



The Chishills

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SLOE GIN COMPETITION - 2024

The annual Great Chishill Sloe Gin Competition took place on Thursday 22nd February. This year there were 42 entries across 4 categories, all of which were sampled by the judges!

This was followed on Saturday 24th 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 Phil Maynard.



Alison Roger Stella



Lisa Iskra Ivan

The winners were:

Nouveau Sloe Gin

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

Vintage Sloe Gin

1st - Ivan Sharpe. 2nd - Iskra Sharpe. 3rd - Lisa MacKenzie.

Ringers' Delight

1st - Lucy Goode. 2nd - Alex Farrow. 3rd - Stella Russell.

Ringers' Refresh - low alcohol

1st - Stella Russell. 2nd - Sue Cooper. 3rd - Sue Maynard.

Best presentation:

Neil Heywood.



Alex Lucy Stella



Sue M Stella Sue C



Neil Heywood



WINDMILL OPEN DAYS

The windmill will be open to visitors again this summer. Starting from 7th April, it will be open on alternate Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

April open days are Sunday 7th and Sunday 21st. 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 which will help to keep the mill in the condition you now see it.



SPRING TEA

Our ever popular seniors' tea is being renamed the Spring Tea this year. It will be on Thursday 18th April in the village hall from 3 pm to 5 pm. All over 60s are welcome, even if you think you are not old enough! There is no charge, the tea is funded by the Parish Council and all the work is done by volunteers. To help us cater for the right number, please contact Lindsey Crawley on 07775 727541 or 01763 838897 or popandpip@btconnect.com to confirm your place.



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 we are supporting the Playground Fund. For pre-orders please contact sascott42@gmail.com or call 07891 313584.



CHARITY MUSIC NIGHT

Have you got anything planned for 13th April? Do you like live music? Is indie-rock your thing?

For those of you who don't know, I am Tracey Greeman and I have lived in the village for 30 years now. Since 2010 I have been involved with several charities including Walk the Walk, a breast cancer charity and the Motor Neurone Disease Association. This year's charity fundraiser will be held in Great Chishill Village Hall on 13th April starting at 7pm. There will be a licensed bar and two wonderful bands for only £17.50 of your hard earned money.



Opening the evening we have Darren Stammer's 'Mr Coverman and friends' and the evening will be concluded by the amazing band

Allergy who have been fabulous supporters of my fundraising events for the last 10 years.

This is a ticketed event. Please contact me directly on tgreeman@aol.com or search for it on the Great Chishill group on FaceBook. I look forward to seeing you on 13th April.

Tracey Greeman

PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING UPDATE

The Playground Committee held a successful "Rugby and Curry" event to raise further funds to renovate the much loved and well-used playground facilities.

Now that they have raised a significant amount, the Committee are concentrating on producing a constitution, gaining charity status and all the associated admin for grant applications. More updates to follow and thank you for all of your support to date!



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MAX WISEMAN



Peter and Jean Wiseman's grandson, Max, was a member of the winning team at the Continental Tyres Rugby U18 schools final. In front of a packed crowd at Twickenham, Felsted School beat Ivybridge Community College by 42 - 19. Well done, Max!

Barn Dance / Ceilidh

By Popular Request, with Cambridge University Ceilidh Band
in Great Chishill Village Hall on **Friday 12th July**
SAVE THE DATE – more details to follow

JOHN MURGATROYD

It is with great sadness that I report the death of John Murgatroyd. This tribute is from Bob Hatt.

I have known John and Vicky for 50 years as we met them shortly after coming to this village.

Over the years John did a huge amount for the community, he was instrumental in getting the sports field and pavilion released from the Butler family, who owned the land. This ensured that these facilities could be used for village purposes in perpetuity.



He was involved with the fund raising and procurement of the village hall, also the village fête/show which was successful for so many years. He was greatly

involved with getting the affordable houses built on Heydon Road a few years ago.

John was a member and chairman of the Parish Council, he once told me that he thought his greatest achievement was persuading the Council to provide interval wine at the annual Parish meeting, something that the majority of residents wholeheartedly agreed with.

He was also one of the first members of the Great Chishill Wine Circle.

These were all worthy events, but his greatest asset was his personality. he was great fun to be with and always enjoyed company, those who knew him well will miss him, red wine in hand and a smile for everyone.

RIP John.

John's funeral will be at 3.00 pm on Tuesday 9th April at St Swithun's.

BIN DAYS - APRIL

Tue 2 Black
Tue 9 Blue & Green
Tue 16 Black
Tue 23 Blue & Green
Tue 30 Black

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday April 7th 9.00 am
BCP Holy Communion service

St Swithun's

Sunday April 28th 10.45 am
Family Worship

United Reformed Church

Sunday April 7th
Evening service at 6 pm
led by Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday April 21st
Morning service at 9.30 am
led by Reverend Sue Fender