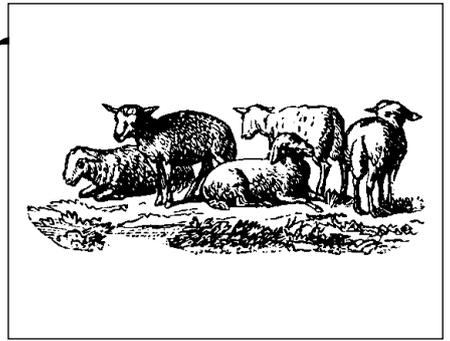


# Chipperfield NEWS



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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Tuesday 10 May at 7.30pm  
in the Parish Room

We are pleased to announce our Guest Speaker, John Morris, Director of The Chiltern Woodlands Project. He will be talking about Chipperfield Common.

### AGENDA

1. Chairman's introduction, *Cllr Harry Laverack*
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2015, *Cllr Harry Laverack*
3. Presentation of unaudited accounts for the year 2015/16, *Cllr Harry Laverack*
4. Drive Safe Scheme, *Cllr Chris Luff*
5. Council structure and areas of responsibility, *Cllr Harry Laverack*
6. Presentation of grant cheques to local organisations
7. Guest Speaker, *John Morris*
8. Meet your councillors

*There will be cheese and wine after  
the meeting*

*All are very welcome*

## The 90th birthday of Her Majesty The Queen

Thursday 21 April  
Come and celebrate.

Tea will be served between  
3.15pm and 5.00pm  
in St Paul's Parish Room



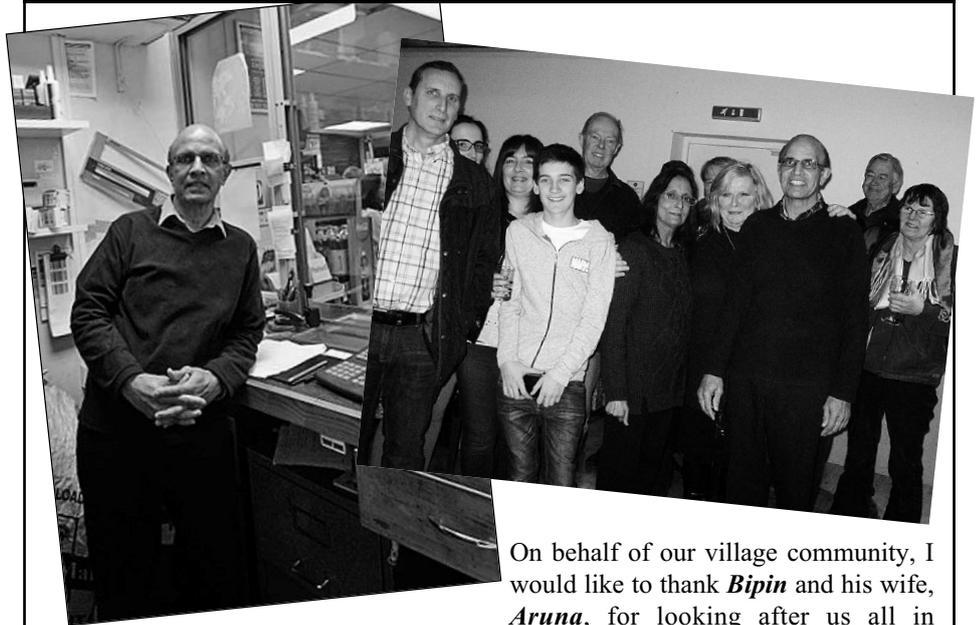
Please add your name to the list at the back of the Church as numbers are limited.

*Chipperfield Care* will try and help if you need transport.

Please contact *Mark Jarrad* on  
01923 268910

*Bring your best teapot  
to win a prize*

## THE VILLAGE SAYS A VERY FOND FAREWELL TO ITS POSTMASTER, BIPIN



Bipin and his family marked their last weekend in Chipperfield with farewell drinks for friends and customers at Blackwells, and the food, an Anglo/Indian buffet, was just brilliant. The room was packed with well wishers, coming and going throughout the afternoon, some bringing presents and others flowers.

Bipin, on behalf of all our readers, a big 'thank you' for all that you have done for village life, for the friendly welcome when we entered the shop, and for being so much more than a convenient place (with parking!) to post our parcels!

