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GRIST TO THE MILL



If you haven't yet filled in your opinion slips, there is still time to post them in the green box on the side of the bus shelter. Your ideas are sought; this is not a referendum where numbers count. Please don't forget that all residents with concerns are welcome at Parish Council meetings. The next one is on Wednesday, 9th March at 7.30 in the meeting room of the village hall.

In the meantime, faced with an obdurate County Council and national cuts, the Parish Council is seeking help from bodies such as English Heritage who are more than aware of the state of the mill and have experience in financing the upkeep of such buildings. There has never been a question of the Parish Council's acquiring the wind mill. Unfortunately, the County Council is making heavy cuts in all sectors and wind mills don't get a look in.

THE LOCK UP

This old building has recently been re-pointed and made water tight.

Keep up to date by looking at the minutes from PC meetings on its website

www.greatchishillpc.com

CHISHILL YOUTH CLUB

As of the new financial year, our Youth Club will no longer receive funding from the County Council. They have cut a £3 million youth budget by £1 million and do not have the money to provide any regular open access clubs, such as Chishill, on top of the "targeted" work.

The Parish Council's £1,000 grant is only sufficient to fund one youth worker for a limited number of weeks a year, yet any more given to the Youth Club would mean that the youth of the village would be receiving a disproportionate amount of money. There is external funding available for things such as equipment but not salaries; money for icing but not for cake.

The Youth Club Committee, in a changing minefield of finance, is looking to joint-funding with Melbourn and its surrounding villages.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday, 9th March at 7.30
in the meeting room of the
village hall.
ALL WELCOME

**Meldreth, Shepreth and
Foxton Rail User Group:
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**
7:30 pm on March 8th at
Melbourn Village College (main
entrance) - please come along
just to listen, or to take part.
This is a great opportunity to
get answers to any questions
you may have.

GREAT CHISHILL BELL RINGERS SLOE GIN COMPETITION RESULTS



The hedgerows were brimming with sloes last Autumn so there were plenty of entries with over

40 samples to be tasted by the eager judges who awarded the following:

Nouveau 1st Stella Russell (pictured) 2nd Neil Heywood, 3rd Peter Wiseman, **Vintage** 1st Peter Wiseman, 2nd Marlene Bates, 3rd Ben Palmer, **Ringers' Delight** 1st Bob Hatt, 2nd John Crawley, 3rd Neil Heywood. **Presentation** 1st Maggie Last, 2nd Peter Homent, 3rd Phil Maynard.

The evening was hosted by Peter and Jean Wiseman when everybody enjoyed themselves raising £264 for the Bell Restoration Fund.



MOBILE
LIBRARY
TIMETABLE

2th Friday in the month
11th March 8th April
The Church 13.25 - 14.05

MELBOURN LIBRARY OPENING TIMES

Monday, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Friday:
14.30 - 16.30
Thursday: 17.00 - 19.00
Saturday: 10.00 - 12.00



TICKETS SELLING FAST!!!!
DUXFORD SATURDAY WORKSHOP
JAZZ BAND

in Great Chishill Village Hall
Saturday 12 March at 19.30
 Bar and Raffle

Tickets £10, including supper, from
 the Church Office: 837272

BARKWAY BEATEN AT BOWLS

Chishill's carpet bowls club members played a home match against Barkway on 10th February and were victorious 5 - 2 with 2 matches halved.

THIEVES TARGETING
POWER TOOLS

Private garages and business in Foxton, Melbourn, Bassingbourn and Guilden Morden have been broken into when thieves took mainly power tools.

You are advised to put your post code and name on these items to deter thieves and keep your garage doors locked!

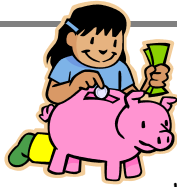


COMING SOON
THE GREAT SAUSAGE
LUNCH

Saturday 2nd April
 from 12.00
 at Great Chishill Village Hall
 In aid of the Children's
 Christmas Party.
 All very welcome
 Look out for further details.

ROTARY SWIMATHON

The five members of the Rotary team managed 82 lengths of the Royston pool, about which they are modestly pleased. If you pledged support, now is the time to make good your pledge. Neil Heywood's own supporters have pledged over £120.



SAVE THE
CHILDREN

hosted a memorable and really enjoyable Burns' Night Supper at Barley Town House recently. Thank you to all those who supported this and helped to raise almost £1680; a very generous contribution from a small community.

DISABLED CHILDREN'S
ACCESS TO CHILDCARE

The Cambridgeshire County Council Disabled Children's Access to Childcare (DCATCH) project is aimed at supporting parents/carers of disabled children in accessing suitable childcare; enabling them the chance of returning to employment and/or training. It is part of the Cambridgeshire Childcare Information Service (CIS).

The aim of the project is to work closely with parents, childcare providers and professionals, embedding the principles of DCATCH; ensuring inclusion into early years and childcare settings for all. A referral service to parents shows where to go for support and guidance with their childcare options via the Childcare Brokerage Service.

Once a family is identified we can then, through the CIS Childcare Brokerage Service, enquire about suitable childcare. This will include information on provision of childcare from providers, funding options, costs, specialist care and specialist facilities, if required by the provider.

The DCATCH project provides a service to families, which is free of charge and completely impartial. If you would like further information on DCATCH then please ring 0845 04 54 014 and ask for Denis Green or send an email to denis.green@opportunitylinks.co.uk

From our County Councillor:
THE STATE OF THE
WINDMILL

Thanks to those residents who've been in touch recently with concerns about the state of the windmill, and particularly the County Council's responsibility for its condition as owner of this listed building. I would like to bring residents up-to-date in terms of the County's role, and will include this item in my report to the next meeting of the parish council.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any specific questions or information you'd like me to include.

You can reach me on
 Tel 261833, or

susanvandeven@yahoo.co.uk.

Susan van de Ven
 County Councillor

ROYSTON CHORAL SOCIETY
CONCERT a rich mix!

Saturday 26 March
 Melbourn Parish Church 7.30pm
 Tickets - £8, £7 concessions
 and £2 for under 16s - Details
 from Heather Howard 01763
 249058.

BIN COLLECTIONS

Black **Green & Blue**

March **04**

11 **18**

25

April **01**