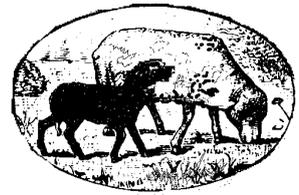


# Chipperfield NEWS



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## HAVE YOUR SAY AT THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Monday 11 May  
at 7.30pm

in the Parish Room

Come along and meet your councillors and have your say on any village related topic.

### Agenda

1. Chairman's introduction
2. Financial report
3. Reports from working group councillors
4. Presentation of cheques granted to Chipperfield organisations
5. Open forum – your chance to quiz your councillors and raise any village topic or concern
6. Guest speaker Richard Roberts - Hertfordshire County Councilor

*There will be cheese and wine after the meeting.  
All are very welcome*

## MUSIC IN ST PAUL'S CHURCH on GOOD FRIDAY

3 April at 7.30pm

Fauré's

*Cantique de Jean Racine*

and Fauré's sublime *Requiem*  
Do come along and listen to St Paul's Choir and orchestra perform this beautiful and contemplative programme.

*There will be a retiring collection.*

## VE DAY

The following is an extract from '**Chipperfield Within Living Memory, Life in a Hertfordshire Village During the Twentieth Century**' produced by **Chipperfield Parish Council 2000**; edited by *Elizabeth Holliday*; research editor, *Mary Nobbs*, with a Foreword by *David Nobbs*, Chairman, Chipperfield Parish Council.

'In 1945 the Allied victory in Europe and cessation of hostilities was celebrated throughout the country – VE Day. A report in The West Herts and Watford Observer for 11 May 1945 described the events in Chipperfield:-

*'Chipperfield's celebrations were arranged by a committee of representatives of all organisations in the village and as usual, the people were wholehearted in their support.*

*Tuesday opened quietly, the first events being services of thanksgiving at both the Parish Church and the Baptist Church in the evening.*

*A huge stack of wood had been built up on the Common and at dusk this was lit by two members of the American Air Force. They were Staff-Sergeants Bill Davidson and Jimmy Rowlands, both of whom married Chipperfield ladies.*

*Wednesday was Chipperfield's great day, especially for the children. To their delight the 'Victory Express' ran across the Common. This was an electric railway fitted up by Mr L.A. Bartlett and it did not cease to run for lack of passengers the whole day.*

*There was a sports programme for the children and a youth's cricket match between teams captained by Pat Hembley and Colin Lowe. In the Baptist Schoolroom tea was served in relays to 300 children.*

*In the evening there was more dancing on The Common and the historic event ended with a lively dance at the Church Institute.*

*Through all the rejoicings the men and women from the village serving in the forces were not forgotten. An appeal was made for funds, so that, in celebration of VE Day, an extra 10 shillings (50p) will be sent from the Forces Fund to those serving. This will cost about £80 and any surplus will go to the fund that is being accumulated for use when the men and women return home.'*

## 70th ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

The Second World War ended in Europe on 8 May 1945 and The Royal British Legion will be commemorating the anniversary all over the country. At **10.45am on Friday 8 May** the Chipperfield Branch of the RBL will hold a short ceremony at the **War Memorial** on the common to remember and to give thanks to all the men from the village who gave their lives and to all those who served or suffered in that conflict.

Do please join us on the Common. *Giles Wyburd, Chairman, Chipperfield Branch, The Royal British Legion*

### *A date for your diary* **'THE SOUND OF MUSIC'** **IN THE BARN AT** **CHIPPERFIELD MANOR**

**Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 July in the evening, times to be confirmed**

Following the popular success of 'My Fair Lady' last year, the choir and friends will be presenting 'The Sound of Music' in a similar format by courtesy of the Tapner family.