*Stephen Morrill*

On behalf of our village community, I would like to thank **Bipin** and his wife, **Aruna**, for looking after us all in Chipperfield during the last fifteen years together with their dedicated staff.

Bipin will be remembered especially for his concern and care of our elderly villagers; no task in the shop was too much trouble for him and always with his charming smile.

We wish them well on their retirement and hope they will keep in touch with us all.

Meantime, we welcome their successors, **Surbir Singh Chopra**, and his son, **Aman Singh Chopra**, from Northolt and very much hope they will enjoy their time in Chipperfield.

*Richard Edwards,*

## FRIENDS OF CHIPPERFIELD COMMON

**Thursday 21 April meet 9.15am**

For details of where to meet and  
the activity, contact

*Vanessa Johnson*

01442 228844

*vanessa.johnson@dacorum.gov.uk*

**DO YOU SHARE A BIRTHDAY  
WITH THE QUEEN?**

**ARE YOU 90 IN 2016?**

or

**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE IN  
CHIPPERFIELD WHO DOES?**

If you do, then *Ann Soanes* would like to hear from you.

*email ann-tony@hotmail.co.uk*

## ST PAUL'S SCHOOL JROCK WINNERS

### Portsmouth here we come!

St Paul's School won the JRock heat for the second year running to make it to the southern finals in Portsmouth!

We took a team of seventy-eight children, as well as a team of staff and parent helpers, to compete in the first round of heats in Stevenage. JRock is the junior version of Rock Challenge - a performing arts event run by the 'Be Your Best Foundation'. This promotes healthy and happy lifestyles free from drug and alcohol abuse. We have found it also builds teamwork skills and self-esteem, and we manage to include many children who would not otherwise be involved with the performing arts. The challenge is to plan and perform dance and drama as part of a competition based on a theme of our choice set to a soundtrack that we have chosen.

This year our theme was called 'A Tale of Temptation' and was based on the fairy tale 'Hansel and Gretel'. We looked at the many temptations that surround us and the choices that we have to make. They push us to the boundaries, forcing us to make decisions. Are they always the right decisions? Only the strongest minds prevail on the path of goodness. We followed Hansel and Gretel's journey to see if they made the right decisions on life's journey and ignored the bad temptations of life.

The competition was extremely tough which made our win all the more exciting. We won thirteen Awards of Excellence: Set Design and Function, Costuming Character, Visual Enhancement, Entertainment, Concept, Choreography, Soundtrack, Stage Use, Stage Crew, Performers' Choice, School Community Support, Spirit of JRock and Healthy Lifestyle.

We were particularly pleased with the award for Performers' Choice and the Spirit of JRock, both of which were voted for by the other competing schools. The Spirit of JRock was special as this was for being the most supportive and encouraging of other schools throughout the day.

The award for School Community Support was won due to the fantastic support we have had from our school and village community. This includes a fantastic, dedicated team of parents working for months on scenery, props, costumes, hair and make-up, a lot of

## CHIPPERFIELD CLARENDON CRICKET CLUB - COLTS 2016



As spring arrives and the football season starts to reach its climax, people's minds turn to our fantastic common in Chipperfield and the smell of freshly cut grass and the sound of leather on willow.

Over the last two years, the cricket club's colts section has grown and the success continues to develop with flourishing teams at U14 and U10. We are now looking to add to these teams and would welcome any new players from U7 to U10 and anyone wanting to join our U14's.

The club is blessed with fantastic facilities and well-qualified coaches; the family focused environment is the perfect place to enjoy cricket and make new friends in the clubhouse.

Training will start on Sunday 3 April at 10am and all are welcome to come and see what it is all about with no obligation. As the summer progresses, matches take place regularly during the week with hard ball and soft ball teams selected to give everyone the best possible experience.

If you are interested in joining or finding out more details about teams and club membership, please feel free to contact **Mark Swales** on 07985 237 594 or by email: [swalesm75@gmail.com](mailto:swalesm75@gmail.com)



fundraising from pupils and parents, and generous donations from the village community, such as Chipperfield Village Club and Cordelia Coleman at [totallyfabrics.co.uk](http://totallyfabrics.co.uk)

We are so excited to have made it to the

finals which is a whole different level to the local competition. We are looking forward to taking our team to Portsmouth to perform 'A Tale of Temptation' - it will be a long day but well worth it!

