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The Chishills

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Great Chishill Christmas Tree Festival St Swithun's Church

Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th

12 - 5pm

Entry ~ £1

Featuring

**A variety of Christmas music
throughout the weekend
Including...**

Saturday

Opening the event

12.00 ~ Chrishall School

Choir

Sunday

**12.00 ~ Parish Handbell
Ringers**

4pm ~ Grand Finale

**Carols with the Wren Choir
Cambridge**

**Check out the village
website for further details.**

**25 Trees decorated by local groups, club and
organisations.**

**Please come and soak up the Christmas
Spirit, with Festive Food & Mulled Wine**

Christmas Tree Festival Music

There will be a lovely variety of music throughout the week-end including our very own village talent. Chrishall School Choir will open the Festival on Saturday at 12 o'clock, followed by the Royston Town Band from 2.00 until 2.45. The Duxford Jazz Band will be performing, and the Merry Kingsmen, a group of musicians and singers from Cambridge. Please go to the Website (WEBSITE ADDRESS) nearer the time for times of their performances. The Parish Handbell Ringers will be performing at 12 o'clock on the Sunday, and the Wren Choir will end the weekend with a concert followed by community carols starting at 4 pm. Any adults or children who would like to come and perform on their own would also be very welcome! There will be gaps once the other musicians have confirmed their performance times. Please come and enjoy the festive spirit and support those who have gone to a great deal of trouble to represent our fantastic village.

Beginners' Pilates in Great Chishill

We have a Pilates class for beginners starting in January at the village hall. It will be an hour each week every Tuesday at 8.30am, with breaks for half term, Easter, Christmas and Summer holidays. For more information email Andrea at andrea@littlewissett.co.uk

Seniors' Tea

on 19 December!

**All Senior Citizens are welcome to this
popular annual event - no need to book.**

At the Village Hall 3 - 5 pm

Enquiries to Lindsay Crawley 838897

Great Chishill Cricket Club Junior Section

We are thrilled to announce that Great Chishill Cricket Club will be launching a new Junior section. It will be open for all ages from 3 - 11, on Saturday mornings, starting in the spring. We are so grateful to Alastair Cockerton for leading this venture. Keep an eye out for more news.

CRAFTS ON THE HILL

For St Swithun's and Windmill Funds

Saturday 7 December

at the Village Hall

9.30 - 4.30pm

**Crafts and Gifts made by
local Craftspeople - plus
Teas and Cakes, Hot Dogs,
Christmas Wreaths**

We have space for more crafts!

**Enquiries to Lindsey Crawley
01763 838897 / 07775727541**

URC News

The URC Schoolroom has been busy with Harvest Supper for Jimmy's, Scottish Dancing, Cinema Nights, DCC Meetings, the Cricket Club AGM, the Bell Ringers Whist Drive and Youth Group. The Rugby World Cup Final saw the room packed with men, women and children, many patriotically dressed and all full of hope for a great final. The atmosphere was electric, the banter excellent, the breakfast delicious, but sadly the result rather disappointing unless you were South African!!

Service dates - December

1st - 18.00 ~ Evening Service ~ Led by Rev. Annemarie Pachel. Followed by an Advent drink!

15th ~ Morning Service cancelled due to the Christmas Tree Festival

22nd - 18.30 ~ Joint Village Carol Service (URC) ~ Led by Ben Palmer

25th - 10.00 ~ Family Christmas Day Service ~ Led by Angus Gent

January

5th - 18.00 ~ Evening Service ~ Led by Angus Gent

19th - 9.30 ~ Morning Service ~ Led by Angus Gent

Dancing breaks for Christmas on December 2nd and re starts on Monday January 20th and every Monday evening in the Schoolroom at 19.30. No previous experience is needed, just a good sense of humour!

Film night- December

Tuesday 10th - 19.30 : *Green Book* ~ Inspired by a true friendship. Remarkable, funny and heartwarming.

