



The Chishills

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ST SWITHUN'S REOPENS

After what seems like far too long, this phase of the building work is just about complete. As well as the toilet and baby changing facilities, a clever kitchen area has been added, hidden away behind folding doors across the end of the North Aisle. Other organisations can now make use of the space. There is even a dishwasher! I particularly like the quatrefoil detailing at the bottom of the doors which hide the kitchen, it echoes similar detailing elsewhere in the church.



At the other end, the Chancel roof has been repaired, replastered with traditional lime plaster, and repainted. Church services will resume in June. Watch out for announcements!

Angela Patrick Sutcliffe is running a half-marathon to help raise money to go towards the rebuilding costs. If you would like to help here is the link:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/angela-patrick2



URC SERVICES

Sunday 6th June
Evensong 6.00 pm

Sunday 20th June
Morning Service 9.30 am

BIN DAYS - JUNE

Black	Blue/Green
2*	8
15	22
29	

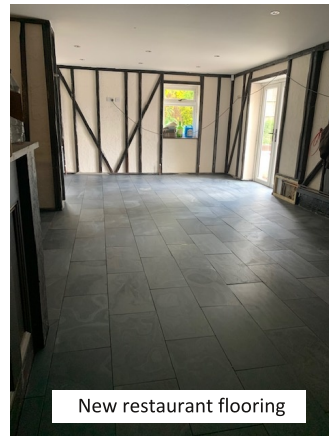
*Note - changed date

THE PHEASANT

Jenna and Stuart Johnson have had to carry out much more work than they originally expected in order to get the Pheasant fit for reopening. Much of their work has made the pub and garden more accessible to everyone. This includes a new slope up to the garden, level paving from the gates and through the patio area (with a ramp into the French doors) and the addition of a disabled toilet.

They have also completely refitted the kitchen and toilets and finished off the extension with new rendering, flooring, lights and radiators.

The pub is looking fantastic after receiving the TLC it so deserved.



New restaurant flooring



Ramp to garden

Great Chishill Windmill Trust

'Windependence Day'

Sunday 4th July 12:00 - 17:00

Join us at the Windmill for a family picnic, meet with friends, celebrate the end of Lockdown, the start of summer and the independence of the windmill now that it can move around its track.

Picnic food and drinks available

Windmill tours and quiz

Come and enjoy a fabulous village asset

METAL DETECTING by Paul Buck

What does metal detecting bring to mind? Treasure? Not in my experience. For me it's more about everyday objects, lost by people in the past. On my permissions* I dig-up a lot of junk, but now and again something interesting turns up. This



is a small lead bag seal of 2½ centimetres diameter. One side shows the arms of Peru along with THE PARUVIAN GUANO Co LIMITED. What this object tells us is that during the mid-1800s, a small field in Great Chishill was being spread with bird and bat droppings – all the way from Peru, 6000 miles across the North Atlantic. It tells a story of guano speculation, which involved powerful British shareholders, exploited Chinese labourers and the destruction of habitat. It also nearly saw Peru go bankrupt in the 1870s.

Not everything that I find is metal. Below is a Mesolithic flint tranchet axe of 4,000 – 9,500 BC, from a time of pre-farming and the last of the hunter-gatherers in Europe.



*Note: Detectorists require the permission of the landowner in order to be able to detect on their land. (Ed.)

WANTED: YOUR VIEWS ON HEALTH AND CARE

Healthwatch is the independent champion for health and care in Cambridgeshire. It listens to local people and shares their experiences to help improve NHS and care services.

The kinds of things you can tell Healthwatch about...

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- Visits to the GP - are video consultations working well or are you struggling to see your local doctor?
- Hospital waiting lists - we know many people are waiting for treatment and procedures. Tell us what would help you while you wait.
- Home care services
- Care homes
- Using the NHS 111 First service

Please get in touch and give your feedback at

www.healthwatchcambridgeshire.co.uk/share-your-views

Not online? You can also call 0330 355 1285 or text: 0752 0635 176.

GC Cricket Club Results - May

May 1st - Home versus Audley End & Littlebury

Great Chishill won by 53 runs

A. Gent 111. D. Nicholes 2-5

May 8th - Away versus Birchanger

Match abandoned due to rain

May 15th - Home versus Thriplow

Great Chishill lost by 8 wickets

A. Cockerton 25. J. Woodcock 1-4

May 22nd - Home versus Whittlesford

Match abandoned due to rain



Angus raises his bat on reaching 100

Great CHISHILL Youth Club

... IS BACK!!

WITH A ONE OFF
SPECIAL POP-UP CLUB IN JULY

AND REGULAR CLUB NIGHTS
RE-STARTING IN SEPTEMBER !!

For more info or to get involved
please contact Emily 07900 243491

CHISHILL CHALK PIT - ADOPT A TREE PROJECT

Over 40 Chishill children whose parents have contacted me, have now received their personal copper tree identification tag, to choose their very own sapling in the Chalk Pit.

The scheme was originally limited to CHILDREN of villagers who were invited to participate in the 'Adopt A Tree' project - but now is the time to invite GRANDCHILDREN of villagers to join in. Grandparents please apply!

Just email – ruth.dibblee@btinternet.com

It's all free – just have fun watching the saplings grow.

Any copper-tagged sapling will (eventually) be identified by tree type on the reverse side.