

## PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS SECURITY CONCERNS

The security of our village homes and their contents is moving higher on the agenda, it seems. The issue was debated at this year's Village Meeting, and the first visible result of that discussion was the Parish Council's security questionnaire which was recently sent to all residents. The last 12 months have certainly seen an alarming number of burglaries, but one difficulty is that nobody is sure exactly how many. Without that sort of information, it's not possible to assess just how big a problem the villages face. The Parish Council said: "Following recent burglaries in the village, Great and Little Chishill Parish Council would like your views as to whether you feel there should be some sort of Parish initiative

to reduce this risk in future. By burglaries we mean houses, outbuildings, vehicles or land entered and goods taken. We would be most grateful for your time in filling in and returning this form to the green post box by the bus stop. Thank you."

The deadline to return completed questionnaires is 3 September – so there isn't much time, and Parish Clerk Sarah Scott says she wants as full a response as possible, so that the survey can be truly representative of village opinion. Have you lost your questionnaire? Spare forms can be downloaded from the PC's web site, or in case of need, contact the Newsletter and we'll print one for you.

### 7 SEPTEMBER MEETING TO DEBATE HALL LANE HOUSING PLANS

A few months ago the Parish Council was approached by Bloomhall, a Cambridge property services company. They were looking to gauge the feeling of the Parish about developing the land on Hall Lane between Waller's Close and Colts Croft. Parish Council Chair James Coney said "At the time we suggested that if they intended to take this further they could come and talk to the Parish Council at a monthly meeting where they could provide us with some more details. We also suggested that they would be advised to present their proposals to the village in an open forum."

Bloomhall representatives came to the July Parish Council meeting to show some plans and drawings of what they thought the development might look like. The proposal is for about 14 houses of a mix of affordable and market dwellings ranging from 1-4 bedrooms. There is more information on this in the minutes of the July meeting on the Parish Council web site, [greatchishillpc.com/pc-minutes](http://greatchishillpc.com/pc-minutes).

At this stage no formal planning application or pre-application has been made.

The PC advised that the next step should be to consult with the village generally, which has been arranged for **7.30pm on 7th September at the Village Hall**. "We would urge people to come along and find out more" said James Coney.

### WINDMILL CELEBRATION AND MUSIC EVENING

Saturday 23 September at 7.30

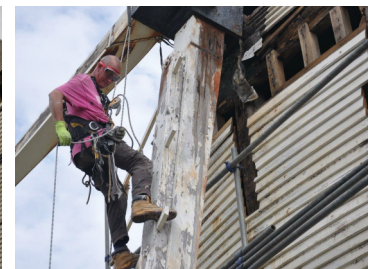
Featuring

**The Elderly Brothers**  
**Simon Brearley**

£12 to include Dips, Hot Supper and Pudding

For tickets please contact

Ann Lane 838366 or Lindsey Crawley 838897



Millwrights remove our windmill's sails as more decay is spotted. Story overleaf

**United Reformed Church**  
**Services for September**  
**Sunday 3rd** 'Autumn' Angus  
 Gent (with guest choir)  
**Sunday 17th** Harvest Festival  
 Duncan Goldie  
**Tuesday 26th** Harvest Festival  
 Supper 19.30

**Internet Cafe Tuesday 19**  
**September** 10.00-12.00  
**Film Night Tuesday 10 October**  
 'Manchester by the Sea' 19.15  
**Scottish dancing**  
 Monday nights Starting 2  
 October 19.30-21.30



Rev. Anand Sodadasi and his family following his installation in July. Photo Gordon Brown

Please meet at Chrishall Church at 8.30am to leave at 9am.

**FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**  
**Annual Family Walk around our beautiful parish: Saturday 23 September**

As usual, the walk will take us around the whole parish stopping at each of our seven churches. Brunch, lunch and afternoon tea will be served on route! Do join in for as much of the walk as you can, you will find the map and further details on the parish website: [icknielldwayparish.blogspot.co.uk](http://icknielldwayparish.blogspot.co.uk).

**Silver Surfers** - There was a super turn out for our i-pad special and internet safety sessions brilliantly led by Kathey West and we were thrilled that some new faces joined us. Please feel free to drop in at a time to suit you, even if you can't make the whole session, at the URC ,

**Where have the windmill sails gone?**

*David McKeown writes*

There has been very real progress with our project in the last few weeks as evidenced by the scaffolding surrounding the mill, holes where weatherboards have been removed and the loss of the sails. We have good news to report on fund-raising but then, almost inevitably, news of yet more repair work necessary. On the financial side of things, we have been granted almost £48,000 from various funders, plus the Windmill Dancing Group has raised £1800 and the Recipe Book made £1000. But the response to our 'Sponsor a Board' appeal has been absolutely magnificent: it has now topped £13000! Our millwright, Bill Griffiths, has never seen such community fund raising in his whole career. Thank you all - you saved us from having to call a halt to the work! However, the sting in the tail came from inspecting the timbers. The

corner uprights have rotted but Bill is cutting 50mm from their outer faces and 'plating' them with new green oak to give strength and a surface for attaching the new weatherboards. Of great concern is the main horizontal weather beam that supports the sail assembly. It has rotted and is no longer securely attached to the corner posts, hence the reason for removing the sails. Once the sail assembly is supported on jacks, the weather beam will be removed for repair and the addition of a steel joist to give real strength to the structure.

We need to raise a little more money now but we have much to celebrate, so let's concentrate on the fun first. We are holding a Celebration Supper and Music Night on Saturday September 23rd in the Village Hall. Get your tickets from Lindsey Crawford or Ann Lane as soon as possible - our last Music Night was a sell out!

**Great and Little Chishill Parish Council now have a Facebook page.**  
 Please like and follow us to keep up to date with our news! Go to [www.facebook.com/GLCPC](http://www.facebook.com/GLCPC)

**Save the Date!**

**Cricket**

July closed with a great win against Horseheath in a rain affected game with over 450 runs being scored in just 60 overs. Sadly August has been disrupted; a game rained off at Newport, a concession from Fordham. A bad loss at Cottenham last weekend saw us move up the relegation zone, but sadly not away from it. With two games to remaining we can still avoid the drop. The most pleasing thing about the season has been the great spirit that we have maintained despite the results, I think it must be something to do with the fantastic teas and support that we enjoy week in week out!

Our final game of the season sees us hosting Ely on Saturday 2nd September. Weather permitting we will be enjoying our end of season BBQ following the game. Please do come and join us celebrate a memorable season.

**Dates for the diary**

Great Chishill CC Golf day, Barkway Park ~ Sunday 17th September (09.00)

AGM, The Pavilion ~ Tuesday 19th (20.00)

Dinner and Dance, featuring The Elderly Brothers, The Village Hall~ Saturday 7th (19.00)

For further details, to book a place or to buy a ticket, please contact [angusgent@gmail.com](mailto:angusgent@gmail.com)

**Sat 9 Dec 2-6pm and Sun 10 Dec 12-4pm**  
**St Swithun's CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL**

**Women's Institute**  
**19 September 7.30pm**  
**Carol Pook**  
 'Dr James Barry'  
 A 19C doctor who was really a woman  
 Visitors welcome- call Angela 837353

**BIN COLLECTIONS**

	<u>Black</u>	<u>Blue &amp; Green</u>
September	5	12
	12	19
	26	3 Oct