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# The Chishills

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## Elections

Parish Council elections are to be held (if contested) on 3 May. Your Parish Council currently has 6 Councillors representing Great Chishill and 1 representing Little Chishill.

If you feel you would like to stand for election, please contact Jo Cox, the Electoral Services Officer at SCDC for a nomination pack. If you would like to find out more about what your Parish Council does and can do, please contact Sarah Scott or James Coney or visit our website [www.greatchishillpc.com](http://www.greatchishillpc.com)

## Indian Evening

Saturday 10 March 7.00 pm in Great Chishill Village Hall.

Tickets £15 per person, or £7.50 for age 12 and under, from Erica in the Church Office on 837272 or [iwp.parishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:iwp.parishoffice@gmail.com)

Enjoy Indian Food and dancing. Licensed bar

**Raising funds for Youth and Children's Ministry in our Parish**

On Sunday 4 March, after the village hall service, second hand saris and kurta pyjamas will be available to try on and buy for a donation to the youth fund.

## St Swithun's Tower Progress

The builders, Bakers of Danbury, have now stripped off all the old render and re-pointed inside the two lower tower chambers – what an improvement! They are now working on the outside. So far they have removed 12 tons of failed lime mortar and cement render probably put there in Victorian times. On the South face they can see where the tower was rebuilt after its collapse, also using inappropriate materials. In many areas they have found separation of the face from the tower core, meaning more extensive re-building work will be needed when the weather is warmer. That will cost more money, so we are looking at the impact on the budget, and how to meet the additional costs. The builders are doing a good job despite adverse weather - St Swithun's is probably the highest building in East Anglia and there is a persistent, biting wind. The weather and illness have delayed the project, it's currently 2 months behind schedule, so the scaffolding will be up for several more weeks yet.



Ro Drake

## Windmill Progress

The last twelve months have been magnificent for both fundraising and restoration work. The local community and Friends of the Windmill donated over £16,000 to purchase cedar weatherboarding. This, together with our other fundraising and the involvement of our Parish Council, convinced Historic England and SPAB that the community was serious about restoring our windmill, leading to the award of grants of £79,000 and £29,000 respectively. Our millwrights have now made all structural timbers sound; new weatherboarding and roof protection has been fitted; and volunteers have restored the trestle and sails. The front, horizontal weatherbeam that takes the weight of the sail assembly was in danger of falling out - which would have seen the sails crash to the ground. It has been replaced! Our major project for 2018 is to restore the mechanism that drives the tail carriage around a track. This will allow the mill to turn into wind automatically, a sight not seen since the 1950s!

David McKeown



## An Evening with Palsarillas

FUN AND LAUGHTER

Sarah Harrison & Ros Holbrow

Chishill Village Hall Friday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2018 7:00

Finger Food Refreshments

Tickets £10.00 Licensed Bar & Raffle

Bookings by Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018 to:

Marlene - 01763 838244 or Elaine - 01763 838781

In support of St Nicholas Church Little Chishill Fabric

## Do you have an interesting garden?

Judy Saunders is looking for volunteers in Great Chishill to open their gardens, large or small, for an afternoon, to benefit St. Swithun's.

**Chishill Open Gardens will take place on Sunday 10th June from 2.00 - 6.00 pm.**

If anybody is interested would they contact Judy by phone 838571 or email [jrs2@btinternet.com](mailto:jrs2@btinternet.com)

## CEILIDH

Dancing to the Cambridge University Celidh Band

**FRIDAY 20 APRIL**

1900-2300

Great Chishill Village Hall

£15, supper included

Cash Bar, Raffle, lots of fun and frolics

Tickets available from Ro Gadian

[1drakeral@gmail.com](mailto:1drakeral@gmail.com) / 838343

This is a fundraising event held in aid of St Swithun's church restoration fund

### An evening of cocktails

Village folk were stirred but not shaken at the URC's Cocktail Evening held in in January. The school room was transformed into the smartest of cocktail bars, second only to the Ritz. An eclectic selection of cocktails was expertly mixed by Jeremy and Helen, and the ambience was enhanced by the silky voice of Maggie at the piano. The evening very much enjoyed by all and it is good to note that everyone returned home in one piece. £350 was added to church funds and we all look forward to it becoming an annual event.

## St Swithun's Midsummer Ball

**Saturday 16 June on the Playing  
Fields**

**Tickets £75 or early bird discount  
£65 before 1 April**

**Info and ticket sales:**

**[stswithunsball@gmail.com](mailto:stswithunsball@gmail.com) or phone**

**Claire 838100**

**Or Kathey 837285**



## 'At the Crossroads'

A concert to continue the appeal

### Nottingham Cathedral Choir

At St Swithun's Church, Great Chishill

Saturday 7 April at 7.30pm

Tickets £12 available from Tess

01763 838941 / [tessgent@gmail.com](mailto:tessgent@gmail.com)

*....it's our turn now to save our village  
for future generations.*

The Youth Club is having a busy and fun start to 2018. As usual there have been sports, games, cooking and tuck shop treats. We were pleased to welcome local Martial Arts teacher Chris Ellis in January and he ran a very popular fun and challenging Kung Fu and Kickboxing session. Our great thanks to Chris for his time and skills. Youth Club dates for this spring and summer are: March 6, 13, and 27 ;April 24, May 1. 8, and 22; June 5, 12, and 26; July 3 and 10.



For more  
details  
contact Emily  
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### Burns Night raises £2K

85 guests from far and wide attended the Little Chishill Church Burns Night celebrations in Great Chishill Village Hall on 26 January. Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who helped before and during the evening; also, to Peter Pirie, who held us spellbound with his renditions of a Toast to the Haggis and Tam O'Shanter. Following some enthusiastic dancing to Jump the Vortex, the event closed with Auld Lang Syne. With some generous donations, the evening raised £2,000 for Little Chishill Church Fabric Fund and a big thank you goes to all who supported the evening

### BIN COLLECTIONS

	Black	Blue & Green
Mar	6	
	13	20
	27	

### Women's Institute Annual Meeting

Tuesday 20 March at 7.30pm  
with reports and election of  
Committee and President.  
WI County Chairman Sally  
Kingman will be present.  
Visitors welcome- call Angela 837353

### United Reformed Chapel and Schoolroom

#### Services

†4 March at 9.30

†18 March at 9.30. This service will have a special dedication of a plaque to commemorate the life of Mike Livings and his commitment to the Chapel as a Member and Church secretary for many years.

†Easter Day, 1 April at 9.30 This service is the last service that Duncan Goldie will lead before he takes up his new post in Sherborne, Dorset.

#### Silver Surfers

6 March and 20 March 10.00-12.00  
Kathey is always happy to help with specific requirements, no question

about the world of computers and tablets is too small. New members are welcome, so come and give it a try!

#### Film Night

Tuesday 13 March 'The Zookeeper's Wife', a powerful and true story based in Poland during the Second World War.

#### The Great Village Litter Pick

25 March at 2.00 Help make the Chishills beautiful in time for Spring! Due to popular demand the URC is sponsoring a village litter pick. Gloves, bags, tea and cake will be provided! Just come along to the Chapel at 2.00pm to wander round Great Chishill and pick up rubbish so that we can all enjoy a litter free village. Prizes for the greatest amount collected and the most unusual object found!