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The Chishills

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Ball Goes with a Swing *Tess Gent reports*

Saturday 16th June saw the return of Great Chishill's Midsummer Ball, in aid of St Swithun's Church. Months of very hard work by the organising committee culminated in a truly spectacular event, enjoyed by 250 friends and neighbours on a beautiful evening. Welcome drinks were served on the playing field (see masthead picture above) as guests arrived in an array of stunning black tie outfits – it turns out that we all scrub up rather well!

The party continued as we sat down to a delicious meal in the marquee adorned with fabulous tropical flowers, fruit and flamingos. There was plenty more fun (and importantly, fund-raising) between courses with games, raffles and an auction of promises all featuring great prizes.

Having already eaten more than might seem prudent in our highly tailored outfits we discovered the cheese and sweetie carts - the perfect after-dinner treat. After posing for the photo booth, live music from the wonderful band "Fred's House" lured us on to the dance floor where an energetic crowd remained until 2am! Great thanks must of course go to the generosity of many local businesses who kindly sponsored the tables, the beer and the bar which contributed hugely to a highly successful evening.. An enormous thank you must also go to Kathy and the Ball Committee, for their dedicated work and time. It does entail a great deal of blood, sweat and sometimes tears! but when the end result is as happy and successful as this was, then it has to be worth it all.

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The Windmill Sheds its Shell *David McKeown*

Just a few days after the church tower was unveiled, the windmill also emerged to full view. Now we can see that the mill's main body, the buck, is complete and it looks splendid! The red cedar boarding that so many villagers contributed to via the Sponsor a Board campaign has been painted and topped with extra protection on the roof that should see the mill through the next hundred years. Before visitors can enter the building we have to repair the tail assembly.



The 1960's skeleton tail fan is unsafe and the stairway need attention. Planning permission for both is imminent and our millwright, Bill Griffiths, aims to remove the tail carriage before the end of summer and rebuild it off-site. Bill also has to repair one of the sail frames currently in Chris Bates's barn and one of the main sail stocks still

attached to the mill. The plan is to have all the work done and the sails back in place by late Spring 2019 when we can look forward to a grand celebration to reopen the windmill to the public.

The work required to restore the windmill has been far greater than anticipated but it is worth it just to see that brilliant white beacon welcoming people to our village. Next year it will look even better.

From our District Councillor, Deorah Roberts

My first month as district councillor for the newly extended Foxton Ward has been busy and interesting as residents raised a number of local concerns which have required prompt attention. I have also enjoyed attending the Annual Parish Meetings which as well as being very informative allowed relaxed and pleasant conversations with residents. The turnout at the Chishills AGM was particularly impressive. Perhaps I should encourage all my villages to consider the provision of a welcoming glass of wine!

There is light at the end of the tunnel for the Local Plan. Long delays in getting it into place have resulted in many speculative planning applications on land not marked for development, including in our ward. However the District Council now expects the final view of the planning inspector by July. Additionally we can now show that there is enough land available to meet the number of homes required for a Five Year Housing Supply - that's good news. These facts will now be used in determining all planning applications and any appeals. With all fingers and toes crossed we should soon be back with a policy led approach to planning - to the benefit of all South Cambs residents. Please feel free to get in touch if you need advice or help. I am available on 01763 208627 or email deborah@debsroberts.co.uk (preferred email address) or at cllr.roberts@scambs.gov.uk. Please give a contact address or number.

Meet Your Parish Councillor: Simon Dring, PC Chair



Simon moved to Great Chishill in 2011 after spending several years living in Cambridge. He is married to Islay and together they are delighted to be raising their young family in the village. Simon works in a marketing technology business and commutes to London from Royston most days of the working week. He joined the Parish Council in 2014 as a way of contributing to the community, and became chair in May 2018, aiming to ensure that the council continued the great work it does in supporting the various organisations that drive village

life. When not wrangling small children or unruly parish councillors Simon spends his days keeping bees, gossiping at the school gate and occasionally making cider. You can contact Simon by email: chair@greatchishillpc.com

Heydon Road Closure Expected in August

The contractors digging the drain in the road outside the church have stopped work because what with lorries, coaches, and agricultural machinery trying to squeeze by, the traffic was too heavy for them to continue with only partial road closure.

It has not yet been confirmed, but they think they will be back on 6th August to make the connections to the water and drainage for the church. Then the road will be completely closed for up to 1 week (5 working days). Apologies to everyone for the inconvenience, but it is all part of providing a new convenience in the church!

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Friday 24
August (there will be no August edition)

Scenes from the Midsummer Ball



Picture credit: Emily Hanson

Great Chishill Cricket Club

The season so far has been a little bit of a fight - there are no easy games in our league! We have played 8 games, won 2, lost 5 and had one game abandoned due to the poor weather. There have been some great performances with both bat and ball. We have the league's leading wicket taker playing for us, and three hundreds have been scored already. With plenty more cricket to play who knows what will happen? It is al-

ways a pleasure to see the benches filling up with locals to watch home games and to welcome them to join us for tea at 4.00. Please do come up and watch.

We are always keen to welcome new members to the club. If you would like further details please do contact Angus at angusgent@gmail.com.

Our games in July and August

- 7 July: Ely (h)
- 14 July Wilburton (h)

- 21 July Newport (h)
- 28 July Isleham (a)
- 4 August: Ashwell (a)
- 11 August: Audley End (a)
- 18 August: Girton (a)
- 25 August Horseheath (a)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

The Annual Parish Walk will be held on Saturday 29 September. URC services, Silver Surfers and Films re-start in September, Scottish Dancing in October.

Look out for details of all the above in the September issue!

Women's Institute

17 July at 7.30: Summer Meeting in the garden (weather permitting) of Phyllis Bradshaw. Bring a dish of food to share. Visitors welcome- call Angela 837353

BIN COLLECTIONS

	<u>Black</u>	<u>Blue & Green</u>
July	3 17 31	10 24
August	14 29 (Wed)	7 21

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
will take place on
12 JULY, 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Parish Council meetings are open to all parishioners!