

Chipperfield NEWS



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Peter and Lucy Williams

THE 799th LORD MAYOR'S SHOW

Earlier this year Peter was asked by Simon Wood, a liveryman with the Worshipful Company of Feltmakers who lives in our village, if he would like his Stanley Mountain Wagon (The King of the Mountains) to take part in the Lord Mayor's show. How could he possibly resist such an exciting invitation? It would be a brilliant way to celebrate the car's 100th birthday. We were to be part of the Feltmakers' float, along with two other French veteran cars, Delauney Bellevilles, both older than Peter's.

Being a woman, my first thought was what on earth was I going to wear? I had to look the part but it would be November and could well be pouring with rain and very cold. I knew this, having experienced the London to Brighton run previously at the same time of the year. Peter was OK – he has a thick tweed coat that could pass as Edwardian but I didn't seem to have anything until I remembered my long brown coat that would probably do. After all, in the car only my top half would be seen. But what about a hat? Simon Wood came to my rescue with the thrilling news that I was to be made an Edwardian hat by Lock's, hatters of St James' Street in London since 1676 (they made Admiral Lord Nelson's hat after all, so they had to know what they were doing.) It was a beautiful creation and I felt very special. Peter wore the bowler hat that Lock's had made for him in 1962!

A friend, Peter Lawrence, nobly agreed to be our co-driver and took us to London the day before in his Land Rover with the Stanley Steamer loaded behind on his trailer. These were parked safely at Smithfield Market while we attended a briefing at the Guildhall where it was impressed upon us the importance of keeping up a slow but steady pace in the procession. If we allowed more than a short gap between us and the vehicles in front, the whole procession could be thrown out of the planned intricate timing. Not easy, with our 100 year old, temperamental piece of steam gadgetry.

Being guests of the Feltmakers, we had dinner on Friday evening at the Hilton Hotel, across the river from Canary Wharf, where we spent the night. Next day we were up early and arrived at Smithfield Market where Peter got the car in steam by 8am and then took up position a quarter of a mile away at Aldersgate Street. Here we were joined by fifteen attractive young students from the Royal School of Ballet which had been chosen as one of the new Mayor's charities. The ballerinas were distributed evenly between the three veteran cars; we had nine in the back of ours and they looked a picture. Their extravagant hats, each one designed individually and made by millinery students from the Kensington and Chelsea College, cast my rather more modest model in the shade! Luckily the rain held off. *(Cont'd on page 5)*

FRIENDS OF CHIPPERFIELD COMMON

We were in action again last November and December with three project days in different parts of the Common.

Our first day was to restore the glade opposite The Windmill PH from the gorse area leading into the woods. In 2012 F of CC restored this area from scrubby woodland to an open glade but it was beginning to become closed in again. After a few hours work it was restored to its 2012 appearance of a sunny open entrance to the woods.

Later in November F of CC were back in action just a short distance away at Pill Pond, a place where we have worked before. Low water, invading trees and aquatic plants mean we need to keep on top of things and another day is planned in late winter.

For our traditional alternative to Christmas shopping, F of CC returned to the new glade formed in 2012 on the south side of the Common near the main open area and this time we opened up the path between the glade and main bridleway. While enjoying bacon rolls and mince pies, we concluded that on the last shopping weekend before Christmas, Chipperfield Common was definitely the place to be.

Many thanks to everyone who turned out and worked on our project days; we always have fun and much good work is done. If anyone would like to join Friends of Chipperfield Common, please contact vanessa.johnson@dacorum.gov.uk Our next working day is **Saturday 21 February, meeting at 9.30am**, place to be announced. *Colin Chambers, Trees and Woodlands Officer, DBC.*

Chipperfield Village Hall

RACE NIGHT

7 February, 7pm, 1st race 7.30pm

Come and join the fun
Bar

Tickets £6, including hot supper
available from 01442 832090
or any committee member

Proceeds towards the upkeep of the Village Hall

1st CHIPPERFIELD BROWNIES



We have welcomed fourteen new Brownies since January 2014. Here are some of the activities that the girls have enjoyed.

They have worked hard to gain various badges, including Communications, Musician, Artist and Fire Safety. The girls had fun learning Irish Dancing and sign language, and took part in a music evening. We made cupcakes, did Christmas crafts and sent shoeboxes with gifts to children who would not otherwise have received a gift from Santa. The girls attended Church Parade for Mothering Sunday and Harvest.

