

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. The names of the fallen were read, and alongside the Parish Council wreath, a large poppy playgroup, a 100 by children from and the Youth



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 25th January 2019
7:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Tickets £25.00 Cheques Payable to "DCC of Little Chishill"
by Sunday 6th January 2019 to:
E. Knobel-Forbes, 17 May Street, Great Chishill, Royston SG8 8SN Tel 01763 838781
Numbers Are Limited Please Book Early



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

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).

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

people's wish-lists for laptops and iPads, so please let Tess or Kathey know of any requests on tessgent@gmail.com or 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!

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

Women's Institute
18 December
Bring and Share Christmas Party
Visitors welcome- call Angela 837353



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

BIN COLLECTIONS

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