



# The Chishills

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## OCTOBER FLU CLINICS - URGENT - STOP PRESS!!

If you were hoping to use the "drive-through" flu clinics on Saturday 3rd October and Saturday 17th October at Duxford Imperial War Museum, they are now both fully booked. You need to pre-book your flu appointment with your Granta surgery and you will be put on a waiting list until additional clinics are arranged. Please do not just turn up without an appointment - you will be sent away.

Flu jabs may be more important than ever this winter, with the possibility of a Covid spike, so it is worth noting that they are also available at Tesco in Royston. You have to book online. Go to [www.tesco.com/pharmacy](http://www.tesco.com/pharmacy) and follow the links to choose an appointment. It will be free if you are eligible for a free vaccination, or £9.00 otherwise.

## Sanctuary at Chishill Cottage - by Jan King

In about 1952, my mother Marjorie and I came to live with my grandparents, Mary and Francis Bisset at Chishill Cottage. I must have been about three years old; too young to understand why my father David wasn't with us. The reason for his absence was a family scandal. He had married my mother without telling her that he was, in fact, already married. When my grandfather

discovered the truth, he confronted my father and invited him to make himself scarce. My father agreed to do so only on condition that my grandfather make his disappearance worth his while financially. I suspect that my grandfather paid off my father rather than make a bad situation worse for my mother by going to the Police.



Jan and Mr Green

Chishill Cottage must have been a sanctuary for my mother. I remember it as a very pretty house and garden where I made great friends with Mr Green, the

gardener, and where one day, my uncle forgot to put the brake on my pram, which rolled, with me in it, into the pond.

The scandal was a potent skeleton in the closet until after my mother's death. Understandably, she hadn't wanted to talk about it. But when the story came out, my late husband, Tony, decided that such a glorious family secret was actually something to be proud of. It was a great relief to me and a source of great merriment to all our friends when he used to boast that he was the only person he knew who was married to the bastard daughter of a bigamous blackmailer.

## A Thank you from Tess Gent

"A huge thank you from me for all the amazing offers of help, lifts and delicious goodies that so many kind people have given us.

A PARTICULARLY HUGE and GRATEFUL THANK YOU to Karin and Mark Merritt



who so generously lent me their Trumper, which I renamed Sanity. This has enabled me to stay sane and get out and about for miles with the dogs and to take part in our Family Alzheimer's Challenge."

## AED – Automatic Emergency Defibrillator

Although the village has had an AED for some time now, situated in a yellow box on the outside wall of the village hall, many of you may not be sure how to access it or use it. Here is a reminder. In an emergency, the first thing you do is dial 999. If the operator decides it is a Cat 1 or Cat 2 emergency they will give you a code which can be used to open the yellow storage box. You will have to go and get the AED (or send someone to fetch it for you). The code needs to be entered on the key pad in order to open the box. Once you have the AED with the patient the 999 operator will tell you how it should be used.



## WRITE HERE, WRITE NOW - Villagers' words archived for posterity

All the contributions from the Write Here, Write Now community writing project for Great Chishill have now been sent to the Manchester Writing School, at Manchester Metropolitan University. They will be included in a new archive set up at the Manchester Poetry Library at MMU.

This archive has been created to record poetry written nationally from the earliest stages of the pandemic up until June 30th 2020, with a collection of the work commissioned by Carol Ann Duffy (poet laureate, 2009).

Our poems will sit alongside contributions from established poets such as Roger McGough, Ian McMillan, Carol Rumens and many more, as well as Carol Ann Duffy herself. They will now be preserved to be read by future generations.

The archive is keen to have all our work, poetry or not, as a communal collective project; as they said, they are "part of the same conversation . . . I'm sure there's poetry in the prose too".

Many thanks to all.

Hilary Goodall

## Volunteer Drivers Wanted:



Royston and District Community Transport have volunteer drivers using their own vehicles to transport people who cannot easily use public transport. Most of the drivers are retired – and many are over 70. Some drivers were unable to help during the initial lockdown period.

