



The Chishills

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THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our local Women's Institute, the Heydon and Great Chishill WI, is actively looking for new members and anyone wishing to join will be very warmly welcomed. We meet monthly, usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.30 pm in Great Chishill Village Hall, although the February 21st meeting will be an afternoon tea (no charge) starting at 12.30 pm. Raffle tickets are on sale and there will be an additional activity planned for the event.

If you want to find out more please come to a meeting, or phone Angela Patrick Sutcliffe, on 01763 837353 or 07712 444303.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets every month and we would love to see you at our meetings. We have our own dedicated website www.greatchishillpc.com. Here you can find out what the hot topics are by reading the minutes of meetings and find out other information relating to your Parish Council. We also have our own Facebook page and a Twitter account. Please do get in touch with us if you have any questions: clerk@chishillpc.com.

THE PHEASANT

February Diary days:

- Wednesday 1st: Supper Club, £20 for two courses
- Wednesday 8th: Quiz Night
- Tuesday 14th: Valentine's dinner
- Tuesday 21st: Pancake day – all day menu
- Thursday 23rd: Après ski night – Swiss dinner. Expect raclette and warming swiss drinks!

GREAT CHISHILL BELL RINGERS' SLOE GIN COMPETITION 2023

Everyone is invited to join in our historic Sloe Gin Competition, no previous experience required. As usual there will be three classes:

Nouveau Sloe Gin - made with sloes picked Autumn 2022

Vintage Sloe Gin - any year you are proud of

Ringers' Delight - your best homemade fruit-based tippie.

There is an additional award for the best presented entry.



Competition entries to 19 Heydon Road by **Monday by February 20th**, please. Fee per entry £6, or two or more entries, £10.

Further details and entry form available on our village website -

greatchishill.org.uk

This year's **Sloe Gin Competition Tasting and Results Party** will be held on **Saturday 25th February** at 7.30pm in the URC schoolroom. Entry is free to competitors or £7 per head without an entry!

Please bring a plate of finger food for your table. There will be a pay bar. You will have the opportunity to taste the entries and see if you agree with the judges!

All proceeds go to the Bell Fund. Payment can be made via the *Bells of Great Chishill Just Giving* page, (go to justgiving.com and search for 'Bells of Great Chishill') or by scanning the QR code. Please make a note saying what the payment is for, and please tick the gift aid box. Payment can also be made at the door.



Any queries - contact Helen Whitehead on 07914 152444.

WELCOME TO CLAIRE AND TIM

Claire and Tim moved to Barley Road just in time to spend Christmas in the village. Claire tells me that they have been so grateful to their neighbours for the warm welcome they have already received.

Claire and Tim are keen amateur runners, having taken it up during lockdown. If you see them pounding the pavements at the weekend, be sure to wave!

They are also keen supporters of a League Two football team, but seem to be too ashamed to disclose which one!

Tim is a Graphic Designer and Claire an Executive Assistant for a multinational financial institution.



SPECIAL INVITATION TO A SNOWDROP VIEWING

Saturday 11th February

We are delighted to be able to offer an invite again to a private nature reserve to view snowdrops. The owner, who is a keen supporter of the village, has offered us the opportunity for a limited number of people to view his 12-acre reserve on Saturday 11th February 2023 (10:00 to 15:30). This proved very popular last year, and funds raised this year will go towards the maintenance of The Great Chishill Windmill.



The thousands of snowdrops were all planted by hand mainly by the owner over a period of 30 years. This is a unique opportunity as the site is threatened by the East West rail link and may not be accessible in the near future. We plan to provide light refreshments as before or

feel free to bring a picnic. Donations are requested.

The site is approximately 8 miles from Great Chishill located off the A10 between Foxton and Harston on the East Side. The reserve is up a farm track and there will be a person in a Hi-Vis jacket at the entrance. It is safer to approach the turning from the Harston direction where the entrance is on the left and easier to spot. Approaching from Foxton requires a right turn off the busy A10.

There is no need to book but it would be useful to know how many people are interested. Please let us know by email info@greatchishillwindmill.com or call John Wahlich on 01763 838044. Any

offers to help with catering and setting up would also be much appreciated.

FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 7th (NOT the 14th!) -

7.30 pm

The Last Bus

From John O'Groats to Lands End, Tom (Timothy Spall) is about to make the journey of a lifetime, one bus at a time.

"An unforgettable performance from Timothy Spall"

"You'll find yourself cheering him on to his destiny".



Craft Fair

Thank you everyone for coming to the December Craft Fair. Although numbers were down, we made a total of £582.20.

After deductions for costs, we were able to make donations of £261 to the church, to help with a boiler repair, and another £261 to the Windmill fund.

Lindsey Crawley

BIN DAYS - FEBRUARY

Tue 7 Black
Tue 14 Blue & Green
Tue 21 Black
Tue 28 Blue only

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday 5th February 9.00 am
BCP Holy Communion Service

St Swithun's

Sunday 12th February 10.45 am
Family Worship

WHIST DRIVE



Saturday 4th February

URC SCHOOLROOM

7.30pm Sharp please!!

£5 entry fee

(Cash if possible)

Donation Bar, Raffle and Prizes

Everyone welcome.

You DO NOT need a partner. You DO NOT need to know how to play Whist as all will be explained on the night.

PARISH NEWS.

The Anglican Church of the Icknield Way comprises seven churches in this area, including two in the Chishills, St Swithun's and St Nicholas. The whole parish is



currently vicarless. Our previous vicar has now been appointed as a vicar at a new parish near Margate and has moved away. Under Church of England regulations the search for a new vicar could not start until the previous vicar had left. The parish is now preparing a parish profile and job specification in order to advertise the post. Candidates may apply when the advertisements are published. It is hoped that a suitable person will apply and can be appointed. The whole process will take several months

Meanwhile the church wardens are looking after the churches, Jon Wayper is the main Parish warden for all the churches and is keeping everything going. Church services are continuing.

Andrea Quigley at the church office can be contacted on 01763 837272.

United Reformed Church

Sunday February 5th
Evening service at 6.00 pm
led by Reverend Sue Fender
Sunday February 19th
Morning service at 9.30 am
led by Reverend Sue Fender