The Brownies celebrated their centenary in 2014 and all the girls worked for their 100 year badge. The girls had great fun swapping with the leaders and running the meeting for an evening!! We held a donation evening when the girls brought in items to give to DENS charity; we went for a woodland walk and we had an international themed evening. We joined with the rest of the Brownies in the Division (approximately 450 girls!) for a Star Quest day involving girls doing activities from the past, present and future. Sixty Brownies thoroughly enjoyed a sleepover in the Bugs House at London Zoo in May.

The Super Brownie of the Year was Rebecca Brook; well done, very well deserved. My thanks go to my wonderful team of assistant leaders and all who gave their time to support the Brownies in gaining their various badges and trying new activities.

The Unit is full at the moment but if you would like to put your daughter's name on the waiting list, please enter your details via www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

Our District covers Kings Langley, Abbots Langley and Chipperfield. We have one Rainbow unit (girls aged 5-7), three Brownie units (aged 7-10) and two Guide units (aged 10-14). We have overflowing waiting lists for all three sections and would love to find willing, enthusiastic volunteers to help us open new units. If you are interested in giving some time to Girlguiding UK and would like a really rewarding experience in working with girls aged 5-14, please register your details via www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested.

Here are some comments from ladies who have recently joined about why they enjoy volunteering with Girlguiding in Kings Langley District.

"I looked back to when I was a Brownie and a Guide and I have warm memories which flood back. I want to give the girls that same experience."

"It's lovely to see the girls grow, to see a shy girl grow in confidence; to become a leader of her group is really rewarding".

"Being a Leader has led me to meet great people with whom I hope to stay friends for a long time".

"Guiding is an enriching experience for all and it enables me to learn a whole range of skills and to interact with different kinds of people of a variety of ages".

We would love to welcome you into our District. Thank you for your support.

Sian Roberts, Brown Owl

Chipperfield Care

Are we missing you?

Chipperfield Care is a group of Volunteers who have banded together to help those who are unable to find their own transport to essential appointments such as hospitals, doctors, dentists or medical clinics. We run an answering service from Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1.30pm to receive requests for transport. These volunteers, our Duty Officers, then contact our Drivers to arrange the safe transport of our clients to and from their requested destination. Could you volunteer as a Driver or Duty Officer for a few hours a month? IF YOU CAN HELP in any way, please call Cindy Waite 01923 262284 or Mark Jarrad 01923 268910.

Are you missing us?

Do you have problems getting to important appointments? Unable to use public transport or no access to other forms of transport? Whether this is short or long term, please call our Help Line between 9.30am and 1.30pm on 01923 264700 and we will do our utmost to help.

THE LANES CHILDREN'S CENTRE

A SureStart Children's Centre for Bovingdon, Bourne End, Chipperfield, Sarratt and Flaunden

Where the Family is the Centre

We hope you have all settled into the new year and are now looking forward to the first welcome signs of Spring!

Starting on **9 February** for six weeks we will be holding a course looking at '**How to manage children's anger**'. This course is free, a limited crèche is available and it is being held at **Blackwells Cafe from 9.30-11.30am**. Booking is essential through The Lanes Children's Centre. We will be holding a **First Aid course on 27 February** from **9.15-11.45** at **Bedmond School**. The session is £5 and there is a crèche available. Booking is essential through The Lanes. Half term falls in February (16-20) so look out for activities happening during that week on our website.

Here is a reminder of the regular weekly activities. **9.30-11.30am** working in partnership with **Sarratt Baby and Toddler Group** at **George V Pavillion, Sarratt**. £1.50 per child, payable to Sarratt B&T group. Within this group we provide a **music session from 10.30-11.15** with Jo (term time only). **Magic Mondays** held on the 1st Monday of each month at **The Memorial Hall, Bovingdon High Street**, from **1.30-3pm**; no need to book and cost for the session is £2.50. **Tuesdays Under 1s: 2-4pm** at **The Memorial Hall, Bovingdon**. The group includes a **music session** with Jo and costs £2. Our popular **Toy Library** can be accessed at all these settings and also at the **Flaunden Toddler Group, 9.30-11.30** (term time only), at the **Flaunden Village Hall**, every **Friday** morning from **10.30-11.30**.

Look out for information on future courses, workshops, activities and events throughout the coming months on local advertising boards and, of course, on our website:

www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/thelanes

If you require further information about the Children's Centre services or becoming involved with the Children's Centre, please contact:

Zoë Hier: 01923 262640 or 07966 966352

Email: zoe.hier@pre-school.org.uk

OPEN HOUSE
Exploring the Christian Faith for all ages

4pm 4th Sundays
Sarratt School

4pm SUNDAY February 22nd

Christianity
a practical guide
Part 2

Worship of Holy Cross, Sarratt
Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield

conversation
discussion
drama
music
rest & refreshment
tea and cake!
for whoever comes...

