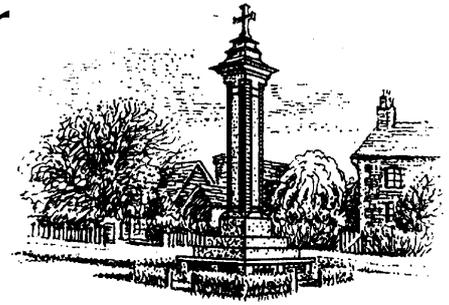


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DEMENTIA CHALLENGE 2015 - GREAT WALL OF CHINA

In August this year, I joined a group of fellow students from Loughborough University to complete a gruelling 8-day 'Choose a Challenge' trek along the Great Wall of China in aid of Dementia UK. This charity is particularly important to me as my granddad, who died last year, had Alzheimer's Disease.



After a long overnight flight to Beijing, we visited some of the fascinating Beijing markets where one student bravely sampled a fried scorpion before we headed off for our trek briefing. It would certainly be a challenge and they were not going to break us in gently. The first day's trek was by far the toughest, with an 8-9 hour trek

through deep jungle, up and down multiple mountains, involving plenty of rock climbing, steep cliffs, narrow paths, sheer drops and insect bites! *Continued on page 2*

CHS AUTUMN SHOW WINNERS

Silver Rose Bowl: **John Hopkins**. W Bates Cup (runner up): **Frank Venables**. H. Butcher Cup: **John Hopkins**. G.A. Usher Challenge Bowl: **Frank Venables**. Timberlake Cup: **John Hopkins**. Peter Franz Cup: **Lynne Whybrow**. Junior Challenge Trophy: **Katie Oliver-Seager**. Mrs C.P. Brousson challenge Trophy: **Sue Tyler**. Handicraft Trophy: **Mary Catto**. Liz Holliday Cup: **Terry Simmonds**. National Chrysanthemum Society's Medal: **John Hopkins**. National Dahlia Society's Medal: **Frank Venables**. Special Prize of One Load of Manure from Mr Pritchard; **John Hopkins**. RHS Banksian Medal: **John Hopkins**. Floral Art Class 90: 1st **Wendy Bathurst**, 2nd **Sue Tyler**, 3rd **Kathy Ward**.

REMEMBRANCE AND POPPY APPEAL



On **Sunday 8 November** we will gather once more at 10.45am at the War Memorial to remember those from the village who gave their lives in the two World Wars of the twentieth century. As usual, there will be a Two Minutes Silence at 11am followed by the traditional Remembrance Service in St Paul's Church. Poppy collectors will be at every house in the village and all the businesses will be displaying their tins. Please give generously.

*Giles Wyburd,
Chairman, Chipperfield Branch RBL*

LAUNCH OF VILLAGE BOOKSWAP

Following a very successful meeting in October, supported by Cllr Toni Vyse on behalf of Chipperfield Parish Council, planning is taking place to confirm a venue with regular date availability for the New Year. More details next month.

Frances Onians

GRAND FIREWORK DISPLAY

*Chipperfield Common
Saturday 7 November*

FREE ENTRY TO ALL
*A collection will be made to cover
incidental costs*

Rides, Stalls, Hot and Cold Food
Licenced bar, Gifts, Hot air balloon
The fun starts at **6pm**
Fireworks Display starts at **8.00pm**

CHIPPERFIELD VILLAGE HALL

SUPPER QUIZ

Saturday 28 November

7.30pm, doors open at 7pm
Bar

Tickets £10
to include a one course supper

*for details call
Hugh Clifford 01923 267681*

CHRISTMAS BEGINS WITH THE HOLLYBERRY FAIR

Saturday 21 November 12 noon - 2.30pm
Chipperfield Village Hall

St Paul's School Choir will be singing carols
*Delicious lunches and all the usual stalls including
Cakes, Bottle tombola, Bric-a-Brac*

Come and join in the fun

And last but not leastSANTA CLAUS

Admission £1; under 12s free

*Profits will go to the Kings Langley School Refurbishment Fund
and St Paul's Church*

Contact: Anne Waine 01923 268904 anne.waine1@btinternet.com

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Continued from page 1. On Day 5 we were able to visit the tombs of past emperors and their concubines, before walking up to 'Heavens Ladder', a challenging section of the wall, but not as tough as Day 1. The temperature had frequently been well over 30 degrees and the humidity high. However, this was quite a cool day which was very welcome, with around 300 unrestored steps down to the main ladder and hundreds from the top of the ladder to the bottom. Day 6 was a 7-hour walk along some of the restored sections of the wall in 35 degree heat with little cover and involved a detour to by-pass a military zone.

