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# The Chishills

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New Buildings Farm



## Where are we with the Windmill?

David McKeown reports

This lovely photo taken by Peter Homent shows harvest in progress, placing the windmill in context. Though it may not be able to grind the grain for a few years yet, the first phase restoration is slowly reaching its conclusion. The large wooden clamps lying on the ground in the photo have now been fitted to the sails but the mechanism that connects the tailfan to the carriage wheels awaits the return of Bill, the millwright. He is sharing his time between two mills at present so we have periods of inactivity - but we will see the mill moving soon.

## ROYSTON CHORAL SOCIETY - Autumn 2019 News.

Our next Open Rehearsal is on 10 September. It's an opportunity for aspiring new members to come and sing with us and see how they fit in. No obligation, and you will not be asked to sing on your own! New members are always welcome – particularly Tenors!! We rehearse at the Methodist Church in Queen's Road.

Our principal concerts in the 2019-2020 season will be **Elgar's Dream of Gerontius** in November, and **Bach's B Minor Mass** in March. We're also singing at the High Sheriff's Charity Concert in September, Find out more from choir members Jenny Leitch, Suzie Harrison, or Neil Heywood.

**High Sheriff of Hertfordshire's Charity Concert September 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm**  
**Haileybury College**

We're delighted to be part of this massed choirs event to raise funds for Hertfordshire Community Foundation helping charities in the county.

**Full details on our website -**  
**[www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk](http://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk)**

## St Swithun's Weekend

The weekend was welcomed in with a Friday evening event in the URC chapel garden. 100 villagers. were blessed with a beautiful evening and watched the sunset with a glass of music by our live jazz band. Our raffle raised £225 for Chrishall School, our parish charity.

The weekend continued on Sunday with a popup breakfast in the URC Schoolroom. Then a small group of cyclists made their gentle way off to St Mary's church, Brent Pelham, and the children enjoyed the church quiz or the churchyard orienteering course. After their exhausting trip the cyclists were welcomed back to St Swithun's and a BBQ in the churchyard. The wonderful Elderlies, who, as ever, were in fine voice, entertained everyone who joined us for lunch!

The finale was our village 'Songs of Praise' service. Thanks to the bell ringers who rang to remind the villagers! A lovely cross-section of villagers contributes prayers, readings, poems and hymns, reflecting different times in their lives. The large congregation sung the hymns with great gusto, and many remarked on the warmth of the service.

The weekend raised nearly £1000, to help keep the church running! Organiser Tess Gent thanked everyone who helped to plan and support the weekend; "It was another special village event, and one we hope we can build upon in the future".

**WE ARE  
MACMILLAN.  
CANCER SUPPORT**

The WI are holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday September 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30 to 12 noon. £5 entry. Venue is The Stackyard Cottage in Hall Farm Yard. All donations of cakes will be very welcome.

## Saffron Walden Dementia Café.

Are you living with or caring for someone affected by Dementia / Alzheimer's? Would you like to get out and talk about it with others? Then why not pop along to our Dementia Café and enjoy companionship, support, information and advice, activities and of course refreshments. We're a new initiative and we meet every Friday at The Garden Room, Hill Street, Saffron Walden, 10-12 a.m. Why not drop in and see us, or if you'd like to find out more call 01799 510525 where Volunteer Uttlesford will be able to help.

**DO YOU ENJOY MUSIC? Would you like to learn an instrument or sing in a choir? Duxford Saturday Workshop** holds group tuition sessions where adults and children from 'Year Five' onwards can learn to play an instrument. Workshop members include adults who have always wanted to learn an instrument but haven't had the opportunity, alongside those who 'haven't played for donkeys' years.' **Registration is on Saturday 7 September, 10–11.30am** at Duxford School, St. John's Street, Duxford. More information at <http://duxfordsaturdayworkshop.org.uk>.

## WHAT3WORDS

Here's a new app for your phone which promises, for once, to be really useful! It allows you to locate yourself within a 3m x3m grid, which is defined by just three words. And it works anywhere in the world. It might come in handy when arranging to meet someone but saying "shall we meet at that cafe" - isn't precise enough, or you've broken your leg out dog walking and need to be rescued (happened to a friend of mine). It works by translating latitude and longitude coordinates into 3 words, which are easier for most people to say/ write/ understand than a string of numbers. My front door, for example, is at commented.signs.debit, and the church porch is at commenced.crescendo.lightbulb.

