DOES CHIPPERFIELD WANT ITS LIBRARY?

The FREE Community Library has completed two years. It was averaging nineteen people until September but the numbers have dropped. Does this mean Chipperfield no longer wants ready access to books or do you have other sources?

We are open in St Paul’s Parish Room from 3 - 4.30pm on the first and third Tuesdays of the month. When the Sail Flags are out you know we are open!

We have a lot of children’s books and a good mix for other ages including crime, history, travel, sport and general novels. These books do change as new ones arrive and old ones are removed. We offer refreshments and a friendly space where you can either browse and rush off or sit in peace and comfort. We also have a number of talking books and large print.

ALL ARE WELCOME but, sadly, if the number of users does not increase, the Library will close before Easter.

Any questions or feedback as to what we can do differently to: Lesley Edwards, Judy Olney, Elaine Dean or Frances Onians.

Choral Society 'In Excelsis Deo'

On Saturday 9 December, a sold out St Paul's Church was filled with the sound of beautiful Christmas music and carols as the Chipperfield Choral Society performed their traditional Christmas concerts. Delia Meehan, now in her 27th season as the choir's Musical Director, put together a varied programme of music, old and new, to celebrate the concert theme of 'In Excelsis Deo'. As well as familiar, traditional carols, there were, as we have become delighted to expect every year, new carols by Alan Taylor, one of the choir's patrons. This year we were treated to 'When Christ was born' and 'The Christmas Donkey' which is a very evocative setting of words by choir member, Patti Ling. Choir members had been invited to submit words to Alan, and the combination of Patti's words and his music made for a very enjoyable carol that truly captured the spirit of the words. The many carols that Alan has composed for the choir over the years have been collected into a two book anthology aptly titled 'The Chipperfield Carols' and the exciting news is that these two new carols form part of a third book which will be published in 2018.

Rosemary Clifford delighted the audience with a performance of 'Bethlehem Down' and the 'Dormouse’s Carol'. The choir was wonderfully accompanied on the piano by Rosemary Venner and by Jonathan Lee on St Paul’s mighty organ.

The choir went on tour the following week to Chorleywood where we performed a similar concert in aid of North London Cancer Research and raised £3,500 for the charity.

Our Spring Concert will be a performance of the Bach Magnificat and Vivaldi Gloria on Saturday 10 March at a wonderful new venue – The King’s Church, Amersham. Tickets are available from choir members or from the Box Office 01923 400520. You can find further information about this concert and other choir activities on the website: www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk.

John Morrish
**VILLAGE DAY VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

If we are to put on a wonderful Family Village Day for our community and raise valuable funds for local organisations, we need a small but enthusiastic band of volunteers to make this happen. The date is **Saturday 14 July**. If you can spare a few hours to help organise this worthwhile cause, please contact Malcolm Leach 07808079357.

**SAVE OUR FIREWORKS!**

Despite a previous cry for assistance, there have been no persons coming forward to help organise and run this fantastic event. It is a major fund raising opportunity for the community, as well as a real spectacle. This is the last opportunity to step forward and help, otherwise the event will not go ahead this year. What a shame. If you are semi retired or do not work, or you wish to enhance your C.V., what better way than community work. **Please contact the Organisers 07808079357.**

**ANYONE FOR CRICKET?**

If you are thinking of getting back into cricket this season, you are most welcome to join our Winter Training at Redbourn Indoor Cricket Centre. This year’s sessions are on Tuesdays at 7pm and open to 15 year old plus players. If interested, **please contact Richard Hudson 07801953765.**

**CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Tuesday 6 February**

**7.30pm in the Small Hall**

Everyone is welcome to this meeting, members and prospective members. Come and join us to hear of our plans for the year; we welcome ideas and suggestions for speakers and future visits. After a short meeting we have a guest speaker and then cheese and wine that is free for everyone to enjoy.