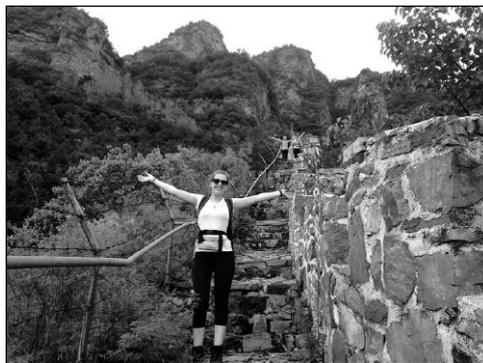
By Day 7, the temperature had risen to 38 degrees for our walk along unrestored sections of the wall. This was a national celebration day with a spectacular military parade commemorating the 70th anniversary of China's Victory over Japan.

The weather changed dramatically the following day. We were trekking up a steep jungle route to walk along more unrestored parts of the wall, all in heavy fog. Then, on our jungle descent we were so drenched by heavy rain that we were wringing out most of our clothes by the time we reached the bus back to base. Our boots didn't dry out until we were back in England! As the heavy rain had turned our planned route into a stream, we had to abandon the final day of trekking which would have included a cable car up to, and a toboggan ride down from, a restored section of the wall.

Then it was back to Beijing for some much needed rest and recuperation – the home stays we used during the trek were functional but the bathrooms didn't work well (to put it politely) and the beds were rock hard, since the Chinese believe this is better for the back. Breakfast was anything from beef dishes to sugared tomatoes with lots of rice, fried vegetables and unusual bread. It will take me a long time to want to eat rice again!

On our final day, we managed some sightseeing, including the Forbidden City and a little bit of market shopping for mementoes of our stay, while the locals took pictures of our group at every opportunity; European tourists are rare in China, even in Beijing.

It was a challenging but fantastic and memorable experience and I would like to thank everyone who donated to this wonderful cause, helping to raise over **£2,800** for Dementia UK. Thank you!



Charlotte Deal

Friends of Chipperfield Common will meet on **Tuesday 24 November** at **9.15am** in the **Pill Pond Car Park**, Windmill Hill, to work in the plantation bordered by Dunny Lane and Windmill Hill thinning out young trees.

BINGO
THURSDAYS
at
BLACKWELLS

Eyes down at 8.30pm
Have a chat, a drink and something to eat with friends.

SANTA'S JOURNEY TO THE VILLAGE HALL

SANTA
Hollyberry Fair will welcome Father Christmas at Chipperfield Village Hall at 12 noon on Saturday 21 November.

His route will start at 11.15am leaving the Belsize area and travelling along Dunny Lane, then up Tower Hill and on to Chipperfield Garden Centre, returning via Chapel Croft to Chipperfield Stores. He will then proceed along Langley Road to Megg Lane and come back via Kings Lane, Nunfield and Kings Close, driving to the Manor House and back to The Two Brewers, to be greeted by the children at The Village Hall.



CHIPPERFIELD THEATRE GROUP

Please don't be alarmed if you see a group of fairies practising their spells around the village; it is just the cast rehearsing for their forthcoming Pantomime, **Sleeping Beauty**, which will take place in the Village Hall from **14-16 January**. As usual there is lots of activity going on behind the scenes to bring the production to life and to transform the Village Hall into a mysterious wood and a magical kingdom!

To find out if the Prince can save Sleeping Beauty in time and then live happily ever after, see our website, www.chipperfieldtheatregroup.com where tickets can be purchased on line. We look forward very much to seeing all of you there.

SEASONAL MUSIC
AT ST PAUL'S
Music for Advent
Sunday 6 December
at 6.30pm

This will be a selection of music and readings reflecting on Advent and looking forward to Christmas with choir and organ.

Festival of Lessons and Carols
Wednesday 23 December
at 7.45pm

Work is already underway for our very own unique and glorious preparation for Christmas through the wonderful traditional readings and spectacular music for choir, orchestra and, of course, the congregation. Doors will open when once the rehearsal has ended but no later than 7.15pm. There will be no reserved seats.

