



The Chishills

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Thank you to everyone who has filled out the recent questionnaire. So far we have had a good response. We would love to hear from everyone as your opinion matters. If you have not completed the questionnaire yet, we would urge you to fill it out. If you have mislaid your paper copy you can download one from our website. <https://www.greatchishillcommunitypub.co.uk> or you use the QR code and fill it out electronically and email it back to us.



Very many thanks. We look forward to hearing from you.

CHRISTMAS BEFORE THE WAR by Andrea Hamblin

Margaret Krusynski (nee Gunnell) spent her childhood living in Maltings Lane and moved back to Maltings Lane with her husband, John when they retired. I remember talking to Margaret when she was in her 80s about her memories of Christmas in Great Chishill.

She told me about the hand bell ringers who would come round each year and ring the traditional carols; about taking part in the school nativity play and singing in the church choir at the carol service. The older children would go carol singing with the vicar and his wife and walk to the big houses at Cochenach and Newsells where they would be given mince pies and orange squash.

At home Margaret had an enormous chimney and thought that everyone had one like it. She and her siblings never worried how Father Christmas would get in! They would hang their stockings on the end of the bed and wake up early with great excitement to find oranges, nuts and little presents. Sometimes there would be a big present downstairs; one year there was a bicycle to share. She remembers an uncle in London who always sent dolls for the girls and how Dad would often give them books, sometimes annuals, some of which she still had.

On Christmas morning her father would stand at the bottom of the stairs and sing 'Christians Awake' to rouse the family, he was churchwarden for 25 years. He was also one of the village bakers who ran the bakery in Maltings Lane with his brother. Christmas was a busy time for them, not only did they bake bread and cakes for Christmas but they cooked many turkeys and geese for local people who would call to collect them on Christmas morning. Margaret remembers that they always went to one of her grandmothers for Christmas lunch and to her other grandmother on Boxing Day, both lived in Barley.

With no electricity in the village until the 1930s they had real candles on the Christmas tree and not a flashing Santa in sight!

Margaret died in 2009, aged 85 years and is buried in the churchyard.



Royston & District
Community Transport

We'll take you where you need to go

We are still operating and available for trips during this second Lockdown, but we would remind passengers that the Covid safety rules must still apply.

We will help with prescription deliveries and food deliveries where possible, including collection of 'Click and Collect' orders; as usual please ring 01763 245228, lines are open 9am-3pm Monday

CALLING ALL CHISHILL WRITERS

Following the success of the Write Here, Write Now Community Poetry project, it's time to get creative again!



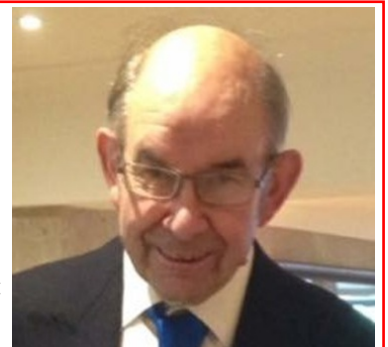
Please write a poem about Christmas for inclusion in a new display in the Chishill phone box. Your poem could be about a particular memory of Christmas, or a special Christmas toy or decoration? Or you could write a magic Christmas spell. Or maybe write two verses - one about Christmas outside, and one about Christmas inside? And you can, of course, illustrate your piece. Just let your imagination fly

Please email your contribution to me: hilarygoodall@btinternet.com or drop it off at The Old Bake House, 27 Barley Road by December 10th.

THANK YOU GREAT CHISHILL

Jenny Leitch and family would like to thank everyone for the many cards and letters of sympathy following the loss of Jenny's Mum, and Don, so close together. The volume of cards has been staggering and is much appreciated. It was also very moving to see so many people standing out to watch Don's hearse pass through the village to his funeral service at Little Chishill, his final resting place. Thanks also to all who helped prepare Little Chishill church for the service. Ensuring required social distancing was no mean achievement!!

Our thanks go also to the many who have helped and supported us since Don's dementia diagnosis back in 2013, be it lifts to golf at Kingsway, keeping him company when Jenny was out or in practical ways around the house. Thank you Great & Little Chishill!



STRAW LORRIES IN THE CHISHILLS

Living in a farming area we are all comfortable with the movement of farm vehicles, such as straw lorries, from field to barn and barn to market. Annually, we have the occasional movement of large agricultural equipment from farm to farm. Now, however, another operation is planned. Simon Clark, owner of the Langley Park Rally School, has submitted a planning application to Uttlesford District Council for the construction of a large barn on non-agricultural land in Langley.

