



The Chishills

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BARN DANCE

The Summer Barn Dance was again blessed with glorious weather at the end of June, enabling us to have the whole hall for dancing and our dining tables outside in the slightly cooler air. Once again the wonderful Cambridge University Ceilidh band entertained us with



live folk music and the dancing was enjoyed by around 60 people despite it being the hottest of the hot days. Dining outside on a staggering selection of salads and quiches, made by the bellringers, with the sun setting and the gentlest of breezes, was truly magical. Over £1100 was raised for the Icknield Way Parish bell fund, which will go towards maintenance and development of the bells in our parish.



Helen Whitehead

UNLOCK THE CHURCH

We need volunteers to help unlock the church on a rota basis - normally once a week in the mornings, and then relock again in the evening.



If you are willing to help, perhaps in conjunction with your daily dog walk, please call me on 07712 444303.

Angela Patrick

MARTIN & GILL'S WALK

We want to thank all those who supported our long distance charity walk, which was mentioned in last month's newsletter. The walk is now finished and the web page for Just-Giving is closing. The final amount raised is £1860.38 including gift aid.

Martin Hague



SATURDAY | 19 SEPTEMBER | 6 PM

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO WOW US
WITH YOUR TALENTS...
WHETHER YOU SING OR DANCE, JUGGLE OR JOKE,
THE STAGE IS WAITING FOR YOU!

£10 ADULTS - £5 CHILDREN
INCLUDES BUFFET MEAL - PAID BAR

FOR TICKETS & TO PERFORM CONTACT
IWP.PARISHOFFICE@GMAIL.COM
ANGELA 07712 444303
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ALL PROCEEDS TO ST SWITHUN'S RESTORATION FUND

GREAT CHISHILL ARTISAN EVENING

POP-UP
CHARITY

LOCAL ARTISANS & CRAFTS PEOPLE ★ CURATED SELLERS
LICENSED BAR ★ PRE-CHRISTMAS ORDERS ★ HOT FOOD

FRIDAY 16th
OCTOBER
4-9 PM

Village Hall & Marquees
Great Chishill
For more details: tessgent@gmail.com
£2/adult ★ children go free

NHS
Guy's and St Thomas'
NEONATAL UNIT

IN AID OF
GREAT CHISHILL
UNITED
REFORMED
CHURCH
RESTORATION
FUND

EXPLORE THE WINDMILL

The windmill is open to visitors from 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday 9th and Sunday 23rd August. 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.

Great Chishill Windmill Cycling Event Sunday 6th September 2026



Choice of 3 routes with 2, 3 or 4 windmills
and 30, 48 or 65 miles
Start and finish at Great Chishill Windmill
with refreshments.

For details contact
info@greatchishillwindmill.com
or see <https://greatchishillwindmill.com>

THE PHEASANT - AUGUST

Friday 7th August - Fishy Friday
Booking essential.

Saturday 22nd August - Live Lounge with Joshua Zulu
7 - 9 pm. Free to attend but booking essential.
Join us for a fantastic night of live music with Josh.
This Hertfordshire singer-songwriter brings an
intimate, yet powerful, live set full of emotion,
energy and unforgettable melodies.

Thursday 27th August - Paint and Sip with Creative Canvas
£30 per person. 16+ event unless with an adult.
No experience needed! Sandra will guide you, step-
by-step, through the process, so whether you're a
total beginner or just here for the fun, you'll leave
with a piece you're proud of. All arty materials are
provided.

01763 838535



THE PHEASANT
RESTAURANT & PUB

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Heydon & Great Chishill WI will be meeting on
Tuesday 18th August at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. This
month we will be visited by Diane Manian who will be
giving us a talk about her experiences as a volunteer
nurse helping sick pilgrims going to Lourdes. Visitors are
welcome to come and see if they would like to join.

CHRIS MARTIN

I am sad to report that Chris Martin died in July,
after a long illness.

He was a lovely man and many of us have very
happy memories of him. I hope to have a longer obituary
in next month's newsletter.

His funeral service is on Thursday 6th August at
2.30 pm at St Swithun's.

CHURCH TALENT SHOW

The planned talent show is listed on the other side
of this newsletter. The event will be on Saturday 19th
September in St Swithun's, from 6-10pm. It should be a
fun evening with an appreciative audience, along with
food and drinks provided.

We need performers! Chishill is packed with
talented people of all ages. If you would like to take part
and entertain us, please let me know. You will, of course,
have free entry. All ages are welcome.

Please contact me on 07712 444303 or at the
church office if you would like to take part.

Angela Patrick

THE MALTINGS

Many villages had a malt house in the eighteenth
century, supplying the needs of local publicans and
brewers. Malt houses are typically long, low buildings, no
more than two storeys high. The germination of barley is
hindered by high temperatures, so many malt houses
only operated in the winter. This provided employment
for agricultural workers whose labour was not much in
demand during the winter months.

In Great Chishill (as the village was known then) the
malt house and the malting yard were in what is now
known as Maltings Lane, where many of the oldest
houses in the village still exist.

During the nineteenth century many small breweries
disappeared. Improved techniques allowed larger
breweries and specialist maltsters to build their own
maltings and operate year-round. These were often
housed in multi-storey buildings. It was also more
efficient to transport malt than barley to the brewery, so
many large breweries set up their own maltings near
railways in the barley growing districts of eastern
England.

BIN DAYS - AUGUST (Food Bins every Tuesday)

Tue 4 Black
Tue 11 Blue & Green
Tue 18 Black
Tue 25 Blue & Green

United Reformed Church

No Services until Sunday September
6th at 6 pm.

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday August 2nd
BCP Communion 10.00 am

St Swithun's

Sunday August 23rd
Morning Service 10.00 am