The current series started in January and takes place in Sarratt School hall. The overall theme is Christianity - a practical guide, but each session will have a self-contained subject. This will be explored through music, film, maybe a bit of art, perhaps some poetry, a good long time for discussion and plenty of afternoon tea and cakes. **Children have their own time and place.** Everyone, of all ages, is really welcome. Come along and enjoy a bright, lively hour on a dark February afternoon!

CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Tuesday 17 February at 7.30pm
in The Small Hall*

All members and prospective members will be very welcome. Do come and hear our plans for this year as well as ideas for the future. After a short meeting, we will enjoy some cheese and wine.

Our first show of the year will be held on **21 March**, in **The Village Hall**, so we will look forward to seeing all our members there with their wonderful displays of bulbs, flowers, pot plants, vegetables, floral art, handicraft and domestic. Don't forget to take your photographs and encourage the younger ones to enter their special classes.

Our collectors will be calling soon for subscriptions for this year; still a bargain at £2. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Ann Soanes, Secretary 01923 262756

GRAPEVINE MOVIES

SARRATT VILLAGE HALL

Friday 13 February

4.30pm for 5pm Children's film

Story of a strange family who live underground and adopt a human boy called Eggs. Entry by suggested donation £3. Children must be accompanied, adults will be free.

* Hot dogs and ice cream! *

**Doors (and jolly good bar) open
again, 7.30 pm for 8pm***

From the same stable as 'Outnumbered' this film is hilarious and emotional in equal measure with David Tennant, Billy Connolly and Rosamund Pike. Entry by suggested donation £5.

*Free popcorn * Bar * Hot dogs **

** Ice cream * Lots of friends **

*Maggie Goldthorpe and the
Grapevine Movie team 01923 262586*

BINGO

THURSDAYS AT BLACKWELLS

Eyes down at **8.30pm**

Do come along,

**have a chat, a drink and something to
eat with friends**

Abbots Langley

Flower Arrangement Society

Invites you to a

Flower Arranging Demonstration
entitled

'Bamboozal' by Jenny Clarke

at the Henderson Hall

Abbots Langley

on 26 February at 7.30pm

Entry for non-members £5 at the door

All visitors welcome

PROPOSED NEW BURIAL GROUND

The Project Group are pleased to state that another important planning condition has been satisfied; namely, the carrying out of an archeological survey. The method to carry it out had been approved some time ago and, after confirming that we had permission, arrangements were made. The survey required two 16m long trenches to be dug and to do this some trees had to be felled. The tree felling was carried out during the week after Christmas and, at the same time, some undergrowth and fallen timber were also removed. Archeological Solutions Ltd then came to supervise and examine the trenches as they were dug on 7 January.

Both the tree felling and trench digging involved a lot of hard work and **Den Bunker** would like to thank **Dougie Grey, Jerry Hymer, Dick Graves and Barry Curd** for volunteering to give their time to help.

No ancient artefacts were found, the trenches were filled in and a full report will be issued. This will be given to Dacorum Borough Council and Ms Kate Batt, Herts Historic Environment Adviser.

The Project Group will announce further progress as it occurs. *Tony Briselden*

A reminder that the **Art Group** meeting on Thursday afternoons, 1.30pm in St Paul's Parish Room, has started the new term. We do our own thing with mutual encouragement.
John King 01923 264552

RICKMANSWORTH DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Tuesday 10 February

'Modern Architecture Now'

Anthea Streeter

Why Britain is at the forefront of
architectural innovation

Sarratt Village Hall

10.30am coffee - 11am lecture

Visitors welcome

For more information call

Diana Jeffkins 01494 874507

CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

16 February

in The Small Hall

Planning meeting at 7.15pm

Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm

All residents welcome

Jan Dawes, Clerk to the Council

parishclerk@chipperfield.org.uk

01442 386237

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We were preceded by charity floats and marching bands and then, at last, at 11.30am we set off, at walking pace, flanked by thirty four Feltmakers aldermen, in robes and tricorne hats adorned with white ostrich feathers. Every time a whistle was blown they doffed their hats to the cheering crowds lining the streets as we moved through the City, waving at the new Lord Mayor, Alan Yarrow, on the Mansion House balcony. Around St Paul's Cathedral we crept, down Ludgate Hill, into Fleet Street and along to The Aldwych for our lunch break.

