

Hello to Mark and Debbie

The Pheasant's new owners, Mark and Debbie Wickens, will be heading for a month behind the bar by the time you read this. The *Newsletter* popped in recently to as how they are getting on in their new home. Mark trained as a builder, and Debbie's a stay at home mum, so running a pub will certainly be a new experience. But Debbie's father owned pubs for years, so there will be no lack of in-house advice. Mark and Debbie love the area's beauty, and they certainly have plans – children will be welcome, which will be great news for the young Wickenses, Joshua and Evenlyn, and if planning permission is granted, there will be an extension to make room for more diners. The garden will be developed too, along family friendly lines – Mark wants the place to be a true social hub for everyone. The immediate challenge is to find the right head chef, so the menu will be small to begin with, but lovers of Julian's sausages will be relieved to know that they will still feature, as will Barkers' steaks. A barbecue is planned for the summer. And Sunday roast lunches are back! The *Newsletter* welcomes Mark, Debbie, Josh and Evelyn to Great Chishill. We wish them success and a happy life in our lovely village.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE WINDMILL?

David McKeown writes: As hinted last month, we've taken a big leap forward with the Windmill restoration. We have engaged Bill Griffiths, a millwright whose work at Kersey Mill, Suffolk and Great Gransden has been highly acclaimed. Bill will start work in July with an initial task of producing a watertight roof. He will replace weatherboards so that the traditional look is visible inside but will cover them outside with an aluminium skin that will be painted white like the rest of the building. This technique has been used to good effect at Ashdon.

Scaffolding

Obviously, scaffolding will be required for this job which will help with the second task – removing weatherboards to inspect, and repair if necessary, the large side timbers (girts) that support the weight of the building.

Weatherboarding

Having arranged these tasks, we took a decision, encouraged by our technical advisers, Cambridgeshire Windmill Conservation, and Historic England to maximise the use of the scaffolding whilst it is on site. We will remove all weatherboarding from the four sides – it is 50 years old and leaking – and replace it with Western Red Cedar, which has a very long life. This is something of a leap of faith, as we do not have enough money in the fund to pay for all the materials and work. We have a grant from



SPAB and are actively seeking more, we've raised good contributions from the Recipe Book, Dancing Classes, Music Evening and Crafts in the Barn but we still are short as we have just realised that we are not exempt from VAT – a 20% tax bill will be added to our costs!

Sponsorship

We are therefore introducing a scheme that we hope will appeal to villagers and Friends of the Windmill – 'Sponsor a Board'. There will be a leaflet drop to all houses in the neighbourhood explaining the details but, basically, we are seeking your involvement in the project by purchase of the weatherboards that will transform the mill's weather resistance and beauty. If you would like to sponsor a board (eighth, quarter, half or whole at £15, £30, £60 and £120 respectively), your name will be recorded in a special book to be kept at the mill in perpetuity. It will

be a proud journal showing how villagers, the local community and friends far and wide love their windmill and fought to keep it a wonderful icon of our rural heritage.

Hazel Hayden is coordinating the sponsorship appeal and can be contacted at hrhandmaj@btinternet.com or 01763 838254.

Lyn Owen, the gentleman who left a sizeable legacy through SPAB for the restoration work to begin, took the accompanying photograph in 1991. We will make it look just as fine once more.

URC Chapel Services

4 June - Whit Sunday 9.30 Led by Angus Gent

18 June - 1st Sunday after Trinity 9.30 Led by Angus Gent

Sarah Scott writes: There was a good turn out at the Annual Meeting of the Village in May. A number of topics were discussed and many groups and organisations made presentations. The minutes are on the Parish Council website. Thank you all for coming along and supporting your Parish Council.

