

The Chishills

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COMBUSTING COMBINE

On Monday 22nd August you may have heard an explosion that sounded like an aircraft crashing. Just before that Chris Bates at Gypsy Corner got a radio message to say that there was a field fire. Armed with a forklift bucket full of water, Chris saw the combine approaching enveloped in blue smoke and soon realized that he could not save the combine and its thousand litres of fuel in a plastic tank. But he did manage to save a 5 acre field of wheat with the water whilst half a field of stubble was burned. Andy Clark, the driver owner of the combine, was slammed against the windscreen when the combine mercifully stopped dead just before power cables, breaking the cutter bar. He promptly dived out before the fuel tank exploded.



Subsequently, 5 fire engines arrived, the one from Saffron Walden knew where to come by just aiming for the smoke. It's possible that the fire was caused by a piece in the mechanism which had stopped working and caused turbo to be sprayed onto a hot engine. The result is £140,000 worth of damage when a new combine harvester now costs double.

Murder Mystery Evening

with 'OARS Murder Mystery Team'
Sat 29 Oct at 7.00pm
in Gt & Lt Chishill Village Hall

Tickets £10.00 (including supper) from Liz [01763 838380](tel:01763838380) or Janet [01763 838301](tel:01763838301)
Bar available

LADIES WHO LUNCH HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR GUIDE DOGS



On a sunny Friday afternoon early in September, Hazel (our local puppy walker) and young Frizz her third puppy, hosted a very generous luncheon party mainly provided by the puppy walkers. Our local ladies who lunch gave a nominal fee and/or give a donation, including those who couldn't attend on the day. About 35 walkers came together with five puppies.

We all had a very enjoyable afternoon including the potential guide dogs who appreciated just being puppies.

After lunch Hazel thanked everyone for coming and announced that a sum of £400 had been raised for Guide Dogs.



DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOUR NEAREST WATER HYDRANT IS? IS IT VISIBLE?

A non-local fire engine might attend in the event of a fire and not know its whereabouts.

MedicAlert disc

I would like to thank the kind person who found my MedicAlert disc and chain and took the trouble to post them back to the MedicAlert Foundation. I noticed they were missing after I'd been for a walk locally, but retracing my steps through the fields proved unproductive...needles and haystacks come to mind. I'm intrigued to know where they were found, so if it was you and you feel like enlightening me, do give me a ring on [01763 838 179](tel:01763838179). Thanks again.

Sue Garwood

CHARITY WINTER BALL

Saturday 10th December
19.00 for 19.30 - midnight

Dance & Dine to MIND THE GAP
Posh frock/Black tie

Tickets £20 from Lindsey on 838444
Tables of Ten and Bar
Offers of desserts welcome

HEYDON & GT CHISHILL W. I.
18 October 19.30 Gt Chishill Village Hall
Games Evening - bring a board, card or other type of game to share and play



Great Chishill Windmill Trust

In the autumn of 2010 Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) deemed the Great Chishill

Windmill, which has stood in the village for more than two centuries, surplus to requirements. CCC offered the grade two listed landmark for sale to Cambridge District Council then to Great Chishill & Little Chishill Parish Council. Both parties declined the offer.

In March 2011 the CCC announced that the mill would therefore be sold at London auctions to the highest bidder. For many of the people of Great Chishill and surrounding villages, this announcement came as a shock and the thought of the Mill going to private ownership was not an acceptable conclusion, as it would no longer guarantee continuity of preservation.

As the Mill is a grade two star listed building the owner is lawfully obliged to maintain the building to conservation requirements.

However, the owner is only lawfully obliged to maintain the mill in its condition at time of purchase. No authorities have enforced CCC to maintain the Mill; as a result the windmill had been placed in the Heritage Building at High Risk Register.

Great Chishill Parish Council has recently conducted an in-depth restoration and maintenance report.

On 16th April 2001, James Brearley and Jeff Gill, both of Great Chishill, decided to take action by forming The Great Chishill Windmill Trust. They have since invited John Murgatroyd and Simon Oughton to become joint trustees.

The purpose of the Trust is to help preserve the Great Chishill Windmill; at this stage it may be

just a fund raising charity, raising funds and seeking grants, irrespective of who actually owns the mill. They are currently negotiating with Cambridge County Council to take over ownership.

Jim Brearley is keen for the people of Great Chishill to get involved once final negotiations have been resolved. The trust has joined (SPAB) The Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and will use their facilities to help build a case for getting help in preserving this wonderful piece of our heritage. JB

FROM SUSAN VAN DE VEN, COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

OIL CLUB

With rising fuel costs and weather turning colder, we have had further enquiries about the Melbourn County Division Oil Club. The purpose of the club is to use bulk buying for better prices on household heating oil. Details at <http://susanvandenven.mycouncillor.org.uk/oil-club/>. The oil buyer is Jeremy Cole, who can be reached at Jeremy@agricole.co.uk, or tel [01954 719452](tel:01954719452) or [07860 904 045](tel:07860904045).

Anyone can join, and there is no membership charge.

100% BUS SUBSIDY CUTS: LATE CONSULTATION

The county council ruling group's decision to make a 100% cut to bus subsidies has had wide-ranging ramifications and has been the subject of a Parliamentary Select Committee review. It also attracted an application for Judicial Review on several grounds, including lack of proper consultation.

The council is now conducting a consultation on the transport needs of Cambridgeshire residents: <http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/around/buses/busconsultation.htm>. This runs until December 9th. We are assured by the council's administration that the results of

the consultation will be met with an open mind. If you would like a paper copy of the consultation please ask one of us. No further bus subsidy cuts will take place before spring.

If you do not wish to complete this questionnaire online, paper copies are available by contacting us using one of the following means:

By email:

bus.tenders@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

By telephone: 0345 0450675

By post: Cambridgeshire County Council, CC1301, Castle Court, Shire Hall, Cambridge, CB3 0AP

SAVE THE CHILDREN "Frock Swap"

at Great Chishill Village Hall on **Tuesday 4 October** at 8.00pm. Tickets £7 to include canapes & a drink.

Bring along items of clothing, (clean, in good condition and preferably on hangers) that you no longer have use for. **Swap them** for the same number of items that someone else has brought along.

Contact Kate Gardiner on 838511 or Liz Livingstone on 838172 or e-mail frockswap4oct@gmail.com

14 Oct **Policing Forum at Chishill** 18.00 - 20.00. Meet officers from our Neighbourhood Policing Team to discuss local issues of concern.

MOBILE LIBRARY TIMETABLE



2nd Friday in the month

14 Oct, 11 Nov

The Church 13.25 - 14.05

BIN COLLECTIONS

Black	Green & Blue
October	07
14	21
28	
November	04