



# The Chishills

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## GRANTA MEDICAL PRACTICES APPOINTMENTS UPDATE

Here at Granta we continue to offer a mixture of face to face, telephone and online appointments.

Firstly, please be assured that no-one, apart from clinicians, makes clinical decisions about your care when you first contact us. Our reception teams have clear criteria, set by GPs, as to what can be put straight onto a clinician's urgent list. However, if there is any doubt, they will discuss your concerns with the clinical team and then get back to you.

When ringing for an appointment, please provide as much information as possible. All information is treated as confidential and will only be used for triage purposes. It helps to make sure you are seen by the right person, in the right place, at the right time.

Appointments can be telephone, or face to face, or one followed by the other.

Routine appointments are available a few weeks in advance, all pre-bookable via our reception teams and online. New routine appointments are released daily at 8 am and at 2 pm to allow for regular availability. If you ring and there is nothing available, reception can send you a link that is valid for 7 days (so you can check daily) to pre-book a face to face or telephone appointment, so that you do not need to ring back.

Alternatively, if you would prefer, you could use Accurx Patient Triage via our website to have an online consultation with a clinician. We do ask however that you only send routine queries as it can take up to 72 hours to respond.

On average, Granta's doctors and nurses see around 4,000 patients face to face per week, and consult with another 3,500 via the telephone and online. We try and accommodate all of our patients in a way that suits. Please be assured that we are continuously reviewing and revising patient access.

**Sandra East, Head of Patient Services**

## CHISHILL JUNIOR VOICES

Please, save the date - **March 10th, 3 pm** at the Chapel, where there will be an exciting singing workshop for Chishill Junior Voices and anyone who might like to join, given by Lynette Alcantara - Director of Music at Wolfson College, Cambridge and founder of King's Junior Voices. Details to follow.

## The GREAT Great Chishill Sloe Gin Competition

This year's Sloe Gin Competition Tasting and Results Party will be held on Saturday 24th February at 7.30pm in the URC schoolroom. Everyone is warmly invited to join in our historic Sloe Gin Competition. No previous experience required.

This year there are four categories:

**Nouveau Sloe Gin** - made with sloes picked Autumn 2023

**Vintage Sloe Gin** - any year of which you are proud

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

**Zero Alcohol Ringers' Delight** - a non-alcohol version of Ringers' Delight.

There is an additional award for the best presented entry. Entry forms will be available from Phil or Jill, and at The Pheasant and online on the village website: [greatchishill.org.uk](http://greatchishill.org.uk).

Competition entries can be delivered to: Jill Kuenzi, 19 Heydon Road, 07496 906289 or Phil Maynard, Rectory Cottage, 12 Heydon Road, 01763 838311 by Tuesday 20th February. Please ensure bottles are labelled with your name and the category.



### Ticket Prices:

£8 - combined ticket for one entry and admission to the party

£3 - for each extra entry, up to two entries per category

£8 - for admission to the party.

This year a light ploughman's supper is included in the ticket price (cheese, paté or hummus). 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 will go to the Bell Fund. Payment can be made via the Bells of Great Chishill Just Giving page, (go to [justgiving.com](http://justgiving.com) and search for great chishill bells) Please make a note saying what the payment is for, and please tick the gift aid box. Payment for party entry can also be made at the door.

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THE GC PLAYGROUND PROJECT PRESENTS  
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7PM TILL LATE  
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GCPLAYGROUND@OUTLOOK.COM

£20 PP





## PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Hi fellow villagers! Over the course of 2024, I will be taking part in some events to raise money for the Great Chishill Playground Project.

Not only is it a much needed community asset, but if I have to listen to my 3 year old asking me daily, "when will my park will be open again?" I may scream :)

In return for your hard earned cash, I will be taking part in a number of races and distances – across the country during 2024. Some of which are listed below:

- Cambridge Half Marathon - 21km (13.1 miles) in March
- Easter 50km Challenge - 50km (31 miles) in April
- Jurassic Challenge - 58km (36 miles) in May
- Lake District Challenge - 29km (18 miles) in June
- Peak District Challenge - 25km (15.5 miles) in July
- Lakeland 50 - 80.5km (50 miles) in July.

Anything you can give, no matter how small, will go a long way in support to get the playground up and running again! Go to [gofundme.com](https://www.gofundme.com) and search for Gt Chishill Playground. Thank you!

*Vyckie Staines*

## HELEN ABRAHAMS

Congratulations to Great Chishill resident Dr Helen Abrahams (known professionally as Dr Helen Pain) who received an MBE in the King's 2024 New Year's Honours for services to Science!



This recognises her work with the Royal Society of Chemistry, where she is the Chief Executive, and the Science Council, where she was previously chair of the board of trustees. She has also chaired a number of advisory boards to support the role of technicians in higher education and research. This includes a UK-wide initiative called the Technician Commitment and the recently established Institute for Technical Skills and Strategy, based at Nottingham University.

## SPECIAL INVITATION TO A SNOWDROP VIEWING

We are delighted to once again be able to offer an invitation to a private nature reserve to view snowdrops. We



have the opportunity for a limited number of people to view this 12-acre reserve on Saturday 10th February from 10 am to 3 pm. There are thousands of snowdrops, all planted by hand 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.

This event was very popular last year, and the funds raised will go towards the maintenance of The Great Chishill Windmill.

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 **what3word** code for the site entrance is **lifelong.rivals.issues**. 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](mailto:info@greatchishillwindmill.com) or call John Wahlich on 01763 838044. Any offers to help with catering and setting up would also be much appreciated.

## United Reformed Church

**Sunday February 4th**  
**Evening service at 5.45 pm**  
**with tea/ supper for children**  
**beforehand at 5 pm**  
**led by Reverend Sue Fender**  
**(Please contact**  
[tessgent@gmail.com](mailto:tessgent@gmail.com) **if you'd like to**  
**join us)**

**Sunday February 18th**  
**Morning service at 9.30 am**  
**led by Reverend Sue Fender**  
**Coffee and tea afterwards**

## VILLAGE CHARITIES

Christmas period activities helped various village charities.

The Craft Fair raised £186 for each of the Playground, the Windmill and the Church.

Tess's activities (advent windows, sale of Christmas trees and wreaths, and the Christmas Tree festival in the URC) raised just over £500 for the Playground.

The Chishill bridge club donated £100 to each of the Playground and the Windmill.

## SCOTTISH DANCING

This continues to take place on Monday evenings in the URC schoolroom from 7.30 to 9-ish. It is the greatest of fun, excellent for one's 'step count' and a wee dram of your choice into the bargain. We are always delighted to see new faces and other than a sense of humour, no other requirements are necessary. However, a smile on your face is guaranteed!

## FILM NIGHT AT THE URC CINEMA

Film night returns on Tuesday February 13th at 7.30 pm  
***The Great Escaper***  
Starting Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson



## St Nicholas, Little Chishill

**Sunday February 4th 9.00 am**  
**Morning Prayer**

## St Swithun's

**Sunday January 25th 10.45 am**  
**Family Worship**

## BIN DAYS - FEBRUARY

**Tue 6 Black**  
**Tue 13 Blue & Green**  
**Tue 20 Black**  
**Tue 27 Blue only**