



The Chishills

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A GREAT CHISHILL THRILLER!

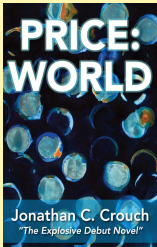
Jonathan Crouch was born and bred in Great Chishill. He is the son of Brian and the late Janet Crouch of Heydon Road, and he has written a novel and published it himself.

Price: World is his debut novel and tells the story of a clever & resourceful British scientist, who develops a fantastic new energy source. This discovery places him in mortal danger from a ruthless, power-hungry Arab oil sheikh, determined to have the secret for himself. The action starts in Scotland before moving quickly to the small fictional village of Barnsdale, which is based on Great Chishill, with



references to the Windmill, the Church, the Pheasant and even the chalk pit, which Jonathan hopes residents will recognise.

There is a copy of the book in the village library (the telephone box by the Plaistow).



Price: World has received 5-star reviews on Amazon, being described as a real page turner with a "pace like a metronome".

The suggested reading age is from 12 years upwards.

CHAMPING AT ST SWITHUN'S

We're hoping to have a champing (church camping) evening and overnight stay in the church and grounds, on 4th October, if there is enough interest.

Price per family £25 suggested donation, more details to follow. If interested, please contact church office on 01763 837272, or call Angela on 07712 444303.

THANK YOU GREAT CHISHILL

Well, three weeks in and 100+ empty packing boxes later, we can say that we are now living in Sherborne. We are already loving the bungalow and we cast our eyes around the many cards of good wishes from our friends in the Chishills with great fondness. Thank you all for your kindness whilst we were with you and for the continuing support in our new adventure. We will never forget you and our time in Great Chishill.

David and Wendy McKeown

PRAISE FOR THE BARN DANCE

I received the following message from Clare Jonghee following the summer barn dance. However, it came too late to be included in the last issue, so here it is now: *"The barn dance was fun for all generations and provided a unique space to draw the village and community together to have fun, dance and enjoy the amazing food. The children had a fabulous time playing fete style games and enjoying ice cream and popcorn together. My youngest has been already been asking me when we can do it again. We are so lucky to have such a lovely community where we have these opportunities"*

EXPLORE THE WINDMILL

The windmill is open to visitors in September, for the last two occasions this year, **on Sunday 1st and Sunday 15th September**, from 10 am to 4 pm. All visitors will be shown around by a guide and there is no specific charge for a tour. However, we are very grateful for donations, which will help to keep the mill in the condition you now see it.

GREAT CHISHILL CARPET BOWLS CLUB



Marlene Bates, Terry Ingle, Jean Hatt,
John Crawley, Peter Homent

This year's summer barbecue and presentation of prizes was held on a bright and blustery day at the home of Sandra and Peter Homent. Barbecue choices were accompanied by a bring and share buffet of delicious salads, followed by wonderful desserts.

At the presentation the club's officers were thanked for their hard work and prizes were given to our winning players. Terry Ingle was the year's overall highest scorer. Peter Homent, club treasurer, won the knockout competition, with runner-up Jean Hatt,

who was also the ladies champion. Sandra and Peter were thanked for their hospitality.

The afternoon was a lively, chatty time with lots of laughter, just like our regular meetings. The club meets on a Thursday evening from 7 pm in the village hall. Newcomers are most welcome and offered guidance and practice time. Our next season starts on 12th September. For more information contact John Crawley, chairman, on 838897 or Marlene Bates, secretary, on 838244, or just come along one evening.

SEPTEMBER IN THE PHEASANT

18th September

Quiz Night 7:30pm £2 per person.

27th September

Fishy Friday - With a new menu every month, you can expect an array of delicious seafood. Prebooking essential.

Saturday Breakfasts

Cooked breakfasts and the best coffee in South Cambs. Served from 10 am. No need to book a table in advance.

Sunday Roasts

Legendary roasts, amazing hospitality, and simply the best Sunday lunch in the area. Prebooking essential.

Tapas Wednesdays

Bringing a bit of Spanish sunshine to Great Chishill. From 6 pm, prebooking essential.

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The WI are holding a Macmillan coffee morning on Friday September 27th from 10 to 12 noon. £5 entry. Venue is The Stackyard Cottage in Hall Farm Yard. There will be a raffle and a bring and buy sale. All donations of cakes will be very welcome.

