**



As previously reported here (October 2011), the present owner of Chishill mill,

the County Council, has no funds for the mill's upkeep and wants to sell it. Because the Parish Council cannot finance the mill, a fund-raising charitable trust has been set up to take over the mill. Local authorities now have to give preference to interested local institutions. About 40 Chishill residents attended an informative meeting at the village hall on 24th January. There they learned that David Pierce of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings has already carried out a free detailed specification costing the 3 phases of restoring the mill to eventually become a working mill again. (The photo shows it working in 1936.) This can be funded by English Heritage and the National Lottery. Simon Hudson of SPAB and Jim Brearley were there to answer questions on the cost of maintenance (about £2,000 p.a.), insurance (a few hundred pounds a year) and the inevitable change or lack of trustees (normally to be absorbed by a similar trust). It was wisely pointed out that it is vital that some younger members of our community

come forward with their enthusiasm and ideas for fundraising.

More information can be found on the web at www.greatchishillwindmill.com or Jim Brearley can be contacted.

ROYSTON ARTS SOCIETY
Winter Art Exhibition 2012
TAVERN GALLERY
8 High Street, Meldreth
SG8 6JU
Open Wednesday to Sunday
from 5th-26th
Preview Saturday 4th
February
11 am to 4 pm
Wine & Canapés
Original artwork for sale

CHALKY WALK (Byway 16)

Work should soon be starting on this, at times, impossible to walk byway.

SPEED WATCH

Repeat offenders will receive a visit at their home from the police. So catching those who speed through our village is now more worthwhile.

More and younger volunteers needed. Call Geoff on 383668.

CALLING ALL KEEN



GARDENERS

St Swithun's Church is holding its **Open Gardens on May 27th 2011**

If anyone would like to open their garden or help in any way on the day please contact Janet Crouch 838301/Eileen Murrell 838909 for further details.



GREAT CHISHILL BELL RINGERS

invite you to participate in their

SLOE GIN

COMPETITION & PARTY 2012

Results Party Saturday 18th February 8.00pm

at Hall Farm by kind invitation of Peter and Jean Wiseman.

Three Classes -

Nouveau - made with Autumn 2011 sloes

Vintage - any year you are proud of!

Ringers' Delight - your best homemade fruit-based tippie

Entry per class is £3.50 (includes party admission) Non-competitors welcome to the

Party at £4.00/head. Please bring a bottle and a plate of finger food (co-ordinating with Jean)

Entries to Hall Farm, or to Jenny at 6 Colt's Croft by

Tuesday 14th February

All proceeds to St Swithun's Church Bells Refurbishment Fund (Stage 2)

Details: Jenny 01763 837073 Email: jenny_leitch@btinternet.com or Jean Wiseman 838263

Entry forms available on the village website -

www.greatchishill.org.uk or by request from Jenny.

New and returning ringers always welcome - practice nights Wednesday 8.00pm. Please contact Jean for more information. As well as ringing for church services and New Year, in 2012 we will be **ringing for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee** and the Olympics. Join us and be part of a great English tradition!

DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS


The Bells Fund raisers are going to hold a **Barn Dance on Saturday 2nd June** to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee.

Monday 4th June
Fête on the Plaistow

DID YOU KNOW?

Most broadband routers have a telephone socket in the body of the unit. This is an entirely distinct line with its own number to make **calls at broadband rates which can be cheaper.**

Telephone handsets can be bought at supermarkets very cheaply or Stella at Citadel Computing ([01763 838 401](tel:01763838401) village business) can also supply them. You just plug them in and they work.
Bob Hatt



The Annual Wellbeing of Women Cambridge Lunch
on Monday 5th March 2012
The Crowne Plaza Hotel,
Downing Street, Cambridge,
CB2 3DT

THE 2012 STRETHALL LECTURES:
a programme of remarkable speakers.

Friday 3rd February
James Davis:
'Negotiating the market place: the hopes & fears of medieval English peasants'
Friday 10th February
Frances Spalding: 'Sacred or Superstitious? John Piper and the making of sacred spaces'
Friday 17th February
Shawn Kholucy: 'C. R. Ashbee'
Friday 24th February
Claire Nicholson 'Virginia Woolf in Cambridgeshire'
Email enquiries to:
strethall.church@btinternet.com or
erica.debnam@icknielwayparish.com
or phone **01799 521290** or **01763 837272.**
Tickets also available from the Saffron Walden TIC.

HEYDON & CHISHILL W.I. MEETING

Tuesday 21st February
Village Hall, 19.30
Hotel Chocolat - Angus Therwell

FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

BUS CONSULTATION: RESULTS AND NEXT STEPS
The County Council has announced the results of its bus consultation, and its intention to follow through on the withdrawal of all bus subsidies, totalling £2.7 million over the next three years. Simultaneously, the council says it will invest £1.5 million in new transport arrangements through a

project called Cambridgeshire Future Transport. The bus consultation confirms that the people most affected by the cuts will be the disabled, the elderly, and those getting to work. 37% have no other means of travel. Subsidies will be withdrawn in six monthly phases, starting in September 2011. Some currently subsidized buses may be retained in a pared down form, if commercially viable. The Chishills' 31 bus service featured prominently in the consultation; the 128 service through Shepreth, Meldreth and Melbourn to Royston is also affected. More news as soon as we have it. Cambridgeshire Future Transport seeks to establish localized mini transport franchises in areas where subsidized buses are withdrawn - so profitable transport where commercial operators have not found a market. Over the course of a year of experimentation, a handful of pilots have failed to get off the ground. One is now being trialed in the Duxford area - please see www.cambridgeshirelocal.co.uk to get an idea of how it works. It is welcome news that the principle of support for public transport has been reinstated; we are concerned that the new approach may not meet people's needs and feel that more consideration should be given to supporting established community transport providers in our villages. *Susan van de Ven*



BIN COLLECTIONS

Black	Green & Blue
February	
03	10
17	24
March	
02	09
16	23