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# The Chishills

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## NEW COUNCILLORS CHECK IN AT PARISH MEETING

It's all change in Chishill after the 3 May local elections. After a contested election, the first in years, we now have two new Parish Councillors – Jean Wiseman and Bob Hatt. In a surprise result, our previous PC Chair, James Coney, failed to win re-election by just 3 votes. He was thanked by the new Council for his hard work, especially for assuming the chair at short notice following Andrew Gardner's death. Susie Harrison, Neil Clements, John Ridge and new chairman Simon Dring were re-elected.\* New electoral boundaries meant the Chishills are now part of the District Council's Foxton ward, and we have inherited their independent councillor Deborah Roberts, who has represented Foxton for 24 years and won her seat by a large margin.

At the Annual Parish Meeting the PC Chair, Cllr Roberts and several village organisations all reported on their progress. Planning cropped up a couple of times; Cllr Roberts told us that the Local Plan, now 2 years late, was likely to be in place during June, which will greatly ease the pressures on the system from speculative developers. Then a question was raised about the survey completed by villagers in connection with Broomhall's plans to develop land on Hall Lane. The project seemed to have stalled, and the developers would not say what the survey revealed about villagers' attitudes; "The results cannot be shared yet" they had said, which led to a complaint from the floor that Broomhall were keeping the PC and the village in the dark. But good news was on hand from the Windmill Trust, Fowlmere School, the Youth Club and Playgroup, the Village Hall and the Playing Fields association, which were all in good shape – though the school needed more pupils on the roll to ensure its long term survival.

*\*The Newsletter hopes to tell readers more about who their Parish Councillors are, in a new monthly series starting in July.*

### 'Serenade to Music'

Royston and District Choral Society's next concert on Saturday 30 June at Barkway Parish Church, 7.30 pm features 'A Sprig of Thyme', a medley of English folk songs arranged by John Rutter. The concert includes Vaughan Williams's 'Serenade to Music' and Gospel Choruses arranged by Ken Burton, familiar to BBC Songs of Praise viewers. Join us in beautiful Barkway for a wander down a rustic memory lane, or to discover these melodies for the first time.

Tickets £12 (concessions £9, school students £1) from choir members, or at <https://bit.ly/RCSJun2018>, or from Caroline Franks – 01920 822723 [caroline.franks@rf152.co.uk](mailto:caroline.franks@rf152.co.uk),

## CHURCH APPEAL: 'NEARLY THERE'

The Church Appeal Committee has announced that the work on St Swithun's tower is nearly complete. The installation of the new disabled access toilet is going well. The contractors needed a diamond drill to make holes through the 1.5 metre thick flint wall for water and waste, and also to improve ventilation. The last stage is to lay pipework through the churchyard to connect to the mains water and sewerage in the road at the churchyard gate, and dig a soakaway so rainwater doesn't accumulate at the base of the tower, and cause more dampness.

Rosemary Gadian of the Appeal Committee told the Newsletter: "Everything should be finished by the end of July - so the scaffold will be coming down in early June – hooray! We will have an Open Evening to celebrate project completion - so watch this space for more details! To complement the tower repair and installation of water and a loo, we would like to focus future fundraising on installing a kitchenette and servery area and creating a welcoming, accessible space for all the community to use - for events, activities and meetings. Then our village icon will have facilities suitable for the 21st Century."

Angus Gent added: "If you are not joining us at the Ball but would like to feel a part of the event, we will be selling raffle tickets for top class prizes, we will take bids in advance for the Auction of Promises. You will certainly be badgered about guessing the quantity of drink in the Ridgeons sponsored Barrow of Booze! If you or your business would like to sponsor any part of the evening, we would be thrilled to discuss it. Please contact Angus at [angusgent@gmail.com](mailto:angusgent@gmail.com)."

The Church Appeal Committee said: "We are hugely indebted to everyone for so generously supporting the various events we have held over the past 3 years – thank you. The income, plus a grant of £225,700 from Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has enabled the tower to be repaired, if somewhat slowly. The Victorian re-building of the tower in the 1890's didn't use the right materials so much more repair work has been needed than expected. HLF has generously given us a further £29,500, towards these extra costs, the Jack Patston Charitable Trust has given £3,000, and we will contribute around £16,000."