SCOTTISH DANCING

We restart on Monday 23rd September, in the URC schoolroom at 7.30 pm. A wee dram will be your reward! All and sundry are more than welcome. No experience needed, just a sense of humour and the embracing of fun, company and comradeship.

GREAT CHISHILL CRICKET CLUB RESULTS

July 27th – Home versus Cambourne 3rd XI

Great Chishill won by 1 wicket
M Williams 31. A Cockerton 3-28,
J Woodcock 3-32.

August 3rd – Home versus Harlton

Great Chishill lost by 10 runs
A Cockerton 45. L Ling 4-40.

August 10th – Away versus Great Shelford

Great Chishill lost by 6 wickets.
L Ling 28. O Gent 3-28.

August 17th – Home versus Helions Bumpstead

Great Chishill won by 161 runs
J Piper 96, A Cockerton 56.
S Stoop 3-2.

FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER 5-9 PM
Village Hall HS8 8SH
For more details: tessgent@gmail.com
£2/adult (secures a raffle ticket), children go free
Early bird golden tickets

GREAT CHISHILL ARTISAN EVENING

LOCAL ARTISANS & CRAFTSPEOPLE ★ CURATED SELLERS ★ HOT FOOD ★ COCKTAILS & BAR
PRE-CHRISTMAS ORDERS ★ CERAMICS PAINTING ★ AUTHOR READINGS & BOOK SIGNING
CHILDREN'S FILM FEST

A FUNDRAISING EVENT FOR
Brain Tumour Research GREAT CHISHILL PLAYGROUND PROJECT

There will be a wide range of 30 Artisan Stalls ranging from carefully selected food, preserves, textiles, clothing, accessories, ceramics and stationery with activities and stalls suitable for children to enjoy. A Film fest to enable families to come and enjoy. Hot food, cocktails and a bar on offer.

NEWS FROM THE WINDMILL

There is a long term plan to restore the mill to full working order. The first stage is to restore the sails and windshaft so that they would turn in the wind. This is estimated to cost up to £180,000/ £200,000 and take five years or maybe more. In the meantime, the mill's 5-yearly re-painting will be starting soon, using a cherry-picker, so no scaffolding will be required.

We have a wonderful team of guides, but we do need more help. Just two or three extra guides on our team would really help. So if you know of a friend or neighbour who might enjoy becoming a guide, please introduce them to us and we'll take it from there.

If you know anyone with experience in professional fundraising, project management, engineering, event management, we'd also love to meet them. They don't necessarily need to join a committee or have any formal connection – but if they are able to give a little help and advice when needed, that would be a great asset.



Neil Heywood

Please book by Friday 7th September

Windmill Quiz Night

Friday 13th September 19:15 to 22:30
Great Chishill Village Hall (SG8 8SH)

Entry £17 includes hot supper*

Max 8 per team

Bar run by The Pheasant

Contact: Neil Heywood 01763 838506 / 07941 682052

or Jeff Gill 01763 838062 / 07736 389388 or Email

info@greatchishillwindmill.com for tickets

All proceeds to maintain the Windmill

* Food options: Fish and chips, chicken and chips or veggie and chips.
Choose option when booking.

SUMMER CLEAR UP OF SAINT SWITHUN'S CHURCHYARD.

The grass and the wildflowers in the St Swithun's churchyard have nicely matured. It is now time for our end of summer clear up. Following the success of our spring working party, would anyone willing to help out please come to the churchyard on the 21st of September from 10 o'clock in the morning till two in the afternoon. A light lunch will be provided. Please bring garden equipment such as lawnmower, strimmer, secateurs, hedge trimmers, et cetera. The DCC thanks all those people who took part back in March, and look forward to another brilliant day in September. So that we know how many to cater for, please contact me at kuenzifred@gmail.com to let me know you're coming.

Fred Kuenzi

BIN DAYS - SEPTEMBER

Tue 3 Black
Tue 10 Blue & Green
Tue 17 Black
Tue 24 Blue & Green

United Reformed Church

Sunday September 1st 6pm

Led by Sue Fender.

Followed by a pop up curry supper in the garden (All dietary needs catered for).

Sunday September 15th 9.30 am

Led by Ben Palmer.

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday September 1st 9.00 am
BCP Holy Communion service

St Swithun's

Sunday September 8th 11.00 am
Family Worship

Sunday September 29th 10.00 am
Common Worship Holy Communion