



The Chishills

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PLEASE HELP!

I am donating my trusty Mitsubishi 4x4 to the Ukrainian services and will be driving it there via Zurich in December, with help from Simon Dring and Tom Pine.



This is an ideal opportunity to take it full of humanitarian aid. After speaking to local NGOs and charities the most pressing requirements are: Sleeping bags, space blankets, PPE of any kind, even out of date, baby formula, nappies, feminine

care products, tinned meals, winter essentials (wool/fleece hats, gloves, socks), water purification tabs.

My mother's family were refugees in France at the outbreak of WW2. With three kids, they were evicted from their home in Alsace-Lorraine and spent three years on the move. My uncle was born while they were staying in the office of a bus company. My mother was the first born after they settled in a derelict house near Macon in southern Burgundy in 1944. She and her family faced disadvantage for many years as a result of this. Those affected and displaced by conflict need our help.

We are grateful for any donations and can collect (departing on the 11th December). Please contact me hubertdefro@gmail.com or 07961 024458. Thanks in advance.

Hubert de Froberville

VILLAGE ADVENT CALENDAR

This year the calendar is in aid of the Village Playground Fund. Please support it as generously as you feel you can. Enjoy the windows and displays that people take so much trouble and care doing, and which provide entertainment and fun for us all.

- Dec 1st. 'Still The Manse', 7 Barley Rd
- Dec 2nd. 6 New Rd
- Dec 3rd. 39 Heydon Rd
- Dec 4th. 61 Heydon Rd
- Dec 5th. 1 Barley Rd
- Dec 6th. 5 The Pudgell
- Dec 7th. 62 Heydon Rd
- Dec 8th. 5 May Street
- Dec 9th. Cheese Cottage, 35 May Street
- Dec 10th. 68 Heydon Rd
- Dec 11th. Audley Cottage, 76 Heydon Rd
- Dec 12th. a) 27 Heydon Rd
b) 20 New Rd
- Dec 13th. 13 Heydon Rd
- Dec 14th. a) 108 Hall Rd
b) 17 Hall Lane
- Dec 15th. 28 Hall Lane
- Dec 16th. 5 Reeves Pightle
- Dec 17th. 32 Barley Rd
- Dec 18th. 49 Heydon Rd
- Dec 19th. 29 Heydon Rd
- Dec 20th. 11 Barley Rd
- Dec 21st. 1 Colts Croft
- Dec 22nd. Rectory Farmhouse
- Dec 23rd. 8 Hall Lane
- Dec 24th. 24 Barley Rd
- Dec 25th. URC Chapel, 9 Barley Rd.



The Chishills & Heydon Children's Christmas Party

Fun & games with **Stripey Wipey**, party tea and a **Special Visitor!**

Saturday 2nd December 3 - 5pm
Gt Chishill Village Hall

For all children up to Year 6
in Heydon and Gt & Lt Chishill

Grown-Ups: please register at christmascomestochishill@gmail.com or see the facebook page 'The Chishills and Heydon Christmas Party'



There will be a VERY simple family quiz to do as you wander round the village, which will be available to pick up at the Christmas Fair or download from the website.

Please guess the title of the window, name the elves who live there and, for a bonus - what is their special Christmas name? From the relevant date, there will be a QR code in each window which is linked to the Gofund.me page. Please support a cause that is so important to our village. Closing date 27th Dec. Email tessgent@gmail.com or post it in the box on the wall.

DECEMBER IN THE PHEASANT

11th December:

Cheese and Wine Evening £35 pp
An evening of artisanal cheeses and handpicked wines, expertly curated to tantalize your taste buds. Whether you're a connoisseur or a curious enthusiast, this evening promises to be flavour-filled! Limited spaces.

12th December:

Nutwood Community Lunch.
Nutwood Pubs is putting on a complimentary Christmas Lunch for senior members of our community who would otherwise spend Christmas alone. Attendees can expect a three course meal and a whole lot of good cheer! We welcome any involvement from the local community. If you would like to discuss sponsoring a guest, nominating a guest or making a donation, please contact pheasant@nutwoodpubs.com.

13th December:

Christmas Quiz - 7.30 pm start

21st December:

Tractor Carols - 7 pm, bring the family and join us to get into the festive mood!

24th December:

See website for seasonal dining details

25th December:

Bar open from 11.30-1.30 pm

26th December:

All Day Breakfast from 12- 4 pm

NEW YEARS EVE:

Dance the year out in style! Dress to impress, Gatsby Style! DJ, bubbles and more!

CRAFTS ON THE HILL

The Great Chishill Craft Fair will be held in St Swithun's this year, on **Saturday 2nd December, from 10 am to 4 pm**. As well as many other stalls, Christmas trees and Christmas wreaths will also be on sale in support of the village playground fund. Trees can be pre-ordered from angusgent@gmail.com

If you have ever wondered what it would be like to ring the church bells, you could have a free practice while you are at the Fair (pm only).

BIN DAYS - DECEMBER

Tue 5	Blue & Green
Tue 12	Black
Tue 19	Blue & Green
Wed 27	Black



Guests enjoying dinner



Angus Gent conducting the auction

CHRISTMAS PRESCRIPTIONS

All local doctors' practices are closed on 24th, 25th, and 26th December as well as on New Year's Day. If you are going to need to order or collect routine prescriptions over the holiday period, please make sure you check the times for your own practice, and make sure you order and collect in plenty of time.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th December from 11 - 4 pm.

Please come and visit the URC Chapel, which will be filled with a variety of decorated Christmas Trees provided by the different clubs and organisations who operate here in Great Chishill. Families are also warmly invited to decorate a tree in whatever theme they wish.

There will be tea, coffee, mince pies and cakes available on Saturday. From noon on Sunday there will be mulled wine, hot dogs, turkey rolls and soup available. Sunday will culminate with Family Carol Singing around the trees. After that the various trees can go home with their creators.

This event will also be in aid of the playground fund with a QR code available. Please do come and support this worthwhile cause.

United Reformed Church

Sunday 3rd December at 6.00 pm
Candlelit evening service
Led by Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday 17th December
No service

Christmas morning at 10.00 am
Family service
Led by Reverend Sue Fender

AUCTION OF PROMISES

In November, the Playground Project hosted their Auction of Promises. The night started with cocktails and canapés, a delicious meal and finished with everyone dancing the night away!

The Auction raised a phenomenal £7,000! The committee are touched by everyone's generous support - a fantastic boost in motivation for upcoming events. Watch this space!

A big thanks to sponsors, auction prizes and everyone who supported this event in any way. As one local said, *"This is a unique and terrific bit of village life, simply brilliant!"*

The playground committee: Anna, Steph, Trudie, Jenny, Celia, Kath, Lisa, Emily and Claire



FILM NIGHT AT THE URC

Tuesday 12th December at 7.30 pm
Blinded by the Light

This feel-good film is a 2019 comedy-drama directed by Gurinder Chadha. It was inspired by the life of journalist Sarfraz Manzoor and his love for the works of Bruce Springsteen. It is based on Manzoor's 2007 memoir, "Greetings from Bury Park: Race, Religion and Rock N' Roll". Set in the town of Luton in 1987 Britain, the film



tells the coming-of-age story of Javed, a British-Pakistani Muslim teenager whose life is changed after he discovers the music of Springsteen.

£7 to include a FREE glass of wine and nibbles.

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

3rd - Advent Sunday at 9.00 am
Holy Communion with carols

St Swithun's

Saturday 9th at 6.00 pm
Family Carol service with Great Chishill Choir
24th - Christmas Eve at 3.00 pm
Crib service