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The Chishills

Straw bales at Flint Cross

The Windmill Gains from Field Finds

Around 100 metal detectorists gathered under clear blue skies at the windmill on 7 October to listen to Zoë Williams's introductory talk. Zoë, of the delightfully named Pink Wellies Metal Detecting Group, had organised a search of 250 acres of local farmland plus the paddocks besides Bob Hatt's house. Through the generosity of all concerned, especially Diana Duke, her manager James, and Robin Truss, the proceeds of the day were donated to the Great Chishill Windmill Trust.

The happy band of 'wand wavers' crossed the road to start on the first of the fields. Within three minutes, one regular returned to show a Roman coin that he had unearthed on his first signal. The finds grew throughout the day with plenty of mediaeval and Roman silver coins and several pieces of bronze.

A near perfectly preserved bronze-age spear tip was the most striking find of the morning but of more relevance to the windmill was a lead weight (pictured) found by Mark Power. Shield-shaped weights of this type are described by the British Museum as mediaeval trade weights used in the early days of the standard weight system of pounds and ounces (avoirdupois). The photograph shows that this one has a windmill stamped into it so we guess it was specifically for grain or flour.

Another detectorist, Dave Clarke, found two coins (Henry II and James I) and a lovely seal matrix from the 14th century that he registered with the official finds office.



Picture credit Mark Power



By 5 o'clock, most folk had dragged their weary bodies from the fields but all expressed their pleasure at detecting in such wonderful countryside and on such a perfect day. To add to this satisfaction came the news that they had collected over £1500. This will go a long way to paying for the annual maintenance of the mill so we are truly grateful to all who took part in this alternative style of fundraising event. One last observation that leaves an interesting question – there was an amazing number of silver thimbles found across all the fields. How ever did they come to be there?

Apple picking for the windmill

On a sunny morning volunteers arrived at Bob Hatt's orchard to gather in the apples to be turned into organic juice for sale in aid of the Windmill Fund.

Thanks to all the helpers - who enjoyed a welcome cup of coffee after all their hard work. The delicious juice will be available to buy from the windmill stall at the Craft Fair in the Village Hall on 8 December.



A Date for the Diary!
CRAFTS ON THE HILL
8 DECEMBER
VILLAGE HALL 10-4
XMAS TREES
SANTA
BARBECUE
LOCAL CRAFTS

Service Dates for the URC

4 November No Service
11 November Remembrance Service
10.55 at Great Chishill War Memorial, then
at the URC. See details overleaf.
18 November 4 9.30 Service

Film Night

13 November 7.30 in the Schoolroom
Finding your Feet ~ *The feel good film of the year, uplifting and heart-warming.* A romantic comedy starring Imelda Staunton, Celia Imrie, Joanna Lumley and Timothy Spall.

Please do come and join us. For more information contact Angus or Tess. tessgent@gmail.com

Scottish Dancing

Monday 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th 7.30 - 9.30 in the Schoolroom
Very informal dancing and a wee dram continues in November.

Wine Tasting

9 November at 8.00pm in the Schoolroom
Prepare early for Christmas with this special fundraising evening. In aid of St Swithun's Church. Taste quality wines, make your choices, pay discount prices and we will deliver it to your door, all before the festive season begins! Tickets £10 per person include wine, cheeses and puddings.
To book your tickets contact us at greatchishilltickets@gmail.com or contact Tess tessgent@gmail.com

Seniors' Tea
on 13 December!
At the Village Hall 3 - 5 pm
Enquiries to Lindsay Crawley
838897



REMEMBRANCE



SUNDAY

1918-2018

Sunday 11th November

THE WAR MEMORIAL

GREAT CHISHILL

10.50

Followed by a special village service to commemorate this 100 year anniversary; with music from a local choir, readings and children's activities.

Everyone most welcome!





PARISH NEWS

Christmas dates are: Carol Service at St Swithun's on 16 December at 6.30pm and also Christmas Day Family Communion Service at 10am.

Festive Cards
Tess Gent is designing Christmas cards featuring images from 2017's Christmas Tree Festival in aid of the Church Appeal. Find them at Crafts on the Hill or contact Tess.

URC HARVEST FESTIVAL 2018

Harvest Festival was celebrated with a beautiful Evensong Service led by Ben Palmer. We were particularly delighted to welcome friends from other villages. Our service reminded us how lucky we all are in so many respects, and despite all the many areas of discontent, disaster and sadness, we do live in a wonderful world.

Afterwards, merriment and fun was had at the Village Harvest Supper, A generous amount of dried food was collected and blessed for Jimmy's Night Shelter, plus a cheque for £200. It is always an amazing evening!

Gt Chishill & Heydon Children's Christmas Party
with fun & games from Stripey Wipey,
party food and a very special visitor!

Saturday 1st December 3 - 5pm
Gt Chishill Village Hall

Free to all pre-school & primary school age children
in Heydon, Gt & Lt Chishill. Book your place
by 20th November with Emily 836257 or Islay 838194

Sloe Gin:

Great Chishill Bell Ringers' Sloe Gin Results Party will be held on Saturday 23 Feb with judging Thursday 21 Feb - venue tbc. So get picking those sloes before the autumn winds get them! Or enter your alternative home-made, fruit-based liqueurs in 'Ringers' Delight'. Enquiries to Jenny Leitch 07850 862199 (text message preferred)



Meet Your Parish Councillor: Vice-Chair Rebecca Pine

Great Chishill felt like home even before we moved here. I fell in love with our first house, Hope Cottage, just over ten years ago and spent seven very happy years there. Whilst at Hope Cottage, I had both my children, Fred and Olivia, and got to know lots of people in the village. My husband Tom and I begrudgingly realised that our growing family, which included our much loved dog, had outgrown the cottage. Not wanting to leave the village, we moved into our home on Heydon Road and have been incredibly happy there for three years. I recently joined Newport Primary School in September as headteacher, having previously taught at Meldreth and Melbourn Primary Schools. I am hugely passionate about children receiving outstanding teaching and working with families to achieve the very best outcomes for children. I enjoy exploring the outdoors with my family and we are keen on cycling, walking the dog and being in the countryside. I am a member of the village hall committee and helped out at the recent Midsummer ball. I also enjoy getting to know people in the village, which has been helped by being part of our hugely welcoming church. I am particularly interested in looking into the history of the village and seeing how it can help shape the future.

BIN COLLECTIONS

	Black	Blue & Green
NOV 6	13	
20	27	

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
will take place on
15 November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall
Parish Council meetings are open to all parishioners!

Women's Institute
20 November
Medieval Mississippi with
Saffron Summerfield
Visitors welcome- call Angela
837353

Life-Saving Training a Success

Around 25 people came to the AED / CPR training event, hosted by the Parish Council in the Village Hall. Rod Taylor (an ex head of Hertfordshire Ambulance Service) and Nigel Sutcliffe a first responder from Royston taught us how to use the AED unit and how to undertake CPR. There is also a video on the Parish Council Facebook Page which shows how to use an AED Unit. At the end of the evening, it was felt that the training was really useful and helped us all understand what the procedure is, should the unit need to be used. The Parish Council would like to thank Peter Homent who arranged for the village to have the AED unit installed and for Andrew Brown who put it up for us.