Mr Clark has already started a straw trading business using open-air storage. Straw is being collected from nearby farms, stored, and then haulage contractors deliver it, throughout the year, to customers, including Ely Power Station. Although the barn will be just across the county boundary, the delivery route for these large, heavily laden, straw lorries, often with an equally large and heavily laden trailer, will be through Little Chishill and May Street in Great Chishill, then on towards the A505. These are very narrow country lanes also used by walkers and horse riders. Overhanging trees drag straw from the lorries and steep sides to the roads in many places provide little room for other road users to easily move aside.

Many objections to the planning application have already been received by UDC, the outcome has not yet been decided. The closing date for objections has been extended to 12th December.



VILLAGE ADVENT CALENDAR

Thank you to all who have kindly shown interest and enthusiasm towards this project to spread a little Christmas cheer. Here is the list of days that each Calendar Window will open and stay open until Christmas Day. A great deal of thought and creativity has gone into them, with the intention of bringing some joy, happiness and Christmas Spirit at this challenging time for many. Let us, as villagers, do our bit to lift spirits and give hope for the future. We hope you enjoy the Advent Window walk around the village.

- 1st. Hanging out the Stockings. The Manse, 7 Barley Rd
- 2nd a. Dorothy's Dolls House. Audley Cottage, 76 Heydon Rd. (Keep visiting this window, it unveils more each day. Do read about it, it's a charming story)
- 2nd b. Christmas is Coming. Churchfields, 6 New Rd.
- 3rd. Lights and Baubles. 18 Colts Croft
- 4th. Stars. 70 Heydon Rd.
- 5th. 5 Gold Rings. 14 Maltings Lane.
- 6th a. A German Christmas. 5 Hope Cottages, May Street.
- 6th b. The Carol Singers. The Chapel window, 7 Barley Rd.
- 7th a. Angel Gabriel. Old Vicarage, 7 May Street
- 7th b. Angels and Stars. The Bake House, 27 Barley Rd. (In the barn window beyond the house)
- 8th. 'God Jul' (a Swedish Christmas) White Horse Cottage, 26 May St.
- 9th a. Night Sky. 4 May Street Barns
- 9th b. Angels and Lights. 20 New Rd.
- 10th a. The Windmill has moved! 12 New Rd.
- 10th b. Stick Man. Fir Tree House, 62 Heydon Rd.
- 11th a. The Gingerbread Forest. 1 Barley Rd.
- 11th b. Rudolf and his friend. 70 Hall Lane.
- 12th a. Merry Mousemas. Linden House, 49 Heydon Rd.
- 12th b. The Three Kings. 47, May Street (In the large window by Chalky Walk)
- 13th a. Gifts under the Tree. 4 Plaistow Way, (From the Plaistow, upstairs window)
- 13th b. Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. 5 The Pudgells.
- 14th a. North Pole. 104, Hall Lane.
- 14th b. Oh Christmas Tree. Harvey Cottage, 14 Heydon Rd.
- 15th. The Gingerbread Man. 44 Heydon Rd.
- 16th. Silhouette of Bethlehem. 46 Heydon Rd.
- 17th. Santa's Arrival. The old School House, 4 Heydon Rd.
- 18th. Angels. Walnut Tree Cottage, 29 Heydon Rd.
- 19th a. T'was the Night Before Christmas. 19 Heydon Rd.
- 19th b. Cheese Cottage Cheer. Cheese Cottage, 35 May Street.
- 20th. 'In tents' Christmas. 20 Barley Rd.
- 21st a. Three Wise Men bearing Gifts. Rectory Farmhouse, 1 Heydon Rd.
- 21st b. Santa's Workshop. 27 Heydon Rd.
- 22nd. Globe of Wonder. 5 Maltings Lane.
- 23rd. Let it Snow, let it Snow, let it Snow. 5 Barley Rd.
- 24th and 25th. The Stable at Bethlehem. The Chapel, 7 Barley Rd.

** REPEAT PRESCRIPTIONS **

Please check times for closures at your surgery and make sure that you order your repeat prescriptions in a timely manner to ensure you are not without medication over the Christmas and New Year break. If you don't get your order in before Christmas you won't be able to collect it until the New Year.

BIN DAYS - DECEMBER

Black	Blue / Green
1	8
15	22 (blue only)
31	(changed collection)

URC Services

Sunday 6th December 6.00 pm - 'Carol Service'
Readings, recordings and prayers

Christmas Day 10.0 am - Christmas Morning
family service

The services are subject to Government guidelines. Numbers will be limited, due to social distancing regulation. Please contact us if you would like to join us for either of the services.

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