*Something to look forward to. Watch out for details nearer the time.*

### **CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Monday 20 April  
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

## CRICKET IN THE VILLAGE

### CHIPPERFIELD CLARENDON'S U13s – NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!

As our thoughts turn to summer, the cricket season is just round the corner. This season's U13 squad is looking forward to its new campaign and keen to welcome new players. The team achieved some great results last year but the emphasis is on fun and inclusion, so everyone is welcome – experienced players and novices alike. Budding batsmen in particular! With the Club's excellent facilities and coaching there is every opportunity to develop skills and to participate in friendly but competitive matches. Indoor nets are running every two weeks until the end of March and then, weather-willing, we move outdoors with training at the Club on Sunday mornings from 10am – 12 noon. Matches are mostly on midweek evenings during the main season which runs from 20 April to 1 July.

If your son or daughter would like to join in, or if you would like more information, please don't hesitate to call Clive Cooper on 01923 270295 or 07917 232608 or e-mail [clive.cooper9@btinternet.com](mailto:clive.cooper9@btinternet.com). Players must not be younger than thirteen on 04.09.14. We look forward to seeing you at the Club!

## TICK-TOCK! ST PAUL'S ROCK!

St Paul's school won the Rock Challenge heat in Stevnage recently to make it through to the southern finals in Portsmouth.

Rock Challenge is a worldwide dance and drama competition run by the Be Your Best Foundation. Its aim is to help encourage young people to lead safe and healthy lifestyles. Schools put together a performance on a theme of their choice.

St Paul's theme 'Tick-Tock Goes the Childhood Clock' is based on the story of Peter Pan. One of the central characters is a ticking clock, showing that time is against us, and the pirates represent pressures working against childhood. The production won an amazing eleven awards, including the Award of Excellence for Concept. The judges commended the school for the way it took the well-known story and told it through the theme of time. This year St Paul's took a team of eighty pupils to the junior heats in Stevenage. "We pushed our limits and pushed ourselves! We loved it!" said Martha, a Year 6 pupil who played one half of the fairies 'Tink' and 'Bell'.

St Paul's also won an Award of Excellence for Community Support. This was down to a committed team of pupils, ex-pupils, staff and parents who worked tirelessly together since September to make this production such a sensation. Whilst staff and pupils worked on the story-telling, drama, choreography and soundtrack, a fantastic team of parents took on the management and creation of costumes, hair, make-up and scenery, all of which won Awards of Excellence. The school is very grateful to the various sponsors who enabled them to purchase materials for their production: St Paul's Church, Chipperfield Theatre Group, Stephen Morrill, Paul Ward from Blackwells and the Dacorum Community Trust.

Their next major project is to raise money to take the team down to Portsmouth in June. They are all very excited and cannot wait to represent Hertfordshire in the southern finals!

### FRIENDS OF CHIPPERFIELD COMMON

Thursday 9 April

For details of where to meet and for more information, please contact  
Colin Chambers, Trees and Woodlands Officer, DBC, at  
[vanessa.johnson@dacorum.gov.uk](mailto:vanessa.johnson@dacorum.gov.uk)

#### Your needs - our prayers

*Chipperfield News* is a newspaper for the community of Chipperfield and the surrounding area. Articles are welcomed though are published at the discretion of the editors. While it is our intention that readers should find these of interest, any such contribution, whether or not it bears the author's name, is published on the basis that the views contained therein may or may not reflect those of *Chipperfield News* and, in all such cases, are not endorsed by the newspaper. As such, *Chipperfield News* takes no responsibility or liability for the information in these articles.

