



The Chishills

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WINDMILL WEEKEND AND MARMALADE BREAKFAST



On the 21st and 22nd March the Windmill Committee, in conjunction with Lindsey Crawley, organised a packed weekend of events aimed at raising money for the next stage of the Windmill renovation - to get the sails turning again.

On the Saturday there was Lindsey's annual Spring Craft Fair, and a Marmalade Breakfast where 30 homemade marmalades were on offer to sample and judge. That evening there was a dance to local band, The Elderlies, accompanied by a chilli supper. The Village Hall was rocking!



Marmalade Winners

1st: Sue Cooper, 2nd: Lucy Goode, 3rd Dick Paden (collected by Neil Heywood)

On the Sunday morning the Marmalade Breakfast continued, followed by the results of the marmalade tasting. We also had the results of the Windmill Photographic Competition and the "guess the weight of the magnificent fruit cake" competition, which was won by Stella Russell. Thank you to Nigel and Zoe Parslow for making and decorating the cake respectively.



At 12 noon there was more music - this time by another local folk group, the Borrowers. On a warm spring day people came to enjoy the activities, and some spilled outside clutching a bacon roll with marmalade relish, and a drink of London Pride from the barrel kindly donated by The Pheasant. What a great weekend!

Those who attended any part of the weekend's proceedings reported how much they enjoyed it. Overall, over £2,150 was raised for the windmill.

The organisers very much want to acknowledge the generosity of Barney, at the Loaf Tin Bakery at Compass Courtyard, for providing 10 loaves of Sourdough Bread, and the generosity of Bonne Maman, the confectionary and dessert company, for providing several box sets for raffle prizes.

If you didn't come you missed a wonderful event. Put it in your diaries for next year - it is sure to be repeated!



This is the winning photograph in the Windmill Photographic Competition. It was taken by Paul Ravenscroft and described by the judge as "**A masterclass in night photography. It captures the windmill as a timeless sentinel beneath a cosmic display. The lighting on the structure is perfectly balanced against the celestial background.**"

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The Heydon & Great Chishill WI will be meeting at 7:30pm in the Great Chishill Village Hall on 18th May, where we will be given a talk by Caroline Scully about when she helped the delivery of ambulances to Africa. Caroline recently gave us a talk and demonstration on CPR and the use of defibrillators, and she was very engaging. Visitors welcome to see if they would like to join.

THE PHEASANT - MAY

The Pheasant is serving food all week, lunch seven days a week, and dinner every evening, from 6pm, except Sunday.

Wednesday 13th May - Pub Quiz

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

Saturday 17th May - Live Lounge - Raw Divas.

From 7pm, free to attend but booking is essential. Join us for a Northern Soul Night

01763 838535



Summer Barn Dance

Friday 26th June, Great Chishill Village Hall

VILLAGE WEB DISTRIBUTION.

Our partner village publication, the Village Web, is distributed to households in Great and Little Chishill by twelve kind people, some of whom also distribute this newsletter.

The copies for both Great and Little Chishill are delivered to me and I pass them on to the twelve who take them to individual houses. I will not be able to continue this small task for much longer and therefore would like to be substituted. Each month it takes about two hours, including one delivery to Little Chishill.

Please, would anyone willing to consider taking on my role contact me on 01763 838897.

John Crawley



HARRIET'S TOMATOES

Harriet's tomato plant sale will be taking place again this year. We have lots of varieties of plants, which will fruit various sizes and colours of tomato in the summer. Look out for the stall on Hall Lane.

EXPLORE THE WINDMILL



The windmill will be open to visitors again this summer, usually two Sundays a month from 10 am to 4 pm. May open days are Sunday 10th and Sunday 24th. All visitors will be shown around by a guide and there is no specific charge for a tour. However, we are very grateful for donations which will help to keep the mill in the condition you now see it.



We are very sad to have to report the death of Dee Jackson, formerly of Colts Croft, on April 10th. Phil and Dee left Great Chishill just 18 months ago, after more than 40 years here, to be nearer family in Bath. There she enjoyed almost daily visits and trips with her grandchild, despite the rigours of chemo, and never once complained about her health. Phil would like to send his thanks to all the kind villagers and friends who have sent their condolences.

SAVE THE DATE

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KING'S MEN
CAMBRIDGE



The King's Men have very generously said they would come and sing for us in the URC Chapel on Friday 5th June at 7.30. This will be a super way to start the Open Gardens weekend. Their repertoire is unique to them and they are always a joy to listen to.

Please do come and enjoy an unusual and relaxing evening of wonderful singing.

Please contact Tess on 07721 398642 or tessgent@gmail.com

THE DIBBLEE BOOK FAYRE

SATURDAY May 10th - 10 am to 4pm

Throughout our married life, however skint we were, we always agreed that we would encourage each other to buy books. We now have far too many (mainly non-fiction) and are needing to cull, hence - the Book Fayre.

Do please come along to Crosshill House on May 10th. It is being held in the Games Room. (Come in the Back Door - turn left). You can see what we have and any that you might like to buy - whilst having a coffee, tea or a glass of wine. Stay for as long or as short a time as you wish. There are seats to sit in to browse. All monies to go to repairing the Church Wall.

Ruth & Robin Dibblee

BIN DAYS - MAY

Tue 5 Blue & Green
Tue 12 Black
Tue 19 Blue & Green
Tue 26 Black

United Reformed Church

Sunday May 3rd
No Service

Sunday May 17th
Morning Service 9.30 am
Led by the Reverend Sue Fender

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday May 3rd
BCP Communion 9.00 am

St Swithun's

Sunday May 10th
Morning Service 11.00 am