



The Chishills

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Parish Council News:

The Parish Council would like to thank Neil Heywood for producing the newsletter for the past five years. He has done a fantastic job and we have seen lots of interesting and informative articles from him. Thank you, Neil. But equally, we would like to thank Will Parsons for offering to be the new editor. Thank you, Will, and welcome!

The Parish Council arranged for a replacement bin to be put on the playing fields and also two dog poo/litter bins, one on May Street and one at the entrance to the playing fields. We ask you to please clean up after your dog.

This is from the tenant farmer. *"After I finished cutting Bull Meadow for hay (feed for my cattle) I was disgusted by the amount of dog mess that has not been collected. No only is it dangerous for children but also can cause abortions*



in cattle. Once a cow is infected she is infected for life, meaning she has to be culled. May I also remind people that the field next door (Wrights Meadow behind the pub) has no rights of way or public access. Both of these fields are privately owned and I am the rent paying tenant".

URC services

Sunday 6th September

Evensong 6 pm

Kindly led by Ben Palmer

Sunday September 20th

Morning Service 9.30.

Social distancing will apply.

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish Desmond and Iris Manning, of 88 Hall Lane, a very happy Platinum Wedding anniversary this month. They were married on 16th September 1950 in Royston Church and so they are now marking their 70th anniversary. This is a fantastic feat and I am sure the whole village applauds them.



They were both 23 years old when they married and they have always lived in the area. We understand that they moved to Heydon when they first married but they have lived in Great Chishill for over 65 years. Desmond was a local farm worker initially, working at Mailer's Farm, which is now Heydon Grange golf course. When work there finished he became a factory worker



in Sawston and then Melbourn. Iris did occasional part time work, including potato picking at Wiseman's Farm here in the village.

They have two children, David and Valerie, two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, two boys and two girls.

2020 Flu Clinics

In the wake of coronavirus, it is more important than ever to have your flu vaccination.

Granta Medical Practices (Barley surgery is our closest) have told us that their patients, eligible for a free NHS flu vaccination, can book an appointment slot at the surgery (you MUST pre-book). However, this year only because so many more people may be eligible under the new covid regulations, you can go to a "drive-through" flu clinic on Saturday 3rd October or Saturday 17th October at the Duxford Imperial War Museum. If you cannot get to these clinics please don't worry; Granta will make sure that the patients who can't attend or who cannot drive will be seen in smaller clinics at their surgeries. If you are housebound separate arrangements will be made for you.

If you should decide to stay on and visit the museum after your vaccination please be aware that you will have to pre-book tickets in advance through the IWM website www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-duxford. You will not be able to purchase tickets for the museum on the day.

CRICKET CLUB (Angus Gent)

Welcome back live cricket. Eventually we started the 150th season, no more dice cricket and team tea deliveries, but a wonderful £400 raised for Addenbrookes. However, it was a rather truncated season. Our first game in the new 'normal', was an away fixture at Rickling Green with a few new rules; no changing rooms, sanitizer breaks every 6 overs, markings on the pitch for batters to run and the greatest sadness, no teas! A strange new world. During the opening game we did follow Boris Johnson's words, to the letter, we caught nothing, and sadly lost the game! Despite the 'strange' arrangement we have kept the club going, we have been playing in a small league with great success, when the weather has allowed! It has been lovely catching up with old friends and welcoming new members. We have worked hard with grant applications and the PFA for the redevelopment of the pavilion. Sadly, after 4 years at the helm, we have had to say goodbye to Guy, who with the family, have moved off to pastures new. We will certainly miss his organisation and optimism for never failing to get a team together on a Saturday.

The Pheasant

Thank you to those of you have returned your completed questionnaires. We appreciate your response.

In answer to a few questions we have received, this is a first step exercise, to see what the village would like to see happen to The Pheasant. All options are explained in the accompanying leaflet which was delivered to your home with the questionnaire. But to summarise, the options we have are:

- 1 Let the pub be sold to a new owner.
- 2 Look to put together a bid for the Pheasant under a community ownership arrangement (based on a co-operative basis supported in part by loans from the Plunkett Foundation).
- 3 A bid is submitted by the Parish Council funded by a Public Works Loan.

