

## GREAT CHISHILL BELL RINGERS' SLOE GIN COMPETITION 2016

You are cordially invited to enter your home made sloe gin - nouveau or vintage, and other home made fruit-based liqueurs in our annual Sloe Gin Competition. All proceeds to St Swithun's Church Bells Refurbishment Fund

**Nouveau sloe gin** - made with Autumn 2015 sloes

**Vintage sloe gin** - any year you are proud of!

**Ringers' Delight** - your best homemade fruit-based tippie!

Additional award for best presented entry

Entries to Hall Farm, or 6 Colt's Croft by Tuesday 16 February.

Fee per entry £4 includes party admission

**ENTRY FORM:** visit [www.greatchishill.org.uk](http://www.greatchishill.org.uk) or call Jenny / Jean

## Tasting & Results Party Saturday 20 February 8.00pm

At Hall Farm by kind invitation of Peter and Jean Wiseman  
Non-competitors welcome to the Party at £4.50/head. Everyone please bring a bottle and a plate of finger food (co-ordinating with Jean) **\*\*\*Previous winners invited to wear their medals!\*\*\***

Details: Jenny 837073 or Jean 838263

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## Our County Councillor writes.....

As we have reported previously, it is a matter of time as to when the County Council will be forced to stop subsidizing bus services. The root of the problem is the withdrawal of government revenue support to councils. This accounts for the deterioration of roads, the planned reduction of winter gritting services (next year), loss of transport subsidies for post-16 education, and a long list of other services.

A meeting has been arranged for people who are concerned about independence and mobility, at Great Chishill Village Hall, 14 March, 7:30pm. At the time of writing, time-scales are not known, but we hope this will be a positive opportunity to find solutions.

The free 'wellbeing service' provided by Mind in Cambridgeshire continues every third Thursday of the month from 9:45-4:00 at the Melbourn Community Hub. If you'd like to book an appointment please ring Mind on 01223 311320 and ask for the Melbourn Outreach Service.

More at

<http://www.mindincambs.org.uk/Services/Wellbeing>

Our drop-in advice surgery continues on the first Monday of the month, 2:30-3:30, at the Melbourn Hub.

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## Free fire safety check

Recent sad events in our village must mean we're all more conscious than ever of the risk of fire. A FREE home fire safety check may be available to you. This is a service offered by Cambridgeshire Fire & Rescue. Fire-fighters or trained community safety officers can visit your home to help you identify and assess the risks of fire and advise you on the best practices to keep your home and family safe. We will advise you on the appropriate number and correct type of smoke alarm and fit them in the correct places.

To see if you're eligible for a check, visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk) and type 'home fire safety check' in the search box.

**Blowing his own Trumpet** - Crispian Steele-Perkins, world renowned trumpet player comes to St Swithun's Church to perform and talk about the development of the trumpet. He has played for Antiques Roadshow, Bond films, and with the world's top orchestras. Not to be missed! Diary the date now: **Friday 15 April**. More details next month..

## Feeling Chilly? Read This

The following items of clothing have been left in the Village Hall:

- Black padded waistcoat
- Beige ladies trenchcoat
- Beige scarf
- Small blue/green folding umbrella

Phone Andrea 838465 to arrange collection

## The Windmill Dance Group

will be putting their skills to the test at an end-of-term dance in the Village Hall on Friday March 18, 8 to 11pm and wonder if any other dancers might like to join them.

This will be a very simple format of recorded music for traditional Ballroom and Latin dancing (not sequence). The social side of the evening will be rather DIY; tables and chairs will be arranged but it's your choice what refreshment you bring.

We need to limit the numbers so that our novice dancers can feel comfortable on the floor so please contact David or

Wendy McKeown (838087, [mckeown.david@gmail.com](mailto:mckeown.david@gmail.com)) if you would like tickets. All proceeds are for the Great Chishill Windmill Trust so, rather than pay beforehand, there will be a donation box for whatever you think appropriate. The suggested level is £5 per person.

## Join Great Chishill Bell Ringers and be part of a great English heritage!

New and returning ringers always welcome especially from Chrishall, Elmdon, and Heydon, the other Icknield Way Parish churches with bells! Practice night Wednesday 8.00pm. Usually at Gt. Chishill. Please contact Jean Wiseman.