At this point the 100 year old gentleman decided he had had enough. He had not enjoyed standing stationary in steam for so long, nor the very slow pace at which he had been made to crawl. His pumps had been unable to work properly at such a slow speed and consequently no water had been able to get through to his boiler. If we had continued, the boiler would have scorched (disastrous!), so we had to abandon the rest of the route while the procession went on without us. Suddenly a posse of soldiers appeared from nowhere and manhandled the King of the Mountains, somewhat unceremoniously, to the safety of the roadside. No matter, a few yards ahead of us, in front of St Clement Dane's Church, appeared what was, for me, the best part of the Show: regimental bands in ceremonial uniforms, royal carriages, in fact all the Queen's horses and all the Queen's men, while the poor King of the Mountains stood somewhat forlornly, like Humpty Dumpty, unable to be put together again until we got home. In spite of the King's injured pride, our part in the Lord Mayor's Show was a wonderful experience which we are unlikely to forget.

Your needs - our prayers

When you just can't see what to do! Or life seems to be overwhelming you? We are happy to pray for you!

On Friday mornings at 8am we pray in the Baptist church for the needs of the community of Chipperfield and beyond.

We want to do this because we believe God answers prayers and is always ready to do great things.

Be sure that even if you want to give names, everything shared will be in strictest confidence.

Call: 01923 270664 - ask for Jason

Text: 07808 155470 (texts will be deleted once prayed for). E-mail:

prayers@chipperfieldbaptistchurch.co.uk

Or slip your request under the front door of the Baptist Church.

The Churches in Chipperfield

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

Incumbent Rev. Michele du Saire
The Vicarage, The Street, Chipperfield, WD4 9BJ
e-mail: micheledusaire.hcstp@gmail.com
Vicarage phone: 01923 265848

Church Frances Onians 01923 265996
Wardens Ann Waine 01923 268904

UNITY



THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister Rev. Jason Gain
The Manse, The Street
Chipperfield WD4 9BH
Tel: 01923 270664

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY

Priest in Charge Fr. Floribert Mulikita
Tel: 01923 265327

REGULAR SERVICES AND MEETINGS

MONDAY

St Paul's Upper Room 8am

Early Prayers

Our Lady's 9.30am Weekday Mass

Benefice Prayer Meeting 8-9pm

1st Monday

(See pew sheet for venues)

TUESDAY

40 Church Lane, Sarratt 10am

Quiet Garden (1st in month)

St Paul's Parish Room 6.30-8.15pm

God Squad (Term time only) years 6-13

Our Lady's 9.30am Weekday Mass

Home Group

at The Manse 7.30-9pm

(Term time only)

WEDNESDAY

Baptist Church 9.30-11am

(term time only)

Little Angels Toddler Group

THURSDAY

St Paul's 2.30pm

Prayer for Youth Work

St Paul's Parish Room

Youth Alpha

School years 10+ **7.45 - 9pm**

(Term time only)

FRIDAY

St Paul's

Choir Practice 7.45pm

Baptist Church 7am

Prayer Group (Term time only)

Our Lady's

9.30am Weekday Mass

ST PAUL'S & HOLY CROSS

Benefice Administrator

Machaela Gravestock

Monday 2 - 4pm

Thursday 9.30am - 12.30pm

and 1.30 - 4.30pm

Friday 9.30 - 11.30am

at Sarratt Village Hall Office

01923 264377

www.hcsp.net

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

Though founded in the 1950s, Caritas International now finds itself at the very heart of Pope Francis's vision to make the Catholic Church reach out much more effectively in love to the global community and, especially, to the poor and disadvantaged. Caritas is Latin for 'Charity' and Francis puts it very simply, "A Church without charity does not exist". Caritas is organised at local parish, diocesan, regional and international levels. The Growing in Faith initiative in 2013-14 is now being implemented in the diocese, and an element of the funds being raised in this way will be used for Caritas Westminster projects. Cardinal Nichols has defined the priorities for parishes "to seek to extend their works of social action", identifying the key areas as ones dealing with debt, food poverty, social isolation, youth inclusion, human trafficking, people with intellectual difficulties and the deaf community. In December he co-chaired a conference on Human Trafficking at Lancaster House with Sir Bernard Hogan-Howe, the Metropolitan Police Commissioner. The Home Secretary, Theresa May, attended. In association with Magic Breakfast, Caritas Westminster is providing free hot breakfasts at five Inner London primary schools and more will be added in 2015. Five food banks are currently operated by Caritas around the diocese. More locally in connection with poverty issues, a pilot hub with a designated Caritas development worker has been set up in Hemel Hempstead to serve the Watford and St Albans deaneries. Chipperfield parish lies in the former. Dacorum Borough Council has already awarded two Certificates of Appreciation to local Caritas volunteers in Hemel who organise regular afternoon tea parties for the elderly - an activity repeated in seven other towns in the diocese.

