

The Chishills

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CAN YOU HELP AT THE WINDMILL?



The Windmill Committee is looking for volunteers to mow the grass at the windmill. If we have 30 volunteers, each one will only need to mow once a year. The lawnmower and the fuel is provided, it is stored in an open garage at the mill, and you don't even need to collect the grass cuttings. Are you willing to

give up one hour a year to help? If so, please call Nigel Parslow on 07966 335300.

MAY AT THE PHEASANT

Thursday 8th May - VE Day

Join us in celebrating VE Day at The Pheasant. There will be Afternoon Tea Hampers (please pre-order - £25 pp), and specials with a nod to the Land Girls who used to visit our pub!

Wednesday 14th May - Quiz night

£2 per entry, max 6 people per team.

This event books out quickly, so book soon!

Friday 30th May - Fishy Friday

Our head Chef and his team create an incredible fish menu which changes from month to month. The finest seafood you will find anywhere in the region. This monthly event books up very quickly, so book early to guarantee a table.

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HARRIET'S TOMATOES

Harriet's tomato plant sale is happening again this year. When the weather is good the stall will be out. Look out for signage on Hall Lane. Also look out for updates on social media. Thank you for your support. Proceeds will go towards the Children's Playground Fund.

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Please come and find out what our village organisations have been doing this year at the Annual Meeting of the Parish - Friday 16th May - 7:30pm. Refreshments will be available from 7:00pm in the Village Hall. We would love to see you!

The *formal* Annual Meeting of the Council will take place on Thursday 15th May at 7:30 pm. This is a legal requirement to elect the Chair and Vice Chair, sign off the audit, review the policy document, and complete any 'normal' Parish business.

GREAT CHISHILL CRICKET CLUB

GCCC enter into another league season for 2025 - after winning the league last year we are back in our "natural habitat" of CCA Junior League 1 South. We have an active squad but are always looking for new players



(especially in August when everyone seems to be on holiday! If anyone is new to the village and fancies a hit please get in touch - all standards welcome. Pre-season nets are on Tuesday evenings 20.00 to 21.00. We take a fairly relaxed approach to games, with plenty of ducks, wides and dropped catches, and we always make sure we head to the pub for refreshments afterwards. Our first game is 10th May and we have a game every Saturday (bar August 23rd) until August 30th. Our teas are the finest in Cambridgeshire and for home games all in the village are welcome to come and support and pop in for a cuppa. We are conscious that the cricket club has been a part of village life for well over 150 years. Long may it continue, with villagers donning the whites to keep the tradition going into the future. As many other villages have found in recent years, if a team can't be raised, once a club folds it doesn't come back.

> Alastair Cockerton GCCC Captain 07921 380353

BARLEY TENNIS CLUB BAND & BINGO EVENING



We are having a live Band and Bingo evening on May 17th in Barkway village hall to raise funds for court maintenance. 6-11pm. Tickets are available online:

<u>www.ticketebo.co.uk/barley-tennis-club/bingo-live-music-night-17th-may</u>

Barley shop also has a poster and can sell tickets. A food van will be available to buy food on the night. Please support a good cause, come along and have a lot of fun.

PARISH COUNCIL

Great and Little Chishill Parish Council is looking for a new Parish Clerk. The job is really interesting and varied, and offers a great insight into the villages of Great and Little Chishill. We have a fantastic group of Parish Councillors and you will be supporting them as they preside over Parish matters. You will also be working with our District and County Councillors. Why not have a look at our website www.greatchishillpc.com to find out more about the Council? This is a paid position.

For further information please contact Sarah Scott on 07891 313584 or email her at clerk@greatchishillpc.com.

We look forward to hearing from you.

PLAYGROUND PROJECT

On 28 March The Great Chishill Playground Project team were lucky to be able to host the ever popular village slideshow evening. We were treated to a wonderful journey through the village archives with Peter Wiseman presenting his fascinating slideshow of photographs and remembering many interesting and funny moments from village history.

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who attended and supported this event - over £1,000 was raised, just brilliant! We also want to say a very special thank you to Peter and Jean Wiseman for offering to run this for the playground, plus of course Angus and Tess Gent for hosting us in the URC, and all their help and support.

Funds for the playground are now well over £20,000 and we are currently working on grant applications - watch this space for more updates!

Emily Brown & Playground Project Team



United Reformed Church

Sunday May 4th
Communion Service 6 pm
Led by the Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday May 18th Morning Service 9.30 am Led by the Reverend Sue Fender

BIN DAYS - MAY

Tue 6 Blue & Green

Tue 13 Black

Tue 20 Blue & Green

Tue 27 Black



EXPLORE THE WINDMILL

The windmill is open to visitors again this summer,



usually two Sundays a month from 10 am to 4 pm. *May open days are Sunday 11th and Sunday 25th*. All visitors will be shown around by a guide and there is no specific charge for a tour. However, we are very grateful for donations, which will help to keep the mill in the condition you now see it.

VILLAGE BIG SALE

I am organising a Families in Great Chishill / Heydon / Chrishall Big Sale. The idea is you have a spring clean and either sell or free cycle your goods from your driveway or closest pavement (or take donations for village charities). It will take place on Sunday 18th May from 10 am until 2 pm. If you would like to be involved please contact me on 07891 313584 for further details and look out for updates on social media.

Sarah Scott

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday May 4th 9 am BCP Holy Communion

St Swithun's

Sunday May 11th 11 am Holy Communion & Baptism