*Caroline Moore, Headteacher*



# Chipperfield VILLAGE HALL

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

*Wednesday 25 May  
in the Village Hall  
8.15pm*

The Village Hall is for the residents of Chipperfield and we aim to provide an excellent venue for all your events. Come and support us and enjoy wine and refreshments following a short meeting.

## CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY Talks in April

*Monday 4 April  
7.30pm in the Small Hall  
Maria Cooté*

Former lecturer at Capel Manor College will be giving a talk on

### **Dividing herbaceous perennials - why, how and when**

This talk will be followed by questions and coffee and is FREE to members and only £2 to non-members.

Everyone is very welcome, just come along, you don't need a ticket.

*Tuesday 26 April  
7.30pm in the Parish Room  
Helen Yemm*

Gardener, lecturer, presenter, author and garden columnist for the Telegraph will be giving a talk on

### **Downsizing**

The benefits and challenges of creating a much smaller, beautiful garden after being used to a larger one.

This talk will be followed by questions and coffee. **Admission by ticket only**, £8 for members and £10 for non-members.

Tickets available from Garden Scene, committee members or email [ann-tony@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ann-tony@hotmail.co.uk)

### **GRAPEVINE MOVIES**

SARRATT VILLAGE HALL  
*Sadly no more film nights until  
October*

Many thanks to Maggie and her team for some wonderful films where we have laughed and cried but always gone home having had a thoroughly enjoyable evening with friends and, this year, with excellent supper prepared by Maggie and husband, Dennis.

## COMMUNITY VILLAGE CURRY NIGHT

*Monday 9 May  
7.30pm  
in Spice Village*

An opportunity to make new friends, chat about village forthcoming events, chat about what is good or not so good about the village and have an enjoyable evening.

**Tickets £15**

**for a 2-course meal**

*Spice Village* have generously offered to make a donation to

DENS - Action against  
Homelessness

Tickets from *Sue Walker*  
01923 261847

## RICKMANSWORTH DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

*Tuesday 12 April*

### **'Bringing back the Needle'**

**Clive Barham Carter**

*The origins of Cleopatra's Needle  
and the story of its journey to the  
London Embankment*

**Sarratt Village Hall**

**10.30am coffee - 11am lecture**

*Visitors welcome*

For more information call  
Diana Jefkins 01494 874507

**ADVANCE NOTICE  
RED CROSS OPEN GARDEN  
CALLIPERS HALL  
Sunday 26 June, 2-5pm**

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

Or slip your request under the front door.

## MAYORAL VISIT



*Mayor of Dacorum, Cllr Gbola Adeleke,  
and the Lady Mayoress*

On 1 March the Mayor and Mayoress of Dacorum visited Chipperfield as part of their tour of the Dacorum Parishes. The visit included the Mayor being shown the recently refurbished Village Hall, where the new Parish Office is situated, St Paul's School, the newly formed Community Library and Blackwell's Café. Mary Nobbs, our local historian, and our parish council Chairman, Harry Laverack, spoke on the history of the village and the Common.

Mary presented the Mayor with a copy of her Victorian walk booklet and invited the guests to do the walk at their leisure.

On the tour of the school, everyone was given the warmest of welcomes by both staff and pupils. The Mayor stated that of all the thirteen schools visited to date, St Paul's school was by far the best he had seen. Having spent some time chatting to the volunteers in the Community Library, the visit ended with tea and cake in Blackwell's. Mary explained to the Mayor how the Common had been gifted to the community by the Blackwell family who had built Blackwell's club for the village as a memorial to the two Blackwell sons who were killed in The Great War.

The Mayor departed having thanked all who had made his visit memorable.

*Cllr Harry Laverack,  
Chairman,  
Chipperfield Parish Council*

## CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 18 April

in The Small Hall  
Planning meeting at 7.15pm  
Parish Council meeting at 7.45pm  
*All residents welcome*

**Carole Butcher,  
Clerk to the Council**

[parishclerk@chipperfield.org.uk](mailto:parishclerk@chipperfield.org.uk)  
01442 263901

[www.chipperfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.chipperfieldparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## 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 Wardens

Ian Chantrell 01923 269394  
07807 031235  
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

