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THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT.
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Library is open on Tuesdays 5 and 19 February.

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Caroline Moore Headteacher St. Paul’s C of E VA Primary School.

CTG - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Back in November a great time was had by all at Chipperfield Theatre Group’s production of Beauty and the Beast. The audiences were amazing and we would like to thank everybody for all their support.

Our next production, a comedy, will take place in April. If you are interested in being involved, on or off stage, we would love to see you on Monday 28 January from 7.30pm at Chipperfield Village Hall, when we shall be holding an informal gathering. Scripts will be available along with lots of information about the show and also about the auditions in February.

Alternatively you can email us at chipperfieldtheatregroup@fmail.com

CHIPPERFIELD BOWLS CLUB

At long last, in November, Chipperfield Short Mat Bowls Club beat Sarratt in an away match; it has been many years coming! Our match secretary, Paul Harris, also arranged a match against Leverstock Green. Unfortunately on this occasion Chipperfield were found wanting.

Occasionally the Club now has more members arriving than can be accommodated on our two mats. No problem, our recently appointed Chairman, Ray Phillips, has demonstrated his numbers skill by clever adjustment of game timings to ensure members have a fair and equal turn at bowling during the evening.

Our end of year Christmas Party not only included the traditional festivities and a couple of normal bowls games, but also managed to fit in some unorthodox bowling under handicap or forfeits to a cunning scheme devised by Terry Timberlake. All errors and forfeits were subject to a voluntary financial donation and by the end of the evening had raised over £80. This year the Club sponsored Macmillan Cancer Support with a cheque made up to £100.

Bill Taylor is managing the Pairs Competition but, as ever, is faced with scheduling problems caused by members absence due to sickness and holidays. However, the competition is well under way and hopefully, winter weather permitting safe travelling to the Village Hall, will be completed by the end of April.

Alan Betts
PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Garden Scene redevelopment update

The planning application for seventeen dwellings and new store/post office went before Dacorum Borough Council’s Development Management Committee (DMC) on 13 December. This was the only planning application on the agenda. The public seats were filled with around thirty Chipperfield residents. Three representatives of the local community spoke against the proposal: Graham Barratt, Borough Councillor; Keith Isles, Croft Lane resident on behalf of the residents group; and Geoff Bryant, Parish Councillor on behalf of the Parish Council. The thrust of the objections were overdevelopment (too many dwellings), insufficient parking and impact on the street scene viewed from Chapel Croft.

The applicant, Marchfield Homes, was present with its architect and Planning Adviser, who spoke in favour of the scheme. The subject of the long running drainage issue affecting certain properties on the west side of Croft Lane was dominant in the subsequent discussions that took place. This is important because the proposed development is intended to connect to this problem sewer. Most residents in Chipperfield will be unaware of this issue but, briefly, there are regular blockages causing sewerage overflows due to the poor condition of the main sewer. The situation is so bad that Thames Water has fitted a sensor to the sewer in one resident’s rear garden to alert the resident that levels are rising so that the resident can call Thames Water to deal with the blockage.

The decision of the Committee was to refuse the Application on the following grounds:

*The proposed development by reason of its height, design and density would result in over development, harming the character and appearance of the street scene and wider area contrary to Policies CS2, CS11 and CS12 of the Dacorum Core Strategy (2013), Proposal H/21 of the Site Allocations Statement (July 2017) and paragraph 127 of the National Planning Policy Framework.*

We await the Developer’s next action.

Geoff Bryant,
Chipperfield Parish Council

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ST PAUL’S SCHOOL

December was extremely busy in the run up to Christmas. The Sports Committee and Year 6 helpers ran an excellent Festive Fun intra-school competition with Reception and KS1. It included activities like: Snowball Aim, Santa’s Sleigh Ride and an Elf Workout. The children really enjoyed it and achieved lots of value stickers for showing determination, teamwork, self-belief, honesty, passion and respect. The leaders did a superb job in organisation and enthusiasm and were well motivated throughout. We were very proud of the children performing in ‘Christmas with the Aliens’ this week (in case you are wondering, a space ship crashed on earth at the time of Jesus’s birth!). Each class performed their parts beautifully. The Christmas service in church was both joyful and peaceful with a reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. Some of the Collective Worship Committee also got to ring the church bell to signal to the community that we were gathering. The festive week ended with Christmas parties, including a visit from Santa, and the visiting pantomime, Cinderella, which was a lot of fun!

