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# The Chishills

## Village's Centenary Tribute

The annual service of remembrance at the War Memorial took on extra significance this year, poignantly marking 100 years to the hour since the Armistice brought an end to the gunfire and bloodshed of the First World War. As Lucy, a pupil from King's College School Cambridge, played The Last Post, the light drizzle gave way to rays of hopeful sunshine and the 150 or more villagers who gathered at the crossroads stood in silence to pay their respects to the parish's fallen.

were read, and Council wreath, a large poppy playgroup, a 100 by children from and the Youth



The names of the fallen alongside the Parish the children paid tribute; from the Chimps year poppy decoration Chrishall Primary School Club's decorated pebbles.

Around 120 of the assembled then made the short walk to the United Reformed Chapel. The choir, led by Lisa McKenzie, sang 'God be in my head' by Walford Davies and 'So they gave their bodies' by Peter Aston, helping us to reflect - as did the poems, 'A poem for remembrance day' read by mothers and children of the village and 'The Red Poppy' read by members of the Youth Club. The sermon by Simon Hall (Chaplain, King's School, Cambridge) was a powerful one: the small things *matter* and whilst remembering our war heroes, we live in hope that lessons of the past will finally be learned and our children will grow up in a world free of mindless conflict. We can only hope that the families of those young men of our village, who gave the ultimate sacrifice a century or more ago, will have felt proud of the sight of a full church. Paying their respects and remembering the dead, the front two rows were full of children, many of whom helped to collect the offertory of £384 in aid of the British Legion.

*Guy Musson*

## St Swithun's Wine Tasting (through the eyes of village newcomers Allan and Chrissie)

Come to a wine tasting evening at the Schoolroom I was asked a few weeks ago. Mmmhhhh, United Reformed Church mixed with a taster of wine, what were Angus and Tess thinking? OK then, let's give it a go, it was a great cause and a nice way to sample Great Chishill for the first time. The first sight to greet us was Angus, splendid in black tie with bar tender's apron. A night of merriment and great amusement ensued. Angus and Tess were the perfect hosts. Sadly, Tess was missing in action for most of the evening, serving up a never-ending array of tasty nibbles. Angus had lined up an amazing array of wines to sample, and the tasting was taken very seriously (to start with!) I was caught like a rabbit in the headlights when asked by our host to introduce each new wine. Then a master plan fell into place: Sue and Phil 'The Webmaster' started to tell me all about village life and interesting facts about parishioners and then a light bulb moment....! Far from an imposter



from Wales introducing all the wines, why not get a sample of the real stars of the village and call them forth for their thoughts on the wines on offer? Janet, who had attended Sunday School in the very same Schoolroom as a child, now had the honour of starting us off. Who could forget what followed next? The sultry jazz/soul voice of Maggie who sang to us beautifully. Hesitant (*hesitant?* - Ed) Neil was equally superb and left us wanting more from both; may I suggest a duet at next year's summer ball? For me though, the highlight of the evening was the outstanding duet of the village Scout leaders, our very own Fred (Astaire) and Ginger (Rogers). A majestic, towering performance; not quite melodic as Maggie or Neil but worthy of a repeat at an appropriate moment! If it had been filmed, I am sure it would have gone viral and attained at least 10 hits on YouTube!

In short a thoroughly enjoyable evening in the Schoolroom and all our thanks once again to Angus and Tess for the energy, hard work and fun they poured (literally) into the evening. What a wonderful way to raise funds for the St Swithun's appeal!





