



The Chishills

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THE PHEASANT

As you can see by the sign, the Pheasant is now on the open market. At the September Parish Council meeting the Pub Is The Hub Group gave a summary of the results of the survey carried out in the village (results can be



seen on the Village notice board or on this link:

<http://www.greatchishillpc.com/great-chishill-community-pub-company-ltd.html>

The pub is now registered as an "asset of community value" and South Cambs District Council have been advised that there is community interest. This initiates a 6 month moratorium on any sale to give time for the Parish to put together the requirements of the bid. However, this does not stop the pub being on the open market and other parties making offers, but a sale cannot be completed during this period without the approval of the Parish Council.

To build the offer, a Community Benefit Society (CBS) has been created called the Great Chishill Community Pub Ltd. This organisation will be responsible for building a bid. Its current members are the same as the Pub In the Hub Group. Soon, a website will be created to provide a communication point.

A prospectus is being developed by the group and this will be shared in due course. The financing of the pub, if

purchased by Community Share Ownership, would be by loans and grants. The share option is open to all and if you are interested please be prepared to declare this interest, based on the prospectus. The group will be assisted by the Plunkett Foundation and follow best practices of that organisation to become "More than a Pub."

In the coming weeks the group will be busy putting together the business case, plan and finance options. The Parish Council has provided a grant of £4,000 to pay for the formation of the CBS and carry out a commercial survey and valuation of The Pheasant.

If you would like to get involved, have questions about registering an interest or have any general questions please contact one of the group members.

We will keep you informed via this monthly newsletter.

FOOTBALL IN GREAT CHISHILL

After an absence of 8 months the Great Chishill Playing Fields Association committee are pleased to announce that football has once again returned to Great Chishill. From September, Saffron Walden Community Football Club under 13s (2 teams) have been using Great Chishill as their home ground.

The club which is run by volunteers is a registered charity (801764) with over 500 boys registered, playing in teams for under 7s to under 18s. Its sister club Saffron Walden PSG offers

football for girls.

Daniel Condie under 13 coach commented that the club is very grateful for the opportunity to have use of the facilities. "The site is excellent with a decent field of play. Having local storage and a building with changing rooms and toilets is brilliant, although due to current COVID 19 restrictions access to the pavilion is restricted. We hope to create a hub that brings team

players and families together when the situation permits." Daniel added, "the Playing Field committee have been incredibly supportive in helping to bring the team to the village. A huge thank you from all of us."

For those interested in playing for an under 13 team or for any of the other teams run by the club please visit the website <https://swcfc.club>

The teams play on Sunday mornings and play in red.



Christmas Wreaths

Sadly there will be no Christmas Fayre this year but Tess will still be doing Christmas Wreaths in aid of the both the NHS and church funds. So that we continue to remember the fantastic NHS during the festive period, there will be a subtle variety of Rainbow Wreaths, alongside the wide selection of traditional ones.

Please order in good time if you should like one.

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URC services

Sunday 1st November 6 pm

Sunday 8th November - Remembrance Sunday

10.50 am at the War Memorial followed by a service at the URC Chapel. There will be restricted seating due to Covid regulations so please book early to avoid disappointment.

angusgent@gmail.com

Service will be led by Ben Palmer.

There will be no service on 15th November.

The Church Reordering Project at St Swithun's (Angela Patrick Sutcliffe)

The St Swithun's reordering project is now underway, covering the provision of a kitchen and community meeting area, and urgent repairs to the chancel ceiling, which is in a dangerous state. It means the church will be available for social events as well as worship.

Friends of Essex Churches Trust have very generously given us £10,000 towards the cost of the repairs, not enough to pay for all the works but still a great help.

We have also been given an interest free loan from Cambridge Historic Churches Trust, this has to be paid back over 4 years. After that they will give us a grant of £3,000.

We will have to do some fund raising to pay back the loan and to complete the work in the chancel.

