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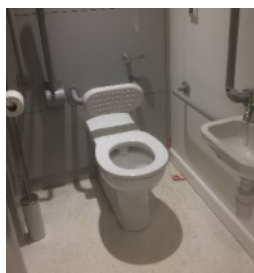
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The Chishills

Cyclamen at Anglesey Abbey

St Swithun's: A Towering Achievement!

Flushed with pride St Swithun's Appeal Committee, assisted by Great Chishill Bell Ringers, welcomed an audience of 100 to celebrate the completion of essential repairs to the church tower and long-overdue installation of water supply and drainage so the church can become 'fit for future generations' with a fully accessible toilet, and in 2019, flexible, accessible space at the tower end of the church with new flooring and kitchen facilities. Rosemary Gadian explained that the fundraising events supported by so many of our audience, standing orders and donations had raised a total of £85,000 in 4 years! Special thanks were given to the Summer Ball Committee whose two events had raised £24,000.



With a Heritage Lottery Fund grant totalling £255,200, grants from Jack Patston Charitable Trust, Cambridgeshire Historic Churches Trust and the All Churches Trust the total amount generated by the Appeal Committee stands at £343,200. So huge thanks to all our supporters.



Having spent hours researching in county records offices in Cambridge, Chelmsford and elsewhere, Celina Fox introduced her fascinating History and Guide to St Swithun's. A 15C wall painting of the Martyrdom of St Lawrence was sketched by our 1841 rector, and it is now in the British Museum. Read more in Celina's history!

Jill Kuenzi introduced the first in a series of cycling routes starting from St Swithun's, with evocative

descriptions of wild flowers - and a close encounter with hounds! Heritage Lottery funding applicants must make fundraising efforts of their own - box ticked - and show they are encouraging more people to use buildings for community and heritage purposes - another box ticked with these publications. More to follow.

Angus Gent introduced a Key Stage 1 resource to interest children in the church and churchyard then talked about researching the graves and the stories behind the names on our war memorial.

After the interval and copious refreshments (much thanks to Tess Gent her helpers and some of our guests), everyone was held spellbound by a selection from Peter Wiseman's vast collection of historical local photographs - with additional stories and comments from Janet Crouch and Becks Pine.

But it doesn't end here. We need another £7,500 to complete the interior improvements described above.



The Detectorists are Back

Why do people in headphones wander around a field while waving a wand across the soil? It doesn't sound too gripping, but listen to Klaine Feagan, assistant millwright on our windmill project, and you'll change your mind. It's not about finding hoards of gold (though that would be rather nice!) but about learning more of history and the folk who walked our countryside through the ages.

The East Anglian Searchers have visited Little Chishill, Barkway and Reed and are back to explore the fields beside the windmill on 6 and 7 October. They take pride in leaving the field looking as if no one has touched it - yet they always unearth interesting artefacts, including Roman and mediaeval silver coins, pieces of harness and a mass of musket balls! Detectorists pay to join the search and raise more money during the day from refreshments and raffles. They do this with a view to donating to a charity as well as paying the landowner for access. They gave £790 to the windmill last October, and courtesy of Mrs Diana Duke, all proceeds from this search will be donated to the Windmill Trust. They also intend to give some of their finds to be housed in the windmill when it is completed.

Why not come along on Saturday or Sunday (6th/7th) and see how they work and what they find beside the Barley Road?

Khandel light

The legendary Khandel light Ceilidh takes place on **13 October** at Great Chishill Village Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets are £18 and there will be supper, a raffle, an auction of watercolour paintings and the Cambridge University Ceilidh Band!

Tickets from Bridget: 07815846447 or from Karen: marriott_karen@yahoo.co.uk

DEFIB TRAINING PLANNED

Following the installation of the Defibrillator at the sports pavilion, the Parish Council have organised a training and information session on the use of the AED - and also CPR training. This will take place at **7.30 pm on 5th October in the Village Hall**. The session will last about one hour and will include the chance to practise CPR under supervision on a mannequin. It is hoped that at least one representative from each village organisation and sporting club will attend, as the knowledge gained could save a life. All villagers are welcome to attend.