Keith Benniston

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CREATURES THAT LURK IN OUR POND!



On Thursday 10 September at 6.30pm, thirty people assembled at the car park on Chipperfield Common for Colin Chambers' Annual Walk. Colin works with Dacorum Council and looks after our trees and woodland. I have attended three of these autumn walks and I must admit that I was sceptical whether this walk would be of further interest. How wrong I was! Entitled, 'Can't see the wood for the trees', Colin explained the need to protect the sweet chestnuts by considerate woodland management and by clearing open spaces around each tree. A five year plan operates to ensure that the Common is kept to the standard we all love; this plan will conclude in 2017. He explained this means some trees have to be removed to ensure that others survive.

We walked from the car park over to the cleared space near the Cricket Pavilion. This sweet chestnut has been given a new boost; in previous years it was in a sorry state and had fallen over and much is now dead. Now the work is completed, there are signs of new growth. We walked down to the bottom path and turned left and Colin explained he had some very exciting news. We reached the lesser known pond, Shepherds Pond, which is surrounded by irises. The water looked murky, dull and decidedly uninteresting. Again, how wrong I was! Colin's friend, Chris Green, who is an amateur microbiologist continued the talk. He explained that Shepherds Pond is unique. It has forms of protozoa (single cell organisms) that are rare. Not only do we have an abundance but this pond was the subject of great interest to two microbiologists, Arthur Earland and James Cash.

In 1904 Cash published a book, 'The British Freshwater Rhizopoda and Heliozoa' naming our Shepherds pond as the place to find these protozoa in great numbers. His comments on our pond were, "The quality of the water, the nature of the soil, or some other cause unknown, appears to favour their growth and development". Now, before you all go running away shouting that these beasts will crawl out of the pond and devour us, I must explain that they are so small they cannot be detected by the naked eye. Chris explained that the photos he had taken were of an area as big as a pinhead and there were hundreds of these organisms. Chris can confirm that the Ordnance Survey and Tithe maps dating from 1835 show this pond as the same shape and in the same place as today. He stressed that dog walkers and would be paddlers should keep clear as the pond has a very deep clay base and could be quite dangerous. After this excitement, Colin led us to the Apostles Pond, much loved by small children with nets, and dogs with sticks. By now it was getting darker, just the time when the bats come out. After he had explained about the work needed to remove the Parrot weed, the bats came over on cue. Colin had a sonar receiver and we were able to hear the squeaks and calls that bats make to each other. On our way back to the car park, Colin pointed out a chestnut that many years ago was cut back too harshly and died. This tree trunk is being left as an example of overzealous pruning.

If you would like more information about the common, why not join *The Friends of Chipperfield Common*, email vanessa.johnson@dacorum.gov.uk. Colin arranges monthly volunteer groups during the autumn, winter and spring. The work is not too hard, the company is great and we take time to have a brew up. I can assure you, nothing tastes better than tea and cake in the open air.

Glenda Seal

CHIPPERFIELD CARE

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.

CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

16 November
in The Small Hall
Planning meeting at 7.15pm
Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm
All residents welcome
01923 263901
parishclerk@chipperfield.org.uk
www.chipperfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk

CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY ANNUAL SHOW



Lynne Whybrow, Sue Tyler, Terry Simmonds, Katie Oliver-Seager, John Hopkins and Linda Venables

As visitors arrived at the Village Hall on a sunny afternoon, they were greeted with the glorious colours and scents of early autumn. This was our last show of the year and the exhibitors excelled themselves. Despite the erratic weather, fruits, vegetables and flowers were of a very high standard, an opinion endorsed by our judge, **Mr John Brackley**. Handicrafts were well supported, ranging from beautiful knitting, quilting and handmade jewellery to impressive pictures by our local talented artists. The Domestic Section was a display of culinary expertise, including excellent loaves of bread, and the entries were highly praised by judge, **Mrs Sheila Bishop**. In the Photography section, it is always fascinating to see how the different classes are interpreted, and in the Floral Art Section the exhibitors always leave us in awe with their delightful creations. The Juniors' entries were much appreciated and applauded, and we hope to see the young exhibitors continuing their interest in the senior classes in the future.

After viewing the exhibits and enjoying tea and cakes with friends, visitors watched the prize giving of the many silver cups and medals. This was followed by an auction of produce and a raffle to complete a most enjoyable afternoon.