Once the pub goes on the market there is just a 6-week window for parties to register an interest (options 2 and 3). If an interested party does register then there is a further 6 months to put a business plan and funding together. So if the community route was the preferred option, we cannot wait for a few months and see if anyone wants to buy it and then decide to put a bid in.

We really welcome your feedback on this and would encourage you to return the form. If you have mislaid it, Sarah Scott can email you a new one (clerk@greatchishillpc.com).

With many thanks, 'The Pub is the Hub' Group.

BIN DAYS – SEPTEMBER

Black	Blue / Green
	2*
8	15
22	29

* Note: Wednesday

Profile: Your new editor - Will Parsons

I am a newcomer to this lovely village, having moved here from Worcestershire less than 3 years ago, and so many of our readers won't know me. My wife, Sylvia, and I are both retired. We have three children (one of whom lives nearby) and seven grandchildren. We decided to downsize from a lovely house with too much garden and we were fortunate enough to be able to find a "new-build" in the village. It is perfect and we love it here.

We started playing bridge 20 years ago and for the last 8 years we have been part-time bridge hosts on holidays, weekends and on cruises. The ships class us as "entertainers", along with lecturers (some very good indeed), yoga teachers, choir mistresses, ukelele teachers, singers, and others. We have travelled all over the world organising bridge, and generally looking after our various groups of bridge players. We also play regular duplicate bridge here at home, at Royston and Melbourn bridge clubs.

However, all that is in the past tense since Covid! The cruises have stopped and the company we work for is ceasing trading before the end of the year.

Here in Great Chishill we have been really impressed with the friendliness of everyone we have met. We would like to say a big thank you to Great Chishill for making us feel so welcome.



It's Sloe Gin-making time again!

Great Chishill Bell Ringers intend holding the annual Sloe Gin Competition again in February. Keep an eye on this Newsletter for updates.

Chishill Care

Another big thank-you. This time to Sam Allan, of Barley Road. In March, as lockdown was starting, Sam set up Chishill Care. It was supported by the Parish Council and a large number of wonderful volunteers, and it helped provide much needed support to elderly and shielded residents in the form of the collection and home delivery of groceries, medicine and newspapers. A very big thank you to you all.

Chishill Care dealt with an influx of enquiries over the peak period and helped approximately 45 residents during lockdown, many on a daily basis. This work dovetailed with the excellent work undertaken by Marianne Yallop and Jeremy Smith at Covid19 Villages Support Group in partnership with Andrea Hamblin, Kathy West and Claire Garner Smith of Great Chishill.

Special thanks also to Tess and Angus Gent and Jeanette Packer (prescriptions) and Alex Farrow (daily newspaper delivery).

Sam is starting a new full-time job on 1st September. The village would like someone else to take on Sam's role as co-ordinator for Chishill Care should there be a second wave and another lockdown situation.

Anyone interested should email Sam at hello@chishill.care or call 0774 865 1727.

Explore the Windmill

Did you know that you can now explore the inside of our beautifully restored windmill?

A team of volunteer guides are keen to explain the restoration work and to show you how the mill operated. It is a fascinating story and they would love to share it with you.

Covid restrictions mean only three visitors at a time and you'll need to wear masks, but you will have your own guide willing to explain and answer any questions. You do need to be able to climb a stairway to enter the building and be happy on a short but steep ladder to access the upper floors so it is not recommended for the very young or the infirm. But, if you have an interest in the way things were, just contact us through our website www.greatchishillwindmill.com or by email to dm@greatchishillwindmill.com and we will arrange a personal tour for you.

There is no charge for these bespoke tours but we would be very grateful for a donation in our boxes at the windmill. All contributions go towards keeping the mill looking the way it does and laying the foundation for a project to get those stones turning again.



Picture by Doug Thompson