Our first show in 2018 is in the Village Hall on 24 March. We look forward to seeing all our members with their displays of spring flowers, bulbs, pot plants, vegetables, floral art, handicraft and domestic, as well as classes for children. Come and enter and encourage the younger members of your family to enter their special classes. Do not forget to take photographs, all the subjects are listed on the back of our 2017 schedule. Our collectors will be calling soon for this year’s subscription. A bargain at £2, this gives you a discount of £2 on tickets for our main guest speaker who is **Rosie Hardy** from Hardy Plants, gold medalists at Chelsea for many years, on 17 April in the Parish Room at 7.30pm. Membership entitles you to come to free lectures given by Maria Coote, former lecturer at Capel Manor College, and to our **Members Tea Party on Saturday 18 August**. This is a ‘bring and share’ and is a wonderful get-together in a lovely garden. **Ann Soanes 01923 262756**

**CHIPPERFIELD DIARY**

**PROVISIONAL VILLAGE EVENT DATES FOR 2018**

Following last year’s new arrangements, we will show, on the website and village noticeboards, a list of provisional village events for the new calendar year. This will be updated each month. Each organisation involved has been asked to keep the diary updated by informing Peter Corbett on 01923 267066 or drumcopt@btinternet.com.

**THE ARTS SOCIETY RICKMANSWORTH**

**Tuesday 13 February**

**THE ART AND CULTURE OF FIN DE SIÈCLE VIENNA**

**Gavin Plumley**

How and why did the ‘City of Dreams’ become a cultural hotbed around 1900? **Sarratt Village Hall**

**10.30am coffee - 11am lecture**

For more information, contact Jane Prickett 01923 772472

Visitors welcome

**CHIPPERFIELD WITHIN LIVING MEMORY**

An unexpected opportunity has arisen for five bidders to obtain a copy of this book published in 2000 by the Parish Council. The 115 page book, illustrated with photographs, consists of historical facts about much altered houses, former businesses and long vanished people. Coincidentally, a copy of ‘Notes on Old Chipperfield’ by Helen Liddle has also surfaced. Published in 1948 (2/- for those who remember what that means), it is in good condition and contains pictures of the Fish (Apostles’) Pond (3), The Manor House (3), Pale Farm (2), and The Swan Inn, as well as a map (1839) with the name of every field between Chipperfield Common, Bulstrode Lane and the London & Birmingham Railway. Bids invited.

Proceeds will be donated to the Chipperfield Burial Ground Trust which is working towards more spaces for burials beyond the churchyard at St Paul’s.

**OFFERS PLEASE TO; smorrill@waitrose.com or 263182 before Monday 19 February.**

**FRIENDS OF CHIPPERFIELD COMMON**

The annual ‘alternative to Christmas shopping’ meeting was held on 16 December at Manor Pond. This was a joint effort with the Friends of Bunkers Park and was well attended. Most of us were reluctant to don the waders as there was still snow on the ground but Colin Chambers, fresh from his success with the big tree stump in Pill Pond, and one of our friends from Bunkers Park, were keen and made a good patch of open water! The rest of the party kept warm by sawing up damaged holly branches to clear the pathways. Luke Johnson, our new leader, did sterling work on the frying pan and we all enjoyed hot dogs and bacon rolls, followed by mince pies and hot drinks. In spite of this, a great deal of clearing was done to make the Common a better place for all creatures, great and small!

Our next meeting is on Saturday 10 February 9.15am for some tree thinning and general clearance. **Meet at the car park by The Windmill pub.** For further details, contact Vanessa Johnson, Dacorum Borough Council, 01442 228844 or email vanessa.johnson@dacorum.gov.uk
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CHIPPERFIELD NEWS
ST PAUL’S SCHOOL
Happy New Year to you all.
Our main news for the spring term is that St Paul’s has been included in the performance of the schools’ massed choir at the Royal Albert Hall in March. We will be taking a group of twenty of our older pupils and rehearsals begin early in the spring term. This is a very exciting opportunity for some of our children to perform in such a famous, prestigious building.

Tours of the school for prospective nursery families take place in February and March. Please contact the school office, tel: 01923 262340, if you would like to book a place on one of these tours. Our nursery is open for mornings and SPLIT, run by Chipperfield pre-school in the Small Hall at the front of school, offers an extended lunch club to early finishers. Please contact Juliette to check availability, and for further information tel: 01923 262830 or email: chipperfieldpreschool@hotmail.com or look in the parents’ section of our school website: www.stpauls909.herts.sch.uk

Best wishes,
Caroline Moore, Headteacher

Women’s Winter Warmer

A time to meet together
As we near the end of winter and look forward to the joys of spring, come and spend some personal quiet time to refresh you at the next ladies gathering for meditation. Followed by a bowl of delicious soup.