Sincere thanks go to all our sponsors - Garden Scene, The Garden Company and Roger Pritchard who kindly donates every year a special prize of one load of manure to the winner of most points in Vegetables. Our heartfelt thanks go to all those involved in the work of producing the shows and talks, collecting subscriptions in the depths of winter from our loyal members and keeping going our much loved village society.

Pauline Williams

See full list of Show Winners on page 1

The Churches in Chipperfield

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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Vicarage phone: 01923 265848

Church Wardens

Ian Chantrell 01923 269394
07807 031235
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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)

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

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.hcstp.net

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

Ever since Fr Des Cantwell was asked to establish a pastoral area covering Chipperfield, Kings Langley and the surrounding villages, and several years before our current church was built in 1988, we have maintained strong supportive relations with missionary parishes in Tanzania. This, of course, came about as Fr Des had two brothers, like himself of the Salvatorian order, who were stationed in these parishes. Fr Michael pre-deceased Fr Des, and shortly after we lost Des in 2008, his brother Terry came back from Africa after forty seven years of service to become our parish priest. Over all this time, the Chipperfield parish has supported Tanzania both directly and indirectly, creating facilities such as a kindergarten with salaried teachers and a Mother and Baby clinic including accommodation for the midwives. Solar powered pumps for a deeply drilled well now provide much easier access to good water and we recently received the good news that the Tanzanian government is ready to appoint health advisers to make Chingulungulu an outstation for medical assessment services, provided that housing accommodation can be created for them.

An unrelated project which received our long term support was the Children's Cancer Clinic in Dar-es-Salaam, thankfully now firmly established in a professional facility in the new hospital there. Many children's lives have been saved by this work, led by the dedicated Dr Trish Scanlan.

Fr Terry, now retired, is making what will probably be his last personal trip to Tanzania and, once the new houses have been built, our support will probably settle down into maintaining the salaries of the teachers and nurses. It is very fulfilling to see developments that have established a better quality of life and care that was, and is, the missionary dream of the Cantwell brothers.

Our current parish Priest, Fr Floribert, hails from the Democratic Republic of Congo, and he has some early ideas of how the Chipperfield parish could support Christian pastoral initiatives there. We will hear more when he returns from his visit. "Whatever you do for the least of my brethren....."

BAPTIST CHURCH

You should all have done your final cut of the lawn by now. Well, actually, should you have done? I am no gardener but even I have followed what both my grandfather and father told me and that was that the last cut should be done by October. I don't know if this is down to weather conditions, whether the grass actually doesn't grow or whether there needs to be an extensive period to allow the grass to recover. What I do know is, I have always done what I was advised. Imagine my surprise when I saw on no less a website than lawnsmith.co.uk that you can continue to cut the grass through the winter with the only limit being that the grass should be dry and the cut high.

I was going to link the first advice with the fact that sometimes we all need to rest. We all need to kick back and allow our hair to grow, our bones to rest and our mojo to return. However, I can't do that now, can I? So, instead, I have to talk about the need for us always to be ready for growth, even when we least expect it. That we should be ready to take some cutting back even during times when we think we should be resting and that although the cut might not be as harsh as at other times, it is still needed.

When it comes to how we grow as human beings, to grow in character and maturity it takes a good while and it never stops. Being a mad old eccentric or a prim and organised teenager, there are always areas in need of improvement. When it comes to our relationship with God, He is not bothered about where we have come from but our willingness to change. That change, when we rely on Him to do the cutting, is always for the best. Maybe this happens when we least expect it and that can be in the winter of our lives just as much as in the summer. Whether it's a deep cut or one that just skims the surface, it all adds up to make a difference. For me, it's always a short back and sides.

Love, Jason, The Man in the Manse

DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS**November**

Sun 1	<i>All Saints Day</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Holy Cross
	6.30pm	Taizé style Service to remember loved ones	St Paul's
Sun 8	<i>Remembrance Sunday, 3rd Sunday before Advent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
	10.30am	Service of Remembrance	Holy Cross
	10.50am	Service of Remembrance, War memorial, Chipperfield	
Wed 11	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.50am	Remembrance Day ceremony, War memorial, Sarratt Green	
Sun 15	<i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	St Paul's
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional)	Holy Cross
Sun 22	<i>Christ the King, Sunday next before Advent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	9.15am	Family Service, led by Open House team	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Paul's
Wed 25	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 29	<i>Advent Sunday, First Sunday of Advent</i>		
	9.30am	Café style service, including breakfast	Sarratt Village Hall

