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BOBBY SCHEME OFFERS SECURITY HELP TO PENSIONERS

The Cambridgeshire Bobby Scheme is a local charity providing a service to older or vulnerable people by improving home security to reduce crime and the fear of crime. Our 'Bobby' is Steve Price (pictured left), an agreeable ex-fireman with long experience of security assessments, and he'll pay you a free visit if you've been a victim of crime and are over 60. If needed, If you're 65 and over, or disabled, and you'd like a visit to reduce your chances of becoming a victim, you'll be asked to make a donation of £30 to help cover costs. In either case he'll fit a range of security devices, if needed, to make you feel safer.

Is it worth it? As a user, I'd say a definite yes. Steve expertly surveyed my property, suggested some physical improvements, and within minutes had fitted a stout door chain and more than a dozen electronic alarms to every window in the house. I certainly feel a lot more secure at home after Steve's visit. The Scheme claims the repeat burglary rate in the county is 12% but where The Bobby Scheme has secured homes, the repeat burglary rate is less than 1%. According to the charity, this means vulnerable people are safer in their own homes and the fear of crime is reduced. If you qualify for a call, you can ring The Bobby Scheme on 01480 413311 or visit www.thebobbyscheme.org. Steve also left me a supply of cards with more information – if you'd like one, call me on 838506, or pick one up from the phone box at the bus stop.

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LUCKY WINE WINNER ANNOUNCED

Robin Dibblee, Chair of the recently formed Security Sub-Committee, has decided that to raise the Committee's profile, he will donate a bottle of wine to an address in the village, chosen at random. The first name out of the hat was.... Hatt! You're a lucky chap, Bob. The draw will continue monthly until Robin runs out of wine.



An Evening with
Pulsatillas

FUN AND LAUGHTER

Sarah Harrison & Ros Holbrow

Chishill Village Hall Friday 6th April 2018 7:00

Finger Food Refreshments

Tickets £10.00 Licensed Bar & Raffle

Bookings by Tuesday 3rd April 2018 to:

Marlene - 01763 838244 or Elaine - 01763 838781

In support of St Nicholas Church Little Chishill Fabric

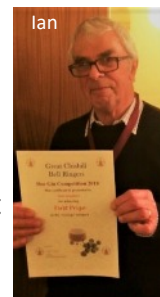
MORE SLOE GIN THAN EVER

Records were broken at this year's Sloe Gin competition, organised by Great Chishill's bellringers. No fewer than 60 entries were received -



organiser Jenny Leitch says that's the most she can remember.

Ringer's Delight, once the 'wallflower' class, attracted 17 unique brews, based on a wide variety of fruits (rhubarb gin, anyone?). Neil Heywood pipped Roger Truett and Peter Wiseman in the Nouveau class by a single point, while Ian Sanders, a bellringer from Barkway, triumphed with his Vintage. Ringer's Delight honours also went outside the village, to Geoff Miles of Chrishall.



Jenny says the evening made £313 for the St Swithun's Bell Fund, one of the most successful outcomes ever. Special thanks to the three heroic (and anonymous) judges, who had to taste and rate all 60 offerings. Luckily, none of them had to drive home.

Do you have an interesting garden?

Judy Saunders is looking for volunteers in Great Chishill to open their gardens, large or small, for an afternoon, to benefit St. Swithun's.

Chishill Open Gardens is on Sunday 10 June, 2.00 - 6.00 pm.

If interested, contact Judy by phone 838571 or email jrs2@btinternet.com

CEILIDH

Dancing to the Cambridge University Celidh Band

FRIDAY 20 APRIL

1900-2300

Great Chishill Village Hall

£15, supper included

Cash Bar, Raffle, lots of fun and frolics

Tickets available from Ro Gadian

1drakeral@gmail.com / 838343

This is a fundraising event held in aid of St Swithun's church restoration fund



'At the Crossroads'

A concert to continue the appeal

Nottingham Cathedral Choir

At St Swithun's Church, Great Chishill

Saturday 7 April at 7.30pm

Tickets £12 available from Tess

01763 838941 / tessgent@gmail.com

....it's our turn now to save our village for future generations.



CHURCH INDIAN NIGHT RAISES £2000+

Almost 100 people enjoyed the Indian evening on 10 March, many in Indian dress. Shaila and friends cooked a wonderful selection of delicious authentic food and everyone enjoyed a display of Indian and Nepalese dancing, with a chance to burn off the calories by joining in! 'We raised an amazing £2,030 for children's and youth work in our parish. Thank you to all those who came and supported this event' said Parish Manager Erica Debnam. (Pictures on left)

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our busy Parish Clerk Sarah Scott has some important messages this month. She writes:

POTHOLES

Whilst the Parish Council makes every effort to report potholes, anyone can report a pothole. A link is on the Parish Council website. If there is a delay for serious repairs, please let the Clerk know and she will chase it up

GRIT BINS

If you notice grit bins in the Parish are running low, please send Sarah Scott an email and she will arrange replenishment.

clerk@greatchishillpc.com.

FLY TIPPING

One of our Parish Councillors witnessed some fly tipping and reported it. The fly tipper was duly arrested and at Crown Court, pleaded guilty to several counts of fly tipping. He is awaiting sentencing and most likely will receive a custodial sentence.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR PARISH COUNCIL

There are now just two email addresses for the Parish Council - for the Chairman it's chair@greatchishillpc.com, and for the Clerk, please use clerk@greatchishillpc.com.

St Swithun's Midsummer Ball

Ticket sales for the St Swithun's MidSummer Ball have been really fantastic, with very few remaining. The organising committee would like to thank everyone for their enthusiastic support. We are now working hard to ensure the event raises as much money as possible for the Church Appeal and so are looking for donations of raffle prizes or sponsorship. If you, or your company, feel you would like to help and can contribute in any way, please do get in touch with us at stswithunsball@gmail.com. Or call Clara Cockerton on 07791588080 for more info and a chat about the possibilities!

BIN COLLECTIONS

	Black	Blue & Green
April		5 (Thurs)
	11 (Wed)	17
	24	1 st May

Women's Institute
April 17 at 7.30pm.

'Plant Up a Pot with Janet'

Visitors welcome - phone Angela - 01763 837353.

United Reformed Chapel and Schoolroom Services

1 April: Rev Duncan Goldie's last service, at 9.30, followed by an Easter Egg hunt for old and young alike!

15 April: at 9.30, led by Angus Gent

Silver Surfers

Tuesday 17th April, 10 -12 noon
Following on from one of our March sessions where we looked at how to use the internet to sell items both locally and nationally, our April session of the Internet Cafe will be joined by a guest speaker. Lucy Lewis has very kindly agreed to give a mas-

ter class on how to sell on eBay. It promises to be a highly informative, entertaining and hopefully lucrative session!

Film Night

Tuesday April 7.30. Doors open 7pm. A free glass of wine with each ticket, ice creams, popcorn and hot drinks at half time!

VICEROY'S HOUSE

"A Masterpiece"
"Stunning, everyone should see it"
Starring Hugh Bonneville, Gillian Anderson, Manish Dayak, Huma Qureshi and Michael Gambon. We were a sell out the last two cinema evenings so please book if you want a place on the sofas!