So, as we start 2015, the Catholic community is once more exhorted by its world and national leaders to engage more directly with the needy, the poor and the less fortunate of our brothers and sisters. We can predict that Pope Francis will continue to focus on his interpretation of the basic Christian message, repeating such sentiments as this: "The measure of the greatness of a society is found in the way it treats those most in need - those who have nothing but their own poverty".

Here, in wintry Chipperfield, the parish already has an eye on summer as the fifteen young boys and girls, who will be making their First Holy Communion around the feast of Corpus Christi on 7 June, have started their instruction classes based on the wonders of the Eucharistic message.

ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Happy New Year to you all!

By the time you read this 2015 will be well under way, the festivities of the Christmas season will be over, and life will have returned to some sort of normality - whatever that means.

As I write this on Twelfth Night, I am reminded of the Church's tradition that this night concludes the Twelve Days of Christmas, and that tomorrow will be Epiphany, the day the wise men arrived at the stable with gifts for the infant Jesus. Everything changes after Epiphany; experiences of sudden or striking realisation has that effect on us. The wise men travel home by another route, and life also returned to normality for the Holy Family. Joseph is warned in a dream that they must now flee and seek asylum in a foreign land to escape the treachery of the Roman client-king. How quickly fortunes change! But no matter our circumstances, if we are able to treasure up in our hearts the joys and blessings of times past, if we are able to hold within ourselves those deep truths that sustain us, and if we are able to live in hope, then we will be able to travel well. Christmastide 2014 was truly wonderful, and I'd like to thank all of you, without exception, for making it so. Without your participation and involvement it would have been a very different Christmas!

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DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

February

Sun 1	<i>Presentation of Christ in the Temple</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 8	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	All Age Service	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Wed 11	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 15	<i>Sunday next before Lent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	St Paul's
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional)	Holy Cross
Wed 18	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>		
	10.00am	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes	Holy Cross
	7.30pm	Holy Communion with imposition of ashes	St Paul's
Sun 22	<i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Paul's
	4.00pm	Open House	Sarratt School
Wed 25	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
March			
Sun 1	<i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 8	<i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross

Appropriate worship and teaching for children are available at all 10.00am Services

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship on Sunday

February

Sun 1	10.30am	Tearfund Sunday
	7.00pm	3Vu @ Chipperfield BC
Sun 8	10.30am	Worship with Phil Waine
Sun 15	10.30am	Worship and Church AGM
Sun 22	10.30am	All Age Service

Dates for Diary

Regular Sunday services are at 10.30am with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays
 Sunday groups for children and youth Sunday mornings

SERVICES AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR

Sundays	9.00am	Holy Mass
	11.00am	Holy Mass
Weekdays	9.30am	Holy Mass

PINTS OF VIEW - MONDAY 16 FEBRUARY, 8pm, at THE PLOUGH

Pints of View celebrated its 1st birthday last November. In the first year of POV there have been enjoyable, lively, informative and thought-provoking discussions on aspects of faith, moral issues and dilemmas, including the legitimacy, or otherwise, of some religious viewpoints, fracking, and Just War Theory. In spite of what some might infer from the title, the informal gatherings have been well attended by men and women in more or less equal numbers.

In 2015 the POV monthly meeting date is changing for a trial period. Pints of View will take place at 8pm at *The Plough* on the 3rd MONDAY of the month. Please make a note of these Monday dates in your diary:- 16 February, 16 March and 20 April.

The topics are suggested by those who attend and so, if you have something you would like to discuss, feel free to make a suggestion. The February POV topic has not yet been finalised but will be advertised. Do join us, if you can. Everyone is always welcome; so come along and consider how the world can be put to rights.

Bob Shearer and John Guy

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Thank you to those who came to see and wonder, those who made music, those who offered hospitality, those who decorated St Paul's, those who brought their excitement and joy, and a very special thanks to our Innkeepers who made room for us.

As we move into 2015, let us remember and take the hopes and joys of Christmas into this year and live well together

Every blessing to you all for 2015

Michele, Rector Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield.