December

Sun 6	<i>2nd Sunday of Advent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Holy Cross
	6.30pm	Music for Advent	St Paul's
Wed 9	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 13	<i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>		
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Joint Christingle Service with Chipperfield Baptist Church	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	2.00pm	Carols on The Green	Sarratt Green

Appropriate teaching for children is available at all 10.00am Services

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH**Worship on Sunday****November**

Sun 1	10.30am	Worship
Sun 8	10.30am	Remembrance Sunday on the Common
Sun 15	10.30am	Worship with Ian Chantrell
Sun 22	10.30am	All Age Service
Sun 29	TBC	5th Sunday Advent Café at Sarratt

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

Sun	9.00am	Mass
	11.00am	Mass
Mon/Tues/Fri	9.30am	Weekday Mass

PINTS OF VIEW - WORLD POVERTY AND THE 1%

It is predicted that in 2016 the combined wealth of the richest 1% of the world's population will overtake the wealth of the other 99% unless the current trend of rising inequality is checked. Does it matter if 1% control so much of the world's wealth? We will be discussing the implications of extreme inequality at **POV on 16 November, 8pm, at The Plough**. POV provides an opportunity to examine and question aspects of faith, moral issues and dilemmas. Do join us if you can. *Everyone is welcome*. Come and consider how the world can be put to rights.

Bob Shearer and John Guy

**ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS
AUTUMN FAYRE**

The harvest has been gathered in by the farmers...yet in life there is still a harvest to be collected for those people who are seeking support, help and encouragement. Would you be prepared, as we approach what some call 'the Festive Season' and Christians call 'Christmas' to help those who are not related to us and we do not know?

You are probably beginning to think about buying presents, stocking up your larders with festive food and making Christmas cakes and puddings. Those of us who have plenty often have even more at Christmas but across the world, in Europe and in our own neighbourhoods there will be families knowing that they really cannot afford such abundance. Therefore, I wonder if any of you would consider the Old Testament idea of tithing, by adding up what you would spend this festive season on food, presents and entertaining and then look to tithe 10% of the amount to those who will have little or nothing? If many of us could help in a small way, it would amount to a lot. I do know that many of you, including our local school and St Paul's church, already contribute to DENS and sometimes to the New Hope Trust in Watford.

As those of us at St Paul's look forward to celebrating the incarnation of Christ and plan our Christmas services, I am mindful that Advent is similar to Lent in that it is an opportunity for a reflection of the past year. Advent also provides an opportunity to enter into what can only be described as, 'the mystery of our faith', as reflected in John's gospel, chapter 1, verse 14, *'and the word became flesh and dwelt among us and we have seen the glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth'*.

So let us all enter into the true spirit of Christmas and give of ourselves, not only to those whom we know, love and care for, but to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Philip Waine, Reader, St Paul's

ST PAUL'S PARISH REGISTER

We ask God's blessing on the
Marriage of

Edward Spurr

and

Kelly Southwell

26 September

SYLVIA WATERHOUSE 1919 - 2015

Sylvia was born and raised in Midsomer Norton, Somerset, and was proud of her West Country roots. She won a scholarship to the local High School and afterwards trained as a secretary. During the war she worked for the Managing Director of a building supply company dispatching materials around the bomb damaged areas in the West of England. She met her future husband, Paul, during the war when he was stationed with the RAF near Weston Super Mare. In 1944 they married in Midsomer Norton Church. At the end of the war the couple moved to Chipperfield to live at Holly Cottage in Kings Lane, next door to the family's building company. Here the couple raised their two children, Peter and Christine.

Sylvia became involved in village life and was active in the Church and W.I. Paul was a keen cricketer and so Sylvia joined the ladies' section, providing teas on match days and organising ladies' events. She and Paul were both active gardeners. Once the family had left home, Sylvia persuaded Paul to buy a motor caravan in which they toured Britain and France. In 1970 their son, Peter, emigrated to Australia and Sylvia organised extended holidays in order to see him and his family. Following the arrival of Christine's children, she and Paul loved having their granddaughters to stay in Chipperfield.

After Paul's death in 1986 Sylvia moved to White Gates, Croft Lane, and rebuilt her life joining walking groups, U3A, square dancing classes, theatre trips and volunteering with Chipperfield Care. With her sisters she enjoyed tours around Europe. She retained her passion for clothes and always liked to look her best with matching accessories.

