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STELLA IS A STAR: NEW JUDGES, SAME WINNER



Great Chishill Bell Ringers' 2012 Sloe Gin competition was held at Hall Farm on 18th February. Stella Russell triumphed again with her Nouveau Sloe Gin. We had a completely new set of judges this year which just proves Stella's talent! Don Leitch won the Vintage section and new contender, Liz Halliday won the miscellaneous 'Ringers' Delight' with her delicious Wild Damson Vodka. Bob Hatt took the honours for presentation with his *Dynamite*. The Bell Ringers would like to thank everyone who took the trouble to make sloe gin and all those other fruit liqueurs. Without you we could not have this competition which has raised so much for our funds since 1998. Thanks are due too to our three brave new judges, to Peter & Jean Wiseman for their hospitality and to everyone who came along and helped us raise £300 for our Refurbishment Phase 2 fund.

Look out for the
YOUTH CLUB
APRIL RE-LAUNCH

RING FOR THE JUBILEE AND OLYMPICS

'Resting' ringers who would like to get back in shape to ring for the Queen's historic Diamond Jubilee, and to mark the London Olympics are welcome to come along and practise with us Wednesdays 8.00pm at St Swithun's. Please contact Jean Wiseman on 838263.

EXCLUSIVELY DESIGNED T SHIRTS, POLO & SWEAT SHIRTS

2012 commemorative T, polo and sweatshirts, designed by



Bob Hatt are on sale in aid of the Bells' Refurbishment. An order form can be copied or downloaded from the Great Chishill village website.
<http://www.greatchishill.org.uk>

PARISH CLERK'S UPDATE

The dead tree in May Street has been removed by contractors when the road had to be temporarily closed. The tree itself was very dangerous and was literally being held up by ivy. The dead tree on the Plaistow has also been cut down.

Chalky Walk

The work on Chalky Walk is happening at the moment and it looks as though a good job is being done.

The white lines which went 'missing' after the resurfacing work in the summer have been repainted.

The B1039 will be closed

for 5 weeks at some point between March and May between Great Chishill and Barley. I have put the traffic order on the PC website. Road diversion signs will be in place. This is due to essential repairs to the culvert between the two villages.

Tennis Club Quiz Night at Barley Town House

Saturday March 10th 7.30
for 8pm
Bar open from 7.30pm

Tables of 8 per team (can be arranged on night)

Supper will be served

Tickets available at
£8.50 from:

Carole Turner 848713
Chris Kowalski 848039
Betty Crowther 838668

SAVE THE CHILDREN BURNS' NIGHT SUPPER

Around £1600 was made on this enjoyable occasion.

VISIT YOUR GREAT CHISHILL WEBSITE!!!

See what's happening, will happen and has happened in our villages, great and little. Advertise events, send in your photos and learn about clubs in the village! Visit:
<http://www.greatchishill.org.uk>

CHRIS BATES' HITCH-HIKING HEN

One of Chris's hens was in the news in early February when she took a round trip of more than 100 miles to Norfolk and back on the outside of a farm truck stowing away on a lorry collecting beans from his farm. The chicken was spotted on the truck battery box. Chris is reported to have said, "It's amazing. Perhaps she thinks she's a battery hen." Seemingly, Norfolk had nothing to offer.

WINDMILL UPDATES VIA ITS WEBSITE

www.greatchishillwindmill.com

There are now 90 Friends of the Windmill, many who have offered their skills including Millers, Millwrights, Carpenters, Expert in Property and Law, along with people who just want to help. Nice if you could sign in and become a friend too as you will then get automatic updates via email. *Jim Brearley*

A CELEBRATION OF SPRING

Join the Royston Choral Society in Holy Trinity church in Chrishall for a celebration of spring on March 17th at 8pm.

Tickets are £10 (£8 concessions and £1 'still at school'), available on the door. For further information contact Heather Howard, tel: 01763 249058 mob: 07970739249.

HEYDON & GT CHISHILL WI

20th March: Annual Meeting
25th March: Sport Relief Mile

MOBILE LIBRARY

TIMETABLE

2nd Friday in the month
9th March, 13th April
The Church 13.25 - 14.05



GREAT CHISHILL SPORT RELIEF MILE

Sunday 25th March

The Great Chishill Playing Fields Sport Relief Mile has raised thousands of pounds in the past for Sport Relief. As this is our Olympic year, we really want to make it really special and our best effort to date so we really need your help.

Please visit www.sportrelief.com and enter the Great Chishill Playing Field Mile Event. Why not enter as team or family and in fancy dress? All ages can take part. The emphasis on the day is all about fun.

You choose if you want to enter 1, 3 or 6 miles; you can walk, jog, amble or run your distance over our scenic course. If you are unable to register online you can register on the day.

FROM OUR COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Susan van de Ven

ELECTRIC CAR RECHARGING POINTS IN CAMBRIDGE

If you have an electric car which you'd like to recharge in Cambridge, please see <http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/cm/content/transport-and-streets/car-parks/electric-car-recharging.en>

BIN COLLECTION HELP

Anyone who has difficulty getting their bins out to the collection point due to any kind of infirmity can ask for advice from their district councillor. Please contact Jose and he will be happy to help.

BUS PETITION

Susan has launched a petition against the county council's decision to cut all bus subsidies: http://epetition.cambridgeshire.public-i.tv/epetition_core/view/Buses. If you would like a paper copy of the petition, ask Susan and she will drop one by. Community transport providers are telling us that the tightening up of NHS Patient Transport criteria has put extra pressure on their services, and that subsidized buses are a key component in a joined-up rural transport network. The full story is at <http://susanvandeven.mycouncilor.org.uk/briefing-note-bus-cuts-and-next-steps/>

NEW 101 NUMBER FOR ALL NON-EMERGENCY CALLS.



At the end of March the old 0345 number will fall out of use. Be vigilant of a telephone scam requesting bank details and claiming entitlement to a bank refund and then threatening to black list their account. Never disclose personal information such as bank account details over the phone.

BIN COLLECTIONS



Black	Green & Blue
March	
02	09
16	23
30	
April	07 Sat