



# The Chishills

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## Great Chishill OPEN GARDENS



In aid of St Swithun's Church

**Sunday 7 June**  
12 noon - 5.00pm

Entrance £5 Per Person (children free). Maps, Programme and Refreshments available from St Swithun's Church

With a special performance by  
**CHISHILL VOICES**  
1.00pm in the churchyard

Also: Your chance to come and give  
**BELLRINGING** a try from 2.00pm

Come and enjoy watching an afternoon of village cricket and support our home team. There will be home matches in Great Chishill on Saturday 6th and Saturday 20th June, both starting at 1 pm. You will be very welcome!



## Try Bellringing

Chrishall Church

Sat 6<sup>th</sup> June

6pm -7pm

Great Chishill

St Swithuns Church

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

2pm - 4pm

All ages welcome. Local bellringers will be on hand to show you the ropes.

## CHAOS COLLECTIVE STRING QUARTET CONCERT

On Friday 24th April I went to the URC to watch Chaos Collective. It was a phenomenal experience! The church was a beautiful scene, lit up with candles, and with cosy blankets and cushions on the seats.

There was a bar and delicious nibbles - my favourite were the mini sausages!



The four musicians were so talented and enthusiastic, one of them kept leaping off his seat! The first half was mainly classical pieces, whilst in part 2 there were more modern songs. I especially enjoyed hearing a piece from 'The

Pirates of the Caribbean', 'Toxic' by Britney Spears and 'Perfect' by Ed Sheeran and I came home excited to practise my own violin!

Thank you Tess and Angus for organising such an awesome evening!

*Ottilie Carragher (age 9½)*

On Friday 24th April we were treated to an extremely enjoyable concert at the URC. The sunny weather allowed us to enjoy drinks and delicious canapes before the concert began.

The church was beautifully lit by candles as we settled down to the music. The Chaos Collective consists of a quartet of violins, viola and cello. As soon as they started playing, we knew we were in for something very special. All too soon it was the interval where we had more canapes and wine, albeit with slightly chillier weather.

The second half, in contrast, consisted of more modern music. The repertoire was amazing, with Bohemian Rhapsody as a highlight. The arrangements the quartet produced were just incredible. Looking around the room, it was obvious both young and old were enjoying a wonderful evening.

To have such talented musicians playing in our village was a real privilege. If you didn't attend this concert, you missed a real treat. The Chaos Collective have said they would like to come back and I understand there are plans for further similar events to turn the URC into a performing arts hub. Welcome news indeed!

*Clarice Wahlich*



## PLAYGROUND UPDATE

I am delighted to be able to report that the members of the Playground Committee have completed their tremendous fund-raising efforts. They now have £42,500 in the bank account, with the necessary balance able to be made up from various grants. They have already received four quotes for the project, and a final decision will be made shortly. Work is expected to start later this year. The children of Great Chishill will soon have a playground again!

Great Chishill United Reformed Church

# PIMM'S O'CLOCK

Sip, Sing & Supper in the Churchyard  
With 'Assembly Bangers'

**SUNDAY 7TH JUNE FROM 4:30PM ONWARDS**

Join us for a relaxed summer afternoon of:

- Singing together in the open air
- Refreshing Pimm's and soft drinks
- Friendly sheep grazing nearby
- Chickens and nature all around
- Beautiful churchyard setting

What to expect:

- Informal, friendly atmosphere
- Easy sing-along hymns
- Enjoy the churchyard and wildlife
- A peaceful, joyful gathering
- No charge!

Bring along:

- Your voice (no experience needed!)
- Friends, family, neighbours
- All ages most welcome
- A smile and a love of music

Everyone welcome - come and enjoy Pimm's, music, and nature together!

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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE - THE MAGGIE LETTERS

Heydon & Great Chishill WI will be meeting on Tuesday 16th June at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

Our speaker, Graham Wylde, will show and talk about a series of letters sent from a young girl, Maggie, to her father in the period 1871 to 1878. The letters provide a wonderful window on life in Victorian England seen through the eyes of a young girl. Maggie develops into a very descriptive writer with a wonderful sense of humour. Visitors are welcome to come to see if they would like to join.

## A LITTLE BIT OF GOOD NEWS - A BUG'S LIFE.

You may or may not know that numbers of stag beetles in the UK are in serious decline. So much so that they are Listed under the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act, requiring public bodies to consider their conservation, and are protected by the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Last year we created an area in the garden which is left to do its own thing. A tree had fallen down and we left the stump in there to attract bugs. The stump is now well rotted and we have discovered a seemingly very happy group of stag beetles. By breaking down dead wood they help restore important nutrients to the soil.



Sarah Scott

## EXPLORE THE WINDMILL

The windmill is open to visitors again this summer.

June open days are Sunday 14th and Sunday 28th, both from 10 am to 4 pm. 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 help to keep the mill in the condition you now see it.

## THE PHEASANT - JUNE

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

### Wednesday 3rd June - Pub Quiz

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

### Saturday 27th June - Live Lounge

Lily Bartlett.  
7-9pm, free to attend but booking is essential. Join us for an evening of R&B, soul and pop.

01763 838535

## Summer Barn Dance

Friday 26th June, 7.15pm Great Chishill Village Hall



## Cambridge University Ceilidh Band

Live band, supper, bar.  
Adults £20, accompanied children free.  
Tickets from [white.night@btinternet.com](mailto:white.night@btinternet.com)  
Supporting the IWP Bell Fund

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## the KING'S MEN CAMBRIDGE



Friday June 5th, 2026  
7.30pm  
Doors open at 6.30pm

An evening concert with The King's Men, the choral scholars of King's College, Cambridge, offers an enchanting mix of sacred polyphony, folk, and close-harmony pop arrangements. Their vocal skill and charm bring a lively, uplifting, and often humorous atmosphere, promising a memorable musical experience and polished performance.

Bar & Finger Food

For further information and ticket sales please contact Tess -

07721398642 or [tessgent@gmail.com](mailto:tessgent@gmail.com)

Ticket prices

Category A ~ £22

Category B ~ £20

Category C ~ £15

Under 16's ~ £12.50

## BIN DAYS - JUNE

Tue 2 Blue & Green  
Tue 9 Black  
Tue 16 Blue & Green  
Tue 23 Black  
Tue 30 Blue & Green

## United Reformed Church

Sunday June 7th  
Sip, Sing and Supper together with Pimm's O'Clock - 4.30 pm onwards.

Sunday June 21st  
Morning Service - 9.30 am followed by coffee and refreshments.

## St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday June 7th  
BCP Communion 9.00 am

## St Swithun's

Sunday June 14th  
Morning Service 11.00 am