This term we are on countdown to the last few weeks before JRock, the junior version of Rock Challenge. The competition takes place in February, so we are frantically trying to get the children together to rehearse, as well as our brilliant group of parents who are working hard on scenery and costumes. The title is, ‘Open Up To A Healthy Mind,’ and aims to support children with mental health. The theme is developing how feelings of loneliness, sadness, anger, anxiety and happiness are all very normal, and keeping some of those feelings to yourself is not healthy – opening up can be helpful and develop healthy patterns for life.

FUNDRAISING

We are making progress with our fundraising for new white boards, iPads and other technology to support and engage the children. The children and staff are extremely pleased with the four new boards that we have been able to purchase; the quality of what we can offer has improved enormously. Thank you to those villagers and parents who have already generously contributed, and to the PTA for their continued hard work. We have PTA fundraising events coming up, such as Movie Night at the School, Happy Bags (donate your old clothes) and Easter Egg Hunt in March, Adult Quiz night in April and Dulux Fun day in May where local businesses are very welcome to hire a stall. More funds are still needed so please pass this information on to anybody or any organisation who may be in the position to support or sponsor us.

Caroline Moore, Headteacher, St Paul’s C of E VA Primary School

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Grapevine Movies

Sarratt Village Hall
Friday 8 February

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It has been a very good first half of the season at CCFC. The first team, after losing its first two games of the season, has progressed very well and now sits in fifth place, only two points behind Sandridge who are fourth. CCFC beat them on Saturday 4-2 in a thrilling game that saw four goals in the first seven minutes. Chipperfield has played 17 out of its 28 league games and played 7 out of 8 games against the top 4, meaning on paper the remaining 11 games are all but one against teams below them in the league. In the Cups, they are progressing well reaching the St Mary’s Cup Semi Final after a fantastic win against Tring Athletic and they will face Berkhamsted for a place in the final.

The reserves have also had a good first half to the season and, although they sit 7th in the league, they have been unfortunate to have played a number of games against opponents whose first team were not playing that day so had some tough games. At the time of writing the teams are progressing well in the Cups and are through to two semi finals and one quarter final.

There are home games virtually every Saturday with KO usually at 2pm and any spectators will be given a warm welcome – and no entry charge.

Marty Dicker, CCFC

LOCAL PRESENTATION ON WILL MAKING

Free presentation at St Paul’s Parish Room arranged by the Benefice of Holy Cross and St Paul’s for the entire Community

All welcome.

Tuesday 12 February at 7.30pm

- Do you need to know more about Powers of Attorney, leaving a legacy or inheritance tax?
- Is your Will out of date, not fully reflecting your current life and decisions you want to make for those who survive you?
- Or you may have thought about making a Will, but don’t know where to start?

Nicholas Turner of Debenhams Ottaway LLP will speak about Will Making and Gifting, followed by questions. You will be able to hear about how you can ensure that your charitable gifts are effective, about Inheritance Tax and why everyone should have Lasting Powers of Attorney in place.

If you would like to attend, please contact Sonya Tolmie at holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com or telephone 01923 264377

Refreshments will be provided

HOLLYBERRY FAIR

Thank you for supporting the Hollyberry Fair in November which was another great success. The total raised was £4,220, split between the Burial Ground Trust, St Paul’s Church, St Paul’s School PTA and the Village Hall. The committee would like to thank all the supporters, the volunteers who help with the running of the fair and all our sponsors.

If you would like to get involved in helping with the Hollyberry Fair next year, please contact Lynn on 01442 831748.

Hollyberry Fair Committee
Lynn Haig, Hannah Miller, Jane O’Brien, Annabel Heathcote, Helen John

VOLUNTEERS CORNER

UPDATE FOR FEBRUARY

Are you able to assist with any of the following? If so, read on.

- Village Hall – the second Theatre Group shed. Anyone willing to apply for preservation? We did enjoy the panto, didn’t we! Or paint the boiler house or telephone 01923 264377
- Wooden furniture in the school grounds – Could you help paint when the weather gets warmer?
- Parking area opposite Queen St – Trying to get funding to level the puddles, but if this fails could you help with a shovel or working party? Give the footballers somewhere decent to park!
- The red phone box – Awaiting warmer weather to complete.
- The Church Lychgate – A listed structure which would appreciate some wood preserver. Money is now provided, who will do the work?
- St Paul’s Churchyard – Would you be willing to ‘adopt’ one of the larger graves / monuments and give it an occasional trim or some weeding? We need to do the 6 people who have volunteered so far...including a brickie (GS) to make repairs!

