



The Chishills

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At the end of October we said a fond farewell to Phil, Dee and Peter Jackson who have lived in the village for over 40 years. They have moved down to the west country to join their daughter Hannah's family in Bath. Phil was treasurer of the Village Hall Committee when funds were being raised to extend it and was part of the team who dug the footings. Both keen 'foodies' their generous hospitality and welcoming ways will be sorely missed. We wish them all the best for the future.



CHORAL MAGIC IN GREAT CHISHILL

Chishill Voices continues to thrive and the autumn season is packed with wonderful musical experiences. November starts with solemn tones for our service on **Remembrance Sunday** - beginning at the village memorial and continuing in the URC Chapel - before we don our gay apparel, rehearsing for our annual service of Nine Lessons and Carols, which, this year, will take place at the URC, making full use of our exciting new organ! **Saturday 21st December** is the date for your diary!

And if that wasn't enough, our festive season will begin in style on **Friday 6th December** at St Swithun's. If you listen carefully, you can still just about hear the echoes of the extraordinary music that many of us enjoyed at the Mackenzie-Hall Wedding, so we've invited Jamie and his professional choir **Cor Meum** to return to the village for a concert packed to the gills with light-hearted Christmas classics. There will be movie magic, there will be stars, and bells, and snow, and Charles Dickens himself may well put in an appearance! Above all, lots of favourite Christmas tunes for all to sing: bring along your jingle bells if you have them!! Tickets are £15, available from Jamie or by emailing cormeumchoir@gmail.com. Book early to avoid disappointment!

CRAFTS ON THE HILL

Christmas Craft Fair - Great Chishill Village Hall
Saturday November 30th
10 am - 4 pm

Teas and cakes, local quality crafts for sale.
For stall enquiries telephone
01763 838897 or 07775 727541

REMEMBRANCE POPPIES



I have been approved as this year's Poppy seller for Great Chishill and will be going door to door from 24th October until Remembrance Sunday. There will also be a collection "tin", a tray of Poppies and some new items for 2024 on the bar in the Pheasant.

Gill Hague

NOVEMBER AT THE PHEASANT

7th November - 7-9 pm

Paint and sip - Let's paint a winter hare! During our paint and sip event we will guide you step-by-step in a fun and easy way, so no experience is required! The only thing you need to bring is your imagination - materials are included: a blank canvas, acrylic paints and brushes, protective apron, and table easel. £30 per person. Run by Winter Hare (thecreativecanvas.co.uk).

13th November - The Pheasant Quiz

From 7pm - Be sure to book early!

29th November

Fishy Friday, this extremely popular monthly event takes place on the last Friday night of the month. The menu changes monthly and books out quickly, so book in advance to ensure you have a table!

30th November - Christmas Wreath Workshop - 10 am.

Join Ellie from 'Bloom' in Royston to create your very own festive door wreath. £65 per person includes all your materials, coffee and mince pies. Booking essential.

Every Wednesday - pie evening!

Every Saturday - moules and wine!

Every Friday - Boozy bites from 4pm - 6pm

Enjoy something delicious on the house when you join us for a drink.

www.pheasantgc.com

01763 838535

SLOE GIN COMPETITION 2025

Great Chishill Bell Ringers want to remind you that it's time to get picking sloes from our local hedgerows and brewing sloe gin for this annual competition. It has been held every year since 1998, to help raise funds for the on-going maintenance of St Swithun's bells.

The Sloe Gin Competition embraces Nouveau and Vintage categories, as well as Ringers' Delight, liqueurs made from any other soft fruit. Judging is in February so, if you haven't already done so, get picking now!



ARTISAN EVENING

In late October, Great Chishill had the pleasure of welcoming a huge variety of incredibly talented artisans to showcase their crafts at the Great Chishill Artisan Festival in Great Chishill Village Hall.

Everything from luxurious, homemade candles with uniquely intoxicating scents to beautifully crafted woodwork was available to the more than 300 visitors who arrived at the village hall doors from the very moment they opened for business.

In addition to the very many stalls, there was a children's movie festival, where mini popcorn bags, hot dogs and pick'n'mix were available whilst the children snuggled up to watch their favourite films. There were delicious jacket potatoes on offer, with a choice of toppings, and to top it all, a well-stocked bar that served a wide array of cocktails, beers and wine and all served with a genuine smile and good cheer.

As if the artisans, the movie fest, the food and the bar wasn't enough, there was also a raffle running every 30 minutes keeping the guests entertained and, of course, rewarded!

Overall, the event was a monumental success, raising around £3,250 for two charities - Brain Tumour Research and the Great Chishill Playground Project. None



of this would have been possible without the gifted artisans and the lovely and committed residents of our village who gave up their valuable time to help. Thanks, most of all, to the hard-working committee members who organised this fantastic event. Great people made a great event a huge success!

If you would like any more information on any of the artisans that attended on Friday or if you would like to learn more about how you can donate to either charity please contact

gcplayground@outlook.com.



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Trees

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Or

Angus



angusgent@gmail.com



CHAMPING

The St Swithun's church camping event took place last month. A few hardy people camped out in the church, enjoyed an evening picnic and a morning breakfast as well as a night under canvas. No one was brave enough to spend all night in the graveyard, however!



Your Newsletter reaches you thanks to a team of dedicated deliverers, most of whom have been doing the job for years. Unusually, a vacancy is coming up – after 13 years of deliveries (thank you Christine!) Christine Rixon has decided to retire, and we shall need someone to take over her patch at the end of January. There are just 40 newsletters to deliver, covering all the houses in Hall Lane but excluding the sideroads and Hall Farm and barns.

Could you help, please? If you are interested, please call me on 838506 or email neil@neilheywood.com. Thank you!

Neil Heywood

United Reformed Church

Sunday November 10th 11 am
Remembrance service
with Chishill Voices

BIN DAYS - NOVEMBER

Tue 5 Blue & Green
Tue 12 Black
Tue 19 Blue & Green
Tue 26 Black

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday November 3rd 9.00 am
BCP Holy Communion service

St Swithun's

Sunday November 24th 11.00 am
Family Worship