

## APPEAL LEADER: 'LEND US YOUR SKILLS AND HELP RESTORE OUR CHURCH'

St Swithun's Appeal chairman, Angus Gent, called on villagers at an open meeting on 30 September to lend their expertise in planning the church's refurbishment. People with skills such as project management, building, plumbing, electrical and surveying are especially needed for their expert advice but everyone can help with ideas for ensuring the refurbished church becomes a great community asset. Rector Andy Colebrooke explained: "Its doors should be open to everyone and for many different purposes, as they always were in the past." St Swithun's belongs to us all, churchgoers or not.

Fundraising lead Ro Gadian reported that after its first year the Appeal was on target with £28,055 raised towards the £50,000 needed to strengthen its bid for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £250,000 - the projected cost of urgent repairs and improvements. An initial application, to fund detailed investigations by architects and engineers, will be submitted by mid-November. If that succeeds, a full application will have to be made within a year. Income from Gift Aid (forms available from committee), fundraising and trusts will give more scope to the refurbishment.

The Appeal welcomes ideas for fundraising activities. Jazz, Shakespeare, boot sales, a big band, and an arts festival and talent show are among proposals for 2016. But the project wants to hear the community's ideas. "St Swithun's really is at a crossroads" said Angus Gent. "To succeed, we must welcome everyone's input, because this lovely place belongs to us all, and now's the time for us all to do our bit to preserve it for our children and their children."



Ro Gadian at the open meeting

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

*Clerk to the Council Sarah Scott explains an important change in planning procedures*

At a recent South Cambridgeshire District Council planning meeting, the Parish Council raised the way in which some planning decisions were determined.

A few years ago there was a system called 'Chairman's Delegation' whereby any applications which were deemed 'controversial' were determined at a special planning meeting. This has now been abolished and replaced with the 'Planning Committee'. If a Parish Council recommends refusal, the application will now automatically go to the Planning Committee Meetings, which are held once a month. Prior to this, planning officers could make their own informed choice - which sometimes went against the Parish Council recommendations, without going to Committee. So, what does this mean?

The Planning Officer at South Cambridgeshire District Council said to us that if an applicant was going to make a 'controversial' planning application, such as a new build, then he would be happy if the applicant, in the first instance (if they wanted), presented their initial thoughts to the Parish Council prior to making a formal application. This way, the Parish Council could discuss any potential issues they may have with a planning application, and talk these through face to face with the applicant.

Applicants could also invite a member of the Parish Council to attend a pre-application meeting. Of course, the applicant is free to take or not take on board any suggestions, but at least they will have consulted with the Parish Council prior to making a formal application. When the Parish Council receives the application, then they will consider the plans in the normal way.

## CRAFTS IN THE BARN

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

AT LYNCHETS FARM, NEW ROAD,  
GREAT CHISHILL

Saturday 5 December 10am - 4pm

Local Crafts, Christmas Trees & Wreaths,  
Christmas Cakes,

Hot Dogs & Christmas Baking

Proceeds to: Great Chishill Windmill Trust and

St Swithun's Restoration Appeal

*Kindly supported by Tom and Ellie Mead*

Contact: Lindsay Crawley, Tel: 838897



## Hellraisers win Quiz Night !

Heydon Hellraisers beat Team Dog-Minion by just one point to win the musical quiz night in support of the St Swithun's Appeal. And there was just one point between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place!

Masterminded by Maggie Mather, questions covered a wide range of music featuring performances by Maggie with Lucy Maynard. The evening raised over £1,300 towards essential church repairs. Thanks to Maggie and Lucy, the Russells for running the bar, Elaine Knobel-Forbes for running the kitchen and all who kindly helped with cooking, raffle prizes, ticket sales and setting up. Look out for the King's Men concert in the church on 6 December!

## Senior Citizens

### Festive Tea

### Great Chishill

### Village Hall

### Tuesday 8 December

### at 3.30pm

### (No charge!)

### Please contact Janet

### 838301 if you would like to attend.



**Royston Choral Society brings  
Brahms 'A German Requiem'  
to Royston Parish Church  
Saturday 21 November 7.30 pm**

Under its BBC Awards-winning new conductor, Andrew O'Brien, Royston Choral Society's Autumn Concert features Brahms' hauntingly beautiful 'A German Requiem' in the rarely heard version for two pianos, meticulously fashioned by Brahms for the 1871 first performance in London. The choir is joined by two outstanding soloists from London, soprano Eli Rolfe Johnson and baritone Laurence Williams as well as choristers from Heath Mount School – BBC Choir of the year 2012!

Tickets £12 (Concession £9, School students £1) from choir members\*, Royston Library or at the door.  
\* Jenny 07850 862199 / Neil 848506

**POPPY LUNCH**  
**A fun lunch for all ages to raise money for the  
Royal British Legion and Children's Christmas  
Party.**

Sat 7 November 12-3pm Gt Chishill Village Hall  
Serving a hot lunch of Cottage Pie and Apple  
Crumble. Raffle & Cake Stall.



Adults £6, Children £3,  
Family Ticket £15 (2 adults, 2 children)  
Tickets from Islay 838194, Emily  
836257 or at Chishill Chimps on  
Thursday Mornings 10-12.

**Women's Institute**

Tuesday 17 November

A talk about Wildlife in the Garden  
with Barry Kauffman Wright

**'At the Crossroads'**



**The King's Men**

The Choral Scholars of King's College, Cambridge

At

St. Swithun's Church, Great Chishill

Sunday 6th December, 2015 at 7pm

Tickets available from

Tess Gent ~ 01763 838941

tessgent@gmail.com

Parish Office ~ 01763 837272

office@icknielldwayparish.com

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

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01763 838941 / 07721398642

**In aid of St Swithun's Church  
Appeal**

**Fire-Fighters visit Gt Chishill Youth Club**

Great Chishill's youth club were very excited to welcome a team of fire fighters from the Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service. Members were given a safety talk and reminded about the importance of keeping safe and not playing with matches/lighters. We were told how important it is that the fire service is available to attend real emergencies and not have their time taken up by nuisance fires.

After the talk the group were very excited to be given the opportunity to sit in the fire engine and find out the breathing equipment used to help keep fire fighters alive when tackling a blaze, the cutting equipment and the 'jaws of life'.

Before leaving the fire fighters reminded us about the importance of a smoke alarm, and how it needs to be tested weekly. If you do not have a smoke alarm, please contact the fire service who will be able to offer a home visit to supply and fit one for you free of charge. We asked many questions about the fire service, and were even told to **stop, drop and roll** if we ever found that our clothes were on fire. We are very grateful to Herts Fire Service for joining us during their own time with some very important safety messages.

\*On a final note, one in ten burns on children are from hair straighteners. Please ensure they are turned off and kept out of the reach of children.\*



**BIN COLLECTIONS**

	<u>Black</u>	<u>Blue &amp; Green</u>
Nov	6	13
	20	27
Dec	4	11