As we emerge from the earlier strict restrictions RDCT are getting more requests for transport – hospitals, doctors, dentists and opticians are offering more appointments, and they can now take people shopping and on social trips – providing the journey time is, at the most, 15 minutes. However, they are beginning to fear they will not have enough drivers to meet all requests.

With this in mind RDCT are asking for more volunteers – even if you can only manage a day here and there it will be of help. Drivers get 50p per mile (starting from your home) to cover fuel and running costs – and the pleasure of helping others!

If you think you can be of help, and have a medium or larger 4-door car, please ring the RDCT office (01763 245228) between 9:00am and 3:00pm to get more information.

### URC services

Sunday 4th October  
Evensong 6 pm

Sunday 18th October  
Morning Service 9.30.

We will ensure that we follow government guidelines for services at all times.

## PROFILE - ROSIE SYKES

Great Chishill's own resident super-chef, Rosie Sykes, has just published her third cookery book, "Roasting Pan Suppers". It was written for the National Trust and contains 75 recipes cooked mainly in one pan in the oven. Rosie has lived in the village for 10 years but has spent a lot of time away working as a consultant chef for pubs, restaurants and hotels all over the country so lockdown was a great opportunity to spend time here and get to know the community. She really enjoyed cooking several meals a week alongside Lucy Goode for our very own NHS hero Lisa Mckenzie, to make Lisa's long shifts at Addenbrookes a tiny bit easier. She also cooked 200 meals a week which were delivered to the community hub at Melbourne for financially insecure families. Her plan now is to set up a charity to help feed those in need - a problem which will be growing due to the pandemic. Rosie has written for several national newspapers as well as publications like Waitrose food monthly. She is a professional chef who has worked for Michelin starred chefs and who has had her own pub near Smithfield market London.



## Great Chishill Cricket Club - by Angus Gent

What a funny season it was But we did manage to play some cricket in our 150th season. In fact, we even reached the final of our mini league!

I am thrilled to report, as I pack my bag away for the winter, that despite the new 'normal' there was a keen interest to play and a wonderful spirit in the club, with plenty to look forward to next season: the junior section being launched, the pavilion having a facelift and welcoming old and new faces alike to enjoy the village club.

Sadly, we are unable to hold the annual Dinner/Dance this year, an evening that has very much become part of the village calendar. But, next year it will be even better than last year!

We hope to run nets early in the new year as we look forward, optimistically, to a new season ahead. Please do come and join us if you would like.

I must thank all who have support the club this year, without you there is no club.

We look forward to welcoming you all back next year.



## It's Sloe Gin-making time again!

Great Chishill Bell Ringers intend holding the annual Sloe Gin Competition again in February, with entries in the usual several different classes.

Whatever happens with Covid, the entries will be judged and the results will be published. We very much hope to be able hold our popular Tasting and Results Party, too, but this will depend on the Covid situation after Christmas. Keep an eye on this Newsletter for updates.

## BIN DAYS – OCTOBER

Black	Blue / Green
6	13
20	27



## Alzheimer's Research fundraising by Angus Gent

Having very sadly lost my mother to Alzheimer's in July, one of my nephews took it upon himself to set the family a challenge. Over the past four weeks we have been tramping, walking, running and cycling the roads, lanes, highways and byways, clocking up over 5000kms between us raising money for Alzheimer's Research. To highlight the deep feelings that this horrible disease causes we have now exceeded our targets of both kilometres and pounds. Raising over £6,000 so far. However, we don't want to stop there, we would like to continue to raise as much money as possible over the coming weeks. If you, or anybody you know, has been affected in any way by this cruel disease please do give as generously as you can to help find a cure.

To donate please visit the JustGiving page.

Thank you.

[http://www.justgiving.com/4Thousand4Granny?utm\\_id=123](http://www.justgiving.com/4Thousand4Granny?utm_id=123)

