

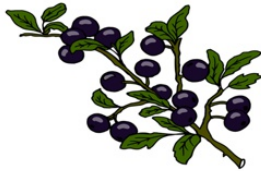
The Chishills

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Sloe Gin Competition 2025

Saturday 22nd February URC 7:30



All welcome to this traditional village event.
More details and entry forms to follow.

PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

Great and Little Chishill Parish Council are looking for a new Clerk. If you think this interesting and varied role might be of interest to you, in the first instance, please contact Sarah Scott - clerk@greatchishillpc.com - and she can send you a job specification and answer any questions you may have.

Thank you!

LOCAL BUS SERVICE

The Number 31 Bus is the only daily service to Cambridge. At our last Parish Council meeting we were informed that this service could be discontinued. One of its main uses is to take our children to their catchment 6th form educational establishments in Cambridge. Do you use this bus? Have you tried to use it? Have you encountered issues with it?

Please can you feed any information on your experience to clerk@greatchishillpc.com

CHRISTMAS TREE DISPOSAL

This year Angus Gent is offering a Christmas tree disposal service. For a fee of £5 he will call and collect your tree and dispose of it for you. All funds raised will go to the the Playground Project.

Please call Angus on 07885 307301 or email angusgent@gmail.com if you are interested.



ST SWITHUN'S CHRISTMASTIME



More than 200 people filled our beautiful church in early December to enjoy the wonderful choral event that was curated by our very own Jamie Hall and his professional choir, *Cor Meum*. We enjoyed a magical evening of light-hearted Christmas classics, along with a plentiful supply of wine from the bar and complimentary mince pies and nibbles.



WINE CIRCLE

For those of you who don't know, this is NOT a fund raising event, it is just a get-together of people who live in or around Great Chishill.

Simply turn up with a bottle of wine (or whatever you would like to drink), it doesn't need to be anything special, and just enjoy the company of others who live nearby. Nibbles are supplied by the hosts. Usually, the event takes place monthly (last Wednesday or Friday of the month) and is hosted by someone different each month. If you haven't been before, just come along, **you don't need to be invited.**

At the present time we do not have any volunteers to host a January venue. Email greatchishill@gmail.com for more information or to offer to host!



JANUARY AT THE PHEASANT

15th January - from 7 pm

The Pheasant Quiz night.
£2 per entry, max 6 people per team.
This event books out quickly, so book soon!



24th January - Burns Night

Join us for a 3 course meal, enjoy live bagpipes, ode to haggis and a wee dram on us!
£40 pp

Every Wednesday Evening - Pie night

You won't find a better pie in the area! Handmade every time.

No Fishy Friday in January, this event starts again in February.

Special Invitation to a SNOWDROP viewing on Saturday 8th February

We are once again delighted to be able to offer an invitation to a private nature reserve to view snowdrops. We have the opportunity for a limited number of people to view the 12-acre reserve on Saturday 8th February 2025 (10 am to 3 pm). This proved very popular last year, and funds raised this year will again go towards the maintenance of the Great Chishill Windmill.

There are thousands of snowdrops, all planted by hand over a period of 30 years. This is a unique opportunity as the site is threatened by the East West rail link and may not be accessible in the near future. We plan to provide light refreshments, as before, or feel free to bring a picnic. Donations are requested.

The site is approximately 8 miles from Great Chishill located off the A10 between Foxton and Harston on the East side. Further directions will be included in the February issue of this newsletter.

It would be useful to know how many people are interested and what time you are likely to arrive. This will help spread out the traffic flow and give us contact details in the unlikely event we have to cancel due to the site being waterlogged. Please email



info@greatchishillwindmill.com or call John Wahlich on 01763 838044. Any offers to help with catering and setting up would also be much appreciated.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: END OF YEAR ROUND-UP!

The GC Playground Committee would like to provide you all with an update on progress with our fundraising efforts, and to extend our most heartfelt thanks to so many amazing individuals in our wonderful village community who have supported us so far. We are now approximately 18 months into our fundraising journey – with a sizeable target of £60,000 to reach – to replace our much-loved playground equipment (which itself was installed some 30 years ago!).

We are thrilled to report that we have already raised over £20,000, which is a fantastic achievement – and this would not have happened without all of your kindness and generosity – THANK YOU! With one third of our goal achieved, we will now be submitting a number of grant applications over the coming months, and we hope to boost this figure by the time summer arrives.

2024 has seen some brilliant and fun events, including: a 6-Nations curry night; the incredible Artisan Fair; an Oktoberfest evening; a bonfire night spectacular, and the ever-popular festive fun afternoon for the Children's Christmas Party!

We are so grateful for ALL of the support we have received, and particular thanks must go to:

- Tess and Angus Gent for allowing us use of the URC school room for the rugby and curry night, as well as donations from Christmas tree and wreath sales, and all of their constant time, patience and brilliance
- Harriet Scott for the generous donation from her tomato plant sale (and for the initial suggestion of a ceremonial burning of some of the old playground, this resulted in a truly magnificent bonfire night at The Pheasant! Inspired – thank you!)
- the organising committee for the Artisan Fair – the marvellous Helen, Tess, Alison, Jill and Susie – for a hugely successful event
- Hubert DeFroberville and Simon Dring for the Oktoberfest fundraiser
- the Bridge Club for their generous donation
- the organisers of the annual village tea-party for their generous donation
- all those who came along to help dismantle the old fort
- Mike and his team at The Pheasant for inviting us to have bonfire night in the pub garden
- the Parish Council for their generous donation.

We are planning a fun evening of great live music on **Saturday 3rd May**, so please save the date for your diary. It is sure to be an excellent night!

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Emily, Jen, Claire, Trudie, Steph, Lisa, Jazz, Anna & Celia

United Reformed Church

Sunday January 5th

Communion Service 6 pm

Led by the Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday January 19th

Morning Service 9.30 am

Led by the Reverend Sue Fender

BIN DAYS - JANUARY

Tue 7 Black

Tue 14 Blue & Green

Tue 21 Black

Tue 28 Blue only

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday January 5th 9 am

BCP Holy Communion

St Swithun's

Sunday January 26th 11 am

Family Worship