

## AUCTION RESULTS AMAZE *Angus Gent writes*

Sunday 17 May saw the latest fund-raising event for the St Swithun's Appeal. A torrent of punters brought their treasures to the Village Hall - by noon there were 418 lots to sell. Celebrity auctioneer David Palmer from 'Bargain Hunt' and 'Flog It', known for his multi-coloured waistcoats, mobilised the crowd with outstanding enthusiasm. Three wonderfully entertaining hours later, all was gone and someone's rubbish had become treasure (124 sellers and 98 buyers)! David had us bidding for our own goods, even buying stuff we really did not want, but he had us giggling all the way home after the afternoon's entertainment. **We have raised an amazing £1749.75 for the Appeal.** A magnificent community effort. Thank you! Thanks also to all of the helpers on Sunday - they worked tirelessly all day.

Now for the Midsummer Ball and the Mad Hatters Tea Party on June 20 and 21. I do hope that you will continue to support and enjoy the events that we are holding in aid of St Swithun's Church, one of our village icons.



To raise funds for the St Swithun's Appeal, a small but hardy team is cycling to our St Swithun's Church in Great Chishill, departing from the other St Swithun's, Winchester Cathedral. Sounds a bit easy? To up the challenge we will set off at the end of Evensong service on Saturday, hoping to arrive by the end of Sunday morning service in Great Chishill. Please support us! To donate, please call the Church office 837272

## GREAT CHISHILL WINDMILL TRUST

### Celebration Day and judging of Children's Art Competition



Great Chishill Village Hall  
Saturday 13 June 2015  
2 pm – 5pm



The Trustees and Committee of the Great Chishill Windmill Trust wish to invite you to join them in celebrating the commencement of the restoration of this amazing icon which has proudly stood on the hill for over 200 years.

Free entry including delicious cream teas and demonstration of scone making, raffle, and final judging of the Children's Art Competition.

Opportunity to hear the restoration plans explained by Millwright Dave Pearce C Eng MI Mech E.

For more information go to [www.greatchishillwindmill.com](http://www.greatchishillwindmill.com)

## GCCC TOPS LEAGUE!

May was a successful month for the cricket club. A pre-season win against Barley and consecutive league wins against Burrough Green, Audley End and Abington sees us sitting proudly atop CCA Junior League 2 South. But Cup honours will have to wait until next season, after falling short against Wilburton. Our fixtures for the coming month are:

13 June Home vs. Chesterfords  
20 June Away vs. Elmdon  
27 June Away vs. Whittlesford  
4 July (H) v Helions Bumpstead  
All games start at 1:30pm.  
Please come along and support us. New players are always

## Midsummer Ball

There are only a very few Ball tickets left now. Please contact Kathey or Claire asap, on [stswithunball@gmail.com](mailto:stswithunball@gmail.com) or 837285/838100

## RINGERS' DELIGHT

18 Chishill and Heydon bellringers, church and hand, piled into Drayton's minibuses on May 15<sup>th</sup> to visit Whitechapel Bell Foundry, to deliver and collect bells and do a tour. The Foundry, which has been in existence since the 1400's and moved to Whitechapel in 1738, is the oldest Company in England. The manufacturing site is tiny, about the size of a large suburban house and garden. It is a maze of workshops: foundry, tuning shop, assembly and carpentry and a precision area for hand bells. We saw Meldreth bells being renovated alongside a venerable bell of 1480, before Columbus sailed. A longer description is in the Village Web but all found the visit extraordinary and fascinating.

**YOUTH CLUB UPDATE** The Great Chishill Youth Club has been taking full advantage of the fabulously refurbished village hall, the sunshine and the lighter evenings! Cricket was the order of the day at the last session and with over 30 members regularly attending the youth club the competition certainly gets hot!

We said goodbye to one of our founding youth workers last week, Fred has moved out of the county and has made the difficult decision to leave the club. Members signed a beautiful handmade card for Fred, and presented him with gifts in thanks for his hard work and dedication. We wish Fred the best of luck and hope he pops in to see us soon!

We are currently discussing activities for the next two months, and during the next meeting members will vote for activities they would like to see. The club has 7 volunteers supporting Dan, and watch this space for our new youth worker who will be in post very soon.

The Youth Club meets at the village hall on Tuesdays from 7-9pm. Dates for June are 2, 9, 23 and 30 and in July, 7 and 14. New members always welcome.



**MAD HATTER'S  
TEA PARTY**

**Sunday 21st June, 2015 2.30pm ~ 5.00pm**  
The Marquee, Great Chishill Village Hall  
SG8 8SH

The Mad Hatter and the White Rabbit request the pleasure of all Grandparents, Grandchildren and anyone in between at their 150th anniversary tea party.

You will be entertained by  
Gillian McClure, author and illustrator,  
Saffron Walden County High Jazz Band  
and much, much, much more...

Adult Tickets £5, Children £2

Please contact ~ Tess 01763 838941 or tessgent@gmail.com

This is a fund raising event held in aid of the church restoration fund.  
... it's our turn now to save our village icon for future generations.

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**OPEN GARDEN**  
Saturday 27 June 2015  
2pm – 5pm  
Little Chishill Manor  
Mature garden in wooded valley, shrubs, herbaceous borders, rose garden, kitchen garden  
Off B1039 Between Barley & Great Chishill (SG8 8PA)  
**BARRY TYLER'S  
DIXIELAND JAZZ BAND**  
Home Made Teas Stalls Plants Fun & Games  
In aid of  
St Nicholas Church, Little Chishill  
And in support of  
Addenbrooke's Charity Cancer Appeal  
Admission £4 (Children Free)  
Guide Dogs Only

**ROYSTON CHORAL  
SOCIETY**  
Barkway Parish Church  
Sunday 28 June 7.30  
**HANDEL**  
*Four Coronation Anthems  
(inc 'Zadok the Priest') and  
Foundling Hospital Anthem*  
In Aid of Homestart and  
Danesbury Neurological  
Centre  
Tickets from Jenny 837073

**Dance for the Windmill**  
Would you like to learn to dance, keep fit and help the Windmill Trust all in one go? David and Wendy McKeown are enthusiastic amateur ballroom and latin dancers who can teach beginners classes and are wondering if there is any interest in forming a class in the village.

The plan is to start from absolute beginner level to develop enough figures and technique to be confident on a dance floor. No lifts or complex Strictly Come Dancing moves, so it is ideal exercise for couples of any age. The refurbished Village Hall has a lovely wooden floor just made for dancing, so let's give it a go. The likely evening slot would be Friday or it could be a late afternoon session before the regular club events on other days of the week.

It would cost £8 per couple for each 60 to 90 minute class (not a fixed charge for the term) with all proceeds beyond the cost of hall hire going to the Windmill Trust. If you might be interested, please email [mckeown.david@gmail.com](mailto:mckeown.david@gmail.com) or phone 838087 and Wendy or David will be pleased to tell you more.

The **Christmas Card Competition** will be judged at the Mad Hatter's Tea Party! Come and cast your vote for the best entries, or if you entered, come and see if you won!

**Foxton Village  
Open Gardens**  
Sunday, 14 June 2015  
2:00pm – 5:30pm  
Admission: Adult £3.00, under 13 are free

**Women's Institute**  
16 June, 7.30pm, Village Hall  
Horry Parsons: The Millennium Tower Project at St Edmundsbury

**BIN COLLECTIONS**

	Black	Blue & Green
June	5	12
	26	19
July	3	