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](mailto:prayers@chipperfieldbaptistchurch.co.uk)

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

## THE LANES

### CHILDREN'S CENTRE

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

#### Where the Family is the Centre

*Happy Easter to all our families. We hope you enjoy the Easter break and some lovely spring sunshine!*

We have lots planned for the Easter holidays. On **Wednesday 8 April** from **11.00am–12.30pm** we will be holding an **'Easter Egg Hunt'** on Chipperfield Common. Cost: £2.50 per family, no need to book and why not bring a picnic to enjoy on the Common after the event? On **Wednesday 15 April** why not come along to Chipperfield Common and Chipperfield woods and enjoy a **'Bear Hunt'**. This activity will run from **11.00am–12.30pm**, cost is £2.50 per family and, again, bring a picnic lunch to enjoy with friends after the event. *The centre will be closed on Friday 3 April and Monday 6 April for the Easter break.*

Here is a reminder of our regular activities. **Chipperfield Baby and Toddler Group: Tuesdays 9.30–11.30am at Chipperfield Village Hall** (term time only). **Tuesdays Under 1s/First Friends: 2–4pm at The Memorial Hall, Bovingdon.** The group includes a *music session* with Jo and costs £2. **Wednesdays a.m. and p.m. sessions. Mother and baby Pilates at Bourne End Village Hall, London Road, HP1 2RJ** – low impact workout for new mums. No need for childcare as baby comes too. *Booking essential on 07833 511720.* **Wednesdays 11am–12.30pm drop in breastfeeding café** for support and guidance at **The Lanes Children's Centre. Flaunden Toddler Group, 9.30–11.30am** (term time only) at the **Flaunden Village Hall** every **Friday morning from 10.30–11.30am.** Look out for information on future courses, workshops, activities and events throughout the coming months on local advertising boards and, of course, [www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/thelanes](http://www.hertschildrenscentres.org.uk/thelanes).

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

Zoë Hier: 01923 262640 or 07966 966352

Email: [zoe.hier@pre-school.org.uk](mailto:zoe.hier@pre-school.org.uk)

**LOCAL GARDENS** open to view include **Huntsmoor**, Stoney Lane, (Bushfield Road), Bovingdon on **28 April**; **Patchwork Hall Park Gate**, Berkhamsted on **3 May** and the **Ashridge Gardens** on **Monday 4 May**.

**CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

*Tuesday 21 April 7.15pm for 7.30pm in St Paul's Parish Room  
'The University of Oxford Botanic Garden, the First 393 Years'*

by

**Timothy Walker**

*Lecturer, botanist, gardener, presenter, author, after dinner speaker and formerly  
Horti Praefectus, then Director, of Oxford Botanic Garden*

The Botanic Garden was founded in 1621 when Sir Henry Danvers gave £5,000 (£3.5 million in today's money) to set up a physic garden for 'The glorification of God and the furtherance of learning'.

Admission by ticket: £8 for CHS members, £10 for non-members. Available from Garden Scene and committee members.

*The talk will be followed by a question time and coffee.*

**RICKMANSWORTH  
DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS  
SOCIETY**

*Tuesday 14 April*

*10.30am coffee - 11am lecture*

*Sarratt Village Hall*

*'In paynted pots is hidden the  
deadliest poison'.*

**English delftware drug jars**

by

**Briony Hudson**

*"An exploration of delftware drug  
jars and their role in understanding  
medical practices in the 17th and 18  
centuries".*

*Visitors welcome*

For more information call  
Diana Jefkins 01494 874507

**CHIPPERFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

**ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING**

*Wednesday 20 May at 8.15pm  
in the Village Hall*

All hall users are most welcome and we would value your feedback and contributions. The future of our Village Hall is dependent on local support, so please come and join us at the meeting.

*There will be cheese and wine  
following the meeting.*

**GRAPEVINE MOVIES**

SARRATT VILLAGE HALL

Sadly no more film nights until

**Friday 9 October**

Many thanks to Maggie and her team for some wonderfully entertaining evenings when we have laughed and cried but always went home having had a very enjoyable evening with friends.

**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 Workshop**

by **Gill McGregor**

at the Henderson Hall

Abbots Langley

**on 23 April at 7.30pm**

Please ring Sylvia Clinton for details of what you need to take: 01923 262678.

