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Bellringers say 'Welcome' in September Ap-peal

Chishill's bellringers will be welcoming visitors to the bell-tower in September, as part of a national event. Heritage Open Days have joined forces with the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to open up the heritage hidden inside England's bell towers and bring to life the 400-year old tradition of English-style bell ringing. St Swithun's bells will be rung continuously between 6pm and 7pm on Thursday 8th September, and the tower will also be open to visitors on Saturday 10 September between 10.00am and 1.00pm. The ring on Thursday will coincide with around 500 other churches in England ringing at the same time! Visitors will be able to see the ringers performing the ring, and on both days, ringers will be available to answer questions. Visitors may even be able to feel what it's like to be on one end of a rope with half a ton of metal on the other! Tower secretary Phil Maynard explained that the Great Chishill ringers always welcome enquiries from possible members "We're hoping that these 'open house' days will help to increase interest in bellringing. Ringers are a friendly bunch, and anyone who comes along will be made very welcome" he said. It's a no-commitment affair, so if you just want to satisfy your curiosity, 8 and 12 September will be good days to do it" Church bells have been a feature of English life for hundreds of years. Dozens of carols and songs, even current popular songs make mention of bells. Wedding cards and gift wrap very frequently have bells on them. Bells have been used for centuries to summon people to church, and they ring out over the countryside, in towns and cities all over the country especially on Sundays. Bells are also synonymous with celebration, but surprisingly, church bells rung the way they are in the UK is very much a British thing. Our own St Swithun's has 5 bells. Four were made in 1686, and the 5th in 1841. We don't know much about the history of the bells, whether they have always hung in this church or whether they rang somewhere else first, but we can be fairly certain that they have been ringing out in celebration for at least 300 years. We do know that they fell into disrepair in the 1970s but the village elected to have them renovated as a Millennium project and they have been rung regularly ever since.



From the Parish Council: Sarah Scott writes We have been working with Highways on the flooding problem on New Road. Highways have had their budgets slashed and cannot offer any financial assistance, but the Parish Council are progressing this themselves with assistance from local farmers who will undertake the works on our behalf to hopefully produce a successful solution.

Telephone box - the Parish Council have now formally adopted the red telephone kiosk in the village. It now needs some TLC. The first job will be to paint it - if anyone knows of someone, or has a recommendation for a suitable contractor who might like to do this, please contact Sarah Scott.

From our County Councillor

Next Meldreth, Shepreth and Foxton Rail User Group meeting

On September 20, 7 for 7:30PM, at Melbourn Village College. All welcome! Please contact railusergroup@gmail.com if you would like to be on the mailing list for the agenda. Our aim is to convince the powers that be that all three stations need serious upgrades to accommodate the huge surge in traffic expected from 2018 when we get twice hourly off-peak, 8-car trains.

Cambridge traffic congestion measures If you drive into Cambridge in peak time, take a look at the latest consultation on measures to tackle congestion at www.gccitydeal.co.uk/congestion. The consultation is open until 10 October. Proposals include Peak-time Congestion Control Points (PCCPs). Cameras with automatic number plate recognition would be located at fixed points in the city, and passing drivers in peak hours would be subject to a fine. Also mooted is a Workplace Parking Levy – an annual fee charged to employers with staff parking spaces. A consultation event will be held at Melbourn Village College on 14 September, 5-7:30 PM. **New Road drainage** An on-site meeting with the farmer, parish council and county council confirmed a joint effort to prevent the constant flooding of New Road just beyond the village sign. (Work's already begun – Ed). Meanwhile, please keep reporting any highways or drainage problems - it's best to use the on-line reporting system: **Next drop-in advice surgery:** Melbourn Hub on the first Monday of the month, 2:30-3:30. Or let me know if you'd like to meet at another time, closer to home.

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**Gt CHISHILL
YOUTH CLUB**
BACK Open after the Summer
Tues 13th September!
Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30PM
Gt CHISHILL VILLAGE HALL
 CONTACT: DAN HORNE 079518342821

Women's Institute
 20 September 7.30pm
Eirwen Karmer:
**'Norwegian Costume,
 Customs, Cake and Coffee'**
 Visitors welcome -

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	<u>Black</u>	<u>Blue & Green</u>
Sept	3 (Sat)	9
	16	23
	30	

**Chishill
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 TODDLER GROUP
 Back open after the summer on 8th Sept.
 Runs term time on Thursdays 10-11.45
 Great Chishill Village Hall
 All local parents/carers and children aged 0-6
 for tea, chat and play. Healthy snack provided.
 For more information contact
 Emily 07900243491
 Find us on Facebook

Cricket News

With the cricket season coming to a climax Great Chishill Cricket Club are right in the mix with promotion into the Senior leagues in our sights. We have two matches remaining, both at home, two wins and we are promoted to the dizzy heights of Cambridgeshire Senior 3, only for the second time in our history!!

The season has so far seen us lose five games; twice to top of the table Royston and twice to bottom of the table Haslingfield! As a club we have selected 30 different players to represent the side; we have the leading wicket taker, the leading run scorer, leading fielder (wicket keeper) and leading not out batsman in the league, not too bad for a small village team!

The final game of the season is at home against Madingley on Saturday 3rd September, all of your support will be warmly welcomed, please do come along and join us for tea at 4.00 and a BBQ following the game at 7.30. It would be great to see lots of you there to help us celebrate, hopefully.

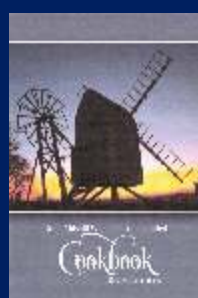
The cricket club golf day is being held at Barkway Park Golf Club on Sunday 4th September at 10.30. Places are selling fast so book yours now through angusgent@gmail.com

The annual dinner is being held on Saturday 8th October, tickets are selling rapidly so book yours now through angusgent@gmail.com

Windmill capers: A team of volunteers assembled to reposition the protective sheet over the Windmill.



Intrepid ladder artistes Robin Dibblee and Hazel Hayden had to scale the heights to get the job done.



Recipe Book for the Windmill now available from
 Hazel 01763 838254 or hrhandmaj@btinternet.com
 A collection of 52 recipes from villagers & friends
£7.50 - proceeds to the Windmill Restoration Fund
 Cash or cheque 'Great Chishill Windmill Trust Limited'
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 website: www.greatchishillwindmill.com