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The Chishills

Blossoms at Audley End House

SECURITY SUPPLEMENT

Attached to your Newsletter is a **Security Supplement** – an invitation to join the Parish Council Early Alert Scheme, exclusive to Great & Little Chishill. This time last year we had a dozen burglaries but only one was reported on the Police Alert website. Robin Dibblee, who leads the Parish Council's newly formed Security Subcommittee, told the Newsletter: "So we have decided to set up our own Early Alert, which will give participating residents warning of any future incidents. **The data of participants will be GDPR (revised Data Protection Act) – compliant, managed securely within the District Council database.** We will be giving a Security Committee report to the Parish Council AGM on 11th May, so if you have any questions on the Scheme or Security in general, do come along. And you are also invited to a FREE Wine & Crime Evening on October 26th at 7.30 pm, where there will be a variety of Security topics tackled – in a fun context."

Come and meet your Parish Councillors at the Annual Meeting of the Parish In the Village Hall on Friday 11 May at 7:30pm

LUCKY WINE WINNER - AND A CORRECTION

The Security Subcommittee's monthly draw of a bottle of wine as reported in the April issue was wrongly attributed to Robin Dibblee. The wine comes from an anonymous donor. Dan Manning of Colts Croft was April's lucky winner.

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

HARRIET'S TOMS Harriet once again is holding her annual tomato sale event. Plants are slightly delayed (thanks beast of the east etc..) but will be ready towards the end of this month. there is a varied selection, with something for all tastes, garden size and colour preference. Harriet's charities this year are: her current school charity, Victim Support, her old school, Friends of Chrishall School, and a little bit of pocket money for herself. Please do pop in or contact us as below to arrange a visit. Thank you. sascott42@gmail.com 01763 837112 / 07891 313584

VILLAGE TIDIES UP - THEN MORE FLY-TIPPING

The URC decided to promote and sponsor this important community event in April by supplying gloves, litter pickers, crumpets, cakes and a good pot of tea for the ladies (and beer for the men, if so wished). Angus Gent said: "This was not only to make a concerted effort to tidy up our village, but also as a way for us to say thank you to everyone who has supported us over the past 18 months in the various activities and events that we have run. We had a truly fantastic and enthusiastic group of 14 people, all of whom rose to the challenge admirably. There was even an element of competition as to who could collect the greatest amount and produce the most unusual find! It was a truly productive 2hrs. We took 15 bags of rubbish to the tip on Monday morning!"

"Less than 24 hours later it was so dispiriting to see at least 2 lorry loads of rubbish fly-tipped at the Rectory Farm barns on New Road. The poor farmer will now have to pay for this all to be removed. But we'll continue to do our bit. There will be further litter picking events - watch this space!"



Badminton

Great Chishill Village Hall, Wednesday evenings. Already a competent player looking to join a small friendly local group? Contact Colin or Elaine on 838428

Little Chishill Church - Pulsatillas Entertain

78 guests from far and wide attended the Little Chishill Church Pulsatillas Evening of Entertainment in Great Chishill Village Hall on 6th April. Marlene and Elaine would like to extend their sincere thanks Pulsatillas and all the volunteers who helped before and during the evening.

With some generous donations, the evening raised £1,055 for Little Chishill Church Fabric Fund and a big thank you goes to all who



supported the evening.

Cathedral Voices at St Swithun's

Thanks to the persuasive powers of Great Chishill's Lisa McKenzie, St Swithun's was filled with glorious music on Saturday 7 April as members of Nottingham Cathedral Choir (and some of their friends) gave the village a recital of music for for the Easter season. The choir stayed with local families overnight, and sang at following day's family service.



VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR



The village now has an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED). This is situated in a secure cabinet on the wall of the sports pavilion facing the car park. The AED was donated to the village by the Friends of Royston and District Healthcare and kindly installed by Andy Brown.

The AED will shortly be logged into the national emergency services database. Therefore, should someone dial 999 following an incident of cardiac arrest, they will be advised as to location of their nearest AED and given a code to unlock the cabinet. The AED once switched on gives easy to follow verbal instructions for the user and will not operate if the victim has any heartbeat, therefore they are totally safe to use so long as the instructions are followed.

Should you ever be in a position where someone has suffered a cardiac arrest then CPR should be performed and someone else should collect the AED after telephoning the emergency services. CPR should continue to be performed until the emergency services arrive should the AED following several attempts not have restarted the victim's heart.

We hope to arrange a CPR and AED training session in the near future for those in the village who are interested.

United Reformed Chapel and Schoolroom

Farewell to Duncan

At Great Chishill URC we said a fond farewell to Duncan Goldie on Easter Day as he is moving south to Dorset where he is leading the linked Benefice of Sherborne, Mere, Wincanton and Shaftsbury. We wish him all the very best of luck for this next chapter in his life. Services in the Chapel will continue but there will be no services in July and August.

Services

6 May ~ There will be no service
 20 May ~ 8.30 Christian Aid Big Breakfast followed by 9.30 service led by Ben Palmer
 Families and children are all most warmly welcomed to any of our services.

Silver Surfers

1 & 15 May 10.00 - 12.00
 5 & 19 June 10.00 - 12.00

We will be looking at any areas that those present may wish to cover, please bring along your wish lists! New members are always welcomed, no question or problem is too small! All for the price of a frothy coffee and a flap jack!

Film night

Back by popular demand for one night only, until September. On Tuesday 9 May we will be showing the quite brilliant Paddington 2. Starting at 7.30. With typically Portugese supper being served from 6.00. Please let Tess know if you would like catering for or just a place on the sofa. tessgent@gmail.com

St Swithun's Ceilidh

We were brilliantly entertained by the most talented Cambridge University Ceilidh Band for our ceilidh dance, thanks to the wonderful generosity of those at the event, we managed to raise the fantastic sum of £900 for the St Swithun's appeal. Quite brilliant. Once again I must say a huge thank you to one and all for yet again supporting the church appeal.

BIN COLLECTIONS

Black Blue & Green

May	1
9(Wed)	15
22	30 (Wed)

Women's Institute

15 May at 7.30

Resolutions with discussion entitled 'Mental Health Matters' plus a security talk from Robin Dibblee.

Visitors welcome - phone Angela - 01763 837353.