In her late eighties Sylvia made the decision to move to a residential home in Amersham where she joined in the activities and was noted for being impeccably dressed. She loved her weekly outings for lunch with daughter Christine and the regular family get-togethers where she caught up on family news. By now she had become a great grandmother. She was kept up to date with village news through her regular lunches with Elizabeth Percy, her neighbour from Chipperfield. Sylvia remained at Pratt House, Amersham, for seven years until she passed away peacefully at the age of ninety-five.

GRAPEVINE MOVIES

Friday 13 November

SARRATT VILLAGE HALL

Doors open 7pm for 8pm film

Now that the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel is full up with its long term residents, co-managers Muriel Donnell (Maggie Smith) and Sonny Kapoor (Dev Patel) have a dream of expansion and they have found just the place, the Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel!

There will be lots off friends; free popcorn and Bombay mix, plus Colin's jolly good bar! On sale will be samosas and other Indian delights!!

Entry by suggested donation £5

Children's film 4.30pm for 4.45pm

In this lively animated adventure, undersea oddball SpongeBob and SquarePants and his starfish friend, Patrick, embark on a quest to clear the name of Mr Krabs, the owner of the Krusty Krab restaurant who has been framed for stealing the crown of ocean deity King Neptune.

Hot dogs * Ice cream * Bar

Entry by suggested donation £3, accompanying adults free

**The next Grapevine Movie will be on
Friday 11 December**

CHRISTMAS CAKE

BAKE OFF

Come along and make your

Christmas cake

on 5 and 12 December,

times to be confirmed,

in the Parish Room.

Get into the festive baking spirit in the run up to Christmas with demonstrations to bake and decorate a traditional Christmas cake. Learn new techniques and tips and take home a masterpiece!!

For more information, contact:

Elaine 01923 269888

e-dean@hotmail.co.uk

RICKMANSWORTH DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Tuesday 10 November

10.30am coffee - 11am Lecture

Sarratt Village Hall

Another talk on which we will all have our own views.

'Historic Buildings: changing ideas about what we save and how we do it'
by

Philip Venning

How amenity societies led the way in saving our heritage

Visitors welcome

For more information call

Diana Jenkins 01494 874507

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.

WANTED!

FOR THE HOLLYBERRY FAIR BRIC-A-BRAC

Have you any *good quality* Bric-a-Brac?

To arrange collection, please call

Sue Walker 01923 261847

CAKES, BISCUITS, BROWNIES, BUNS, FAIRY CAKES, etc

for the very popular cake stall.

Please bring them to the Village Hall either on Friday evening or Saturday morning before 11am. Or for collection, please call Ann Soanes 01923 262756

Thank you

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STRUTTING THEIR STUFF

For a year now a wonderful cock pheasant has been parading round the garden. He is a really smart chap with a white collar and the most lovely blue/grey feathers on his back and a very long tail. Often pheasants that land in the garden have few tail feathers, a sure sign that they were 'high flyers' and have had their tails blown off but lived another day. He soon found the bird feeders by my mum's window and she fell in love with him. I am very fond of pheasant myself, with roast potatoes and watercress, but I was banned from shooting him! He is a chap of regular habits, usually strutting past the window when mum is having her breakfast and then returning in the early evening. She has called him Phil the Pheasant, after Prince Philip, as he looks so regal.

He had three hens for company through the winter and we had high hopes for a nice lot of chicks in the summer but that did not happen, maybe because of all the foxes that also patrol the garden. They are also getting names; White Tip, Blacky, and Nelson who has a bad eye. They all come and have a good look under the birdfeeders and seem quite keen on split peanuts. They have done a great job in keeping the rabbits down and my plants have been allowed to flourish.

As long as Nelson does not eat Phil, my mum is kept amused by all the garden visitors and I can get a pheasant from the butchers..... which I don't have to pluck!

Wendy Bathurst

NOVEMBER IN THE GARDEN

The colourful berries of the cotoneasters and pyracanthas brighten up the gardens during these shorter, dull days when we will be busy preparing, planting and trimming and constantly sweeping up all those fallen leaves.