BAPTIST CHURCH

I am taking a gamble this month in an effort to better myself and, no, this is not a delayed New Year's resolution. It all stems from a proverb which is difficult to attribute accurately but may become very pertinent in the next few months. Later this year we, as a country, will embark on another search for the new political landscape. It may be different or it may be just the same old, same old. However, I would like to give you a chance to decide whether the proverb has any bearing, not only on ourselves, but also on what we might be hearing in the next few months. It goes, "It is better to be thought a fool than to open one's mouth and put it beyond any reasonable doubt". I am not going to say anything else.

Love Jason, the Man in the Manse

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH



Chiltern West Gallery Quire

Dressed in Victorian costumes with musicians playing a variety of instruments, including the serpent, all the carols, tunes and readings were from the nineteenth century. An excellent performance. *Terry Simmonds*

GRAHAM BREEN

Graham was born in London in 1934. He attended The Leys School, Cambridge, where he became very keen on acting. In fact, the highlight of his career at The Leys was appearing as Queen Hermione in 'The Winter's Tale'.

In 1961 Graham and Anne were married and set up home in Cambridge where Charles and Sara were born. Subsequently they lived in St Albans before moving to Chipperfield where they have remained happily for the last eighteen years. Within days of arrival in Chipperfield, while walking his dog on the common, Graham met Gladys Taaffe who introduced him to the Bowls Club and through the club he met many new friends. He became treasurer of the Bowls Club, booking secretary for the Village Hall, proof reader for Chipperfield News and duty officer for Chipperfield Care. For a time he was also 'bin man' for the church, cleaned the silver and opened and closed the church.

His working life was in the paper trade, specialising in supplying quality book paper to publishers.

His main interests were the theatre, tennis, travel, sharing meals with friends, growing vegetables, dog walking, reading and doing the Telegraph crossword but, above all, Graham loved his family, his home and being involved in village life.

The last year was difficult with five separate hospital admissions.

Many people will have fond memories of Graham – he was a gentle man, polite, courteous, kind, helpful and reliable - and his passing will leave a huge gap in the lives of his family and his friends.

VILLAGE PEOPLE

CONGRATULATIONS, DAVID WILLIAMS

David's work with the Peace Hospice was recently recognised when they presented him with a much deserved, Lifetime Achievement Award. For the past fourteen years he has worked as a bereavement counsellor and visitor, a supervisor for other bereavement visitors and a facilitator of the Hospice's STARS grief support group for children. Jo Derry of the Peace Hospice said recently, "David was part of the very first STARS grief group for children and their carers in 2000 and has literally supported hundreds of adults and children since then.

"Children readily warm to David and he is held in equally high esteem by his colleagues, supporting those facilitators less experienced than him. He is a consistent and multi-skilled volunteer; as a visiting counsellor, he has seen bereaved clients too ill to come to the Hospice, managing their physical and emotional pain with compassion and patience.

"David also fixes things practically as well as emotionally, from secretly repairing the office clock, to working at home mending broken items required for STARS groups. He has never accepted a pound for expenses incurred, despite travelling many miles".

In addition to his work with the Hospice, David continues to be Reader at All Saints Church, Croxley Green, where, in typical style, he quietly carries out a myriad of additional duties and tasks.

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Welcome to *Theo Finlay Higman*, born 10 December weighing 8lbs 8oz. A wee brother for Ollie Hall, a second son for Kirsty Hall, nee Stokes, and a first for Tim Higman.

A lovely early Christmas present for us all! *Popsi Stokes, proud grandmother*

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Grateful thanks to *John and Eileen Foulgham* who have delivered Chipperfield News to the Bucks Hill area for many years. They have now handed over to *Irene Beck*. Thank you, Irene.

Popsi Stokes

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Anne Breen and family would like to thank everyone who has so kindly sent cards and letters following Graham's death. Your support and help have been so much appreciated by us all at this difficult time. A big thank you.

CHRIS LEANEY passed away in St Francis Hospice, 10.12.14

Chris's story began on the 17 June 1946. She was blessed to be born into a loving family and grew up having a happy childhood. Muriel and Ike were her parents and she had one brother - Ikey (Peter) and one sister, Pat. She survived pneumonia, whooping cough and measles when aged just 18 months and so was a fighter. She attended Kings Langley School but it is thought that she and the school were something of strangers. She worked for Boots in Watford as her first job but we remember her most for her work as a pharmacy dispenser at Boots in Kings Langley which has changed names through the years but the one constant was Chris. Much more than just dispensing prescriptions Chris served the community and was involved with and cared for the people.

Chris met Ray when he was on leave from the army and they were married on 31 March 1973 and moved to Croft End Road in June 1976. Chris was a loving mother to Debbie and Heidi, grandma to James and Rebecca and a grandma figure to Rebecca, Shanika, Jason and Yasin, and great grandmother to Harrison. She and Ray were very much a couple, sharing everything together.