Tel: 01923 265327

### REGULAR SERVICES AND MEETINGS

#### SUNDAY

**Benefice Prayer Meeting, 6.30pm**

*1st Sunday*

*(See pew sheet for venues)*

#### MONDAY

**Early Prayers**

*St Paul's Parish Room, 8am*

*(upper room)*

**Weekday Mass**

*Our Lady's, 9.30am*

#### TUESDAY

**Church Youth Group**

*60 Tower Hill, 6.30-8pm*

*(Anne and John Stickland)*

*School years 6-13 (term time only)*

**Weekday Mass**

*Our Lady's, 9.30am*

**Home Group**

*The Manse, 7.30-9pm*

*(term time only)*

#### WEDNESDAY

**Little Angels Toddler Group**

*Baptist Church, 9.30-11am*

*(term time only)*

#### FRIDAY

**Prayer Group**

*Baptist Church, 7am*

*(term time only)*

**Weekday Mass**

*Our Lady's, 9.30am*

**Choir Practice**

*St Paul's, 7.45pm*

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

### OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

We have spent Lent in the Waiting Room, as it were, preparing ourselves appropriately for the Easter mystery to be celebrated once again. The calendar brings forward that joyful time this year, but spring is making its presence felt, and that is not just in the physical world, it is in our spiritual lives, too. For centuries, the people of God had waited for the Messiah to bring peace to the world and reconciliation with God. Though it took some days and weeks for the fearful, perhaps even disillusioned, disciples to realise that this had come to pass by the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we understand well that it was in this way that God had fulfilled the prophetic promises that thread their way through the Old Testament. Our Easter services include the lighting of the Paschal Candle from the new fire, and the blessing of water that prompts the renewal of our baptismal promises, such that our hearts should be freshly ignited with faith in the Lord, and a thirst to be drawn closer to God by sharing in the Paschal triumph of His Son, Alleluia!

In parish news, Fr Paul Harris is now taking up his responsibilities as our new priest, combining those with the adjoining parish in Abbots Langley. We warmly welcome him to our pretty village and our lovely church. We are blessed by the continuing support, spiritual and temporal, that we have had from the Salvatorian community, especially since the church was fully established here in Chipperfield.

Some weeks ago, Fr Terry, now retired and living in Dublin, paid us a visit and we had the opportunity to hear directly news of our sister parish in Chingulungulu, Tanzania. He told us that the discovery of offshore oil and gas deposits has led to construction of power stations that at long last mean electricity has arrived in the interior of the country. It is hard for us to imagine how the maternity facilities, kindergarten, church and day-to-day life have managed without a resource we simply take for granted. The solar powered pumped water well, funded by our support, still serves the township efficiently, but electricity also now spawns access to mobile telephony!

### BAPTIST CHURCH

As I sit here I am very aware of how cold it is. It's the season of spring, of new life, of green buds and yet I am cold. To the bone and to the core. I remember being a bit miffed at Christmas that it was unusually warm and, yes, I get the irony that I am indulging in the great British pastime of complaining about the weather. It is a trait we both bask and wallow in, in equal measure.

There is a familial element to a lot of our responses to life. We are not like those Mediterranean types who are so familiar with sunshine and warmth. We are hardened to what the more northern climes can throw at us. We have learnt determination through troubles and difficulties. The recognition of each other in our collective responses engenders a respect and, excuse the gender specific reference, a brotherly appreciation of our shared experiences. We know who we are and we are happy with that. These relational responses can sometimes cause problems, though, and the lines between what is right and wrong can be blurred by our insistence that we are right in our shared actions.

However, we have just celebrated 'Mothering Sunday' which in a British context does not originally have anything to do with the 'Mother's Day' of American contrivance. It was once all about the collective worship and coming together within the 'Mother' church of the Diocese (e.g. the Cathedral). It should be the recognition of our membership of the family of God. Our actions, being members of this esteemed family, are not governed by past experiences but future hope. Not shaped by our desire but by God's action on our lives. All of us being called to behave more like our Father in heaven, rather than allowing our national psyche to determine the extent of our joy and generosity. A harder trait to follow, I know, but a far sunnier one I think you would agree.

