



The Chishills

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SUPPORT OUR CHARITY

We are walking the Cleveland Way in celebration of our joint 70th Birthdays in 2026. A member of our family is currently receiving treatment for cancer in Addenbrooke's Oncology Department. We would like to raise money to support this amazing Hospital for all they are doing for Sue.

For our "0" Birthdays we like to set ourselves a challenge (instead of parties and presents!) and use our efforts to raise money for charities close to our hearts. This is the latest effort . . .



Any donation, no matter how small, will be greatly appreciated and, once we start the walk, we will endeavour to update you on our progress at the end of each day.

Please go to the Just Giving webpage and search for Martin Hague, or go to:

justgiving.com/page/martin-hague-1

Martin & Gill Hague

EXPLORE THE WINDMILL



The windmill is open to visitors again this summer. July open days are Sunday 12th and Sunday 26th, 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.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Heydon & Great Chishill WI are holding their annual Summer Party on Tuesday 21st July at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Members will be bringing a dish of food to share and have a fun, sociable evening.

Additionally, our WI is running a bottle tombola stall at Barley Show on Saturday 11th July. We hope to see you there.

RICHARD, CHRISTINA AND MIMI

Welcome to Richard and Christina, and their four-year-old daughter Mimi, who have just moved to Great Chishill from Sydenham in South London.

Richard is head of Operations for a software company, and Christina has her own commercial interior design company in London, where she works 1-2 days per week. They say that they have been trying to move out of London to the countryside for several years now. They are looking forward to long country walks and to taking part in many of the events that go on in the village.

Richard is also a keen fly fisherman, and although the best fly fishing is in Scotland he thinks there is a local beat on the Cam near Audley End.

If you see them around, please say hello.



OPEN GARDENS 2026

June weather was mixed, but the day of the Open Gardens turned out to be just perfect! Ten gardens were open and visitors from far and wide came to enjoy our beautiful village. I even met a couple who had travelled from Ely! To top it off, at 1.00 pm we were treated to a delightful performance by the very talented Chishill Voices! The gardens were truly stunning and the whole event a real triumph.

Many thanks to all who worked hard to open their beautiful gardens, baked so many delicious cakes for the teas, and everyone who helped serve at the church. Over £1,300 was raised, many thanks to everyone involved.



URC JOY!

What a joyful and memorable weekend it was for our community at the beginning of June!

The festivities began on Friday evening at the URC, where the Pimm's was flowing and the King's Men Choir treated us to a truly wonderful performance. I had expected to enjoy the evening, particularly as I was taking my parents along, but nothing quite prepared me for the emotions it would evoke. From the stirring notes of *Oh Danny Boy* to the infectious harmonies of the Beach Boys, and everything in between, the choir had the audience captivated from start to finish.

The weekend was rounded off in style with a vibrant *Sip, Sing and Supper* at the URC, this time beneath the beautiful marquee. It was a wonderful opportunity for all generations to gather, share memories and sing along to those much-loved assembly classics. Sue, our minister, was as warm and

cheering as always and her husband proved the perfect pianist as he belted out the bangers. *He's Got the Whole World in His Hands* proved as popular as ever, with actions that everyone could join in with! A feast of pasta and Pimm's was enjoyed by all, and it was particularly heartening to see even the teenagers having fun outside while secretly joining in with the singing . . . and actions. If only someone had managed to capture that moment on camera!

Weekends like this remind us of the joy of community, friendship and faith and of how special it is when all ages come together to celebrate.

Rebecca Pine



CHANGES TO LOCAL BUS SERVICES

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority is asking residents to share their views on proposed changes to local bus services.

The proposals aim to improve reliability, strengthen connections and ensure services continue to meet local travel needs.

No decisions have been made, and residents are encouraged to review the proposals and have their say before the engagement closes at 5pm on Tuesday 28 July.

Scan the QR code to view the proposals and complete the survey.



THE PHEASANT - JULY

Welcome to Alice, who took over as General Manager last month. Alice is a familiar face to many, having already worked at the Pheasant for some time.

Alice has already introduced some operational changes:

- Dinner service (Monday–Saturday) is now 5pm–8pm, enabling earlier dining.
- From Mondays to Fridays The Pheasant will close between 3pm–5pm.
- Sunday evening opening hours are extended to 8pm.

Friday 3rd July - Fishy Friday

Booking essential.

Wednesday 8th July - Pub Quiz

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

Saturday 25th July - Secret Garden Party

From midday - live music in the garden.



HEIRLOOM VALUATIONS

AFTERNOON

Saturday 1st August from 2 to 5pm.

Please come to this event at St Nicholas Church in Little Chishill. There will be antique valuations by Sotheby's experts, a talk on church silver, and historical insights. You can enjoy luxury teas, with proceeds supporting tower restoration. Items are brought at owners' risk; valuation fees are £10 for the first 3 items, and £2 for each subsequent item.



Come and enjoy watching an afternoon of village cricket and support our home team. Great Chishill 1st XI will be at home, playing against Chesterfords CC, on Saturday 11th July starting at 1pm. You will be very welcome!

BIN DAYS - JULY (Food Bins every Tuesday)

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

United Reformed Church

Sunday July 5th
Evening Service 6pm

This will be the last service before the summer break. We restart on Sunday September 6th at 6pm.

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday July 5th
BCP Communion 9.00 am

St Swithun's

Sunday July 12th
Morning Service 11.00 am