Chris was a loving, family-centred lady but was also passionate for the Kings Langley community and was given an award by the Parish Council for services to Kings Langley.

She enjoyed attending antique fairs and boot sales and collecting small glass ornaments. She embraced new technology and loved her computer.

Chris was a great example and support to her family and in turn Ray, Debbie and Heidi are to be honoured for the love they gave her in her final chapter of life. They are a credit to her.

Village Events Diary 2015

Enclosed is a provisional schedule of local events to help readers and organisations to plan around dates already arranged. This is to avoid gridlock and parking problems in the village.

All these dates will be found on the village website and are updated regularly.

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A NEW TOY

Father Christmas bought me a new camera this year. I had been frustrated in my efforts to take good wildlife shots; I needed more zoom and this little compact is just the job. It is small enough to take for a walk without being a burden and so I will take it whenever the light is good.

Trying to creep up on potential targets has reminded me just how interconnected the wildlife alarm system is. In the garden, when I am after a rabbit with the gun, it is always the black birds' alarm call that gives the game away and it is no different when it is the camera I am trying to get a shot with! Down in the woods it is often the pigeons with their sharp wing flapping alarm that tells everything I am about. The birds make the most of their 'birds eye view' and all the creatures in the wood take note.

Over the last few years, as the roe deer have increased in number, I have noted their favourite places and so on a nice sunny afternoon, with the wind blowing from the north east, I was pretty sure they would be resting in the sun by the side of my wood. I made sure I approached with the wind in my face so that they would not get my scent and, in spite of the pigeons, I managed to creep up on them. The 20x zoom was not easy to hold steady, but I got some good shots, even if some were just grass or sky!

I now have a walking pole that doubles as a monopod, the camera attached to the top so on the next sunny day I set off again. This time I found two roe bucks resting by a hedge. With the pole it was much easier to hold steady and with the zoom I could see that their new velvety antlers were growing. I got a number of good shots before they noticed Ted, my dog, and decided to jump through the hedge. As they went they fluffed up their white rump 'targets' as a warning to all of the danger.

I am thrilled with my new toy, and hopefully I will be able to share my best shots with you all.

Wendy Bathurst

FEBRUARY IN YOUR GARDEN

It may be winter but spring is approaching with great speed and there are plenty of things to get done in the garden.

Fruit and vegetables. Get on with the digging when you can so then the frosty weather will help improve the soil structure. Add plenty of farmyard manure except where rootcrops will be planted. Cover part of the garden with polythene so that soil warms up ready for seed sowing in early spring. Now is a good time to visit the garden centre so that you can browse and choose from the vast selection of seeds which are on sale. Buy your seed potatoes now so that they can be sprouted, or chitted, in a light frost free place ready for planting when it warms up outside. Early potato varieties are used to produce new potatoes and main crop varieties are used for baking, chips and mashed potatoes. Shallots and Jerusalem artichokes can be planted soon. Before the buds swell, fruit trees should be sprayed with winter wash. Apple trees and pears can be pruned this month. Peach trees must be sprayed with a special fungicide early in February so that they do not suffer from peach leaf curl disease.

Shrubs and flowers. When weather permits, plant container grown shrubs and hardy perennials. Established shrubs can be dug up and moved until well into March and bare root hedging plants, such as privet, beech and hawthorn, must be planted before the end of March. Should we get a heavy snowfall, always brush snow off conifers and delicate plants to prevent branches being broken by the weight of the snow. Prune buddleias now. Late flowering clematis, such as c.jackmanii, must be cut back to about a foot from the ground but early flowering varieties, such as c.montana, are just given a light trim this month. Deadhead pansies and primroses at all times.

The greenhouse. Start sowing tomatoes and cucumbers plus summer cabbage, leeks, cauliflowers, aubergines and peppers. Plug plants should be on sale now and will need to be planted as soon as possible. Now is the time to sow antirrhinums, begonias, lobelia, marigolds, alyssum and petunias. Perennials, such as lupins, can be sown now and dahlia tubers and summer flowering bulbs can be planted in pots so that they start to grow before being planted outside in the spring.

Garden and lawn. Clean up the garden and make compost adding a little Garotta to help with the rotting process. Never add roots of ground elder or bindweed to the compost heap; these must be destroyed. If not already done, get the lawn mower serviced because grass cutting is only a few weeks away.