*Love Jason, the man in the Manse*

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

<b>April</b>		
Sun 3 (1st Sunday of month)	<i>Second Sunday of Easter</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Holy Cross
6.30pm	Benefice Monthly Prayers	St Paul's
Sun 10 (2nd Sunday of month)	<i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
10am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Wed 13 (2nd Wednesday of month)		
10am	Midweek Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 17 (3rd Sunday of month)	<i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
10am	United Benefice Holy Communion	St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline	Holy Cross
	<i>(traditional prayers for the coming of night-time)</i>	
Sun 24 (4th Sunday of month)	<i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
9.15am	Open House Family Service	Holy Cross
10am	Holy Communion (BCP)	St Paul's
Wed 27 (2nd Wednesday of month)		
10am	Midweek Communion	St Paul's
<b>May</b>		
Sun 1 (1st Sunday of month)	<i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	United Benefice Holy Communion	Holy Cross
6.30pm	Benefice Monthly Prayers	St Paul's
Thur 5	<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	
8pm	Rickmansworth Deanery Holy Communion	St Paul's
Sun 8 (2nd Sunday of month)	<i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i>	
8am	Holy Communion	St Paul's
10am	All Age Worship	St Paul's
10am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
Wed 11 (2nd Wednesday of month)		
10am	Midweek Communion	Holy Cross
Sun 15 (3rd Sunday of month)	<b>PENTECOST - Whit Sunday</b>	
8am	Holy Communion	Holy Cross
10am	United Benefice Holy Communion	St Paul's
6.30pm	Compline	Holy Cross
	<i>(traditional prayers for the coming of night-time)</i>	

**DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Worship on Sunday**

<b>April</b>		
Sun 3rd	10.30am	DIY
Sun 10th	10.30am	FOFL Episode 2
Sun 17th	10.30am	FOFL Episode 3
Sun 24th	10.30am	All Age Service
	19.00pm	3Vu @ Chipperfield Baptist Church

**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

The following groups meet in term time only :-

<b>Tuesday</b>	Home group, The Manse, The Street	7.30-9.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	Little Angels Toddler Group, Baptist Church	9.30-11.00am

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

Sundays	9.00am	Mass
	11.00am	Mass
Fridays	10.00am	Mass

**ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS**

Easter Blessings!  
 By the time most of you hear the familiar sound of the long-awaited monthly magazine being put through the letterbox, your Easter celebrations will be all but over. Some of you will have had to navigate the unusual and surprising arrangements for school holidays this year and I will be preparing for the Annual Church Meeting whilst trying to recover from, dare I say, the business of the season. It's all go at this time of the year, so it's just as well that the days lengthen and get warmer and the daffodils are out waving their promise of spring and summer sunshine at us. It's just as well that in the church the Easter season lasts for several weeks after Easter Day giving us much-needed time to remember and celebrate the depth of God's love for his creation and his desire for us, his creatures, to live in the freedom of that love. Our focus at a recent Sunday service was celebrating the child in us; amongst other things we created scenes in play-dough, shared stories and sang action songs. I can hear some of you saying, "Oh dear, that's not church!" It may not be what church used to look like, but what struck me about the service was the presence of joy and delight as people of different backgrounds and ages came together with one purpose in mind, to praise and give thanks to God. Amidst all the demands and responsibilities in life, it is hard to remember that God's desire for our attitude to life is for us to be childlike, unencumbered by worry and stress; free from burdens and busyness; full of joy, trust, delight and wonder. Our health and well-being depend on it! During Lent we were encouraged to give up something and draw closer to God. I wonder whether this season of Easter might give us the opportunity to shift our focus and draw closer to God. As we look forward once more to the longer, warmer days, perhaps we can also dare to take off our heavy overcoats and dance in the sunshine. God of our freedom, fill us with a child's trust and wonder this Eastertide!

*Shalom, Michele  
 Rector to the Benefice of Sarratt and  
 Chipperfield*

**KING'S LANGLEY BOWLS CLUB**

*Situated to the rear of The Saracens Head,  
High Street, Kings Langley*

We are holding a **COME AND TRY BOWLS** day  
on **Sunday 8 May** between **10 - 4pm**

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 of the club and find out a little more about the club.

Please could you telephone 01923 262857 or 01923 261397 if you would like to come along.

There will be coaching sessions on Sunday mornings between 10am and 12 noon through May.



A big thank you to all those who came to support our **Race Night** on 5 March. It was a great evening with lots of fun and laughter and everyone enjoyed the food and the event.

As well as having an enjoyable evening, we made around £1700 which will go towards the refurbishment programme to make your Village Hall an even better venue for the benefit of all villagers.

We all love living in our beautiful village and, when we can, we like to help out to make it a better place in which to live. The Village Hall committee are looking for someone with good organisation skills to assist in such events and social occasions for the benefit of the community. If you would like to help out, even for a small amount of time, we would really welcome you to assist us in trying to achieve this.