*Entry for non-members £5 at the door*

*All visitors welcome*

**NO PARTNER NECESSARY!!!**

*Love to Dance Classes*

*in Flaunden Village Hall*

*Tuesdays 1 - 3pm*

*Come and join our friendly group.*

**Love to Dance** is a countywide programme of dance classes offering a unique experience aimed at men and women aged over 50. The classes are bespoke, specifically designed for the more mature adult. Classes focus on different styles such as Latin, Ballroom, Jive, Charleston, Bollywood and everything in between! We usually do a different dance every two weeks. We get some exercise and a lot of laughs; it really is a laughter filled two hours. We go wrong ALOT, forget our steps ALOT, but no one minds, our teacher is very patient and we even get a cup of tea half way through!

The first session is free, thereafter £5.50 for the two hour session. So why don't you come and have some fun!

*'Love to Dance' is sponsored by  
Saracens in partnership with Herts  
Sports Foundation.*

**A SAD LOSS TO  
CHIPPERFIELD PARISH  
COUNCIL**

**Councillor David Nobbs** sadly passed away on Friday 27 February after a fall and short illness. David was a well respected and kind, gentle man who was always available to give knowledgeable and helpful advice which he did in a measured and precise way.

David was totally immersed in village life being either the initiator, the driving force or a member of a team on a vast number of village initiatives. He spent a period of time as Church Warden at St Paul's Church and was involved in the planning and creation of the Parish Room. He was a committee member and representative of the Council with Chipperfield Care.

David became a member of the Parish Council in 1983 and devoted over thirty one years to it, ten as Chairman. David represented the Council at many external committee meetings and was a contributor to Dacorum Borough Council's 'Environmental Forum'.

In 1997 he instigated the Chipperfield Parish Council's publication of 'Chipperfield Within Living Memory'. This publication, researched by his wife, Mary, was a collection of memoirs of sixty-eight villagers covering the years 1920 to 1970. As Chairman, he formed a team to plan the Village Millennium Celebration which was a tremendous success.

However, David's passion and expertise was in all matters planning. In 1992 he instigated the Village Appraisal which took into consideration the views of all villagers. David's overriding objective was to protect and preserve the character of the village. When assessing planning applications, he not only looked at the paper application but went to the site in question in order to have a clear understanding of the issues before advising the Council. David will be best known for the lead role in producing the 'Chipperfield Village Design Statement' in 2001 which remains valid today and is used in the assessment of all village planning applications.

David's compassion, expertise and dedication to the village will be dearly missed by Chipperfield Parish Council.

*Harry Laverack,*

*Chairman Chipperfield Parish Council*

## 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.hcstp.net](http://www.hcstp.net)

### BAPTIST CHURCH

I wonder if there is any spiritual lesson to be learnt from April the 5th this year? The astute of you will have noticed that it is Easter Sunday. That paramount date in the Christian calendar. That date that all other festivals and holy dates lead us towards and with which all are inexplicably linked. Well! April 5th, of course, is also the traditional date allocated to the beginning of the new tax year. The date when all is deemed to be owing and eventually collectable. There are two things that we can all be sure of, and one of those is taxes.

It would be all too easy to wax lyrical on the benefits brought to society by general taxation. It would be too easy to debate the merits, or not, of a tax system that is fair and equal. In general, the argument for some form of taxation has been collectively agreed; it is just the finer points of distribution that are up for discussion. Well, I'm not going there; I dare not!

I want to ask, "What do you owe God and your fellow man? What is it that should be collected from you to pay your debt to both the Almighty and each other? Whether you feel your income far exceeds your expenditure?" None of us can claim to be paid up in full; there is always something owing, no matter how small. The difference is when we come to fill out this TAX return. Are we less likely to be honest with our calculations? In the end, however, the only payment required is to say 'sorry' and allow God to pay the bill. If only the HMRC were as forgiving as that!

*Love Jason, The Man in the Manse*

### ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Last month I asked you 'How might our relationship with God and each other change if, between now and Easter Day, we paused to pay attention to the beauty and goodness around us and made a list of those things that take us beyond ourselves to a place of wonder?' How did you get on?

