



The Chishills

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CORONATION WEEKEND PLANNING

Friday 5th May

5.30 pm: Coronation Cocktails at URC
7 pm: Scottish Dancing at URC

Saturday 6th - Coronation Day

Church bell ringing
7 pm onwards: Coronation Menu and live music at the Pheasant

Sunday 7th

11:00 am: Barrel run starts at Chequers pub, Barley
Arrival time of barrel rolling at the Pheasant is a guess!
12.00 noon: Tug of war at windmill

Monday 8th

11.30 am: Morris Dancing at the Pheasant
13.00 onwards: Community picnic at St Swithun's.
All welcome

THE PHEASANT

May Diary days:

Wednesday 3rd:	Supper Club, from 7.00 pm. £20 for two courses. Open to all
Saturday 6th:	Coronation menu and live music from 7 pm
Sunday 7th:	Barrel rolling event ending at the Pheasant
Monday 8th:	Morris dancing from 11.30 am; bacon rolls at 11 am
Wednesday 10th:	Quiz night from 7.30 pm
Thursday 25th:	Locally sourced 5-course tasting menu. Early booking essential.

WINDMILL OPEN DAYS

During the summer the windmill is open to visitors on alternate Sundays from 10 am to 4 pm.

May open days are Sunday 14th and Sunday 28th. All visitors will be shown around by a guide and there is no particular charge for a tour. However, we are very grateful for donations that will help to keep the mill in the condition in which you now see it.



VOTING REMINDER

You should all be aware that voting regulations change on 4th May. After this date you will need photo ID to vote at a polling station. No ID - No Vote!

CORONATION COCKTAILS

Friday May 5th from 5.30 pm onwards.

A CELEBRATORY EVENING (NOT a fundraising event) of CORONATION COCKTAILS (and Coronation Chicken!)
A kickstart to a very memorable weekend.

Come and enjoy a few Cocktails at *Still The Manse* and in the URC garden. There will be a live young band to dance to, simple but good food and an ice cream van. Cash/card for food and licensed bar.

A fantastic Piper to pipe in the Scottish Dancing set (people are warmly encouraged and welcomed to join in). Don't forget to start planning for the Coronation Cake and Crown Competition for Adults and Children. **Please let me know if you are entering so I can get suitable prizes.** Design a poster or picture to decorate the Telephone Box.

Please let me know in good time if you are coming, I will ensure we won't run out of anything!

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on Friday 19th May in the Village Hall. It will start at 7:30 pm and all are very welcome to find out what has been happening in the Village during the past year. Refreshments will be available.

Speeding Traffic. We would like to reiterate our plea for volunteers to help the Parish Council try and tackle speeding. Please contact Sarah Scott at clerk@greatchishillpc.com to register your interest. Thank you.

The Parish Council will be providing primary school age children (Year 6 and below) with a memento of the Coronation of King Charles.

Communities have been encouraged to take part in *The Big Help Out* during the Coronation Weekend. The Parish Council would like to organise a community litter pick and hedgerow audit. More details to follow on social media (Facebook and Twitter) and the Parish Council website: www.greatchishillpc.com

WINE CIRCLE

For those of you who don't know, this is NOT a fund raising event, it is just a get together of people who live in or around Great Chishill. Just turn up with a bottle of wine (or whatever you would like to drink) - it doesn't need to be anything special - and enjoy the company of others who live nearby. Bread and cheese and other nibbles supplied by the hosts. Usually, the event takes place monthly (last Wednesday or Friday of the month) and is hosted by someone different each month. If you haven't been before, just come along - you might just enjoy it!

The next Wine Circle will be hosted by Wendy and Gordon Brown, 3 Hall Farm Barns, on Friday 26th May from 8.00 pm onwards.

TEA AT THE RITZ!



More than 60 villagers attended the Seniors' Tea Party in the Village Hall in April. They were provided with a sumptuous selection of sandwiches and cakes, funded by the Parish Council. Many thanks indeed to Lindsey Crawley and her merry band of helpers who prepared all the food, served it, and then cleared up afterwards.



WELCOME TO THE COOPERS



John and Sian Cooper have recently moved to Colts Croft from Potters Bar. John is a driving instructor and Sian a Practice Manager at a Dental practice in Barnet. They enjoy cooking (John used to be a chef) and he is also a keen archer.

You may see them walking their dog, Mojo, around our pretty lanes and fields. If so, please say hello!

LESLEY CANNON

Welcome to Lesley, who has also recently moved to the village from Stanstead Abbots in Hertfordshire. She is retired and lives with her two dogs, DJ and Polly. She enjoys walking and photographing wild flowers and pollinators. Lesley tells me she is loving living here!

GREAT CHISHILL AIRFIELD!

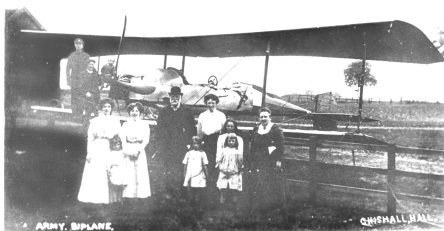
In 1912 most people in the UK had never seen an aeroplane, let alone one flying. So, the unexpected arrival of a biplane created a huge amount of interest in Great Chishill

In that year the army carried out its last and biggest military exercise before the outbreak of the first World War. A Bréguet Type IV set off from Aldershot to fly to Norfolk where the manoeuvres were taking place.

Reaching Royston, it had engine problems and the pilot decided to make a forced landing at the Hall in Great Chishill. It seems that after repairs, a trial flight revealed that all was not well



Flock of geese inspecting **Captain** Raleigh's biplane in a farmyard near Royston.



with the engine, so it returned to the meadow by the Hall and stayed there overnight. It left the following afternoon after more remedial work on the engine had taken place. People came from far and wide to view the plane and many photos were taken.

As a result, Great Chishill now has an entry in the UK Airfield guide website! Thank you to Peter Wiseman for alerting me to this story and for supplying the pictures.

23 years on, in 1935, King George V reviewed the RAF. Hundreds of planes were on display at Mildenhall and Duxford, and not a monoplane in sight. The King was accompanied by his two eldest sons, the Prince of Wales, later to

become Edward VIII, and the Duke of York, later to become George VI. The King and his entourage travelled by train and car but the Prince of Wales flew up in his private Dragon Rapide biplane to a field in Great Chishill. There was no



room to land at Duxford! His personal pilot later took him back to an airstrip in Windsor Great Park. We have no record of which field in Great Chishill became the temporary airport. Perhaps it was the same meadow at Hall Farm that had been used by a biplane in 1912!

BIN DAYS - MAY

Wed 3 Black
Wed 10 Blue & Green
Tue 16 Black
Tue 23 Blue & Green
Wed 31 Black

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

No services

St Swithun's

Pentecost Sunday May 28th
10.45am
Family Worship with Holy Communion

United Reformed Church

Sunday May 7th

No service

Sunday May 21st

Morning service at 9.30 am
led by Reverend Tony Miller