We are also looking for someone to help with the role of secretary to the committee and, if you could be of assistance, we would love to hear from you.

Please call *Anne Stickland* 01442832090 or email *anne.stickland@btinternet.com*

**FLAUDEN CHURCH TEAS**

Do come and join us for tea and homemade cake on a Sunday or Bank Holiday Monday from April to October. We serve our teas between 3.00pm and 5.00pm in the church room which is in the church car park. There are lovely views across the valley to look at and friends to chat with.

We look forward to seeing you.

**THE HEMEL HILLBUSTER****Sunday 24 April**

Hemel Hempstead's first ever cycling sportive. 25km, 60km and 100km fully signed and marshalled routes. Routes designed by local cyclist, over challenging Chiltern hills. Starts and finishes at iconic Gadebridge Park, Hemel Hempstead.

Entries now open -  
[www.DENS.org.uk/cycle](http://www.DENS.org.uk/cycle)

**Tel: 01442 800268**

[fundraising@dens.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@dens.org.uk)

*Lottery funded*

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**DENS SPONSORD WALK****14 May**

Take the challenge!

10am start from Sainsburys, Apsley.  
10 mile circular route via Bovington and Chipperfield.

Registration fees: £10 per adult; £2 per young person, £20 per family.

Register by 6 May

**Tel: 01442 800268**

[fundraising@DENS.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@DENS.org.uk)

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**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 283439 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.

**Chipperfield Theatre Group**

Chipperfield Theatre Group is pleased to announce that the June production of 'Ladies Day' is under starter's orders!

Following two fun evenings of read through and auditions, our director, Mike Consden, was delighted to select his cast for this hilarious play as follows:

Pearl – *Jennifer Heusen*

Jan – *Linda Hug*

Shelley – *Lisa Callcut*

Linda – *Chandler Black-Totham*

Joe, Barry and Jim – *John Dilks*

Patrick, Kevin, Tout – *Adam Morley*

The talented cast has two new members in the gentlemen: *Chandler*, who returns after a four year gap away at University, and *Lisa* who has hidden behind the scenes for too many years, along with the skill and talent of *Jennifer* and *Lyn*.

Everyone is hugely excited about this play and looking forward to some fun rehearsals as we all learn to speak with northern accents and to fillet fish!

As always, if you would like to pop in and check it out we will be rehearsing generally on Mondays and Thursdays but give one of us a call beforehand to check where we are and then join us in the pub afterwards for a catch up.

The production will take place on **9, 10 and 11 June** in **The Village Hall** and we will advise when the Box Office opens. Seating will be at tables.

*Lisa Callcut, For CTG*

**PINTS OF VIEW****Monday 18 April****The Plough, Belsize****8pm**

Come and join in this informal discussion. *Pints Of View* provides an opportunity to consider topical matters, aspects of faith, moral issues and dilemmas. Do join us if you can. Everyone is welcome

*Bob Shearer and John Guy*

**BINGO****THURSDAYS AT BLACKWELLS**

Eyes down at **8.30pm**

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

## MASTER BUILDERS AT WORK

Opposite my kitchen window there is a very prickly berberis bush with spines an inch long. It has a mass of small yellow flowers in late spring which, I am told, are highly scented but, best of all, it is a great place for long-tailed tits to nest. They construct, what I think is, the most wonderful nest of any British bird. It is interracially woven from moss, lichen and spiders' webs, then lined with soft feathers but, best of all, it expands as the chicks grow inside it. It is oval, with an entrance hole near the top, and the adults have to fold their long tails over their heads to enter.

Every time I make a pot of tea I see them collecting lichen from the walnut tree and taking it into the centre of the bush. Both male and females have the same plumage; black and white with pink tinges on their flanks, so I cannot tell one from the other, but I have a feeling there are three birds at work. They are one of the few birds where an unpaired adult will help a pair to raise a family. They will have spent the winter in a flock, all huddling together in a roost at night to keep warm, so their ties will be strong. This will have been a good winter for them; in very cold winters they have a job to keep warm and populations have been known to drop by as much as 80%. Once they have hatched some chicks and start to bring in small spiders and insects, I should have a better idea. They are very acrobatic, using their long tails to balance, a joy to watch and a good excuse to make another pot of tea!

*Wendy Bathurst*

## APRIL IN YOUR GARDEN

We are now well into Spring and gardens look good with the spring flowers now showing colour and the daffodils still in flower. Days are thankfully longer which helps us to get on with the jobs.