And in January: Tuesday 14th - at 19.30 *Yesterday* ~ Everybody in the world has forgotten *The Beatles*. Everyone but Jack...

If you would like to book a place on the sofa please do contact Tess:

tessgent@gmail.com

FAMILY CAROLS WITH ROYSTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Saturday 21st December 7.30 pm

King James Academy (Meridian school site SG8 7HJ)

Royston Choral Society is very excited to welcome J50 Brass back to Royston to accompany their Christmas concert. J50 have wowed local audiences several times accompanying choir and audience seasonal singing. Their repertoire ranges from folk music to commissions for films and video games, baroque and early music and more. With the scent of mulled wine and mince pies, audience participation and J50 Brass Royston Choral Society will ensure a merry and bright start to Christmas. For tickets (£14, concessions £10, school students £1, programme included) see website:

<http://www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk> Tel. Caroline Franks 01920 822723 or ask a choir member.

GRANTA Medical Practices

Christmas & New Year Opening Times

During the Christmas - New Year period, Granta's surgeries at Barley and Royston will be open as normal **except for closing on Wednesday and Thursday 25 / 26 December, on Wednesday 1 January 2020 and at weekends.**

Your local pharmacist can advise you on many minor illnesses, such as coughs, colds, sore throats and upset stomachs.

If you need urgent medical assistance when we are closed please ring NHS111.

If your condition poses an immediate threat to life please ring 999.

VILLAGE MEMORIES - THE W.I.

Of all the Chishills' club and societies, few can be as durable as the Women's Institute, which is still going strong today - we advertise its programme every month. But in the 1930s the WI's doings were often reported in the Royston Crow, a practice which only died out a few years ago. Here's how the Crow reported a meeting in May 1931. Mrs G. C. Wood was in the chair, and about 36 members were present. Everyone sang a song, 'My Ain Countrie' (when did they change to 'Jerusalem'?) Then Mrs Wood's husband Frank, a well-known local figure who had retired as headmaster of the school four years earlier, gave a talk on 'Customs of Long Ago'. After routine business, Mrs Bishop gave a display of Indian club swinging! It seems this was in aid of beauty culture, rather than self defence. Mrs E. Reeves won the competition for naming wild flowers, organised by Mrs May. Mesdames Oyston, Plumb and W. Reeve served tea, and lots more singing followed - it seems the WI even had its own choir. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing. We made our own amusements in those days! It was certainly a night packed with activity, evidence that our village ladies, then as now, were an energetic lot.



**Gt Chishill & Heydon
Children's Christmas Party**

Fun & games with Stripey Wipey,
party tea and a special visitor!

Sunday 8th December 3 - 5pm
Gt Chishill Village Hall

Free to all children ages 0 - Yr 6
in Heydon, Gt & Lt Chishill
Please book your place by 18th Nov
Contact Emily 836257 or Islay 838194

**Women's Institute,
17 December, 7.30**
Christmas Party -bring a dish
of food to share and a
wrapped gift to the value of
£10 for Santa's Sack
Visitors welcome, call Angela
837353

MUSIC TUITION BY BECKY HOPE JONES

Our apologies to Becky for getting her contact details wrong last month.

Becky's lived in Chishill most of her life and has just graduated from Arts Ed London with a degree in Musical Theatre. She's got loads of other music qualifications too, and she's able to give lessons in music theory, piano, and singing. Becky tells us she's specialising in teaching young / pre-school children, adults looking for a new hobby, and those who simply want to have fun! Contact Becky for more details!

CORRECTED CONTACT DETAILS

bjones995@hotmail.com, or
07850 859149

Tessa's Christmas Wreaths
Tessa Gent is making her lovely
Christmas wreaths again in aid of
the Church Appeal. Find them at
Crafts on the Hill, or call her with
your order: tessgent@gmail.com /
01763 838941 / 07721 398642

BIN DAYS - DEC
Black 3
Blue/Green 10
17 24 blue only
Jan 2 (Thurs)