



The Chishills

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A PROPOSAL IN THE URC!

Those villagers who braved the bitter cold to attend the village carol service on 9th December were treated to a wonderful event. The service was planned and organised by Jamie Hall of the '**Proud Songsters**' and



they were supported by the Great Chishill Village Choir. The performance of **O Come all ye Faithful!** just about lifted the church roof off. During the service, in front of the whole congregation, Jamie proposed to the lovely Lisa MacKenzie, and she said "yes"! A vigorous and spontaneous round of applause from all present was the

immediate response!

Afterwards everyone enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies provided by Tess.

WHIST DRIVE

Thanks to your generosity, the bells of St Swithun's have now been totally renovated but we still need to raise funds to maintain the bells and make some changes to the ringing chamber.

As the Whist Drives that we ran before COVID came along were so popular, we are planning to run another one on Saturday 14th January, in the URC Schoolroom as before, at 7.30pm. You do not need a partner, and you don't even have to know how to play whist. Just come along and enjoy mixing with friends and neighbours again. This is an inexpensive evening out at only £5 entry.



Phil Maynard

Special Invitation to a SNOWDROP walk

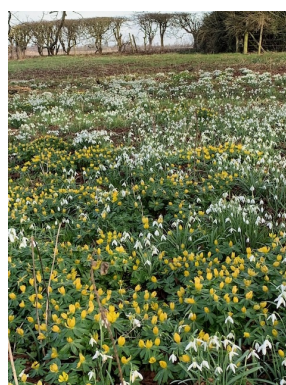
We are delighted, once again, to be able to offer an invitation to a private nature reserve to view snowdrops. The owner, who is a keen supporter of the village, has offered us the opportunity for a limited number of people to view his 12-acre reserve on Saturday 11th February 2023. This proved very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

The site is approximately 8 miles from Great Chishill, and the thousands of snowdrops were 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. We plan to provide light refreshments as before or feel free to bring a picnic.



If you would like to take up this opportunity, please

let me know on info@greatchishillwindmill.com or call John Wahlich on 01763 838044 by the end of January. Details will be supplied to those who are interested. Donations are requested and any offers to help with catering and setting up would also be much appreciated.



(by John Wahlich)



IN AID OF CHISHILL CHURCHES

SATURDAY 21ST JANUARY

7pm till 11.30pm

Great Chishill Village Hall

— *Ceilidh* —

AND

3 Course traditional dinner

Cash and Card bar

Please contact Pip Knobel-Forbes at pipkf@live.co.uk for tickets



VILLAGE ADVENT WINDOWS.

Once again, Tess and our wonderful window volunteers provided a treat for Chishill villagers. 28 windows were unveiled over the 25 Advent days. This time they were accompanied by a quiz which could be collected from the Manse or downloaded from the village website. The answers are not included here because the newsletter went to print too early. Thank you to everyone who contributed!



FILM NIGHT

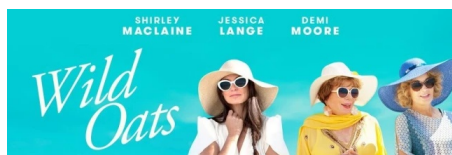
Tuesday January 10th

Wild Oats

Starring Shirley MacLaine, Jessica Lange, Billy Connolly, Rebecca de Costa and Demi Moore.

Showing at 7.30 pm in the URC schoolroom.

Entry £7 to include a free glass of wine and nibbles.



THE PHEASANT COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS LUNCH

On Monday 19th December, The Pheasant hosted a full Christmas Lunch for 22 lucky residents of the village, all of whom had been



nominated for inclusion by other villagers. They were served mulled wine and a really excellent Christmas lunch with all the trimmings. Thank you Nutwood Pubs, who sponsored the whole event.

United Reformed Church

Sunday January 1st
no service

Sunday January 8th
Morning service at 9.30 am
led by Reverend Sue Fender

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

No services

St Swithun's

Sunday 8th January 10.45 am
Family Worship

Sunday 29th January 10.45 am
Common Worship with Holy Communion

WELCOME TO THE JONGHEE FAMILY

Clare and Paul, their two girls, Annabel and Olivia, and their dog, Flash, moved into New Road during the coldest week of the year, just before Christmas. Clare is a Leadership Consultant and Paul is a Senior Manager in a local authority. They are delighted to be in Great Chishill. If you see them around, please say hello.



Farewell to the Lane family

The village would like to say a fond farewell to the Lane family, who have moved away after spending more than 40 years in Great Chishill.

GREAT CHISHILL SLOE GIN COMPETITION

The now almost legendary Great Chishill Sloe Gin Competition will take place in February. Entry forms for the competition are available on the Great Chishill website (www.greatchishill.org.uk). Entry can be in any or all of three categories – 'Nouveau', 'Vintage', and 'Ringer's Delight'. Certificates and medals are presented to first, second and third in each category. Judging takes place in secret on the Wednesday or Thursday before the party which will be held on Saturday 25th February in the URC Schoolroom, and is open to everyone.

BIN DAYS - JANUARY

Thur 5	Blue only
Wed 11	Black
Tue 17	Blue & Green
Tue 24	Black
Tue 31	Blue only