**Vegetables and fruit.** Now is the time to get sowing on well prepared seed beds. Sow broad beans, cabbage, beet, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, peas, leeks, turnips and swede in the garden and tender vegetables in the greenhouse. Rootcrops, such as carrots and parsnips, must not be planted on manured soil as this would make them 'fork'. Carry on planting potatoes and earth up the rows as they grow. Get the herb garden established and make successional sowings of salads, such as radish and lettuce. It is now too late to plant bare rooted raspberries but container grown soft fruit, strawberries and rhubarb can be planted. Carry on with hoeing to keep weeds down and protect flowers on fruit trees if we should get a sudden late frost. Container grown apples, pears and plums should be planted as soon as possible.

**Flowers and shrubs.** Plant hardy bedding plants, such as bellis, antirrhinums, pansies and violas but leave the tender plants until well into May. 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 blackspot, 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 forsythia, should be pruned immediately after they have flowered. Once daffodils have flowered they should be deadheaded and fed but the leaves must be left until they die down on their own.

**The greenhouse.** 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. Carry on potting up plug plants and sowing bedding plants as soon as possible. Visit the garden centre to find an amazing selection of plants that can be used in hanging baskets and containers and 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.

**Lawn and garden.** Grass is growing well so mow the lawn regularly but never cut too short, particularly in dry weather. Apply a good fertilizer, plus weedkiller and mosskiller. Now is a good time to turf new grass areas or to sow grass seed. Use a lawn sprinkler on new grass areas and then put it away. Once established lawns do not need to be watered so that the grass is encouraged to send its roots well down into the soil. Carry on tidying up the garden. Put all old plant material on to the compost heap, adding Garotta to help the rotting process.

**Garden events.** Bovingdon has its Spring Flower Show on 2 April and Sarratt have theirs on 9 April. The Royal Horticultural Society are holding their London Spring Plant Extravaganza and Orchid Show at Vincent Square, Westminster, on 1 and 2 April; the Cardiff Show is on 15-17 April; the Malvern Spring Festival from 5-8 May and The Chelsea Flower Show from 24-28 May. For tickets and information tel 08443387526 or go to [rhs.org.uk/shows](http://rhs.org.uk/shows).

*Terry Simmonds*

## AT THE ROYAL...

The 13 March was a lucky day for parents at St Paul's School – we eighteen children took them by coach to an evening performance at the Royal Albert Hall! We sat them in the stalls, facing the Herts Schools Symphony Orchestra and the County Youth Choir. We all (including *Mrs McKenzie* and *Ms Dunne*) wore special white and blue T shirts, and took our places at the front of the Hall, next to the large organ, with the Massed Primary School Choirs. There were over six hundred of us.

The Organ suddenly burst into the 'Phantom of the Opera' overture and the Hall vibrated with the deep notes. Then it was our turn and we sang the songs that we had practised at school. We had only one live rehearsal, just before the concert started. My favourite bit (apart from seeing *Miss Bateman* shouting at us from the stalls - we think she was actually cheering!) was seeing children from Tring Park School of Dance dressed as cats – black, ginger and tabby; they danced 'The Magical Mr Mistoffelees' from 'Cats'.

Wish you were there? Come with us - look at us on [www.photochris.co.uk](http://www.photochris.co.uk) Go to the Live shows>Client Area>Hertfordshire Schools Gala Evening Concert and look at pictures 221 & 317-321.

We wish *Dave Clark, landlord of The Windmill Pub* in Chipperfield, all the very best for his forthcoming eye operation in mid-April at the Charing Cross Hospital in London. Dave has been landlord for the last fifteen years; before that, five years as manager and fifteen years before that working part time at the pub, totalling **forty years** contribution to our Village life.

*Richard Edwards*

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# CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
After School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	3pm	Small Hall
Art Group	Thursday	2pm	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
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
Pre-School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	9am - 12.00	Small Hall
Pre-School Lunch Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	12.00 - 13.30	Small Hall
Pre-School Extended Lunch Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	12.00 - 15.00	Small Hall
Pre-School After School Club 'Splat'	Monday - Friday (Term time)	15.10 - 17.15	Small Hall
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	Wednesday	6.30pm	Village Hall
Yoga	Sunday	10am	Blackwells
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](http://www.chipperfield.org.uk/organisations).

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