News and Views around

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YOUNG ARTIST WINNERS





Age 8-11: Harriet Scott

Age 12-16: Eleanor Ferrie

Age 4-7: William Troutbeck

WINDMILL CELEBRATION ATTRACTS 150

The Great Chishill Windmill Trust was pleased to have the support of around 150 people at the Windmill Celebration Day on 13 June. They enjoyed delicious cream teas while listening to Bill singing his composition 'Old White Lady on the Hill' and Becky singing 'Fields of Gold'. There was a demonstration of scone making by Lindsey and ballroom dancing by David and Wendy, who are hoping to start a Windmill Dance Group. The Children's Art Competition winners were chosen (see above) and awarded prizes. Milling Consultant Dave Pearce from Wicken Mill gave a detailed report on plans for the refurbishment of the Great Chishill Windmill. Although not planned to make money, the day raised £519 through a raffle, sales of Wicken Mill flour, and other donations. For more information on the day or to become a Friend please go to the website www.greatchishillwindmill.com

BALL AND MAD HATTER PACK MARQUEE

Saturday night's St Swithun's Ball was the village at its best. Guests braved the early evening showers to enjoy a glass of fizz whilst listening to the Elderly Brothers, then dug deep to buy raffle tickets, auction lots, sweet bouquets and guess the barrow of booze. The evening ended with dancing to a band new to the village, Back To The 80s, until the early hours. The dance floor was packed, the wine flowed and the general atmosphere was one of over 200 people being merrily entertained! The Mad Hatter's Tea Party was also a huge success on Sunday. Over 150 people enjoyed the entertainment, headlined by the Saffron Walden County High School Jazz Band and supported by many other family attractions. About £1000 was raised for the Church restoration fund.

Restoration Appeal chair Angus Gent said, "We'd like to thank everyone for their support and look forward to announcing very soon how much was raised for the Appeal. And from me, a huge public thank you to the wonderful committee who worked tirelessly to organise and run both events."





PEAL RECALLS BATTLE Great

Chishill bellringers celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Waterloo on 18 June with a 30 minute peal. Here they are in St Swithun's tower, waiting for the off. New ringers would be welcome: call Jenny on 837073 for details. No experience needed

Reliable, responsible 15 year old available for holiday pet care, watering and babysitting. Experienced with cats, chickens and small animals - cleaning out included! References available. Call Amy 838465

St Swithun's Appeal

To raise funds for the St Swithun's Appeal, a small but hardy team are cycling to our St Swithun's Church in Great Chishill, departing from the other St Swithun's: Winchester Cathedral on 11 and 12 July.

Bit easy? To up the challenge, we will set off at the end of Evensong service on Saturday evening (hoping) to arrive by the end of Sunday morning service in Great Chishill. Our dear Church is in urgent need of repair. Any donation, however small, will be greatly appreciated in securing the future of this great Church, and the physical, spiritual, and communal sanctuary it offers to so many.

Hubert de Froberville

Family Tennis Tournament

Our seventh annual tournament will be held on 9 August, starting at 11am on private courts throughout the parish. Proceeds will be shared between the churches in these villages. Entry is not restricted to those living in the villages.

For entry forms and further details, contact the Church Office on 01763 837272 or email office@icknieldwayparish.com

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Sarah Scott writes

Fire Hydrants Following the house fire in Chishill in early June, it became apparent that some hydrants in the village were not working or damaged or could not be found. The Parish Council has been proactive in checking all the hydrants in Great and Little Chishill using maps and co-ordinates from Cambridge Water. We have passed our inspection feedback to the Fire Hydrant team at the Cambridgeshire Fire Service. We understand these checks should normally be carried out by the Fire Service.

The 40mph buffer from the windmill to the Village. This will be advertised in the press imminently. If there are no objections, the speed limit should be in place during the summer / early autumn. I am pleased to say that as we obtained a minor highways grant for the majority of this work, the actual amount the Parish Council will have to pay is around £150. John Murgatroyd The Parish Council is very sad to say goodbye to past Chairman and Parish Councillor John Murgatroyd. He has dedicated much time, resource and Heydon and the Chishills would be aligned with energy to the Parish Council and the Parish over many years. John has a huge knowledge of the Village, its politics, history and committees. He even trained to be a firework expert so that we could have a firework display at the Millennium Ball. We will be very sad to see him depart. Thank you John for all you have done for Great Chishill!

This opens a new chapter in the history of the Parish Council. We are actively looking for someone to replace John on the Parish Council. If you think you could fit the bill, please contact Sarah Scott 01763 837112.

or sascott42@gmail.com for further information.

Great Chishill Fun Day

Teas, BBQ, stalls, games, bouncy castle and lots more! Sunday 30 Aug from 2pm Great Chishill Playing Fields. For more information or to get involved, contact Emily 01763 836257 or Celia 01763 838956

COUNTY COUNCIL NEWS

Cllr Susan van de Ven writes:

MIND: RURAL SUPPORT We're delighted to report that work to set up a presence for Mind in Cambridgeshire at the Melbourn Hub is making great strides. Mind is aiming to offer people aged 18-65 practical support, plus advice about more specialist support if needed - all free of charge and funded by Cambridgeshire County Council. Details are now being worked out and we'll keep you informed. In the meantime, you can contact Mind directly on 01223 311320, or for helpful on-line information visit http://www.mindincambs.org.uk/Resources

COST OF A BUS PASS Each use of a pass requires the local authority to compensate the bus operator, and the average cost per user per year is estimated at £60, while the annual cost to the Council is about £6 million. This mostly Guided Busway, but the reduction of subsidized rural bus services, which largely serve concessionary bus pass holders who might otherwise suffer from rural isolation, will reduce that demand-led budget. We hope that the council's new Public Health remit will be able to make a strong case for keeping subsidized transport to help people at risk of isolation. **BOUNDARY CHANGES: HAVE YOUR SAY**

The Boundary Commission has recommended changes to county boundaries ahead of 2017 elections, which would split the current Melbourn Division in two: Shepreth, Foxton, Chrishall Grange, Chrishall, Fowlmere, Foxton, Thriplow, Whittlesford, Hinxton, Ickleton and Duxford; while Meldreth and Melbourn would be joined with Whaddon, Bassingbourn-cum-Kneesworth, and Littlington. The current Melbourn Division, arranged largely around the catchment area for Melbourn Village College gives way to two very different clusters, one with no secondary school and the other with two. You can view the details and comment on the proposals until July 6th at

https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk/node/4143 Susan van de Ven Tel 261833 susanvandeven@yahoo.co.uk Jose Hales 221058 jose@josehales.me.uk

Do you have a few hours a week to help keep our village hall spick and span and want to earn a bit of extra money? We need some help with cleaning from September. Contact Andrea on 838465 or email andrea@littlewissett.co.uk

Women's Institute Summer Meeting 21 July

at Phyllis Bradshaw's

BIN COLLECTIONS		
	Black	Blue & Green
July		3
	10	17
	24	31
August	7	