

SLOE GIN SMILES



AND THE WINNERS

WERE..... Nouveau: 1st Chris Cartwright, 2nd Neil Heywood, 3rd Clive Williams; **Vintage** 1st Neil Heywood, 2nd Peter Wiseman, 3rd equal Stella Russell and the Maynards; **Ringers Delight:** 1st & 2nd Stella Russell, 3rd Neil Heywood; **Presentation:** Stella Russell. **The event raised £260 for the Bell Fund.**

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE MEETING

Annual Meeting 17 March at 7.30 pm
United Reformed Church, Barley Rd

WINDMILL TRUST NEWS

A new tarpaulin has been erected over the windmill. Thanks to everyone who turned up on a cold and windy day to help!



This Spring/Summer we will start to see some activity as the Mill renovation will commence. As the Mill is a Listed Building it would appear that most of the works will need Listed Building Consent unless they are basic running repairs. **We are looking for a volunteer, preferably with knowledge of Listed Building Consent/Planning, or someone with attention to detail skills, to help us as the current team have limited knowledge of this aspect.** Please contact: Jim Brearley e.mail:

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St Swithun's library

Did you know that Great Chishill has its very own lending library? It's in St Swithun's church, at the cross roads. We want this to be a community library for everyone in the village, so do please feel free to come in and browse, borrow a book to enjoy, and return it when you have finished, or maybe leave another one instead.

The church is open every day, from 7.30 am to around 4.30 pm in winter, and a bit later in summer. We have over 300 books - fiction, non-fiction, travel, biography, reference - something for everyone. Find them at the back of the church as you come in, with more on the other side. The plastic cover is to protect them from the bats! Please replace it when you leave. Happy reading!

Rosemary Gadian (St Swithun's DCC)

Royston Choral Society Conducted by Richard Prince A CONCERT OF CHORAL SURPRISES

Saturday 14th March 7.30 pm
St Swithun's Church, Great Chishill

Royston Choral Society's March concert is in support of the Appeal Fund for St Swithun's Church, Great Chishill. The programme ranges from the Bach Sanctus in D to contemporary composer, Will Todd's, The Lord is My Shepherd. With Northumbrian Folk Songs, Victorian Ballads and twentieth century favourites like Bridge Over Troubled Water and Fields of Gold, there will be something for everyone.

Concert tickets (£12 - Concessions £9 - school students £1) are available from Royston Library, choir members, St Swithun's Appeal Committee (contact details below) and on the door.

Since the Appeal was launched in Summer 2014 more than £11,000 has already been raised towards the £50,000 needed to start work on the most urgent repairs. Further events are planned including a Summer Ball (June 20th) Music Quiz Night, a long distance cycle ride from Winchester, St Swithun's last resting place, to Great Chishill, Parish Cricket Tournament, Rugby World Cup events and more. Suggestions and offers of help welcome!

For more information on the church restoration, to request tickets or make a donation



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For further information about the choir go to the website

www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk

or call Jenny Leitch 837073 or

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SNIPPETS

Marathon Runner? Are you running in the London Marathon this year? If so please let us know, and we'll feature you and your good cause in the April Newsletter.

Phone Box The other day I met a young lady from BT Openreach working in the derelict phone box. She has replaced most of the broken panes and wired up a new handset. She'll now ask BT to restore the line (but no promises!) Does anyone fancy getting together to give the box a lick of paint? It's a sad sight right now.

Great Chishill Cricket Club

All ages and experience welcome. Drop into our weekly indoor net sessions on Thursday evenings from 8-9pm for a pre-season practise. Venue is Burloes Farm, SG8 9NE, just off the B1039 between Barley and Royston.

We play in CCA Junior League 2 South and fixtures start in early May. Full details at gchishill.play-cricket.com or contact Adam Wright on 07917 893148.



20 Feb -Nearly finished!

BIN COLLECTIONS

Black Blue & Green

MAR	6	13 (B&G)
	20	27 (B&G)
APR	3	10 (B&G)

Christmas Card Competition 2015!

We are looking for winter scenes of Great Chishill. It could be a photograph, drawing or painting no larger than A4. Categories are age 7-11, 12-18 and 18+. Entries will be accepted from 1 January – 31 March (entrance fee 50p) with the winning six entries being turned into the Great Chishill 2015 Christmas card pack.

The cards will go on sale towards the end of the year with proceeds going to the St Swithun's Appeal. You can collect an entry form from the church or print one off from the Great Chishill Website www.greatchishill.org.uk

GREAT CHISHILL WINDMILL TRUST

Unfortunately, due to the closure for renovation of the Great Chishill Village Hall, the Meeting planned for 14th March, 2014 had to be postponed. Please note the new date:

2.00 pm - 5.00 pm Saturday 13th June 2015
Windmill Meeting and Children's Art Competition

Come and meet the Trustees and Committee
 Millwright on hand to answer questions
 Displays and photos! Prizes and surprises!

Sample cream teas (scones from milled flour) and local made jam
 More information and details of Children's Art Competition to follow
www.greatchishillwindmill.com

Rector Andy Colebrooke writes: Did you know that the Parish has two Facebook pages to visit and enjoy? See what we have got by clicking on the links below:

[The Parish of the Icknield Way Villages](#) and
[Great Chishill Church](#)

Both will keep you up-to-date with much that is happening in the parish including all the exciting events surrounding the St. Swithun's Appeal.

If you are a Facebook user please 'like' us and share us with your friends.

From our County Councillor

Gritting: Last month I rode the gritting lorry round through Chishill and Heydon; also through several other S. Cambs villages. It was evident that the driver knew Chishill like the back of his hand and was very aware of the exceptional conditions that produce icy roads. Specialized technology means that the Chishills and Heydon receive about three times the rate of salt spreading that occurs in villages of the Cam Valley. The drivers are the primary source of information and intelligence when it comes to any rethinking of routes due to budget constraints, and I can only say what strong advocates they are for small villages with colder temperatures and more ice on the roads.

Council Tax: An increase of 1.99% in council tax was voted through the County Council meeting earlier this month. It is not enough to prevent massive cuts that continue due to a reduction in overall government revenue support grants.

Community and bus transport: The 'Cambridgeshire Future Transport' project overseeing the bus subsidy cuts is being reconfigured yet again, though now with a much stronger remit to consider overlapping interests with adult social care, health and education transport to explore synergies.

Broadband extension: Please be warned that where Superfast Broadband roll-out has occurred, there have been anomalies. In Meldreth, two substantial developments (12 houses and 24 houses) were left out. The Council has acquired additional government funding to address these anomalies though we don't yet know the details.

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