**A Burns Night Celebration**

In support of:  
**St Nicholas Church  
Little Chishill**

Haggis \* Whisky \* Recitations \* Dancing

**Dancing to Jump the Vortex**

Great Chishill Village Hall  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Tickets £25.00 Cheques Payable to "DCC of Little Chishill"  
by Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2019 to:  
E. Knobel-Forbes, 17 May Street, Great Chishill, Royston SG8 8SN Tel 01763 838781  
Numbers Are Limited Please Book Early

### CRIME NIGHT SUCCESS

The Wine and Crime evening on 23 October proved very popular - over 40 people came to hear advice on how to avoid being the victim of scams and, from the Cambridgeshire Police, how to improve home security. There was a roaring trade in the security devices on sale (excellent value). We heard about the Bobby Scheme for the over 65s, where the Bobbies will visit and advise on precautions to avoid crime. The catering (thank you to Robin and Ruth) was excellent and a good time was had by all. If you couldn't make the meeting and want more information, please email the village security committee. ([security@greatchishillpc.com](mailto:security@greatchishillpc.com)).

### URC Services

**Sunday 2 Dec:** Evensong 5.45pm to be led by Ben Palmer.

**Sunday 16 Dec:** No Morning Service  
Joint Village Carol Service at St Swithun's **at 6 pm** (see panel below)

**Scottish Dancing:** No Dancing in December, resumes **Monday 14 Jan at 7.30-9.30 pm**. Would love to see new

faces. Come and brush up your skills and fitness before Burns Night!

**Cinema Night: Tuesday 11**

**December** "Mama Mia, Here We Go Again" Doors **at 7 pm**, film **starts at 7.30 pm**. Book your places on the sofas!

**Silver Surfers.** No sessions in December, resumes **Tuesday 15 Jan 9-12am**. A programme will be drawn up from

## CRAFTS ON THE HILL

**SATURDAY 8th  
December 2018**

GREAT CHISHILL VILLAGE HALL.  
10am until 4.30pm

**CRAFTS AND GIFTS MADE BY  
LOCAL CRAFTS PEOPLE**

**Teas and cakes, Hot Dogs  
Christmas Wreaths, Father Xmas.  
CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE**

Donations for the St Swithun's fund and the Windmill fund.  
ENQUIRIES TO: LINDSEY CRAWLEY  
01763 838897/07775727541

people's wish-lists for laptops and iPads, so please let Tess or Kathey know of any requests on [tessgent@gmail.com](mailto:tessgent@gmail.com) or [jkts@sky.com](mailto:jkts@sky.com)

### Christmas Wreaths

Wreaths will be on sale at Crafts on the Hill but if you know you'd like one please let Tess know in good time. All for the St Swithun's Appeal.

## Seniors' Tea

**on 13 December!**  
**At the Village Hall 3 - 5 pm**

**All seniors  
welcome!**

## Women's Institute 18 December

**Bring and Share Christmas  
Party**

Visitors welcome- call Angela 837353

## BIN COLLECTIONS

	Black	Blue & Green
DEC	4	11
	18	22 (Sat, blue)
JAN	2 (Wed)	

## Carols at St Swithun's

**Sunday 16 December 6pm.**  
The Wren Singers (who sang at the Christmas Tree Festival) will celebrate 100 Years of the 9 Lessons and Carols service

## Sloe Gin

Great Chishill Bell Ringers' Sloe Gin Results Party will be held on Saturday 23 Feb with judging Thursday 21 Feb - venue tbc. *Have you picked your sloes yet?* There's still time but you'll need to be quick. Or why not enter your alternative fruity liqueur in 'Ringers' Delight'. Enquiries to Jenny Leitch

Gt Chishill & Heydon Children's Christmas Party  
with fun & games from Stripey Wipey,  
party food and a very special visitor!

**Saturday 1st December 3 - 5pm**  
**Gt Chishill Village Hall**

Free to all pre-school & primary school age children  
in Heydon, Gt & Lt Chishill.  
For late bookings contact Emily 836257 / Islay 838194

## Royston & District Choral Society

Britten's 'A  
Ceremony of  
Carols'  
22 December  
7.30 pm Royston  
Parish Church  
Mulled wine, mince  
pies and audience  
participation  
Tickets from Jenny  
Leitch, Suzie  
Harrison, Neil  
Heywood