**Women's Institute**

Tuesday February 16 at 7.30pm  
in the Village Hall  
Sue Price will tell us about  
'Life Below Stairs at  
Wimpole Hall'

I want to thank everyone who came to Sarah's memorial service in January. I was astonished and moved by the size of the congregation and the generosity of the tributes from friends and neighbours. If you were there, and also if you wrote or called, thank you.  
Neil Heywood

The Love Food Fair will be held at Cambridge Central Library, 3rd floor on 20 February 2016 from 10.30am to 3.00pm. There will be a variety of different groups and organisations providing top tips on food, eating healthily, grow your own, and some tasty samples. The Fair is free to attend.

**ANGELS AND SHEPHERDS**

Almost 300 people came to the Crib Service at St Swithun's on Christmas Eve, which was lovely. Most of the children were dressed as angels or shepherds! Church services in February will be on 14<sup>th</sup> – Family Service at 10.40am, and 28<sup>th</sup> – BCP Holy Communion Service at 9am.

**BIN COLLECTIONS**

	<u>Black</u>	<u>Blue &amp; Green</u>
FEB	5	12
	19	26 (blue only)
MAR	4	11

**Save the Children**

are having a 3 course Valentine's Supper at Barley Town House on 13 February. 7:30 for 8:00, welcome drink, bar, raffle, and singing by Lucy. Tickets £17.50 from Liz, 838172.

## ROYSTON CHORAL SOCIETY

### COME AND SING STAINER'S CRUCIFIXION

Musical Director Andrew O'Brien

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March

12.00 for 12.30 to 5.00pm

Royston Parish Church

Admission £10

Singers of all abilities welcome, whether members of choral societies, church choirs, community choirs – or no choir. Do you sing along to BBC Songs of Praise or sing in the shower? Come along and take this opportunity to sing this Victorian choral gem with Royston Choral Society's BBC award winning conductor.

Registration commences 12.00 with singing starting at 12.30: The afternoon ends with a sing-through at 4.30 which friends and families are welcome to attend free of charge.

Please book using the booking form available on Royston Choral Society's website - <http://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk/> or from local libraries and choir members.

**Parish precept held for another year**

At their meeting on 21 January, Great and Little Chishill parish councillors agreed unanimously not to increase the parish precept for the coming year. Set to raise £22,500 for the third year running, the precept is collected with the County and District community charge, and goes to pay for amenities such as the village hall, playing fields and grants to community bodies.

### A WALK THROUGH HISTORY

#### NUTHAMPSTEAD AIRFIELD

SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2016 at 9:30AM.

Join us as we lead a walk through the historic airfield at Nuthampstead, home to the 55th Fighter Group and the 398th Bomb Group of the 8th USAAF during World War Two. If you're interested in landscape history, airfield archaeology, or just fancy the chance to have a walk in the unique landscape of this World War Two airfield, this walk is for you.

Parking: Anstey Village Hall, SG9 0BY- behind Anstey First School

Distance: Guided Walk 3.5 miles (from Anstey Village Hall to the Woodman Inn), then Un-Guided 1.6 miles (Woodman to Village Hall) - Total 5.1 miles

We should arrive at the Woodman Inn, Nuthampstead at 12:30pm. The guided walk will finish here and you must make your own way back to Anstey Village Hall of your own accord.

Please bring your own refreshments, or alternatively book lunch at the Woodman Inn or the Blind Fiddler, Anstey. Bookings essential.  
Terrain – Leisurely. Cost – Free.

What to bring- outdoor shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather.

[www.8theast.org](http://www.8theast.org)

Had a recent experience of using health or social care? Tell us what it was like for you. At Healthwatch,

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Cambridgeshire

we listen. Tell us what is working well within our local health and care services and what you think needs to be better. We log what you say and share this anonymously with the people who make decisions about our care. This helps them improve care where it is needed. Healthwatch can challenge health and care decision makers, if care isn't working the way it should. They have to listen to us, and they have to reply. Please do tell us how care is working for you now and the people who are important to you.