Everyone Welcome
Saturday 3 February
11am-1pm
St Paul’s Church Parish room
Contact Elaine, Fay or Yvonne:
Tel: 01923 269888 (Elaine)
Email: yvonne.collette@sky.com

ST PAUL’S CHURCH
FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS
This last Festival under the baton of Keith Beniston as Director of Music at St Paul’s was as inspiring as we have come to expect. Along with many of the familiar carols there were some newer introduced items, including a brand new composition by him ‘A Stable Lamp is Lighted’, keeping the occasion as original and energetic as ever. Rosie Clifford and her mother Charlotte sang Mendelssohn’s lovely duet ‘I waited for the Lord’. One of the more unusual items was a new carol ‘The Rose’ by contemporary composer Will Todd. There was more emphasis on Advent in the early part of the Festival, including ‘Hills of the North Rejoice’ and ‘Adam Lay Ybourned’.

The service started with ‘Silent Night’, a vocal octet arranged by Keith, ahead of the traditional solo verse of ‘Once in Royal’. After a Christmas message from the Rector it finished gloriously with ‘Hark the Herald Angels Sing’. The choir provided a brief but noble epilogue ‘Blessed is He who Cometh in the Name of the Lord’ by Gounod.

The very full congregation was uplifted once again with the words and music that are so much a part of Christmas, and afterwards most headed to the Village Hall for a farewell party for Keith, organised by St Paul's Church.

GRAPEVINE MOVIES
Friday, 9 February
SARRATT VILLAGE HALL
Doors will open at 7pm, food served from 7.10pm, lights down at 8pm.

A tired and lonely Victoria is fascinated by the arrival of Abdul Karim, instructed to travel to England for the Queen’s Golden Jubilee in 1887, to present her with a mohur, a minted gold coin. A developing friendship confounds the Queen’s household who plot unsuccessfully to undermine their relationship and send Abdul home.

Entry is by £5 donation, supper £5, ice creams £1.50, and as always, there will be Colin’s jolly good bar.

The next movie night is 9 March.
For further information or if you would like to volunteer as a helper, please contact:
Maggie Goldthorpe: 262586
or Debbie Kingston: 889625.

VOLUNTEERS CORNER

UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY
WHAT CAN YOU HELP WITH
NEXT FROM THIS UPDATED LIST?
The fabric of our village continues to need attention – are you able to assist with any of the following?

Village Hall - A new donation has funded retouching of all the areas painted black – behind the stage curtain and heating pipes along each side of the hall; also something that only half of you will see – repainting of some of the walls in the Gents!

The lining for the curtains in the school gym - has disintegrated in the sunlight and needs replacing – we now have a machinist lined up to do the work.

Wooden furniture for the school grounds – it would all benefit from a coat of preservative. Money received and work will start when weather permits.

The flint wall round the churchyard - this still needs work removing the ivy. Two people are working at this but need some help. Have you some time?

Village Hall – the inside of the boiler house is in need of a coat of paint. A 16 yr old has offered to do this – could YOU provide the paint? Or some help?

No time? Perhaps you could contribute payment so that we can ask someone else to do the job?

Boiler house paint (above), still weather permits.

A big “Thank you” if you can help. Give me a ring…

Stephen Morrill 263182

PINTS OF VIEW

Monday 19 February, 8pm, at The Plough, Belsize, is the date of our next opportunity to consider a matter of topical or perennial interest in informal surroundings over a pint of beer, a coffee or soft drink. We have a ‘buy your own drinks’ policy. All are welcome. Come and consider how our world can be put to rights.

Bob Shearer and John Guy
ST PAUL’S AND HOLY CROSS

As we plough on into 2018, the days are beginning to get longer and we are over our celebrations for Christmas and the New Year, now fading into the distant past.
Yet as we move on to getting older, time seems to fly by faster. As the new year is greeted by the final bell of Big Ben, we are in another year. Time seems but just a moment and is then past and gone. However, the Greeks have another word for time which is, ‘kairos’. Unlike ‘chronos’, which means a moment in time that passes, ‘kairos’ offers us an opportunity to be present in the moment, remembering the past and anticipating our future.