On Easter Day Christians across the globe greet each other in wonder with Alleluia, Christ is risen! The correct response to this greeting is He is risen indeed, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The word Alleluia literally means Praise ye Yah, it was used by the early Christians to express their exuberant thanksgiving and joy. It is a shout of praise to God, a shout of triumph. Christians greet each other on Easter Morning in this way to affirm their faith and confirm to each other the good news that Jesus has overcome death. Mary Magdalene, one of Jesus' disciples, visited his tomb early on the first Easter morning to find the stone rolled away. She tells the other disciples who come to see what has happened. The story is stripped of all but the essential details - we know the time of day, we know that Simon Peter and the other disciples looked inside the tomb, saw there was no body and left Mary to it, weeping and alone. She has a strange conversation with angels and a gardener and when he speaks her name she realises it is Jesus. I never cease to be amazed by this story. Had I been in Mary's position, I am not sure what my reaction would have been. But we must admire her for her persistence and steadfastness in what must have been a terrifying situation for her. It would have been unthinkable for her to be there on her own in that place at that hour of the day. But despite all this, despite her confusion she remained at the tomb trying to make sense of it all. Her desire to find Jesus is so great she shows no concern for herself. In the end through patient attentiveness she finds what she is looking for. Somehow she remains standing in the place where all hope appears to be lost and finds in wonder that she is attending to angels and then to Jesus himself. This Eastertide may you be surprised by hope, surprised by wonder and, like Mary, find what you are looking for. Alleluia Christ is risen!

*Michele, Rector, Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield*

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

**MARCH**

**Holy week**

Mon 30	7.30pm	Reflection and Night Prayer	Holy Cross
Tuesday 31	7.30pm	Benefice Lent Course	St Paul's

**APRIL**

Wed 1	7.30pm	Healing Service with Holy Communion	St Paul's
Thurs 2	<i>Maundy Thursday</i> 7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Holy Cross
Fri 3	<i>Good Friday</i> 2.00pm 7.30pm	An Hour at the Cross Music for Good Friday	Holy Cross St Paul's

**Easter**

Sun 5	<i>Easter Day</i> 5.30am (meet 5.15am)	Sunrise Service	St Paul's Churchyard
	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	All Age Easter Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	All Age Easter Communion	Holy Cross
Wed 8	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 12	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> 8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 19	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> 8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	St Paul's
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional)	Holy Cross
Wed 22	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	St Paul's
Sun 26	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i> 8.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
	10.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Paul's

**May**

Sun 3	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i> 8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 10	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i> 8.00am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
	10.00am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 13	10.00am	Midweek Holy Communion	Holy Cross

*Appropriate teaching for children is available at all 10.00am Services*

**DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Worship on Sunday**

<b>April</b>		
Fri 3	10.30am	Good Friday Service
Sun 5	10.30am	Easter Sunday
	7.00pm	Easter 3Vu @ Bovington B.C.
Sun 12	10.30am	Worship with Maureen Finerty
Sun 19	10.30am	Worship
Sun 26	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 RC CHURCH**

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

**OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH**

Our Lenten preparations for Easter reach their climax in the Holy Week liturgies. In Christian tradition we trace the important events in the final days of Jesus Christ's earthly ministry. His triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday is marked with a short ceremony of the blessing of palms before the reading of the first of the four accounts of the Passion that feature this week - in this case that of Mark. Maundy Thursday includes the washing of feet of representative parishioners by the priest, before we celebrate the great institution of the Eucharist which has sustained the Church over two millennia. Good Friday's liturgy, including John's version of the Passion, and the simple ceremony of the Adoration of the Holy Cross, is a moving reflection of the day that Christ gave His life for us. The tone and scope of the prayers make this day's liturgy both dramatic and contemplative.

