

The Chishills

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Sunday 8th November

10.45am at the Great Chishill War Memorial, followed by a service at the URC Chapel (Barley Road), led by Chishill Voices and Jamie Hall.



HEYDON ROAD

A little thought goes a long way. This is a gentle reminder to local drivers by the Parish Council: please think twice before parking on the bend in Heydon Road, half on the pavement and half on the road. It may seem like a convenient spot, but it leaves too little room for pushchairs and wheelchair users, who are regularly forced into the road to get past.

The pavement is for people, not an obstacle course - and the road is for cars, not pedestrians! Please be a considerate neighbour and leave enough room for everyone to get by safely. If you must park in the road, please park fully on the road.

POPPY APPEAL



This year the appeal will be from 22nd October to the 11th November. Gill Hague is the official RBL poppy appeal collector for Great and Little Chishill.

There will be poppy collection boxes in the Pheasant and Chrishall School, and a house-to-house collection.

YOUTH CLUB

The Great & Little Chishill Youth Club (for over 10 year olds) operates on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, term time only, from 6.30-8pm. £2 entry.

The dates remaining this year are 10th November, 24th November, and 8th December.

We also have a Christmas party on 5th December, advertised elsewhere in this edition.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Heydon & Great Chishill WI will be meeting on Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. We will be holding an evening of festive craft making, including Christmas decorations etc. This will be led by our President, Alison White. Visitors are very welcome.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

The Macmillan coffee morning, which was arranged at short notice at the end of September raised well over £700 for Cancer Research. Thank you Great Chishill!



Heydon and Great Chishill WI

Festive Wreath Workshop



Sunday afternoon
29th November 2026
2-4 pm
in Great Chishill Village Hall

£40 per person

Includes materials, refreshments & tuition

Please bring your own secateurs

To book contact Alison White
alisonwhite@sheepythings.com 07910 473 264



ST SWITHUN'S CHRISTMAS LIGHTING

Every Christmas time the tower and outside walls of St Swithun's are flooded with light and act as a beacon to the village and the lower fens for miles around. Last year, by popular request, the lights were kept on through the month of January, and we hope to do the same this winter. The cost of this, estimated to be around £75, is taken from the building and maintenance fund of the church. This year, the fund has also had to deal with a collapsing boundary wall and leaking roof, and there are more urgent repairs needed to the windows and plasterwork of the inner walls.



To maintain this ancient village centrepiece and monument, we are looking for some sponsors to help fund the floodlighting and other small repairs and enhancements. If you would like to support this project, please contact Fred Kuenzi (kuenzifred@gmail.com) or Angela Patrick (01763 837353). Giving any amount on a regular basis would greatly help our maintenance budgeting. This can be done through gift aid forms, available in the "Become a Friend" leaflets inside the church door or through the church office iwp.parishoffice@gmail.com. (Fred Kuenzi, Angela Patrick)



ARTISAN FAIR

The Artisan Fair on October 16th was another huge success, enjoyed by visitors from all over the area with an eye for handmade and unique items. With over 40 stallholders, hot food, a bar and a local choir there was something for everyone, including a visiting dog who decided to sing along! Figures are still being finalised but are predicted to raise record amounts for St Thomas' Neonatal Unit and the URC Restoration Fund. A huge thank you to all the team and those who came along to support the event.







STRONG WOMAN CHALLENGE

British Heart Foundation

In October, I took on the Strong Woman Challenge for the British Heart Foundation. It involved 31 days of strength training, all while my fundraising helped fund lifesaving research. It is not too late to donate if you would like to. Just go to justgiving.com and search for Rosemary Drake.

Thank you for the your support.

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BIN DAYS - NOVEMBER
(Food Bins every Tuesday)

Tue 3	Blue & Green
Tue 10	Black
Tue 17	Blue & Green
Tue 24	Black

St Nicholas, Little Chishill

Sunday 1st November
BCP Communion 9.00am

St Swithun's

Sunday 29th November
Christingle Service 3.00pm

United Reformed Church

Sunday 1st November 6pm
led by Reverend Sue Fender

Sunday 8th November
10.45am at the war memorial
followed by the Remembrance service, led by Chishill Voices.