



The Chishills

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THE PHEASANT

Our village pub is now, once again, open for business, thanks to Stuart and Jenna Johnson from the Woodman Inn in Nuthampstead, who have now purchased the Pheasant. You will have seen lots of building and outside work going on over the last few weeks to enable the pub to get up and running as quickly as possible. It opened to its first customers on Monday 19th April with a hog roast and a musician to welcome some happy villagers.

Thank you Stuart and Jenna!



TREES IN GREAT CHISHILL



Spring is upon us. It is a time of rapid growth and you may be tempted to cut back new growth on your trees. Please be aware that, since much of Great Chishill is a designated conservation area, there may be restrictions on what you can do. In a conservation area all trees which are larger than 75 mm in diameter (3") at a height of 1.5 meters (5') are treated in the same way as trees anywhere that have a Tree Preservation Order. This means that you are prohibited from carrying out any of the following actions without getting consent from SCDC Planning Department:

- cutting down
- topping
- lopping
- uprooting
- wilful damage
- wilful destruction.

The last two items on this list do seem to me to be somewhat unnecessary. I don't think you would seek written permission (or be granted it) if they were your intention!

Use your common sense. Light pruning is OK, but if you have any doubts please contact the village Tree Warden, Tim Scott, on 01783 837112.

BEE SWARMS

We are at that time of the year when bees swarm. A honeybee colony swarming is a natural process. It's the colony reproducing by the old queen leaving with some of the bees. They leave their hive and find somewhere to hang in a cluster until the scout bees decide on their new home.

If you think you've got a swarm please call a local beekeeper to come and remove the honeybees. The nearest registered swarm collectors to the Chishills are Jeffrey Miles in Chrishall on 07939 949299 or Chris Parsons in Fowlmere on 07921 628166.



It is a free service, the swarm collector will be a beekeeper and will use the swarm to increase his own collection of hives, provided it is a honeybee swarm and not wasps! Please call promptly, if you leave it the bees will move on, but usually to somewhere much more inaccessible, like inside a nearby chimney or roof space, where they may be more of a nuisance and where, perhaps, the colony will need to be destroyed.

HARRIET'S TOMATOES

If you have a greenhouse, then the plants are ready now. If not, please wait a few weeks (there are plenty to go around, Dad and I have grown over 400 plants!). Please call 837112 to arrange to collect your plants. This year's charity is The Brain Tumour Trust.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Harriet Scott



Royston & District Community Transport

We are available once more for hairdresser and similar appointments, shopping trips, gym and social visits (outdoors or at Garden Centres). Our rule for one household per car remains, preferably a single person sitting in the back. We are, of course, flexible for those who find sitting in the rear seat too difficult and those who need carers. Please - don't forget your mask!

As usual we will try our best to meet your needs, please ring the office on (01763) 245228 between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday to Friday.

BIN DAYS - MAY

| Black | Blue/Green |
|-------|------------|
| 5* | 11 |
| 18 | 25 |

*Note - changed date

CRICKET CLUB

A year behind schedule, to celebrate our 150th year, on Saturday 17th April the cricket club launched the inaugural junior section for 36 local children. Alastair Cockerton, Angus Gent, Martin Hague and Orla Hilton with some parents assisting taught the children how to bat, bowl and field. A fun morning was had by all on a sunny day with 11 more sessions to go. "Do as I say, not as I do."



TRISTRAM'S TROUBLES

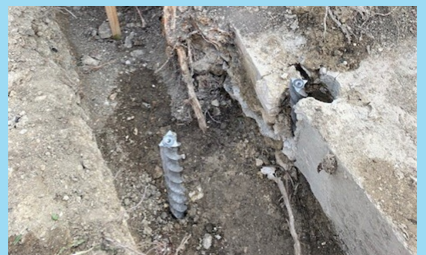
The latest event at the Crossroads is the arrival of a specialist Newbury firm thunderously hammer-pile driving 'Heli Piles' into the site of Tristram's wall - to protect his now pollarded lime trees.

Tristram has not had much luck with South Cambs Planning Department. He was asked to tear down and replace his newly-built chimney stack, due to mistakenly using bricks not to the Planning Department's specification.

He has now been placed in a Catch 22 situation, as the Tree Officer is determined to protect his pollarded limes. The limes were pushing over Tristram's flint wall, which was then condemned by Cambridgeshire County Council - but which also required replacement. Rather perversely, South Cambs District Council initially refused permission for the flint wall to be rebuilt (even though the County Council was demanding it) because it needed listed building planning consent. The Tree Officer objected to the limes' removal. Stalemate for more than a year. The Tree Officer then

specified an intricate way of building the wall foundations, using the Heli Pile system, to protect the tree roots. This technology has so far, we understand, never before been used to protect pollarded lime trees.

There are now 52 documents lodged at SCDC relating to this, with "many internal meetings" and many more redacted. The Head of Planning has now said he will not answer any more emails on the subject. Poor Tristram has had to meet all the, fairly substantial, costs of this work himself. You might commiserate with Tristram if passing.



Together in Sound

**Saffron
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Music Therapy Research



Together in Sound is a free interactive music therapy group for those living with dementia and their companions. Currently delivered online with technical support where needed. Weekly sessions led by music therapists and visiting professional musicians from Saffron Hall.

Taster session on 7th May 2021.

To apply online please visit www.saffronhall.com/togetherinsound/ or email togetherinsound@saffronhall.com or call **01799 588538**.

ADOPT A TREE

There is now a wonderful opportunity for Chishill children to 'Adopt a Tree'. There are now a range of species represented in the chalk pit. Silver birch, hazel, oak, hornbeam and maple. They arrived unlabelled, so it is a guessing game! Just email me, ruth.dibblee@btinternet.com with your name, address and number of children in your family. An envelope will be delivered containing an aluminium tag on which to write your child's name. There are 150 new saplings in the chalk pit to choose from, so depending on demand, village grandchildren will also have an opportunity at a later date.

However, this has to be at your risk and needs adult supervision. There are about 50 mammal-holes around the Pit, homes to previous fox, badger and rabbit residents; traps for the unwary!

Parish Council

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on Friday 21st May. Whilst the Parish Council will legally have to meet face to face, we cannot accommodate members of the public as given historic attendance numbers this would break Covid rules. We would welcome you to join remotely, please look out for details nearer the time. Thank you.

URC SERVICES

Services at the United Reform Church will restart on Sunday 16th May at 9.30 am. The service will be led by Ben Palmer.

The Reverend Sue Palmer will be taking up her post at the URC at the end of June.

Hold the Date

WINDEPENDENCE DAY

The Great Chishill Windmill Trust invites you to celebrate the summer at the windmill on Sunday 4th July.

