



The Chishills

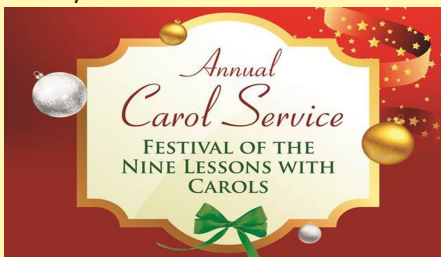
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NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Chishill Voices will be leading this traditional service at 6 pm on Sunday 21st December in the URC Chapel. Festive refreshments will be served afterwards.

Everyone is welcome.



CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

The annual 'Crafts on the Hill' Fair has been moved to next Spring, and will take place on Saturday 21st March in conjunction with the Windmill Spring Fair weekend, advertised elsewhere in this newsletter.

Stalls are available - please contact Lindsey Crawley, as usual, on 07775 727541 or at popandpip@btconnect.com

WELCOME TO LAURA, KIM AND EDEN

Laura and Kim have just moved into the village, with their son Eden, who will be four on Christmas Eve.

They are new to this area, having come from Mill Hill in North London. Laura works in a B2B eCommerce company as VP of HR and will travel to London twice a week. Kim is home based (apart from client meetings) and he owns an IT recruitment company. They started dating while they were both part of the early team setting up FaceBook's London Office and they soon became an item!

They wanted to get out of London and fell in love with the old thatched house they saw here in Great Chishill, although they researched the village as well, and decided it looked worth moving to!

Kim's hobbies are music (he is an accomplished bass guitarist and pianist) and cooking. He is currently learning to love the Aga that came with the house. Laura loves photography, concentrating on scenic and travel photography.

They both want to get involved in village activities. If you see them around, please say hello.



GORDON BROWN

We are sad to share that Gordon Brown, a longstanding member of the community, died on 6th November. He will be greatly missed by all. His funeral will be held at 11 am on 9th December at Holy Trinity Church, Heydon, followed by a reception at 3, Hall Farm Barns, Great Chishill, SG8 8SH. All who knew Gordon are welcome to attend. If you plan to join the reception, it would be helpful if you could let Wendy know: wmb1712@gmail.com

A fuller obituary will be in a future issue of this newsletter.

GREAT CHISHILL PLAYGROUND PROJECT

We are thrilled to share the highlights of our fundraising events this year:

- Wonderful memories shared at the slideshow evening
- Fun-filled band night in May
- Hugely popular Artisan Fair that showcased local talent
- Bonfire at the Pheasant to cap off the year's events.

A huge thank you to everyone in the village and beyond for their support this year. Our fundraising has now passed £25k, and we are busy working on plans to get the build started in 2026!!

Save the Date! Get ready for our 90s Disco on 7th Feb. Buy your tickets now and join us for a night of fun, retro vibes, and fundraising for our village playground!!

From the Playground Project Committee

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The village came out in force to assemble at the war memorial last month, to pay tribute to the fallen from all our local villages.



Chishill Voices, led by Jamie Hall, sang a new anthem created for the event, before the last post and the two minutes silence. It was good to see so many still turning out to respect and remember our heroes.

This year the church was adorned by a beautiful tapestry of around 500 poppies put together by Lindsey Crawley's 'Crafty Ladies Craft Club' and coordinated by Daphne Borham here in the village.

Ding Dong Merrily

Thursday 18th December 10.30am

Come and join the handbell ringers at Heydon church for some favourite Christmas music and refreshments. All welcome.

Snowdrop viewing
In aid of Great Chishill Windmill



Saturday 14th February
See <https://GreatChishillWindmill.com> for details

Windmill Spring Fair Weekend



Save the dates

Saturday 21 March

Spring Fair / Evening Entertainment

Sunday 22 March

Marmalade Breakfast and Grand Windmill event
More details in the New Year in the meantime...

Do you make marmalade or do you know someone who does? Please spread the word that we are asking people to submit a jar of their homemade marmalade to take part in a grand tasting.

Many people make marmalade in January when Seville oranges come into the shops. There are many different recipes which create unique end results!
Happy marmalade making 2026!

For more information contact
info@greatchishillwindmill.com

THE GREAT PHEASANT YULE LOG COMPETITION 2025!

Location: The Pheasant Pub

Date: 22nd December

Time: 6.30 PM

After last year's deliciously successful Yule Log Competition... it's back and bigger than ever!

Dust off your mixing bowls, grab your aprons, and bake your most festive, Christmassy Yule Log yet!



Yule logs will be tasted and judged on the night – the most festive log wins a special Christmas prize!

To enter, contact Sophia:
sophiadeane@hotmail.co.uk
WhatsApp: 07950 942863

Let's make this Christmas one to remember – may the best baker roll away with the prize!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE



This month we will have our annual Christmas Party in the village hall on Tuesday 16th December, starting at 7.30 pm. Please bring a dish of food to share.

Lesley Cannon

XMAS PRESCRIPTIONS

Please remember that local medical practices will have extra closures over the holiday period. You may well need to order repeat prescriptions early, and there will be limits on when you can collect them. Please check with your local practice.

DOG MESS

Please will you clean up after your dog.



Dog mess on the pavements, or even worse, in residents' gateways and on drives, is horrible. Dog mess on Bull Meadow is also a problem for the farmer, because the grass there is harvested for hay as cattle feed. Not only is it dangerous for children, but it also can cause abortions in cattle. Once a cow is infected she is infected for life, meaning she has to be culled.

THE PHEASANT - DECEMBER

Saturday 6th December - Christmas wreath making

£68 pp, 10 am - midday. Join Bloom Florists, of Royston, for a festive evening of wreath making. Everything provided to make your wreath. The class lasts 2 hours and includes tea, coffee and sweet treats.

Wednesday 10th December - Pub Quiz

7 pm £2 pp. Monthly quiz with Mark and Gemma.

Wednesday 31st December - New Year's Eve party

Free entry. Get ready to dress up and dance into 2026! Dinner is available early on, booking advisable.

There is no Fishy Friday in December.
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GREAT CHISHILL YOUTH CLUB

We are thrilled to announce that GC Youth Club has a new team of keen volunteers to take it forward in the New Year.

While things are being handed over, the club will have a break for a few weeks in January and re-open Tuesday 24th February. The last club night of the year will be on Tuesday 9th December.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates!

United Reformed Church

Sunday December 7th

Evening Service 6 pm

Led by the Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday December 21st

Village Carol Service 9.30 am

Supported by Chishill Voices and
Heydon Handbells

BIN DAYS - DECEMBER

Tue 2 Blue & Green

Tue 9 Black

Tue 16 Blue & Green

Tue 23 Black

Tue 30 Blue only

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday December 7th 9.00 am

BCP Holy Communion

St Swithun's

Sunday December 14th 11.00 am

Family Holy Communion

Christmas Day 9.30 am

BCP Holy Communion