Behind us lie the events of the birth of Jesus and, now into a new year, our Christian faith falls back into the routine of attending church, being a good neighbour and getting involved in our community. Yet with a ‘kairos’ attitude, the events of Christmas impact the way we behave now and also help us to think, hope and dream forward. The year becomes less about the instant but more about space and time, where we can reflect and process.

With Google, social media at our fingertips and fast-food just down the road, life seems to be a rush to the lowest common denominator, and yet, maybe, we should take the opportunity to think and reflect on the past; on those things that have impacted on us; our family connections and our journey with God. As we think about this, it could help form how we behave today with those that we encounter. This, then, will hopefully give us a moment to think and dream going forward about what we would like; for instance, watching our children and grandchildren grow up and being excited about what happens next in our lives.

Let us use 2018 into an opportunity to spend more time being, less time rushing, and to take moments where we can dream going forward for those that we love and care for, for our community, our church and our local schools, and wanting a better future for those around us. Investment in such is going to be hard work but life’s challenges help shape and form us. So let us stop rushing and learn to walk slowly, with our arms around each other for support. Together as a community, with our diverse skills and abilities, we can create a brighter 2018 and a brighter future.

Phil Waine

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OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

Most of us have no problem identifying 14 February as ‘Valentine’s Day’, though how the feast of this Roman martyr became associated with romantic love is shrouded in medieval mystery. In recent years we have seen its occurrence spawning outbreaks of brash commercialism and secular exploitation. By a quirk of the liturgical calendar, this year it is also Ash Wednesday – a feast with sombre overtones introducing us to the Lenten season. The practice of marking penitents’ foreheads with ashes was adopted by the Christian church from a Jewish tradition. So in 2018 we see a day where secular and spiritual tradition will vie for attention in Christian circles.

Lent is a familiar season, a steady path leading us on to the goal of Easter, Christ’s victory over death. Tradition is weaker these days, for Lent was always a period of rigorous fasting, prayer and almsgiving. That does not prevent us from recognising the value of our fellow men, especially those less fortunate than ourselves. The Christmas messages from several Christian Church leaders particularly emphasised the plight of migrants and displaced persons; that message should be fittingly re-emphasised as Lent unfolds. The word of God constantly reminds us to open our eyes, ears and hearts to others, especially the weak and vulnerable.

So when we celebrate Ash Wednesday, with the chill reminder “you are dust, and into dust you shall return” we should also have in mind Christ’s exhortation recorded in
**DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL’S AND HOLY CROSS**

**FEBRUARY**

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Matthew 6: 1-6, about how we should quietly give to the needy, not always looking to be recognised and lauded by others when we do so. We are also instructed to pray without simply aiming to be seen by others, but discreetly as we build our relationship with the Father. A fine lesson to set us on our Lenten way.

**THANK YOU**

I have been most flattered at the attention given to me this past month as I prepared to leave my post at St Paul’s. A word of thanks then from me to all who have said such nice things about the music over the past fourteen years. As a family, we have lived in Kings Langley since 1993 but my link with St Paul’s came about purely from a chance conversation between my then teenage daughter, Sally, who was babysitting for Mrs Terry Simmonds. The rest, as they say, is history! I have no intention of leaving the area and hope to continue some musical links with Chipperfield, such as the summer concerts in the Manor House Barn. It has been a great adventure and, in some ways, voyage of discovery to engage in ever bigger challenges, so as to maintain interest both within the community and also, of course, within the enormously loyal group who have actually made the music. The core has been St Paul's choir, invariably assisted by those from Holy Cross, and many other vocal and instrumental musicians, where possible locally based. I dare mention no individual names here for fear of leaving anyone out, but despite my oft-stated idea that I have been a committee of one, this is, of course, far from the real truth. All the services and events have required enormous individual and corporate cooperation and I am very grateful to all who have had input to them. There is now an opening for some other lucky musician to continue where I have left off. Thank you to everyone, farewell, but hopefully not goodbye.

Keith Beniston

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LUMINA CHOIR
VIVALDI'S GLORIA

On Wednesday 13 December the Lumina Choir performed the majestic Vivaldi’s Gloria at St Paul’s Church. This was the choir’s second concert here following their very well received performance earlier in the year of Fauré’s Requiem. The Lumina Choir, founded two years ago by Italian orchestra and choir conductor Claudio Di M known as Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring). After the Gloria the performance ended with rousing carols, followed by a chance to catch up with friends over a mince pie or two in the parish room.

