



The Chishills

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TRISTRAM'S TRAVELS

Tristram Alexander, of Hope Cottages, is planning an incredible solo road trip, expected to last 2 to 3 years! He will travel around 200,000 miles, mainly off-road on gravel tracks, around North and South America. He will be riding a specially built motorbike. It is robust, capable of on or off road use and



Tristram has christened it Goliath. It has a range of roughly 400 miles using three built-in fuel tanks.

Tristram leaves Great Chishill on 28th February to fly to Miami, where the trip will start. He will travel up the East side of the USA, to Canada, then across to Vancouver, then up to Alaska, then back down the West side of the Rockies, into Mexico and all the

way round South America, back up through the States to Lake Superior, across to New England, and finally, by 2024 or 2025, back to Miami. On the way he is including a two-week break (without the bike) to visit the Galapagos. While in the Chilean Andes, he plans to visit the highest Observatory in the world at 5,500 m above sea level. He also plans to travel by boat (with his bike) from Manaus in Brazil to the headwaters of the Amazon in Peru. There he will rejoin the road network.

He will be travelling alone with all his requirements carried on his person and on his bike. In a thigh pack he has a search and rescue communication device, a high powered laser beacon, a comprehensive first-aid kit with sterile needles, a tourniquet and canulas. He will also have three sets of satellite navigation systems including one in his helmet, and he will be monitored by a GPS system which will track his

movements. If people are interested, they can follow his trip by going to his Instagram account (tristram84).

He will have a tent with him, but occasionally he will stay in hostels and once every three months during this 2 to 3 year trip he plans to stay in a five star hotel for 1 to 2 nights to recharge his batteries. I will try and report his progress in this newsletter every two or three months.

URC Services

Sunday 5th December
Evensong 6.00 pm
led by Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday 19th December
No service

Christmas Day 10.00 am –
Christmas Morning family service
led by Reverend Sue Fender

Santa is back making a special tour through Gt Chishill & Heydon this Christmas!

Saturday 11th December
***Gt Chishill from 4pm - Heydon from 5pm**

We invite everyone of all ages to come out and give a warm welcome to Santa and his Elves.

Treats will be delivered to all children aged 0-11

***Tour timings are approximate - see facebook page for updates.**
Grown-Ups: please register at christmascomestochishill@gmail.com
or see the facebook page 'The Chishills and Heydon Christmas Party'



CRAFTS ON THE HILL

Craft Fair at Great Chishill Village Hall
Saturday December 4th 10 - 4.30pm

Teas and cakes, local quality crafts for sale.

For stall enquiries telephone 01763 838897 or 07775 727541

BIN DAYS - DECEMBER

Blue/Green Black

7 14
21 Thu 30

STEAM ENGINES

The Pheasant's Sunday lunches are getting more and more popular. Luckily there's plenty of on-street parking across the road, as these customers discovered

(Photo courtesy of Neil Heywood)



VILLAGE ADVENT CALENDAR WINDOWS

Thank you to all those villagers who have agreed to take part in this project to spread happiness and joy around the village. Here is a list of the dates for each window. The display will be available from that date until Christmas.

- 1st a) Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer. Ash Tree House, 41 May St.
b) Away in a Manger. URC Chapel
- 2nd 1959s Toy Shop. 76 Heydon Road
- 3rd Jingle Bells. 68 Heydon Road
- 4th The Holly and the Ivy. 6 May Street Barns
- 5th Five Gold Rings. 5 The Pudgels
- 6th Christmas is Coming. Harvey Cottage, 14 Heydon Road
- 7th a) Seven Swans a Swimming 19 Barley Road
b) Angels' Carol. 70 Heydon Road
- 8th Ding Dong Merrily on High. 12 Heydon Road
- 9th In the Bleak Midwinter. 5 May Street
- 10th Winter Wonderland. 61 Heydon Road
- 11th It came upon a Midnight Clear. White Horse Cottage, 26 May Street
- 12th See Amid the Winter's Snow. 4 Plaistow Way
- 13th Angels from the Realms of Glory. 1 Barley Road
- 14th While Shepherds . . . Old School House, 4 Heydon Road
- 15th a) The First Noel. 20 New Road
b) A Hogwarts Christmas. West View, 5 Maltings Lane
- 16th Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Rectory Farmhouse, 1 Heydon Road
- 17th a) Let it Snow. 35 Heydon Road
b) Six Geese a Laying. 7 Barley Road
- 18th a) Sleigh Ride. 19 Heydon Road
b) We Three Kings. Cheese Cottage, May Street
- 19th a) Frosty the Snowman and friends. Linden Farm, 49 Heydon Road
b) When Santa got stuck up the chimney. 15 Barley Road
- 20th a) Christmas Candle. 1 Colts Croft
b) Santa's Coming to Town. 46 Heydon Road
- 21st Eight Maids a Milking. 3 Barley Road
- 22nd The North Pole. 27 Heydon Road
- 23rd Silent Night. 20 Barley Road
- 24th The Knight before Christmas. 3 Reeves Pightle
- 25th On Christmas Day in the Morning. 9 Barley Road

All participants have invested a great deal of trouble, thought and care in creating their Advent Windows. Please give as generously as you feel you can for The Braintrust Charity. I have pledged £1000 on my Just Giving Page. Please google [justgiving/angus-gent](https://www.justgiving.com/angus-gent) to find it.

For Unto Us a Child is Born.....

Royston Choral Society is back in business after the lockdown. We are three Chishill members of RCS – Jenny Leitch, Suzie Harrison and Neil Heywood – and we'd love you to come to our concert on 11 December. We are singing Part 1 of Handel's Messiah (includes the Christmassy bits) and a short Mass by Haydn which you're sure to love. It takes place at Standon Parish Church at 7.30 pm. Tickets are £15 or £1 if under 18. Contact any of us or visit www.roystonchoralsoc.co.uk Thank you!

SENIORS' TEA PARTY

We plan to host the annual tea party for all village seniors on 16th December at 3.00 pm, if enough people wish to attend. Please let me know urgently (by 6th December at the latest) if you would like to come.

Lindsey Crawley, tel 838897, email popandpip@btconnect.com

NATIVITY DISPLAY.

There will be a display of a variety of Nativity Scenes in the URC chapel linked to the opening day of the Village Advent Windows, 'Away in a Manger.' Please do come and enjoy, it will be open every day.