

## VANDALS: MORE ATTACKS REVEALED

Last month's story on vandalism on the Playing Fields had an unexpected result. We learned that on two occasions this summer, vandals have mounted much more serious and costly attacks on village buildings and equipment. The victims have asked not to be identified. The damage took place on private land where nobody should be trespassing. The fact that these pointless and distressing incidents have taken place during the school holidays may be no more than a coincidence, but it does suggest that any use of community resources for more youth activities might be money well spent.

## VILLAGE FUN DAY 2015

The annual village fun day was miraculously dry on 30 August. Despite the clouds the village enjoyed another wonderful day of fun and games, lovely teas, a delightful dog show and the rather competitive welly wanging and egg throwing contests! The Chishill Chimps and Youth Club stalls alone made an impressive £675, which will help improve the playground and skate park. Many local groups got involved the Windmill Committee, WI, Church Fund and Cricket Club. Great thanks to all who contributed to such a successful community event.



Windmill putting game



Prizes await lucky winners

## FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL

We are going to install better signage and road markings at the crossroads in the centre of the village. 'Dragons' teeth' will be a new addition to New Road, at the entrance to the village. The Parish Council has chased up a number of problems in the village, including a blocked drain in Wallers Close, a pothole on the B1039 on the Essex border, flooding in Heydon Road and New Road.

Some of these have been rectified, others we will continue to chase. The Clerk is heading off to a highways meeting at Whittlesford where she will press for outstanding issues to be dealt with.

**ASH DIE-BACK** - a case has been spotted in the village. The infected branches will be

## Cricketers Win Promotion

Richard Brunt writes: It is a pleasure to report that Great Chishill Cricket Club enjoyed a highly successful season in the CCA Junior League Division 2 South. Losing just one league game all season, we stormed to the league title and have been promoted to Division 1 South.

Captain Adam Wright led a settled side that displayed great team spirit and had a "never say die" attitude. This season's success was a real team effort with some wonderful individual performances with both bat and ball along the way.

We will be celebrating at our Annual Awards Dinner Dance on Saturday 3 October 2015 at The Village Hall and would be delighted if our friends in the village could join us. Tickets are priced at £20 and are available from Richard Brunt ([07518 365570](tel:07518365570)), Angus Gent ([07885 307301](tel:07885307301)) & Andrew Drury (07935 772976).

In preparation for next season, winter nets will be taking place in February and March, please visit our Facebook page (search for Great Chishill Cricket Club) for more details.

## GREAT CHISHILL FAMILY HARVEST SUPPER

*Featuring The Elderly Brothers*

**Saturday 10 October**

**7.30pm at Great Chishill Village Hall**

**Fish and Chip Supper/Licenced Bar**

**Tickets £10 Adults/£5 Children available from**

**Hazel Colebrooke 838703/Judy Saunders 838571**

## HARVEST SERVICE

**Sunday 11 October**

**10.40am at St Swithun's - Donations to Jimmy's Night Shelter**

## MUSICAL QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 17 October 7.30  
Great Chishill Village Hall**

*Think you know your Bach from your Beyonce,  
blues from bossa nova, bassoon from bass guitar?*

Questions and live performances  
presented by Maggie Mather and Lucy Maynard

**Bar – Supper – Raffle**

**Tickets £10 from**

**Jenny Leitch 07850 862199,**

**Judy Saunders 01763 838571**

**Church Office, Chrishall 01763 837272**

**Supporting St Swithun's Church  
Restoration Appeal**

### Great Chishill United Reformed Church.

There has been a non-conformist Chapel tucked away down Barley Road for 321 years. Gone are the days when services were held every Sunday in the morning and evening with the children attending Sunday school in the afternoon. Our records show that up to 120 people from the local farming community came and stayed all day celebrating Harvests, Christmas and Easter in their family groups. Today we worship on the second and fourth Sunday in the month but sometimes with a congregation of 3 or 4. Our minister Revd. Duncan Goldie is responsible for four URC churches in the area and conducts worship starting at 9.30am which enables him to conduct worship in another of our linked church at 11 am.

Although small our congregation is very loyal we would love to have more people to worship with, our services are conventional non-conformist and we are lucky to have our own organist accompanied by Duncan on his cornet at all our services.

Some years ago we replaced our kitchen and toilet facilities and this enables us to let out our school room for children's parties, wakes and other community events. The "Church Mice" from the parish church meet here twice a month as do a newly formed church youth group.

At our last church meeting we had a long discussion on the short and long term future of our church including the possibility that after 321 years we may have to close. This is not something we wish to do but feel that our very small congregation is no longer viable.

We would give a very warm welcome to anyone attending our Sunday worship for the first time. Please contact Rosemary on 01763 838708 if you would like to learn more.



### BIN COLLECTIONS

	<u>Black</u>	<u>Blue &amp; Green</u>
<b>Oct</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>
	<b>16</b>	<b>23</b>
	<b>30</b>	<b>Nov 6</b>

### WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Following a delicious Fish and Chips supper our speaker Andy Malcolm told us about his work with the Fishermen's Mission. A charity which tries to help fishing families who have lost loved ones to the sea and fishing communities struggling with poverty. His talk was well balanced with serious matters and humour including a short quiz and a couple of shanties.

On Wednesday 16 September we greeted many ladies from Heydon, Great and Little Chishill, Barley and Barkway to our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebratory coffee morning. A good time was had by all and we look forward to welcoming some of them to future meetings.

Tuesday 20 October – Christmas Crafts with Sheila O – this should be a very enjoyable 'hands on' evening.

### From your County and District Councils

**Energy Switch:** This County Council initiative can help you save money on your energy bills. There's no fee and no obligation to switch supplier. Until October 12, you can register on-line at [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/switch). Or, if you would like to talk to someone, please ring 01223-703874 or email [energy.switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:energy.switch@cambridgeshire.gov.uk). Susan's giving it a go!

**Local Plan:** South Cambs has received a response from the Inspectors in relation to the Local Plan. They recognise that the Councils are addressing their concerns positively. They say that whilst it is difficult to comment on the level of detail required, they consider the scope of the work proposed justifies suspending the examinations and moving forward. They have formally suspended the examinations until March 2016. We put people on the Moon faster than these Local Plans are getting delivered.

**Drop-in Surgery** Our next surgery is 5 October, 2:30-3:30, at the Melbourn Hub.

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### Christmas cards in aid of St. Swithun's

The cost is £6.00 for a packet of 12 cards.

Available from:

Judy Saunders 12, Hall Lane.



Youth Club is up and running again after the summer break so a warm welcome back to all our members and all the new

ones joining us. Events already planned are a raffle to raise money for charity and on 6 October a local dancer will be visiting to run a Funky Jazz session! Royston Fire Station will also be visiting over the autumn to give a talk on fire safety and the role of the fire services in our community.

Our Youth workers Dan Horne and Steph Hicks are keen to organise a selection of activities so any new ideas - just let them know. Club dates for the autumn term are: Sept 8, 22, 29 October 6, 13, Nov 3, 10, 24, Dec 1, 8.