



The Chishills

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WELCOME TO THE VILLAGE

We have three new families to welcome this month. Scott and Claire Lucas, and their two children, Eric (9) and Lily (8), have just moved into the village from nearby Fowlmere. Scott owns and runs a fintech company headquartered at



The Lucas family

the Officers' Mess at Duxford. His hobby is golf and Claire's is singing.

They moved here for the beautiful location and wonderful

views from their new house near the windmill. They look forward to enjoying the bouyant village life here, the Pheasant with its good food, and the friendly village atmosphere.

Anthony & Jo Purdy and their



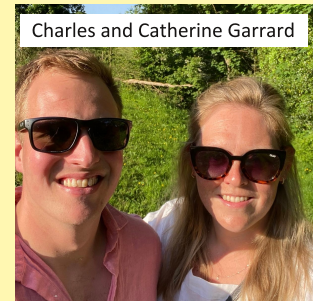
The Purdy family

two children, Felix (3) and Adelaide (1), have recently moved here from Bassingbourn and have already fallen in love with the village. Anthony runs a garden design business. Their hobbies are full-time parenting, baking bread and travelling.

Charles and Catherine Garrard moved to the village at the end of

October and welcomed a baby girl, Olivia, two days later!

They have jumped across the A505 from Newton where they lived for 7 years. Catherine grew up in Thaxted and Charles hales from mid-Suffolk. They have a fourth member of the family, a dachshund called



Charles and Catherine Garrard

Heidi, who is getting used to the new addition.

Charles is a Farming Consultant with Ceres Rural based in Saffron Walden and Catherine works in the Rural team at Cheffins in Cambridge. They are looking forward to getting to know the village in the coming months.

FROM YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

Following on from the Village Map which was commissioned by the Parish Council, we have some super 'Village Map' tote bags and high quality postcards for sale. The tote bags are just £10 and the postcards £1.50. Please contact the Clerk (Sarah Scott) if you would like to purchase any of these.

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FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED

BOYS & GIRLS
AGED 4-10

Do you enjoy playing Football?
If yes then come and join us at
Fun Footy!

Boys and girls of all abilities
from Great Chishill and the
surrounding villages all welcome

9am - 10am Sundays
Great Chishill Playing Fields



Contact Simon on

07903 604166

skfunsports@gmail.com

ROYSTON CHORAL SOCIETY

An evening of Christmas
Music

Saturday 14th December
at 7.30 pm

Tickets £18, under 18s £1, to
include mulled wine &
mince pie. Tickets available
from 01920 822723, or
www.roystonchoralsoc.org.uk
or a choir member, or on
the door.

St John the Baptist Church,
Royston
SG8 7BP

DECEMBER AT THE PHEASANT

12th December - from 7 pm

Paint and Sip - Winter Swan

Paint a beautiful swan on a pretty pastel river under the gentle moon. £30 per person.

19th December - Nutwood Community Lunch

We invite elderly members of our local community, who would usually spend Christmas alone, to attend our annual community Christmas lunch. They will have the opportunity to enjoy a Christmas roast, pull a cracker with a friend and receive a small gift from Santa himself. Please speak to Mike at The Pheasant about volunteering, donating, or nominating a guest.

Every Wednesday – pie evening!

Speciality handmade pies served from 6 pm to 9 pm.

Christmas Eve

Kitchen open 12 - 4 pm

Bar open all day.

Christmas Day

Drinks only - 11.30 am - 1.30 pm.

Boxing Day

Drinks only - 12 - 7 pm

.New Year's Eve

Welcome in 2025 at The Pheasant! Live music, a welcome drink and nibbles during the evening. £10 per person. Dress to Impress!

No Moules & Wine and no Fishy Friday in December.



A feel-good festive feast of Christmas classics, presented by the professional choral ensemble **Cor Meum**, conducted by **Jamie W. Hall**

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas... and what better way to get the snowball rolling than a light-hearted evening of seasonal favourites in exquisite vocal technicality! It's a Christmas movie in musical form, with stars, angels, and jingle bells galore, along with a visit from a certain Mr Dickens (you'd be a Muppet to miss it!)... The weather outside may be frightful, but inside we'll have a delightful evening, with plenty of opportunities for singing along!

Friday 6th December, 7.30pm – St Swithun's, Great Chishill

Tickets £15 unreserved, available from Jamie or by emailing cormeumchoir@gmail.com

THANK YOU BOB AND JEAN

Bob and Jean Hatt moved out of Great Chishill last month after living here for more than 50 years.

Bob and Jean were founder members of the wine circle, which is still going (although now, sadly, not every month). They also were founder members of the 'gastro-gnomes', a group of 20 or so villagers who would travel to France for the Beaujolais nouveau release each November, enjoying good food and wine over a three-day weekend. Perhaps the village should reintroduce this practice - any volunteers?

He was also a founder member of the Sloe Gin Competition, now believed to be the longest continually running such



competition in the world.

Interestingly, all of these activities involve the consumption of alcohol!

Bob served two terms on the Parish Council and was instrumental

in the fund-raising and then construction of the village hall.

More recently Bob (along with Jim Webb) has been running a weekly art class in the village hall, been a key member of the Windmill Trust and has also managed the very useful email circulation list for passing on general village information.

Bob and Jean have not moved far, just 1 mile, to Barley, and so they will continue to help with many of these activities. It is not goodbye, but I would like to say, "Thank you Bob and Jean".

Will Parsons

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday December 1st 9 am
Carols - BCP Holy Communion

Christmas Day 9.30 am
Christmas Service

St Swithun's

Friday December 6th 7 pm
Ticketed choral concert by
Cor Meum
(see notice above).

United Reformed Church

Sunday December 1st 6 pm

Saturday December 21st 6 pm

Great Chishill Carols
with Chishill Voices

Christmas Day 10 am

BIN DAYS - DECEMBER

Tue 3 Blue & Green

Tue 10 Black

Tue 17 Blue only

Tue 24 Black