Some UK police forces have urged everyone to download it to their phone, and there was a recent article on the BBC website which mentioned the case of a group of walkers who were lost but were able to be rescued using the app. Give it a try!

### Old Lads Have Fun

The Great Chishill old boys club recently met for their annual barbecue, courtesy of Chris Bates at Gypsy Corner Farm. Marlene Bates was an absolute gem and provided nibbles and salads, and chaps brought their own steaks and drinks. It was a delightful day, made better by the sunny weather. The only bit of high excitement in a very convivial meeting was Chris Bates losing his bottle of rosé wine. It was decided that this did not warrant a search party.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Editor for his 5 years of editorial expertise in producing the monthly Newsletter. We are very grateful for your effort on this. The Newsletter has really grown in the past few years. On that note, we would also like to thank all volunteers who do so much for the village; your work is very much appreciated and without you the village would not be the same. Sarah Scott

### LOST AND FOUND

Found attached to my wheelchair following the New Road Celebrations a purple fabric ladies belt, I wonder how it got there and hope the item of clothing it was around stayed up! If you wish to claim it please phone Liz on 01763 838380.

**A GENTLE REMINDER** from Cllr Suzie Harrison: about ensuring that dog mess is cleared up along paths PLEASE!

**Women's Institute,  
17 September, 7.30**

Board Games Evening  
Visitors welcome, call Angela  
837353

**BIN DAYS - SEPT**

Black	Blue/Green
	3
10	17
24	1 Oct

# Great Chishill Youth Club

Tuesdays 6.30 - 8.30pm  
Gt Chishill Village Hall  
For all local young people Aged 10 - 16  
£2 admission  
Tuck shop, games, Crafts and lots more!

### Club dates for Autumn Term 2019

Sept Tues 10th, 24th  
Oct Tues 1st, 8th \*\*Half Term\*\* 29th  
Nov Tues 5th, 12th, 26th  
Dec Tues 3rd, 10th \*\*Christmas Holidays\*\*

Youth Workers: Dan Horne 07958 342821  
Steph Hicks 07514 664076  
Other queries: Emily Brown 01763 836257

### PAT STANSFIELD

We are sad to report that Pat Stansfield passed away peacefully on 20th August at St George's Nursing Home.

Pat and Bill involved themselves with many village organisations - she was a member of the Bowls Club, the Wine Circle and the group running the village show. She could always be relied on to help with any village events. Pat was a delightful person with a splendid sense of humour. She will be greatly missed.

### Uniter Reformed Church Services for September

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> Evensong ~ 18.00

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Morning Service ~ 9.30

**Harvest Service and Supper** - Sunday 6 October at 17.45

Service led by The Rev'd John Bradbury. Followed by a Harvest Supper.

**Film Night:** Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> ~ "Fisherman's Friends"

Accompanied by Fish and Chips nibbles and a Cornish tippie!

Doors open at 19.00, film starts at 19.30.

We very much look forward to seeing many old friends and new for the forth-coming film season.

**Scottish dancing** Starts on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

No previous experience is required, just a good sense of humour.

Expert and friendly tuition is always on offer.

### Great Chishill Cricket Club *Angus Gent reports*

It has been a funny old season. We took voluntary relegation last season to reduce our travelling around the county (and our carbon footprint), so we were unsure what to expect. The season has ebbed and flowed; from being top of the league after week one to languishing in the relegation zone after week six. Now, as the season ends we are secure in the top half of the league, safe from relegation and promotion. One constant is that we still have the best teas in the league! It has been really pleasing to have over 30 players represent the village and in particular to have two local youngsters, Ian and Harry, playing regularly for us. We have managed to get eleven players out on the pitch every week, thanks to Guy's stoic efforts.

We thank everyone who has supported us this season, through good times and bad. We look forward to seeing you at the dinner. Next year is a very special season, as it will be our sesquicentennial (150th anniversary). We are planning a number of events to mark the year, and to enhance the club as a legacy for the future. We hope that you will support us in our celebrations.