Easter is welcomed by a Saturday evening vigil service. A fire is kindled from which new light, representing the risen Christ, is carried into the darkened church. Old Testament readings, each followed by a pause for prayer, set the scene for the reawakening of our spiritual selves, including a reaffirmation of our own Baptismal vows. In the early church this was the traditional day when "Catechumens" were baptised.. Thus we are made ready to joyfully celebrate the marvels of the Resurrection, fed by the Word and given new life in the waters of Baptism, as Easter Day arrives.

On a practical note, parishioners are being encouraged to follow the lead of pupils at the Divine Saviour primary school to become a "Fairtrade" parish. We are asked to think how we can change overseas working conditions and lives of 1.4 million small scale farmers and their dependents through simple changes to our shopping habits by actively choosing products with the Fairtrade mark.

**OPEN HOUSE**

There will be no Open House in April. Next one will be on *Sunday 24 May* at *4pm* in *Sarratt School Hall*. The overall theme is 'Christianity - a Practical Guide' but each session has a self-contained subject. Next month's theme will be announced. Everyone of all ages is really welcome.

## CHIPPERFIELD CLARENDON CRICKET CLUB 2015

Thanks to a relatively mild winter, the cricket square and outfield are in fine fettle in preparation for the new season. The club, thanks to the help of our usual band of volunteers, plus financial support from around the village, has a stable base. We always have a list of projects to undertake and ground equipment to replace but I think we are in better shape than most of our rivals.

The Saturday Saracens league rules are changing for each of our three teams with more emphasis on win/ lose 'limited over' cricket, rather than the fight for an honourable draw. If anyone watches cricket on TV these days, it is becoming more of a shoot out by the batsmen and less of a bowlers' game. Forgive me for a little cynicism. Our leagues are smaller in size with more divisions, around twenty, and we now play home and away each season. It is all aimed at more competitive games each week. We will have to see how it pans out.

We have two Australians arriving in early April. Shawn Mephram returns for a second year as second team captain and head coach for the junior and senior sections. Shaun Edwards arrives as our first team all rounder and has a good pedigree. We welcome them with open arms. Lock up your daughters!

Our junior section thrives. We will be competing at under 9, under 10 and under 13 levels. **Training starts on Sunday 12 April at 10.30 am.** IF YOU WANT TO TRY CRICKET, COME ALONG. *Phone me on 01923 260587.*

On Sundays the first team competes in the 45 over 'Chess Valley' league. We maintain our status, despite coming up against some very strong sides from both Herts and Middx. We will also have Sunday 'friendly second eleven' fixtures to allow our older players and young guns to play old school cricket in a convivial atmosphere.

We always welcome new Associate Members who wish to use our lovely Pavilion, enjoy our numerous Social events or just come and sit, enjoy the vista and partake of our reasonably priced selection of drinks and snacks. A snip at £20 per annum.

We look forward to seeing you all.

*Malcolm Leach*

## KING'S LANGLEY BOWLS CLUB

*Situated to the rear of The Saracen's Head,  
High Street, Kings Langley*

We are holding a **Come and Try Bowls** day at the Kings Langley Bowls Club on **Sunday 3rd May** between **10.00am and 4.00pm**. So, why not join us and bring along family and friends for a fun morning? There will be a team of members on hand to show you the rudiments of the game. Equipment will be provided but please wear flat soled shoes. The new Boules rink will also be open.



Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available throughout the day and the bar will be open in the clubhouse where bowlers can meet members and find out a little more about the club.

Please could you telephone *01923 262857* if you would like to come along to the Come and Try Bowls day. Whatever your age,

this is a chance to discover the fun, sociable sport of bowls.

There will be coaching sessions on Sunday mornings between 10.00am and 12 noon throughout May.

## 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.

## 'THRENODY'

by **Patti Ling**

I am rooted. The earth imprisons my wooden feet.

I cannot move them. I am manacled to the ground,

Tied by tendrils which burrow through earth's darkest peat,

Feeding, now, upon other trees which have long since drowned.

