



# The Chishills

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## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Parish Council in conjunction with our tree warden, Tim Scott, successfully applied for 6 new trees from SCDC to be planted in the village. The trees have been planted (with grateful help from the PFA) along the boundary of the playing fields behind the car park where older trees have died.



Our thanks to Tim and Alan Ferrie for their time and work on this.

## THE PHEASANT

### March Diary days:

Wednesday 1st:	Supper Club, £20 for two courses.
Wednesday 15th:	Quiz Night
Friday 17th:	St Patrick's Day specials.
Sunday 19th:	Mother's day – three sittings, now booking.
Thursday 30th:	Turkish themed dinner.



The Pheasant is collecting charity donations for an Earthquake relief fund which it will then match up to £500.

**ROYSTON CHORAL SOCIETY**  
50th SEASON

**HAYDN**  
**THE**  
**CREATION**

SOLOISTS, CHOIR and ORCHESTRA  
MUSICAL DIRECTOR - ANDREW O'BRIEN

SATURDAY 25th MARCH 2023 7.30pm  
ST JOHN'S CHURCH, ROYSTON, SG8 7BP

TICKETS £15 Under 18s £1

Available from: [www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk](http://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk)  
Tel 01920 822723, a choir member, or on the door.

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

7th April at 6.00 pm in the URC

A service of music and reflection for Good Friday. Led by Reverend Sue Fender, with hymns and music by the Great Chishill Village Choir.

## SENIORS' EASTER TEA PARTY

Village Hall, Thursday 30th March, 3-5 pm.

After a one year gap, this wonderful event is back. It is free, sponsored by the Parish Council. All seniors are hereby invited! Please RSVP to Lyndsey Crawley on 01763 838897 or 07775 727541.

## Windmill Quiz Night

Friday 10th March 19:15 to 22:30  
Great Chishill Village Hall (SG8 8SH)

Entry £15 includes hot supper\*  
Max 8 per team  
Pay bar

Contact: Neil Heywood 01763 838506 / 07941 682052  
or Jeff Gill 01763 838062 / 07736 389388 for tickets

\* Food options: Fish and chips, chicken and chips or veggie and chips. Choose option when booking.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DANCE & DRINKS EVENING

LIVE MUSIC from 'THE ELDERLY BROTHERS'  
BAR – NIBBLES

Saturday 18th March 8pm – midnight  
Gt Chishill Village Hall

Tickets: £10 in advance - £12 on the door  
Tel: 837272 Email: [iwp.parihoffice@gmail.com](mailto:iwp.parihoffice@gmail.com)  
All proceeds to St Swithun's Church Fund

## GREAT CHISHILL BRIDGE CLUB

I am thinking of starting a gentle duplicate bridge club in the URC schoolroom. Whether I do it, and how I do it, will depend on interest. It would meet on Monday afternoons, for about 2 ½ hours. We



would start with a short lesson to help your bridge improve, followed by a session of duplicate bridge. If you don't know what duplicate bridge is, the bidding and play is just like rubber bridge that was so popular 100 years ago, with the big difference that the hands are duplicated – everyone in the room

plays the same hands. It doesn't matter whether you pick up a good or a bad hand, what matters is how your score on the hand compares with the other pairs sitting in the same seats at the other tables.

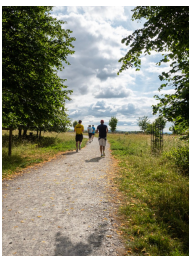
Sylvia and I would run the sessions and provide the guidance. You will need to have a basic knowledge of bridge in order for this to work, although – if there was enough interest – I might be able to organise some separate sessions for absolute beginners. Costs would be £3 per session to include refreshments. After I have covered my initial costs, any surplus will go towards the Windmill Fund.

Please let me know if you are interested using the contact details in the banner at the top of this newsletter. **You do not need to come with a partner.**

*Will Parsons*

## DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

Just a few miles away from Great Chishill, the Saturday morning 5km Parkrun event at Wimpole Estate is attended regularly by a number of villagers. Parkrun is not a race, but it is a timed event so you can try to better your previous times if you wish. You can



walk or run, and your results are emailed to you not long after the event is completed. As with all Parkruns, it's totally free, although non-members of the National Trust will need to pay £2 for parking.

Wimpole runs two courses at different times of the year. The winter course is almost flat, but the summer course is very picturesque and features a steep climb at the 2km marker. The atmosphere is always very friendly. If you're trying to stick to a New Year resolution to get fitter or be outdoors more, please do give it a try. Google "wimpole parkrun" for more info.

## CORONATION WEEKEND - ADVANCE NOTICE

Planning for the Coronation weekend has started! So far, I know of two events:

**A celebratory evening of Coronation cocktails** (not a fundraiser). There will be simple but good food and a live band to kickstart a very memorable weekend. There will also be a Coronation Cake and Crown competition for all. This will be on Friday May 5th at 'Still the Manse' and in the URC garden, from 5.30 pm.

**Barrel rolling / tug-o-war event.** The story tells of a Barley sheep stealer who was chained and imprisoned in Barley's lock-up. He escaped to Great Chishill where he was recaptured and placed in the Great Chishill lock-up. The following morning he was returned to Barley,



minus the chains with which he was bound. These were retained by Chishill folk and never returned! We are giving Barley the opportunity to reclaim the lost chains through a village challenge. This will be in the form of a barrel race from Barley to Great Chishill, with a tug-o-war at the County boundary.

There will be further details for both these events in the April newsletter.

## FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 7th March 7.30 pm.

### 'Letters to Juliet'

A romantic comedy starring Amanda Seyfried, Vanessa Redgrave and Christopher Egan.

## HARRIET'S TOMATOES

Once again, Harriet and her Dad have been growing tomato plants from seed and in a few months will be selling them for charity. As ever, there is a large selection of plants to suit all preferences and palettes.

To pre-order please contact [sascott42@gmail.com](mailto:sascott42@gmail.com) or 07891 313584

## GREAT CHISHILL ANTIQUES & VINTAGE FAIR

Sunday 5th March at the Village Hall

Over 20 stalls packed full of antiques, collectables and vintage items.

Doors open 9 am - 3 pm

£1 entry fee

Refreshments available

Free car park

## BIN DAYS - MARCH

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

## St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday 5th March 9.00 am  
BCP Holy Communion Service

## St Swithun's

Sunday 12th March 6.00 pm  
Choral Service

## United Reformed Church

Sunday March 5th  
Evening service at 6.00 pm  
led by Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday March 19th  
Morning service at 9.30 am  
led by Reverend Sue Fender