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The Chishills

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Snowdrops at Anglesey Abbey

CHISHILL'S FOOTBALL CLUB DISBANDS.....

Great Chishill Football Club has announced its withdrawal from the Cambridgeshire Football League. Club Chairman John Drury said that injuries, an ageing squad and a struggle to attract enough new, younger players has made it increasingly difficult to field a competitive team every Saturday.

During its history the club has had two Saturday teams as well as a Sunday team and benefited from a mix of talented players from the village along with players from further afield, attracted by the camaraderie enjoyed either on the pitch or in the pub after a match.

John Drury added "In recent years we have reached multiple cup finals, winning the Bambridge Cup in 2013, and we bow out from Cambs Kershaw Senior B Division, the highest division the club has ever reached, following a series of promotions.

I would like to thank Lee Smith and Oli Gardiner who have worked hard to keep the team going, and I would like to extend my thanks to anybody who has been involved in the club during its existence, whether as a player, manager, coach, vice-president or supporter, and made the team such a significant part of the village's history. Weekends up at "The Meadow" won't be quite the same without it."

.....BUT CRICKET'S FLOURISHING

With the hope of Spring just around the corner the Great Chishill Cricket Club is looking forward to a memorable 12 months as the club celebrate its 150th year. Chairman Andrew Drury announced: "Our aim is simply to leave a legacy for future generations to enjoy cricket in our village. In April we will be launching the 'Chishill Chief', our very own junior section. We will be offering coaching and games for local children from 4 -11 to nurture their interest and love of the game. Alastair Cockerton (alastair.cockerton@bowood.co.uk) is leading this exciting new venture. Please contact him for further details".

"We are also planning to install an all weather net facility for everyone in the village to use, young and old! We have a number of other events planned for the year, so please do keep an eye out. For further details, or if you would like to be a part of the celebrations or support the club in any way, you can contact Angus (angusgent@gmail.com)".

"Indoor nets start at Burloes Farm on March 3 at 8.00. We always love to hear from anyone interested in joining the club. Here's to a fantastic year ahead. "

CHALK PIT JUNK CLEARED

Great Chishill's chalk pit, once a favoured spot for courting couples but from Victorian days also a convenient dump for bottles, cans, bits of old vehicles and agricultural debris, has been cleared of most of its rubbish, which amazingly filled two 16 cubic yard skips. Teams of volunteers wheelbarrowed material up the muddy path to the skips in the verge, while David McKeown, precariously balanced on top of the pile in the skip, trampled it down.

The project was initiated in May last year by villager Robin Dibblee, who appealed for help in digging out and dragging to the roadside the enormous quantity of ferrous scrap concealed by brambles and creepers. Robin's appeal for help was more successful than expected; "Around 25 people turned out at short notice, which was 95% of the people I had asked" said Robin. "Everybody seemed to enjoy working together, and Ruth's arrival with bacon butties was a real encouragement. People said it couldn't be done, but with everyone's help, we did it. Hopefully the area will now re-wild".



IT'S SLOE GIN TIME AGAIN!

Great Chishill Bell Ringers invite you to take part in the annual Sloe Gin Competition, raising funds for refurbishment of the bells. Classes: Nouveau sloe gin – made with Autumn 2019 sloes, Vintage sloe gin - any year you are proud of! And Ringers' Delight – your best homemade fruit-based tippie. Additional award for best presented entry. On Saturday 22 February at 8pm, the Results and Tasting Party (open to all) will be held at Stackyard Cottage, Hall Farm. Entries should be in by Tuesday 18 February.

For a downloadable Entry Form and full details of the competition and Results Party, see our village website greatchishill.org.uk or contact Jenny Leitch 01763 837073, or email jenny_leitch@btinternet.com

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Saturday 7th March 2020

**Bar, Canapés
&
Raffle**

**Great Chishill Village Hall
Saturday 7th March 2020
7:00 p.m.**

**In support of:
St Nicholas Church
Little Chishill**

Tickets £10.00 Cheques Payable to "DCC of Little Chishill"

by Sunday 1st March 2020:

Tickets From:

E. Knobel-Forbes: Tel: 01763 838781 Jenny Leitch: Tel: 01763 837073

Windmill Dance

What are you doing on the evening of Valentine's Day this year? Some time ago, we started Ballroom and Latin dance lessons to raise money for the Windmill Trust. But the windmill still needs funds and the dancers, although now a very small group, are still doing their bit. We have our lessons on Friday and thought it would be good to have a dance to put what we've learnt into practice. February 14th is the chosen day but, to make the evening go with a swing, we need a few more couples. Don't worry if your dancing is a bit rusty - we are far from expert! It will be a very simple affair: the village hall is booked; music will be strict tempo tracks (no disco!) and catering is DIY (bring your own drinks, snacks, etc). It's really just a group of like-minded folk, drinking, chatting and dancing so we don't sell tickets as such - we just ask that you pop a contribution into the collection box (maybe £15 per couple?)

If you do fancy it, please let us know: email dm@greatchishillwindmilltrust.org or telephone David or Wendy on 838087. We need to know numbers for arranging tables and seating.

SURGERY LONGER HOURS ANNOUNCED

You can now pre-book evening and Saturday appointments at Barley Surgery. Granta Medical Practices have announced that Barley patients can now ask to see a doctor (pre-booked only) up to 8.00 pm on Mondays, and until 10.30 am one Saturday per month. Pre-bookable telephone consultations will also be available on Sundays and Bank Holidays - contact Granta for more information..

POP UP PUB

Saturday 15 February

**Open from 5-11 pm in the URC schoolroom which
will be transformed to give a great pub atmosphere.**

Homemade supper menu.

Children will be most welcomed.

Please email angusgent@gmail.com to book a table and a time.

Thank you from the Barley Yarn Bombers

If you were in Barley, Barkway or Great Chishill in the festive season you may have been surprised to see that the post boxes had been yarn bombed with a Christmas theme. The Barley Knitting Group wanted to use their knitting skills to help others again. This time they wanted to raise funds for the charity HYH helping young homeless people in Hertfordshire, raising over £700. So if the yarn bombed post boxes made you smile or even laugh out loud please donate via the just giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/knitbarley2019>

DR ZHIVAGO IN HEYDON

Was it really 55 years ago? It was! See David Lean's 1965 epic again in Heydon Church on 28 March, complete with Russian drinks and a bowl of stroganoff. Break out those fur hats and release your inner Julie Christie or Omar Sharif! In aid of Church facilities; more details next month, but contact Mel Chandler, Ann Lane, Jane Duffus or Rollo Barnes 838309 for tickets / information.

**Women's Institute,
18 February, 7.30**

Amy Dallow

Anglesey Abbey

Visitors welcome, call Angela
837353

URC News Services

Sunday 2 Feb: Evensong at 6pm

Sunday 16 Feb: no service

Cinema Night 'Downton Abbey' Tuesday 11 Feb; doors open at 7.00 pm, screening at 7.30 pm

We were a full house in January so if you want a specific seat please do let Tess know on 077213 98642.

Scottish Dancing: This has flourished which we are delighted about. Do come and give it a go! Such a giggle!

No dancing on 17 February, as it's half term.

Calling all Romantics! Whether you love or whether you be loved, openly display it with a Valentine's Wreath! (small, medium or large) in aid of St Swithun's Appeal.

Email tessgent@gmail.com.

BIN DAYS - FEB

Black Blue/Green

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18 blue only

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3 March