Village Fun Day: SAVE THE DATE! Saturday 15 July 2017

Fun and games for all ages with teas, tombola, bouncy castle, dog show, and lots more! To get involved contact Emily 836257 or Islay 838194

Women's Institute

20 June 7.30pm

Medical Detection Dogs

With Trina Knowles

Visitors Welcome - call Angela 837353

MOBILE LIBRARYWednesday 7 June, from 2:10 pm
until 2:40 pm at the Church.**A MESSAGE FROM SIMON AND OLLIE**

We left The Pheasant for the last time two weeks ago today (17 May) and went straight to our grand daughter in Manchester - we only got back last night

Whilst there we have opened all our cards and taken full stock of the leaving gifts the village have given us and are bowled over by the generosity and kindness shown.

We are truly sorry to have left Great Chishill but all good things have to come to an end and we would like to thank everybody for their kindness and support over all the years we were at The Pheasant.

Simon & Ollie

*Royston Choral Society brings**Music for a Summer Evening....*

.....to Chrishall Parish Church on Saturday 24 June 7.30 p.m. The choir – including several members from Chishill and nearby - is introducing supporters to their new Musical Director, Andrew O'Brien. Andrew's Heath Mount School won BBC Songs of Praise Choir of the Year in 2012, and he coached BBC Radio 2's Chorister of the Year 2013. This concert features guest choristers from Haileybury School, where Andrew now teaches. The programme features Stanford's lovely *Three Motets*, local composer Richard Prince's *Northumbrian Folk Song Suite*, Simon and Garfunkel's *Scarborough Fair*, medieval *Sumer is Icumen In*, *Over the Rainbow* - and more! Truly something for every taste. Wine and soft drinks available!

Tickets £12, concessions £9, school students £1 available from Jenny Leitch 07850 862199 / email jenny_leitch@btinternet.com

On line sales <https://bit.ly/RCSJun2017> and on the door.

More information? Go to www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk or ask any choir member.

Home security

Following the recent spate of burglaries and thefts in the village there was a good deal of discussion at the Parish Meeting about what we should do as a community. Many fine ideas were aired including the importance of circulating information of incidents, the need for a community group, greater security and the necessity for each of us to help look out for our neighbours and their property. If you have any thoughts, ideas or indeed you would like to join a 'neighbourhood task force' please do contact Angus Gent (angusgent@gmail.com) or Robin Dibblee (robin.dibblee@btinternet.com). Our aim is to bring the people of our community together to rid our village of crime.

BOWLS CLUB WINNERS CELEBRATE

Great Chishill's flourishing Bowls Club awarded prizes at their annual dinner in Royston. Top bowlers Jim Webb and Marlene Bates received their trophies from John Crawley.

**St Swithun's Church Appeal**

A huge thank you to all those who have been involved in any of the fundraising events over the past 6 weeks; the Ceilidh, the Good Id Fashioned Auction and the Mummies and Grannies pamper evening. These events together helped to raise over £2,500. Thank you, a magnificent effort.

Future events

July 22nd ~ Skylark Concert St Swithun's Church: an evening of popular Early 20th Century music, including *Georgia on my Mind*, *The Very Thought of You*, and other such classics from the four piece group.

Bishop Roger's Walk

Right Rev. Roger Morris, Area Bishop of Colchester, is planning to walk from East to West across the Episcopal Area starting on **Saturday 27 May**. The walk finishes in our Parish on **Thursday 1 June** at Great Chishill with the Bishop expected to arrive at St Swithun's church at 5pm.

To show our support, please join us from 4.15pm when we will be serving afternoon tea in the church to welcome the Bishop and his fellow walkers. We will be asking for donations which will be given to the Bishops's two charities, Beacon House (who provide a huge range of support services for the homeless) and Colchester Samaritans. Please do join us! More information from Erica in the Parish Office 837272

Silver surfer dates

June 6th 10.00-12.00 I-pad special
June 20th 10.00-12.00

CRICKET - JUNE FIXTURES

3rd ~ Home v Royston I
10th ~ Home v Fordham II ~ Vice Presidents and family day 3.30 tea and 6.30 BBQ
17th ~ Home v Saffron Walden III
24th ~ Away v Wilburton

Our thoughts and prayers are with our Club Chairman, Andrew Drury and his family as he recovers from a stroke.

BIN COLLECTIONS

	<u>Black</u>	<u>Blue & Green</u>
June	6	13
	20	27