Terry Simmonds

FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH

A traditionally overflowing congregation celebrated Christmas on 22 December, once again illuminated by the augmented choir and orchestra performing under Keith Beniston's direction with his latest arrangements of carols, traditional and new. As we know, St Pauls, through Keith's inspiration, has created a unique sound combining choir, excellent soloists and the full resources of the orchestra for both the performed carols and those with congregation.

The service began with *Silent Night* and soloist **Mark Denza**; a fitting remembrance of Christmas in the trenches just a hundred years ago, but should it perhaps have been sung in German? There followed the traditional *Once in Royal David's City* with solo verse by Rosie Clifford and choir and then the congregation joining in. The Nine Lessons which accompanied the carols were not quite the usual. St Paul's has adopted Micah 5: 2-4 in place of Isaiah Ch 11 for the fourth lesson, an entirely fitting departure that should be built upon. The orchestra, mostly of local professionals, showed us all its colours with notable solo passages for violin, flute and oboe, and the horns giving a good account especially in the newly arranged German chorale accompaniment to *A Great and Mighty Wonder*. There were plenty of lighter moments, including a whistled verse of *I Saw Three Ships*. The Rector, Michele du Saire, for her second Christmas at St Paul's, gave us a particularly thoughtful address. It was a satisfying and moving celebration of the nativity and a service to remember.

John Uff

QUEEN STREET

Christmas cheer was in full flow on Christmas Eve with mulled wine, cider, sausages and mince pies, provided by the residents who came together to celebrate the newest addition to the street, the fantastic Christmas tree! Complete with sparkling lights, it had surprised and delighted everyone when it appeared in early December and was the perfect opportunity for a festive gathering. A big thank you for it all to Chris, Dave and Pete. Everyone is now looking forward to the summer street party!



CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
After School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	3pm	Small Hall
Art Group	Thursday	2pm (1.30 in Winter)	Parish Room
Art Workshop	Saturday (monthly)	9.30am	Parish Room
Ballet	Monday	4pm	Blackwells
Ballet	Tuesday	4pm	Blackwells
Ballet	Saturday	9am	Blackwells
Bingo	Thursday	8.30pm	Blackwells
Bowls	Tuesday	7pm	Village Hall
Bowls	Thursday	1.30pm	Village Hall
Bowls	Friday	7pm	Village Hall
Brownies	Wednesday	6.30pm	Parish Room
Chipperfield Lunch Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	12.30pm	Small Hall
Chipperfield Pre-School	Monday - Friday (Term time)	9am	Small Hall
Choral Society	Thursday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Church Choir	Friday	7.45pm	Parish Room
Extend Exercise, Men & Women 60+	Thursday	10.30am	Village Hall
Health Walks	Tuesday and Thursday	9.30am	Blackwells car park
Impact	Friday	6.30pm	Sarratt Village Hall
Irish Dancing	Thursday	4pm	Blackwells
Jazzercise	Monday	9.30am	Village Hall
Karate	Tuesdays (Term time)	6pm	Small Hall
Keep Fit	Tuesday	10.30am	Parish Room
Keep Fit	Thursday	10.30am	Parish Room
Mums on the move	Wednesday	12.45pm	Village Hall
Parents and Toddlers	Tuesday	9.30am	Village Hall
Pilates	Monday	9.10am, 10.10am and 11.10am	Blackwells
Pilates	Monday	9.30am	Parish Room
Pilates	Monday	6.45pm and 8pm	Parish Room
Pilates	Tuesday	7pm and 8pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Wednesday	9.10am, 10.10am and 11.10am	Blackwells
Pilates	Wednesday	9.15am	Village Hall
Pilates	Wednesday	6.30pm and 7.30pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Thursday	6.30pm, 7.30pm and 8.30pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Friday	9.10am, 10.10am, 11.20am and 12.20pm	Blackwells
Pilates	Friday	9.30am	Parish Room
Pilates	Friday	10.30am	Parish Room
Prayer Group	Thursday (Term time)	2pm & 7pm	Baptist Church Hall
Singing Group	Saturday	2pm	Blackwells
T'ai Chi	Friday	1.45pm	Small Hall
Tap Dance	Monday (Term time)		Baptist Church Hall
Theatre Group	Monday	7.30pm	Village Hall
Toddlers group (Little Angels)	Wednesday (Term time)	9.30am	Baptist Church Hall
Womens Institute	Tuesday (3rd of the month)	2pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Monday	1.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Tuesday	7pm	Blackwells
Yoga	Friday	10am	Village Hall
Zumba - Lucy	Tuesday	9.30am	Blackwells

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