For more information about the Choir, or to attend a concert in the future, please see their Facebook page: Lumina Choir Kings Langley. If you are interested in joining the Choir please contact: mem-ship@luminachoir.org.uk or call 07922 483933 for an audition.

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CHIPPERFIELD PEOPLE
Diana Malin

A resident of Croft Lane for thirty years, Diana Malin has been running for twenty years a local school of Dance and Drama, The Dance Place, for children of all ages from Chipperfield and Kings Langley. In alternate years the school presents a musical show at the Watersmeet Theatre in Rickmansworth and just before Christmas a marvellous performance of ‘Ever After’ was enjoyed by an enthusiastic audience.

ST PAUL’S CHURCH
CRIB SERVICE

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Love, Liberty and Gabriella

ST PAUL’S CHURCH
CRIB SERVICE

Helen John writes, “Residents of Queen Street gathered for mulled wine, mince pies and sausages around the Christmas tree on Christmas Eve. Newcomers and familiar faces, young and old, all had a lovely evening in what has become a Queen Street tradition”.

QUEEN STREET
CELEBRATE

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KEN TURFFREY

22 November 1923 - 23 December 2017

Ken (KT to his friends) was born in Venus Hill and spent his childhood in Bovingdon. He was educated at Chigwell and Berkhamsted schools. His great interest was wireless radio and he loved playing with valves and wires! Ken saw action in the Second World War where he was involved in radio communications. After the war he continued in a similar job and one of his postings was at the Bovingdon airfield. He went on to work for Total Oil Company on one of their oil rigs in the North Sea and was involved in rig to shore communications for many years. When Ken married, he set up home in Scatterdells Lane and was blessed with three children. His great passion was music and he was always seen with his piano accordion which he played from an early age at local dances. He was proud of his Scottish ancestry and was often seen playing his accordion at Scottish Dance Ceilidh gatherings. In more recent years, he played regularly at the meetings of the English Folk Dance and Song Society, accompanying the Morris Men on their visits to Chipperfield, at various events and in the churches here in Chipperfield. For many years, Ken sang in the choir at St Paul’s church and was also involved with getting the magnificent organ installed in 1964.

A lovely man, Ken was a true gentleman in every way and he sadly passed away just before Christmas. We will all miss you, KT.

Ken’s funeral will be held on Friday 9 February, at 12.30am at Amersham Crematorium and will be conducted by Phil Waine. Terry Simmonds

OVERHANGING TREES

The Parish Council has some concerns about trees overhanging the highway. All landowners with trees on their boundaries are encouraged to coppice the trees on a regular basis to prevent them from posing a threat to highway and footpath safety.

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Love, Liberty and Gabriella
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CHRISTMAS DELIGHTS

We always have a good Christmas Day walk; one needs to work up a good appetite for all that turkey! As my son John had not seen my latest tree planting, that was our destination. Wendy’s Wood was planted on the very wet field that took spoil from the A41 bypass. It used to have a big dip in it but it was made slightly domed by soil from the cutting. At one time it was known as Long Field but the road made it two short ones! It should have had drainage put in but as far as I can tell that never happened. Over the years, it just got wetter and wetter so now it is growing eighteen different wet loving or water tolerant kinds of trees.

It has protective deer and rabbit fencing around it and the pheasants are making the most of the fox free space. As we walked into the middle, pheasants and sky larks were taking off all around us. A charm of goldfinches was feeding on what remained of a big thistle and a buzzard was soaring high above. John was keen to find the tallest tree, one of the willows, right in the middle. As we reached it, three birds took off just in front of us. Snipe!

I saw eight of these last March when we were getting ready to plant but I thought they were just passing through and never expected to see them again. They have long flexible bills, about a quarter of the total length of the bird, which they use to probe for worms in soft wet ground. Their white under parts and their zigzag flight make them unmistakable. These are truly wetland birds and not what I expect to see on our stony soil.

What a nice treat for Christmas Day!

Wendy Bathurst

FEBRUARY IN YOUR GARDEN

We are already well past mid-winter and spring will soon be here. There is a lot of time to make preparations for a great show in the garden when the weather warms up.