Chishill Wine and Crime Event

Drop-in session

Tuesday 23 October (5:00 – 7:30pm) (note change of date) in the Village Hall

We live in a very safe village. Come and hear what you can do to help keep it that way:

- Hear from Cambs Police Crime Prevention and Community Protection Officers
- Learn about common scams and frauds
- Hear about Cyber Crime
- Could the 'Bobby Scheme' help you? Find out more
- Learn more about available security products and purchase these at reduced cost
- Talks, displays and DVDs with light refreshments and drinks.

Do you have any other crime reduction ideas or would you like more information? Please let us know -and also let us know if you're able to attend.
security@greatchishillpc.com

Hardcore wanted!

At the windmill, Tony Andrews is laying the track for the tail assembly but has hit a snag. We've run out of hardcore. We need maybe five tonnes of brick or paving rubble. Does anyone have any demolition hardcore they want to be rid of, please? It would be wonderful if it could be dropped at the site but we'll do our best to arrange pick up if necessary. If you can help, please call Tony or David McKeown (838087)



Meet Your Parish Councillor: Robert Leslie (Bob) Hatt

I came to this village 45 years ago just as Jean was about to have James our son, Ruth arrived a couple of years later. At that time I was working as an Architect in London but the nightmare of the journey into London each day persuaded me to find a job locally. I worked in Private Practice in Letchworth and in Royston before joining the Civil Service in Cambridge. With the rethinking of the "Thatcher years" the Civil Service decided to shed its own Architects in favour of outsourcing. I became one of the founding Partners of the Baldock Architects practice of CHQ Partnership, which became one of the largest in the country, where I remained until I retired.

During my time in Chishill I have been involved with the construction of the Village Hall, the Village Wine circle, Bowls Club and the Men's outings group generally known as the "Youth" Club.

I was previously on the Parish Council some years ago.

My current passions are watercolour painting in small format and abstract painting in large format. The post mill and exposing the hidden spiral stair in St. Swithun's Church are high on my agenda.

I am particularly interested in design and planning matters and how the Village will evolve in the coming years.

Royston & District Choral Society Autumn Concert

Sunday 4th November – to mark the centenary of Armistice 1918

With two conductors and musicians from Hertford Philharmonia, Royston Choral Society, Haileybury Choirs and local prep schools this will be a rare opportunity to hear Britten's masterpiece. The *War Requiem*, first performed in 1962, was commissioned for the consecration of the new Coventry Cathedral, replacing the original building destroyed in a bombing raid. Britten, a pacifist, combined the Latin Mass for the Dead with poems by the war poet Wilfred Owen. The concert is at Haileybury College Chapel. **Tickets from choir members (Jenny Leitch, Suzie Harrison, Neil Heywood), at the door or from Caroline Franks Tel 01920 822723 / email treasurer@rf152.co.uk**

BENEFACTICE NEWS

St Swithun's Harvest Service on **Sunday 14 October**, 10.40am. All welcome! *We shall be collecting non-perishable food for Jimmy's Night Shelter*

Thanks to Robin and Ruth Dibblee for their very kind donation of a piano to St Swithun's. The piano is beautiful and is a very welcome addition to the church.

United Reformed Chapel

October Services: Sundays 7 and 21 October at 9.30 am

Scottish Dancing: Starts on Monday 1 October - EVERYONE welcome, the more the merrier. It's not just for Gt Chishill. Standard not important! Come and enjoy a good giggle, great friendship and excellent workout!

Silver Surfers: Tuesdays 2 October and 16 October (always 1st and 3rd Tuesdays) 10-12. Open to anyone to come and discuss your queries and problems, or share ideas and interests. Nothing is too insignificant - we are working to your wishlist. It's not a course, so you can come and go as you please. Just come and enjoy a nice cup of coffee and flapjack and listen and meet new people. It's very relaxed and it's free! We are thrilled that a Male Heydonite has joined us!

Cinema Night (always 2nd Tuesday of the month)

New season starts Tuesday 9 October with 'Darkest Hour'.

Doors open 7.00 for 7.30 start and we are always pleased to meet new people.

Fowlmere Air Museum. This is well worth a visit. Up on the airfield in one of the Nissan huts. Look on their Facebook page for information and opening times.

BIN COLLECTIONS

	Black	Blue & Green
Oct	2	
	9	16
	23	30

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

will take place on
11 October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
 Parish Council meetings are open to all parishioners!

Women's Institute 16 October

Special Operations Executive
 'Nadine's Story' with Joan Munden. Visitors welcome - call Angela 837353