Longing for light, seeking and searching for the sun

I stretch up towards heaven so that I may grow,

My timber limbs curving, carving their route into space,

Warm air above in harmony with the earth below.

I shall set my seeds. Living mirror images

Flying, floating copies that will inherit the place

Where I was born. On my death I shall leave no trace.

My trunk tattooed with a cross I'm sentenced to death.

Giant saws will wound me. I shall be forced to surrender.

My time on earth will end, but who will remember?

## PINTS OF VIEW

**Monday 20 April - 8pm  
at The Plough, Belsize**

POV provides a monthly opportunity to discuss and question aspects of faith, moral issues and dilemmas in informal and relaxed surroundings. This month's topic will be ***Making the world a better place...is voting enough?*** Please come and join us to consider how the world should be put to rights.

*John Guy and Bob Shearer*

## COIN-A-DAY

### LENT CHALLENGE

***For EBOLA Victims and the damage this has caused in West Africa***

This year's St Paul's Lent Appeal is to help those who have suffered so much from the onslaught of EBOLA. The money raised will go to **TearFund EBOLA APPEAL**. Although the immediate crisis appears to be abating, there is a vast amount of work to be done to reconstruct overwhelmed health services and to support families. You are invited to put aside a coin a day until Easter and bring your donations to St Paul's on Easter Day. Cheques should be made payable to 'PCC St Paul's Chipperfield' and marked 'Lent Appeal' on the back. Thank you very much.  
*Frances Onians, Church Warden*

## A REGULAR VISITOR

It is that wonderful time of year again; the hazels are covered with catkins, the crocuses are out and the wildlife pond is full of frogs and my old friend, the heron, is patiently stalking his dinner! There are probably fifty or more frogs at any one time which is just as well because it takes quite a few to fill a heron. Although we often think of them as fishermen, they also eat voles and other small rodents and, given the chance, will take ducklings. I often wonder where is his nest; I think the nearest colony is at the old gravel pits in Kings Langley. The herons make large twiggy nests, quite close together high up in the trees, and usually produce two offspring. The chicks never seem to look cute and are seriously scruffy. With a pair of binoculars, one can usually get a good view of the colony in St Albans Park. They start to lay at the beginning of March and there are normally chicks in the colony until June.

I thought the heron would make a good subject for my camera but he is so used to me chasing him off, usually with a tea towel, that as soon as he spots me he is off. Now, instead of running down the ride waving my tea towel and yelling, "clear off, leave my frogs alone", I am trying to creep up on him, making my way quietly through the shrubbery so that the sun is not in my photo. Frogs and toads do not often share a pond unless it is big enough for them to come to some arrangement. With my pond it is frogs to the right in among the reeds, and toads to the left where the flowering rushes and irises grow. The toads come a few weeks after the frogs so, at the moment, Mr Heron is in the reeds and although I have taken some nice pictures of him they are not quite right for the News. Maybe when he is on the other side of the pond I will get a good one to print. For now, normal service has been resumed and I am back with the tea towel!

*Wendy Bathurst*

## APRIL IN YOUR GARDEN

After a relatively mild winter plants are growing ahead of the norm and the gardening season is well under way with, oh, so much to do.

**Vegetables and fruit.** As soon as possible sow broad beans, cabbage, cauliflower, brussels sprouts, peas and leeks. Rootcrops such as carrots, parsnips, turnips and swede are sown on ground which has not been manured. Keep planting potatoes and earth up the rows as they grow. Sow herbs, except basil, and make successional sowings of salads such as radish and lettuce. It is now too late to plant bare root raspberries but container grown soft fruit, strawberries and rhubarb can be planted. Hoe regularly to keep weeds down. Protect flowers on fruit trees if we should get a sudden late frost.