You are invited to

# Great Chishill Open Gardens




In aid of St Swithun's Church

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June

### 2pm-5pm

Entrance £5 (children free)

Refreshments will be served at Rectory Farmhouse from 3pm



## Family Fun Day

Saturday 30th June 2 - 5pm  
Gt Chishill Playing Fields

An afternoon of family fun featuring Wobbly Waynes castles and games, face-painting, tombola, teas & refreshments.

All proceeds to Gt Chishill Playground Fund

Contact Emily 836257 or Wayne 07807 656500

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
Takes place on  
**12 JULY, 7.30pm IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
Parish Council meetings are open to all parishioners!

**SECURITY** - Villagers signed up for the Early Alert Scheme now number 65 residents. The Wealthy Anonymous Donor funding the Security Lottery has decided to move his support to the Wine & Crime Evening on 26 October.

**NEXT MONTH'S NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Saturday 23 June**

**Great Chishill Cricket Club**

Welcome to the new season of Great Chishill Cricket Club. Exciting times as we now have a new club flag, which will be flying at home games. We warmly invite you to support the club, whether as a 'boundary side expert', tea lady, scorer, groundsman or indeed player.

It was with great sadness that we said farewell to Les Wright who was 'given out' for the final time in November. He was an incredibly keen player and supporter of the club. We paid our due respect to Les and his family with a minute's silence before the first game of the season. So far this season we have had two losses and a winning abandonment but hope to build on a recent positive loss!

**Games in June:**

2nd ~ Home V Ashwell

9th ~ Home V Audley End

16th ~ Home V Girton

17th ~ Lads and Lasses V Mums and Dads starting at 1.30

23rd ~ Home V Horseheath ~ Vice Presidents & families day

30th ~ Away V Saffron Walden

For the President, Vice-Presidents and families day there will be a special tea, we do hope that many will join us at about 4.00 for tea, followed by a BBQ after the game at about 7.30, weather permitting! You will be most welcome to join us, please do bring families and friends. The Lasses and Lads V Mums and Dads game on Sunday 17th is a parish wide event, open to all, it would be lovely to have representatives from all of the villages within the parish, older or younger!

Please don't hesitate to contact Angus for any further details on the club or any of our events at [angusgent@gmail.com](mailto:angusgent@gmail.com).

**DEFIBRILLATOR CONNECTED**  
The village's AED (defibrillator) is now connected to the emergency services network, so is now fully operational. It's on the end wall of the Pavilion

**BIN COLLECTIONS**

	Black	Blue & Green
June	5	12
	19	26

**Women's Institute**  
19 June at 7.30

Fran Saltmarsh will give a talk entitled "Crinolines, Corsets and Camisoles" Visitors welcome - phone Angela - 01763 837353.

**United Reformed Chapel and Schoolroom**  
**Services in the URC**  
Sunday 3 June 6.00pm ~ Evening Service  
Sunday 17 June ~ no service  
There will be no services in the chapel during the months of July and August.

**The Link Joint Service**  
We had a wonderful joint service led by Ben Palmer on 20 May, preceded by the Christian Aid Big Breakfast, enjoyed by 23 early birds. We were joined by other church-goers from the linked pastorate for the service. Ben thoughtfully linked Pentecost to the joint service hosting members from each of the Link Pastorate churches and the importance of Christian Aid Week. Thanks to the wonderful generosity of everyone at the service we will be sending a cheque for over £200 to the charity.

**The Film Club**  
The season came to a close with a typical Peruvian supper, enjoyed by a full house, including teddy bear

marmalade sandwiches and marmalade bread and butter pudding! Before the showing of Paddington 2, Kleenex tissues were available! The next season starts on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Silver Surfers**  
There will be no internet cafe or Silver Surfers in June, July or August, but they will be back in September. We are so grateful to Kathey West for her kind and informative teaching and mentoring. We look forward to seeing you in September. If you would like to know more about the Surfers please contact Tess ([tessgent@gmail.com](mailto:tessgent@gmail.com)).  
We are so grateful to everyone who supported any event in the Chapel or Schoolroom this year, there has always been a lovely atmosphere and warm fellowship, both key ingredients for a happy village life. We always welcome new faces, and not just those from Great Chishill.  
The Chapel and garden will be open during the village Open Gardens on Sunday 10th June, please do come along and enjoy the garden and the views.