Fruit and vegetables. Start to harvest Brussels sprouts and dig up the rest of the root crops and put into store. Alternatively, leave the root crops in the ground and cover with polythene and a good layer of straw. Make sure that brassicas are protected from the pigeons by covering with strong netting. Before the frosts set in, we must get as much digging done as we can. Add farmyard manure except where root crops will be grown next year. This month, new raspberry canes are planted, preferably about a foot (30 cms) apart in rows supported by strong wires. This is a good time to plant all kinds of fruit trees and bushes. Sow broad beans and also put in the rest of the early onion sets and garlic. Once the leaves are off the trees, pruning of apples and pears can be started. Plums are not pruned until the summer.

The flower garden. Plant daffodils, tulips, crocus and hyacinths in the garden, window boxes and containers. Pansies, violas, primroses, polyanthus and half-hardy cyclamen will flower now and can be planted in the garden and in hanging baskets and containers. Plant wallflowers, Canterbury bells and sweet williams as soon as possible. Bare root hedging plants, such as beech, privet and quickthorn, can now be planted and it is a good time to plant container grown roses, climbers, trees, shrubs, herbaceous plants and conifers. Add bonemeal when planting all permanent plants but with the exception of heathers, rhododendrons, pieris and camellias. Cut down herbaceous plants as they become untidy, but leave penstemmons untrimmed until the spring and leave grasses and 'architectural' plants because they look good when covered by frost. Lift and divide perennials. Tall growing shrubs and trees will need to be staked so that they do not rock in the winter winds. Make sure that plants are well labelled. Protect tender plants from wind damage and evergreen plants growing in pots need extra protection from frost damage. Established shrubs in the garden can be dug up and moved from November until the end of March.

The greenhouse. Clean the house thoroughly using Jeyes Fluid and, while empty, burn a sulphur candle to kill off all the pests and diseases that might be lurking. Line the house with bubble plastic and make sure that the heater is in working order. Then bring in geraniums, fuchsias and other tender plants. Dahlia tubers should be dug up and taken inside and dusted with sulphur dust to protect from rotting. Water plants sparingly and ventilate the house from time to time.

Lawn and garden. Keep mowing the grass as long as the ground is reasonably dry but keep off the grass when it is wet or covered with frost. It is getting late to apply autumn lawn fertilizer so try to do this as soon as possible. Make sure that leaves are removed from the lawn, remove leaves that have become lodged in shrubs and, of course, sweep them off the paths. Build the compost heap with prunings and clippings and add Garotta powder to help the rotting process. Feed the birds and provide water, especially in frosty weather. Make sure that outside pipes and taps are lagged to prevent them from freezing.

Terry Simmonds

TOM HODKINSON MARRIED

KATIE JARMAN

Saturday 19 September



Many of you will remember Tom who spent two years with us as the youth

intern. A lot of people took Tom to their hearts with his lovely smile, his sunny nature and someone who had time for everyone, young and old. We felt very honoured to be invited to share this very happy wedding day with them near their home town of Cullompton in Devon. What a wedding it was. Full of fun, laughter, tears but a wonderful display of two truly committed Christians coming together to share their love of each other and their devotion to God to whom they have given their lives to serve. It was a powerful witness of Christian love to those who do not know the love of the Lord. We wish Tom and Katie well in their married life together in Berkhamsted where Tom is the Youth Leader at Sunnyside Church. Katie will commute to Lambeth Palace where she works with Justin Welby on the Inter Faith Team. Please remember them in your prayers. *Anne and John Stickland*

CLEAN, SAFE AND GREEN COMMUNITY CHAMPION GROUP AWARD



Friends of Chipperfield Common were delighted to receive this award presented by the Mayor of Dacorum, Cllr Gbola Adeleke, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, recognising their work in the woods which has also contributed to the village retaining the Green Flag that flies by the cricket pavilion. Wendy Bathurst said, "It was great to receive an award for doing something that we all enjoy for the common good". *Tony Briselden*

Eve Hewerdine would like to thank all the kind neighbours and passers-by who helped her recently when she fell whilst crossing Tower Hill. In particular, she is grateful to the lady car driver who stopped and stayed with her until an ambulance arrived.

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
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
Yoga	Monday	1.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Tuesday	7pm	Blackwells
Yoga	Friday	10am	Village Hall
Zumba - Lucy	Tuesday	9.30am	Parish Room

For information about an event, club or class contact the appropriate hall booking agent listed below or visit the village website, www.chipperfield.org.uk/organisations.

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