Fruit and vegetables. Prune the apple and pear trees and spray with a winter wash. Plums are not pruned until the summer. Peach trees will develop peach leaf curl disease unless they are sprayed this month with a copper fungicide. If the vegetable garden has not been dug, do this as soon as possible. Seed potatoes should be purchased now so that they can be chitted, or sprouted, in a light, frost free place. Arran Pilot, Home Guard, Pentland Javelin and Sutton’s Foremost are good varieties to grow for early new potatoes. Desiree, Majestic, Estima and Maris Piper can be used for baking or boiling. The tubers should be planted from March onwards. Tomatoes, cucumbers and some brassicas should be sown under glass and it is a good time to sow basil, parsley and other herbs.

Outside in the vegetable garden, if the weather permits, onion sets and other bulbs can be sown towards the end of the month. Prepare the ground ready for the main vegetable sowings which are usually carried out during March, covering the soil with polythene sheeting to help warm it up. When weather permits, plant fruit trees. Soft fruit raspberry canes must be planted before the end of March. Summer fruiting raspberries are pruned after fruiting but autumn fruiting raspberries are pruned hard in February and March.

Shrubs and flowers. Many large shrubs and conifers were severely damaged by the heavy snowfall in December and need trimming or repair. At the same time, hard prune buddleias and late flowering clematis. Cut down herbaceous perennials and ornamental grasses but still leave penstemons untrimmed until they sprout in the spring. Divide clumps of snowdrops and plant out after flowering. Hedging plants must be planted as soon as possible and, if large, existing shrubs are to be dug up and moved in the garden. This must be done by the end of March at the latest.

The greenhouse. Plug plants and starter plants should be potted up. As long as the greenhouse is warm enough, sow antirrhinums, lobelia, begonias and other bedding plants. Tomatoes, peppers, aubergines and cucumbers should be sown together with summer cabbages, cauliflower and leeks. Sweet peas can be sown, in an unheated greenhouse but protect from mice. Dahlia tubers can be potted up and so, too, can begonias and other summer flowering bulbs so that they will be ready to plant in the garden when frosts have finished. Perennials, such as lupins, can be sown under glass.

Garden and lawn. Get the lawnmower serviced without delay but keep off the grass until next month. Clean up the garden and make compost adding a little Garotta to help the process but do not put roots of ground elder or bindweed on the heap. Feed the birds and ensure they have water when it is frosty.

Garden events. The RHS Early Spring Plant Fair is in Westminster from 12 – 14 February. At Wisley until 4 March there are ‘Butterflies in the Greenhouse’. Tickets for the Chelsea Flower Show in May are selling out fast. Book now at rhs.org.uk/shows or phone 0844 995 9664.

Terry Simmonds

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CHIPPERFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Chipperfield Village Hall would like to thank all stallholders, organisers, volunteers and people who attended the first Seasonal Shopping Event held at the Village Hall on Sunday 26 November 2017.

The stalls offered a varied array of top quality items, perfect for both Christmas presents or a treat to oneself!

We hope to make this a bigger and even better event in years to come.

Janet Newman and James Bush

Co-Chairs of Chipperfield Village Hall

BOWLS CLUB

Chipperfield Indoor Bowls Club wishes to acknowledge the recent generous donation of £1000 from the Chipperfield Village Clubs Trust (Blackwells).

At a ceremony on 30 November, together with other Chipperfield organisations, the Chairman of the Trust, Allyson Williams, presented the cheque to the Club’s Chairman, Terry Timberlake. Allyson gave a short history of the Trust, and Terry provided an interesting resume of the Bowls Club development in Chipperfield and its association with the Village Hall, the Club’s playing venue.

The Bowls Club is enjoying a fine season and the competition for the ‘Blackwell Pairs Trophy’ is in full swing. Our Christmas Party game of ‘wrong handed bowling’ realised £100, which has been donated to the 2017 chosen charity of ‘Hospice of St Francis’. Recent friendly matches have been with Sarratt, Leverstock Green and Greenwood Park short mat bowling clubs. We play on Tuesday and Friday evenings from 7pm and would welcome new players from the village. We were delighted to welcome John Brown in October who has very recently become resident in Chipperfield.

Alan Betts
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