We really need more villagers to support the preservation of the church building. Thank-you to those who already make monthly donations through their banks.

Our Church is there for all villagers and their families, especially in times of family celebrations or sadness. We all love to have baptisms, weddings, funerals and seasonal family celebrations here at St Swithun's. These will not be possible if the church isn't maintained to a high standard.

So . . . Please consider setting up a monthly donation to the church building fund and becoming a friend of St. Swithun's.

We are producing a flier to be passed onto villagers, but in the meantime in order to support the church committee we are requesting your support. If you are able to donate please contact angela.patrick@btinternet.com for bank account details and a gift aid form.



Village Advent Calendar

Tess Gent would like to organise a 'Round the Village Advent Calendar' so that we don't all go into total hibernation again with the new restrictions.

Tess would love to hear from anyone who would be willing to offer to decorate an easily viewed window or a doorstep or gate post for her to organise this. Obviously she needs at least 20 volunteers. Christmas may be a bit lonely for many this year so it would help to see people (from a socially suitable distance) and have something to look forward to and give some Christmas cheer.

If you are interested and would like to learn more, please contact Tess on tessgent@gmail.com

GOOD NEWS FOR SPORT IN GREAT CHISHILL!

During lockdown GC Cricket Club has not been idle. It has won grants (from Sport England) to develop a Junior section for 2021 and a grant to support a "redevelopment" of the pavilion, working with the Playing Fields Association for the initial review.

At the same time GCCC, working with the PFA, entered a global competition to have a full architectural and engineering design for a redevelopment of the pavilion.

The current pavilion was opened in 1973 and replaced a pavilion which was from the original Great Exhibition. So it is now 48 years old.

We now know that Great Chishill has won the competition and the formal process will begin soon! The prize includes all architectural designs, drawings and virtual reality views, as well as consultancy with a structural engineer to facilitate redevelopment of the pavilion, together with guidance on grants available for such work.

The Cricket Club and the PFA want this to be a facility for the whole village. In its 150th Year, the Cricket Club wants to provide a legacy for the next 50 years for a modern inclusive

pavilion.

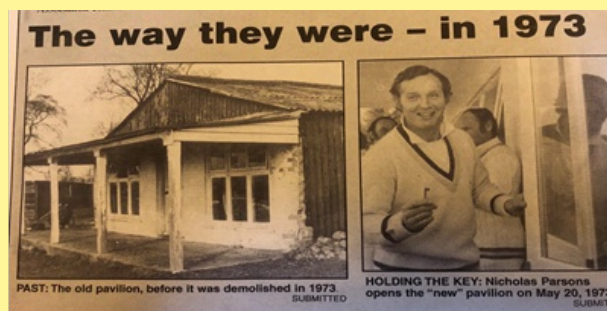
As such we would like to hear from other sporting clubs in the village. We already have 2 junior football teams and football tots, a cricket 1st XI and a junior section and Chishill Chimps Nursery. How could a redeveloped pavilion benefit other clubs or societies? This is an opportunity to add in other sports facilities for the whole village, be it taking part or spectating and supporting family members.

As you can imagine the initial grants (from Sport England) and the winning of the architectural and design prize already provides a big investment, however there will be a need for additional funds as the project develops. This was to be cricket's 150th year in Great Chishill and club celebrations have been put

on hold. Once the redeveloped pavilion is ready we can have an even bigger celebration.

Please send details of your sports, clubs and ideas to the team to allow us to incorporate them into the design for the redevelopment. Contact Martin Hague (martin@hagues.co.uk)

This is a fantastic opportunity to bring a wider range of sports to the village and get more people involved.



BIN DAYS - NOVEMBER

Black	Blue / Green
3	10
17	24

Food for Our Future.

The average household in South Cambridgeshire throws away around 2kg of food each week that could be avoided. Our food is as precious as our planet. Small actions and changes at home can make a big difference to our impact on climate change and our legacy to future generations. Check out cambridgesustainablefood.org to get involved.