**Flowers and shrubs.** Plant new perennials and lift and divide old plants and provide supports for the taller growing plants. Prune the roses and spray with something like Roseclear to keep black spot, rust and mildew away. Feed the roses and shrubs with Toprose fertiliser and use an ericaceous feed on azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons. Early flowering shrubs such as forsythias should be pruned immediately after flowering. Once daffodils have flowered they should be dead headed and fed but the leaves must be left until they die down on their own. Plant hardy bedding plants such as bellis, antirrhinums, pansies and violas but leave the tender plants until well into May.

**The greenhouse.** Keep sowing bedding plants and pot up the plug plants. Sow tomatoes, marrows, courgettes, peppers and runner beans so that the plants will be ready for planting outside towards the end of May. Tomatoes and cucumbers that are to be grown in the greenhouse should be planted without delay. See the huge selection of plants in the Garden Centre. These can be used in hanging baskets and containers and to plant up your baskets in the greenhouse now so that they can get well established before putting outside. Use Swell-gel in the compost to help retain moisture. Cut grass regularly but make sure that the mower does not cut too short.

**Lawn and garden.** Apply a good fertilizer, plus weedkiller and mosskiller. As soon as possible turf new grass areas or sow grass seed. Use a lawn sprinkler on new grass areas but then put it away. Once established, lawns do not need to be watered so that the grass is encouraged to send its roots further down into the soil. Keep tidying up the garden and put old plant material on to the compost heap.

**GARDEN EVENTS.** The **Bovingdon Spring Show** is on **11 April**. The **European Orchid Show and Conference** at RHS Westminster from **9-12 April**. Forthcoming Royal Horticultural Shows include the **Great London Plant Fair** on **14/15 April**; the **RHS Cardiff Flower Show** on **17-19 April**; the **London Alpine Garden Show** on **26 April**; the **RHS Malvern Spring Festival** from **7-10 May** and the **Chelsea Flower Show** from **19-23 May**. Tickets and information: [rhs.org.uk/shows](http://rhs.org.uk/shows) or 1844 3387502.

*Local Gardens open to view are on page 2.*

*Terry Simmonds*

## CHIPPERFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY

### Mendelssohn's 'Elijah'

The Chipperfield Choral Society presented another musical spectacular at St John's, Boxmoor, on 7 March with their performance of Mendelssohn's 'Elijah' in a slightly shortened version which still ran for over two hours. This was the composer's swan song which he conducted at the first performance in Birmingham in 1846 but died before giving a German version in Leipzig in January 1848. The work reflects Mendelssohn's lasting admiration for the oratorios of Handel and JS Bach which find many echoes in 'Elijah'. Written for four soloists, full orchestra and chorus, the work tests the stamina of all the performers. Mary Bevan, soprano, with Tom Robson and Charles Rice, tenor and bass-baritone, gave wonderfully mature performances, with our own Rosie Clifford singing both mezzo-soprano and part of the angelic trio with Catrin Lewis and Suzi Saperia who will be familiar to many as Leading Ladies.

The large orchestra, led by Jane Faulkner, and the even larger choir of well over a hundred singers were heroically directed by their Musical Director, Delia Meehan. It is not always apparent that the weeks of choir rehearsals culminate in a single day's practice with the full forces of orchestra and soloists, a hugely impressive feat of organisation for which the capacity audience showed warm and well deserved appreciation. The work itself is based on a number of stories from the Old Testament including the triumph of the Lord of Hosts over the prophets of Baal, the relief from drought and the final exit by fiery chariot. Mendelssohn did not achieve in 'Elijah' the timeless qualities of either the Messiah or the St Matthew Passion, and performances are understandably few, but the Choral Society is to be congratulated for putting on this memorable performance. Perhaps the lasting memory, apart from some splendid solo singing, was the angelic soprano trios, reminiscent of that other great composer whom Mendelssohn revered, Franz Schubert.

*John Uff*

### FLAUDEN CHURCH TEAS

**Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays  
Until 4 October**

3 - 5pm in the church room

Chat to friends and weekend papers to read.

We look forward to seeing you!

# 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	Blackwells

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](http://www.chipperfield.org.uk/organisations).

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