

# The Chishills

Edited by:
Will Parsons 07831 636719
wllprsns@gmail.com

Volume 15 Issue 8 November 2021

#### TWO MEDALS, LOST AND FOUND by Paul Buck

If you are looking at the war memorial on Remembrance Day, near the top you will see the name Arthur Harvey. Private Arthur Harvey of 2nd Battalion, The Bedfordshire Regiment, was killed in action on the Somme 11th July 1916. Whilst out metal detecting I found a lost school medal awarded to the 10-year-





old Arthur in 1907. The medal was issued by, and inscribed:
CAMBRIDGESHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL
EDUCATION
COMMITTEE, FOR
GOOD CONDUCT,

INDUSTRY AND PUNCTUAL ATTENDANCE. AWARDED TO ARTHUR HARVEY 1907. The

good news is that a descendant of the Harvey family, Andrew Drury, came forward and I was pleased to give the medal to him.

Coincidentally, a couple of months later in a different field, I found an almost identical medal awarded to Arthur's younger sister Grace in 1916, the year her older brother was killed in France.









#### **REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY**

The village Remembrance Day service will begin at the Great Chishill war memorial at 10.50 am on Sunday 14th November, and afterwards in St Swithun's. All are welcome.



#### **TOMBOLA PRIZES NEEDED**

Could you donate to the Bellringers' Tombola in aid of the St Swithun's Bell Restoration Project?



We will be holding a tombola at the Christmas Fair on December 4th and are looking for donations of

bottles suitable for adults as well as children's drinks and Christmas sweets or biscuits suitable for children. Your donation, however small, will be gratefully received as we strive to raise the last £30,000 needed. If you can help with a donation, please contact Helen white.night@btinternet.com or Phil maynardprojects@gmail.com. We can arrange collection, or you can drop off items at our houses.

<b>BIN DAYS - NOVEMBER</b>	
Blue/Green	<u>Black</u>
	2
9	16
23	30

#### **POST BOX COLLECTIONS**

In case you haven't noticed, Royal Mail have changed the collection times from the village post boxes. I don't think there was any consultation or prior



notification, but collection times are now shown as 9 am on weekdays (instead of late afternoon) and 7 am on Saturdays! The boxes are emptied by our local postman as he does his morning rounds, so collection times are usually midmorning, but you cannot guarantee having a letter collected if you post it after the times shown.

## Coffee Morning Wednesday 17 November 10.00 am

Come and enjoy some tea, coffee, cake and chat at St Swithun's, Great Chishill, where you can take full advantage of our wonderful new facilities.

Children's corner available.
All welcome.



#### **CHURCH LIGHTS**

The lights which highlight the church over the Christmas season are unsafe, due to deterioration of the cables



and fittings. As the lights are functioning, the unsafe accessories will be replaced. However help is required to set them up, which takes about an hour sometime early in

December. Please let me know if you are happy to help out. The technology is pretty basic.

John Crawley, tel. 838897.

#### **Christmas Wreaths**

Thank you for those who have already placed an order for their wreath. To avoid disappointment please place your order by 15th November.



Tess

#### **CRAFTS ON THE HILL**

Craft Fair at Great Chishill Village Hall Saturday December 4th 10 - 4.30pm

Teas and cakes, local quality crafts for sale.

For stall enquiries telephone 01763 838897 or 07775 727541

### Coffee morning for St Swithun's bells Wednesday 24th November 10.30 am

Our church bells were made ringable for the millennium but on a limited budget, so the ringers have

been raising money ever since the millennium for the renovation of the bells, their ancient fittings and the ancient wooden frame in which they are mounted. We are also delighted that a local couple have paid to have a 6th bell, which was cast for us in July and will be hung in the tower



with the rest of the bells after the renovation.

Substantial funds are needed for this project. Grant applications are underway, and several events are being planned.

Jean Wiseman (07546 497149) is kindly hosting a Coffee Morning on Wednesday 24th November 10.30 am at Stackyard Cottage, Hall Farm. Admission £5, cake or scone contributions welcome.

#### **WINDMILL TOURS**

As Autumn is upon us, we have decided not to organise any further Open Days until the Spring but



would like to let you know that the two in September were well received by those who took a guided tour. You can still ask for your own tour at a time of your convenience by

using the contact page on our website: www.greatchishillwindmill.com

The mill continues to need fund-raising to help further its restoration. Is there someone in the village with admin and social media skills who could help us raise our profile? If so, please contact us by going to the web address above.

#### **Village Advent Calendar**

The 'Round the Village Advent Calendar' was so successful that I am organising it again. A few enthusiastic people have already kindly offered to do a window, for which I'm very grateful, but I do need 24 in total! I would hate for anyone to be disappointed! First come first served on the choice of date and the title of your window.

I think it important to vary it from last year, to keep the interest. Villagers really did enjoy the concept and walking around the village. Please email me at tessgent@gmail.com or 07721 398642

#### **SENIORS' TEA PARTY**

We plan to host the annual tea party for all village seniors on 16th December at 3.00 pm, if enough people wish to attend. Therefore, please let me know by 30th November if you would like to come.

Lindsey Crawley, tel 838897, email popandpip@btconnect.com

#### **URC SERVICES**

Sunday 7th November
Evensong 6.00 pm led by Ben
Palmer

Sunday 21st November
Morning service 9.30 am led
by Reverend Sue Fender