



The Chishills

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ELITE CYCLING IN GREAT CHISHILL

The village was treated to a fantastic display of top class women's cycling on May 24th, as hundreds of the finest women's cyclists in the world sped through Great Chishill on the first day of the three-day Ford Ride London Classique cycling race.

The sun shone and our villagers lined Heydon Road and Barley Road to watch the cyclists come through.



EXPLORE THE WINDMILL

The windmill will be open to visitors again this summer, usually two Sundays a month from 10 am to 4 pm. June open days are Sunday 2nd and Sunday 16th. All visitors will be shown around by a guide and there is no specific charge for a tour. However, we are very grateful for donations which will help to keep the mill in the condition you now see it.



30 YEARS OF ROYSTON & DISTRICT COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

2024 is our 30th anniversary. Back in 1992 the Secretarial team at Royston Health Centre were concerned about those patients without access to transport who struggle to get to their hospital appointments. They decided to recruit a team of volunteer drivers, using their own cars, to transport these patients. In 1994, having grown in size, they moved to Royston Hospital and became Royston Community Transport.

RCT then merged with the Melbourn & Meldreth car scheme, changing its name to Royston & District Community Transport. Later they added in Duxford, Shepreth and Chrishall, along with additional areas of North & East Hertfordshire, South Cambridgeshire, and a bit of Essex. In 2008 RDCT became a registered charity.

In 2020 RDCT was going strong, with a client list of approximately 1,000 people, averaging nearly 50 bookings a day, when Covid arrived, resulting in an immediate reduction in journeys.

We survived and adapted, under the leadership of our late Chairman Dr John Hedges, along with the trustees, who take on various unpaid roles, and just three part-time staff, plus a part-time bus driver, and of course our invaluable volunteer drivers who cover around 120,000 miles per year!

We continue to provide affordable transport, and prioritise all types of medical appointments, however we also take people to day centres and on other journeys, if they have no other means of getting to their appointments, for whatever reason. We also have two wheelchair accessible vehicles, which we use daily.

We receive funding from Hertfordshire and Cambridgeshire Councils, as well as Melbourn & Meldreth, Royston and some Parish Councils, and Thriplow Daffodil weekend (whom we drive for). We also run a monthly lottery, have had a Christmas Raffle, and have been supported by M&S, the Co-op, the Masons, and are the 2024 charity of The Royston Runners. We also receive donations from many kind individuals, all of which are greatly appreciated.

If you would like to know more about becoming a volunteer driver, please contact us; we are flexible on days and times.

If you need help getting to medical appointments etc, please contact the office to pre-book transport, between 9am – 3pm, Monday to Friday.

info@roytrans.co.uk 01763 245228

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

In June a temporary pink bin will arrive next to the trade waste bin in the Village Hall Car Park. The Pink Bin is specifically designed for electrical waste. The bin will be with us for a month and hopefully we can schedule additional times when it can be in situ in the future.

What kind of small electrical items can be recycled?

Anything up to 29cm in its largest dimension, which has a plug, battery or cable. If batteries are removeable, take these out and recycle them separately. Some examples of suitable items include:

- Kettles, toasters, sandwich toasters, stick blenders
- Games consoles, DVD players
- Hand-held vacuum cleaners, electric toothbrushes
- Mobile phones, tablets and smart devices
- Cables and headphones
- Printers and scanners
- Laptops, keyboards and IT accessories

Please note that smoke detectors, light bulbs, e-cigarettes, batteries, paints, chemicals or aerosols are not accepted in these banks.

Visit the Parish Council website at:

www.greatchishillpc.com

To contact the Parish Council:

clerk@greatchishillpc.com



GREAT CHISHILL OPEN GARDENS

In aid of St Swithun's Church



Sunday 2nd June 12 noon to 5 pm

Entrance £5 per person (children free).

Maps, programme and refreshments are available from St Swithun's Church.

NORTHERN LIGHTS

The whole country was privileged to view a wonderful exhibition of the Aurora Borealis last month. We had clear skies during a period of unusually violent solar activity and this caused the display many of us saw. What I didn't know at the time was that the lights were better viewed through a camera lens or a recent smart phone, which can more easily pick up the images than the retina of the human eye. This amazing picture of the windmill is courtesy of John Goodwin, who supplied it to the Royston Crow.



GREAT CHISHILL CRICKET CLUB RESULTS:

May 4th - Away versus Helions Bumpstead

Match cancelled, wet pitch.

May 11th - Home versus Barley

Great Chishill won by 5 wickets

J Piper 47. A Gent 3-5

May 18th - Away versus Harlton

Great Chishill won by 4 wickets

J Piper 50 not out.

A Cockerton 3-1. C Bond 3-31

£20/ADULT (EARLY BIRD £17.50) ★ FREE FOR ACCOMPANIED CHILDREN
MUSIC PROVIDED BY THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY CELDRICH BAND
Fundraiser for the Bells of St Swithuns

FRIDAY 12 JULY 2024

SUMMER BARN DANCE →

Great Chishill Village Hall
7.15PM

Live Band ★ Tex-Mex Buffet ★ Ice Cream Van ★ Bar ★ Sideshow Games
Tickets from white.night@btinternet.com

BIN DAYS - JUNE

Tue 4 Blue & Green
Tue 11 Black
Tue 18 Blue & Green
Tue 25 Black

United Reformed Church

Sunday June 2nd
Evening service at 6 pm
led by Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday June 16th
Morning service at 9.30 am
led by Reverend Sue Fender

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday June 2nd 9.00 am
BCP Holy Communion Service

St Swithun's

Sunday June 23rd 10.45 am
Family Worship

Sunday June 30th 10.00 am
Combined Communion Service