



The Chishills

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WINDMILL SPRING CRAFT FAIR WEEKEND - SATURDAY 21ST MARCH AND SUNDAY 22ND MARCH



Saturday

Spring Craft Fair
10:00 to 16:00

Lots of stalls
Refreshments
Hand bells



Sunday 9:00 to 13:00

Marmalade breakfast
winner announced

Refreshments
with bacon and veggie rolls,
teas and coffees

Live music

Photographic Competition
winners

Plans for the windmill future
See displays, hear and discuss



Saturday

Dancing to
The Elderlys
19:30 to late

£10 pp including
Chilli supper
Pay Bar

Tickets from info@greatchishillwindmill.com
or call 01763 838044
in advance by 14 March
2026

There will be a weekend of activities in support of the windmill taking place at Great Chishill Village Hall. On Saturday there will be a Craft Fair (10 am to 4 pm) with free entry. On Saturday evening (7.30 pm to late) there is music and dancing to The Elderlys (a popular local band) with tickets at £10 pp including a chilli supper (meat and veggie options). Please look to the left for how to book tickets.

The Village Hall is again open (free entry) on Sunday from 9 am until 1 pm for the Marmalade breakfast. This will include local marmalade tasting and voting, bacon and veggie rolls, and live music. Also on Sunday there will be announcement of the winners of the windmill Photographic Competition (entries closing 14th March so still time to enter), displays featuring the windmill and a presentation on our future plans for the windmill.

BURNS AFTERNOON

More than 120 adults and children gathered in the Village Hall for a lively and heart-warming Family Burns event. The hall was transformed with tartan, saltire bunting, flags, fir trees, and long trestle tables, creating a warm Scottish welcome for guests.

Charles, the caller, guided dancers of all ages through The Bridge of Athlone, Dashing White Sergeant, The Reel of the 51st and other favourites, with a great deal of laughter, enthusiastic footwork and the occasional joyful muddle! Children (tiny, small and old) took to the floor with boundless energy, while adults followed gamely, bringing a warm, fun and spirited atmosphere.

Dancing concluded with the traditional piping-in of the haggis, followed by a hilarious and heartfelt "Address to the Haggis" and other traditional toasts and speeches. With appetites well and truly earned, families tucked into traditional hearty Burns supper of haggis, neeps and tatties, with alternative dishes ensuring even the youngest diners were well catered for. Laughter and chatter filled the

hall as neighbours and friends shared plates and stories.

The evening raised a wonderful £1,300 towards the Great Chishill Playground Refurbishment Project, bringing the village closer to its goal of improving the play facilities. Sincere thanks go to the volunteers, cook, piper, caller and supporters, all of whom made this memorable community celebration possible.

How about doing it again next year?



DAVID MCKEOWN

I am sorry to report that David died suddenly at the end of January. He was a lovely man, very well known in the village, and he will be missed. Our sincere condolences to Wendy, his family and friends.

During his years in the village, he contributed wholeheartedly and tirelessly to the renovation of our windmill; indeed, without his expertise and leadership of The Great Chishill Windmill Trust, it's arguable that we wouldn't have a village windmill in such good order - or even at all.

In the early years, David had the critical role of Project Director. It was David who led the renovation project which saved the mill from the real threat of demolition or collapse, handing on to us today's structurally sound and long-lasting historic building. The £200,000 project concluded with the grand re-opening on 8th June 2019 when our local celebrity Sam Smith cut the ribbon. David then embarked on renovating the fantail mechanism which enabled the mill to turn automatically to face the wind - the first time it had done so since the late 1950's.

David resigned from the Trust when he moved in 2024 to be closer to his family in Dorset. We all owe David so much. Without his leadership and people skills, his foresight and 'can do' attitude, I am sure we would not have a windmill in our village today.

David. Thanks. You will be remembered for decades and your legacy is forever. Rest in Peace.



THE PHEASANT - MARCH

Wednesday 11th March - Pub Quiz

7pm £2 pp Monthly quiz with Mark and Gemma. Pre-booking required.

Sunday 15th March - Mother's Day

Celebrate your Mum with a Sunday lunch at The Pheasant. Book your table early and bring the family! Two sittings available from midday to accommodate everyone.

Saturday 21st March - Live Lounge - Swing into spring

7-9 pm Free to attend but booking is essential. Join us for a relaxed evening at our Live Lounge Night with Tabitha Lily. Swing into spring with a beautiful mix of well-loved covers and original songs. The perfect soundtrack for a cosy evening of live music, good company, and laid-back vibes.

Friday 27th March - Fishy Friday

Join us on the last Friday of the month. Prebook your table to secure your place for the best fish dinner in South Cambs!

Every Wednesday evening - Pie Night

We dish up delicious handmade pies, crafted with care and packed with flavour. Booking is essential.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Heydon & Great Chishill WI will be holding its AGM in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th March. The AGM is intended for members only. After the AGM there will be a talk and demonstration of CPR and defibrillation, to tie in to this year's national WI campaign of 'Bystanders can be lifesavers'. If anyone is interested in joining please email: heydongtchwi@outlook.com

SNOWDROP EVENT



Every February, for the last four years, we have been privileged to have been granted special access to a private snowdrop reserve for a one-day viewing to raise money for village charities. 2025's viewing was the best yet. Almost 200 people visited and we raised over £1,000 for the Windmill. Thank you to everyone involved - cake bakers, van drivers, soup makers, marshals, and welcomers - for making the event such a success. The biggest thanks should go to David and Ann Bannister, for allowing us to use their lovely reserve. They stayed with us all day and made so many visitors feel welcome.

Neil Heywood



Coffee Morning - Wednesday 11th March - 10 am

Come and enjoy some tea, coffee, cake and chat at St Swithun's, where you can take full advantage of our wonderful facilities. All welcome.



United Reformed Church

Sunday March 1st
Evening Service 6.00 pm
Led by the Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday March 15th
Morning Service 9.30 am
Led by the Reverend Sue Fender

BIN DAYS - MARCH

Tue 3 Black
Tue 10 Blue & Green
Tue 17 Black
Tue 24 Blue & Green
Tue 31 Black

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday March 1st 9.00 am
BCP Holy Communion
Tuesday March 31st 8.00 pm
Compline

St Swithun's

Sunday March 8th 11.00 am
Communion Service
Sunday 29th March 10.00 am
Palm Sunday Service