



The Chishills

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PLAYGROUND UPDATE

We're delighted to say that the 90s night raised over £3,500 for the Playground Project! On Saturday 7th February, over 120 partygoers banished the January blues in spectacular style at our 90s Night. From Spice Girls and Absolutely Fabulous to ravers, Wayne's World and Baywatch, the fancy dress did not disappoint! Huge thanks to The LPs Band for getting the party started and Vital Soundz for keeping the dance floor packed all night with brilliant 90s anthems. The smoke machine was in full force, the energy never dipped, and who knew the village had so many Prodigy fans? Congratulations to Noel Gallagher, our well-deserved fancy dress winner!

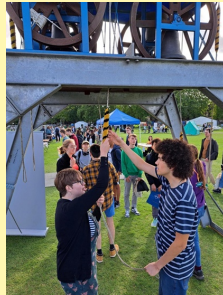
Fuelled by nachos, chips and plenty of Smirnoff Ice, the evening raised an amazing £3,500 for the Playground Project. With this total - plus recent donations - we've now raised over £42,500 and hope to begin work on the new playground this summer.

Thank you to everyone who came, danced and supported. Watch this space!



FANCY RINGING A TOWER BELL?

Saffron Walden have a visiting mobile belfry on Easter Monday, April 6th, and are offering members of the public a chance to try them out in St Mary's Churchyard. Come along and have a go from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm and 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Heydon & Great Chishill WI are looking forward to a visit by Nick da Costa who will be giving us a talk on 'The Mystery and Magic of Egyptian Hieroglyphics' on Tuesday 21st April at 7:30pm in the Great Chishill Village Hall. Guests are very welcome to come and see if they would be interested in joining.



Live
Forever!
The Mystery
& Magic
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ANNUAL ST SWITHUN'S SPRING CLEAN

We warmly invite you to help with our next churchyard and church spring clean at St Swithun's, Great Chishill on Saturday, 25th April. If you've never been before, you have missed the wonderful camaraderie, purpose and lunch of the past 3 years, so don't miss this one. Come and bring your gloves and favourite tools to make this community space a pleasure for all to enjoy. We will be working from 10am to 2pm, with a break for lunch and tea. Please contact Fred Kuenzi (kuenzifred@gmail.com) so we can plan catering.



THANK YOU

Wendy Brown and all the family would like to give huge thanks to everyone for the very many wonderful and extremely kind messages that they received following the sad death of Gordon towards the end of last year. Thank you.

THE PHEASANT - APRIL

The Pheasant has a new Head Chef, Thomas Rose. They are also serving food all week long, lunch seven days a week, and dinner every evening, from 6pm, except Sunday.

Wednesday 8th April - Pub Quiz

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

Saturday 18th April - Live Lounge - Boots and hats.

From 7pm, free to attend but booking is essential. Join us for a relaxed evening of country music with the talented acoustic guitarist and singer Roxy Searle. Known for her soulful voice and heartfelt performances, Roxy brings a mix of country, folk, and acoustic covers that are perfect for a laid-back night out.

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SLOE GIN RESULTS PARTY 2026

The village tradition of the 'oldest Sloe Gin competition in the world' concluded this February with another packed schoolroom at the URC and it was fabulous to see old and new faces taking part from across the area. With 41 different homemade tipples and delicious canapés to sample, a splendid time was had by all. Thanks to this year's judges, Jean Wiseman for presenting the awards and the ringers who organised the event. Congratulations to you all for providing an astonishing variety of fruity tipples and ensuring that our quirky village tradition was maintained, with almost £350 raised towards the Bell Fund.

Here are our worthy winners.

The judges could not resist also giving Hazel a special mention for her outstanding sloe decoration, although it was not part of the judging criteria this year.



Nouveau:

1st Lisa Mackenzie, 2nd Peter Wiseman, 3rd Kathryn Farrow



Vintage:

1st Iskra Sharpe, 2nd Stella Russell, 3rd Lucy Goode



Ringers' Delight:

1st Neil Heywood, 2nd Kathryn Farrow, 3rd Jamie Hall



People's Choice:
Hazel Hayden

UNITED REFORMED CHAPEL - FRIDAY APRIL 24TH - 7.00 PM

Tickets from £12.50

For further details please contact Tess at tessgent@gmail.com
Experience an unforgettable evening of music in Great Chishill, as the captivating string quartet performs an eclectic mix spanning centuries. From timeless classical masterpieces to modern favourites and unexpected gems, each piece is brought to life with elegance and passion. Surrounded by the warm glow of candlelight, you'll be immersed in an intimate atmosphere that enhances every note. Perfect for music lovers and those seeking a truly special evening, this enchanting performance promises beauty, nostalgia, and discovery. Let the rich sounds of violin, viola, and cello transport you on a journey through the ages in a setting you'll never forget.



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BECOME A GREAT AND LITTLE CHISHILL PARISH COUNCILLOR!

Local elections are due to be held on 7th May 2026 for all parish councillors in South Cambridgeshire. This is an opportunity to directly shape local life and make the voice of your village community heard at District and County Level. Please contact the parish clerk (clerk@greatchishillpc.com) **by 5th April** if you are interested in standing for the parish council; nominations close soon after Easter.

Find out more about standing as a local councillor at: scams.gov.uk/elections/be-a-councillor.



SAVE THE DATE!

SUMMER BARN DANCE

Friday 26th June, Great Chishill Village Hall

United Reformed Church

Easter Sunday - April 5th
Morning Service 9.30 am
Led by the Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday April 19th
Morning Service 9.30 am
Led by the Reverend Sue Fender

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

No services in April

St Swithun's

Sunday April 12th
Morning Service 11.00 am



BIN DAYS - APRIL

Tue 7	Blue & Green
Tue 14	Black
Tue 21	Blue & Green
Tue 28	Black

Annual Parish Parochial Meeting

IWP Parish will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday 28th April from 7.00 - 8.00 pm at Holy Trinity Church in Chishall. All are welcome.