



The Chishills

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SLOE GIN COMPETITION - 2023

The annual Great Chishill Sloe Gin Competition took place on Thursday 23rd February. This year there were 39 entries across 3 categories, all of which were sampled by the judges!

This was followed on Saturday 25th by a very enjoyable Sampling Party in the URC schoolroom, when everyone had the opportunity to try the entries themselves. The prizes were awarded by Jenny Leitch.

The winners were:

Nouveau Sloe Gin

1st - Robin Diblee. 2nd= - Kathryn Farrow/Stella Russell. 3rd - Lucy Goode

Vintage Sloe Gin

1st - Neil Heywood. 2nd - Alison Truett. 3rd - Stella Russell.

Ringers' Delight

1st - Stella Russell. 2nd= - Lucy Goode/Roger Truett. 3rd - Neil Heywood

Best presentation:

Helen Whitehead



Robin Diblee



Neil Heywood



Stella Russell



Helen Whitehead

SPEEDING

Speeding is always an issue in the village. The Parish Councils



of Great Chishill and Heydon are looking at working together to restart a speed watch scheme in our villages. Could you possibly help? We are looking for volunteers to assist us to get speed watch up and running again. Please contact Sarah Scott if you feel you could donate some time. Thank you!

CORONATION BARREL ROLLING

The Barley versus Great Chishill challenge will start at the Chequers in Barley at 11.00 am on Sunday 7th May. It will proceed by road and footpath past viewing points at the Fox & Hounds in Barley and the windmill in Great Chishill before ending at the Pheasant. Refreshments will be available at the viewing points. Please come out and cheer the Great Chishill team on to a glorious victory!

There will also be a tug of war between the two villages which will take place at the windmill at noon.

WINDMILL OPEN DAYS

The windmill will be open to visitors again this summer. Starting from 2nd April, it will be open on alternate Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

April open days are Sunday 2nd, 16th and 30th. All visitors will be shown around by a guide and there is no specific charge for a tour. However, we are very grateful for donations that will help to keep the mill in the condition you now see it.

HARRIET'S TOMATOES

Harriet's Charity tomato plant sale will take place again this year. The seedlings are germinating as we speak and, as ever, we will have a great selection of tomato plants to purchase when the time comes. This year's charity will be **Power2Inspire** - a local charity which runs PowerHouseGames events. These are incredible sports days using adapted games and sports. All the activities are especially designed to be accessible and fun for everyone, old and young, with or without disabilities, sporty or not sporty – and so are wonderfully inclusive. For pre-orders please contact sascott42@gmail.com or call 07891 313584.

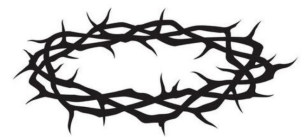


GOOD FRIDAY

Friday 7th April, 6pm

A service of music and reflection
for Good Friday

URC Chapel, Barley Road, Great Chishill



Led by Reverend Sue Fender,
with hymns and music from the
Great Chishill Village Choir.

GREAT CHISHILL CRICKET CLUB

The junior section will be running again this summer for circa 70 children on Saturday mornings 10 am to 11 am during the summer term. The older children are progressing to hard ball; we are employing our first professional coach and also hope to organise some fixtures against other villages.

The senior team will again be competing in the CCA Junior League South with fixtures on most Saturday afternoons from May through to August; 40 over matches starting at 1 pm. We are always looking for players, so if anyone in the village aged 14 (year 9) upwards wants to get involved please get in touch. We will also be having mid-week evening nets from mid-April if anyone wants to try out. (We struggled to raise an XI on many Saturdays last year hence all are welcome!)

Alastair Cockerton – Captain.

CORONATION WEEKEND PLANNING

Friday 5th May

5.30 pm: Coronation Cocktails at URC

7 pm: Scottish Dancing at URC

Saturday 6th - Coronation Day

Church bell ringing

7 pm onwards: Coronation Menu and live music at the Pheasant

Sunday 7th

11:00 am: Barrel run starts at Chequers pub, Barley

12.00 noon: Tug of war at windmill

6.00 pm: URC church service

Monday 8th

11.30 am: Morris Dancing at the Pheasant

14.00 onwards: Community picnic at St Swithun's.

All welcome.



Many generations of local children have enjoyed their time at the rather blustery Great Chishill Playground over the years. Sadly, time has come to say goodbye to some

of the much loved wooden equipment and replace it with another fun, sturdy and safe playground for future generations to enjoy. A community group has been formed with a rather daunting task of raising the funds to buy and install this new fun area. We aim to provide a new zoned play area that is suited to a wide range of ages and abilities with exciting, inspiring and creative play options. The design will be sensitive to the rural setting using natural materials and colours and, of course, built to the highest safety standards and regulations.

We will be starting work to get ideas and raise funds through our wonderful community, local companies and grants to ensure the children have a safe and fun place to play for many years to come. Please keep a look out for updates or email GCplayground@outlook.com.

Great Chishill Playground Committee

BIN DAYS - APRIL

Tue 4 Black
Thur 13 Blue & Green
Wed 19 Black
Tue 25 Blue & Green

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Palm Sunday 2nd April 9.00 am
BCP Holy Communion Service

St Swithun's

Easter Sunday 9th April 10.45 am
Family Worship with Holy Communion

THE PHEASANT

April Diary days:

Wednesday 5th: Supper Club, from 7.00 pm. £20 for two courses. Open to all
Saturday 8th: Kids are invited to partake in an Easter Scavenger hunt
Sunday 9th: Easter Sunday Lunch
Wednesday 12th: Quiz Night, 7.30 pm
Saturday 22nd: St. George's Day feast
Thursday 27th: Curry night.

CORONATION COCKTAILS

Friday May 5th from 5.30 pm onwards.

A CELEBRATORY EVENING (NOT a fundraising event) of CORONATION COCKTAILS (and Coronation Chicken!)

A kickstart to a very memorable weekend.

Come and enjoy a few Cocktails at *Still The Manse* and in the URC garden. There will be a live young band to dance to, simple but good food and an ice cream van. Cash/card for food and licensed bar.

A fantastic Piper to pipe in the Scottish Dancing set (people are warmly encouraged and welcomed to join in). Don't forget to start planning for the Coronation Cake and Crown Competition for Adults and Children. Design a poster or picture to decorate the Telephone Box.

If you could let me know in good time if you are coming, I will ensure we won't run out of anything!

tessgent@gmail.com or 07721 398642

FILM NIGHT - TUESDAY 4TH APRIL 7.30 PM - URC

Bank of Dave

Based on the true-life experiences of Dave Fishwick; 'Bank of Dave' tells the story of how a working class Burnley man and self-made millionaire fought to set up a community bank. This will be the last film before the summer break.

CANDLES FOR UKRAINE

Rotary's District 1260, which includes Royston, has been collecting candles to send to Ukraine, where electricity is absent or irregular and candles are at a premium. A full lorry load has recently set off, including an enormous Range Rover boot full of contributions from Great Chishill. Rotarian Peter Homent, who organised the collection, says he's delighted with the generosity of the village.



Windmill Quiz

We made £520 for the windmill at the Quiz night. Our thanks to everyone who supported us. The winners were the 'I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue' team.

United Reformed Church

Sunday April 2nd
Evening service at 6.00 pm
led by Reverend Sue Fender

Good Friday April 7th
Evening service at 6.00 pm
with Choir
Led by Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday March 16th
Morning service at 9.30 am
led by Reverend Sue Fender