Please, give me a ring.

Stephen Morrill: 01923 263182
Society, questions may be asked about England, but in a much more diverse context. How should we react to the wishes of so many schools? Is there still a place for faith schools on the curriculum and the leadership of their future. Should the Church of England and other religious groups for equivalent treatment? Come and join us at Pints of View on the 18th to consider the future of our country’s faith schools. Everyone is welcome. Bob Shearer and John Guy

It is no coincidence that soon after Christmas we celebrated the feast of the Holy Family. Many of us have the feeling that the social cohesion of our country is increasingly under considerable strain as political, social and economic bickering seem to constantly fill our news headlines. It is perhaps similarly true in other countries. One of the fundamental building blocks of a caring society is the family, and what better model can we aspire to follow than that of the Holy Family? Two young and probably somewhat bewildered parents provided a nurturing haven for the infant and then growing Jesus. We see, even share in, their anxiety when he disappears for two days, only to be found in the Temple calmly discussing points of interest with the Elders. Mary and Joseph remind Him that it is far too early in life to be answering His Father’s calling, and He goes back to Nazareth to ‘live under their authority’.

Family love is rooted in God’s grace. It is not only a source of love and care which we treasure within our own families, it clearly also provides a strong and rooted framework for society as a whole. From the family structure, we can learn all about nurturing, protecting and fostering our relationships to be caring citizens of God’s Kingdom, mindful of our love for our neighbour. Of course most families also have shortcomings, but God’s love is there to help us to heal those differences. Let it fill our hearts, and direct our actions, so that we can rejoice in the love of our families, and help society restore lost respect and care for fellow man.

At our February get-together, Dennis Goldthorpe will lead an informal discussion on the subject of Faith Schools. Church of England and other faith schools have made a significant contribution to educational provision in England, but in a much more diverse society, questions may be asked about their future. Should the Church of England continue to have such influence on the curriculum and the leadership of so many schools? Is there still a place for faith schools at all in the 21st century? How should we react to the wishes of other religious groups for equivalent treatment? Come and join us at Pints of View on the 18th to consider the future of our country’s faith schools. Everyone is welcome.

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The Churches in Chipperfield

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Mary Fox, 17 November
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PINTS OF VIEW
Monday 18 February 8pm,
The Plough, Belsize
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DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL’S AND HOLY CROSS

February

Sun 3 (1st Sunday)
8am Holy Communion St Paul’s
10am Benefice Communion Holy Cross

Sun 10 (2nd Sunday)
8am Holy Communion St Paul’s
10am All Age Worship St Paul’s
10am Holy Communion with Children’s Church Holy Cross

Wed 13 (2nd Wednesday)
10am 2nd Wednesday Holy Communion Holy Cross

Sun 17 (3rd Sunday)
8am Holy Communion Holy Cross
10am Benefice Communion St Paul’s
6.30pm Compline (traditional night prayer) Holy Cross

Sun 24 (4th Sunday)
8am Holy Communion Holy Cross
10am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) St Paul’s
10am Open House Family Service Holy Cross

March (first part of month)
Sun 3 (1st Sunday)
8am Holy Communion St Paul’s
10am Benefice Communion Holy Cross

ALL WELCOME

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

February

Sun 3 Derek Bownds from Kings, Chesham
Sun 10 Brian Pratt
Sun 18 Informal service including AGM
Sun 25 Garry Walton from Gold Hill, Chalfont St Peter

All services are at 10.30am with Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays, unless otherwise noted

SERVICES AT OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR

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Saturday 6.30pm Vigil Mass
Tuesday and Friday 10am Mass

THE ARTS SOCIETY RICKMANSWORTH

Tuesday 12 February

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Sarratt Village Hall

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

As you drive into our village the road signs proudly announce that Chipperfield is a ‘Neighbourhood Watch Village’. However, according to statistics provided by Herts Police, only 40/45% of households in Chipperfield, Bovingdon and Flaunden are signed up to the OWL Neighbourhood Watch website. I am sure we all want to keep crime as low as possible in our village and being signed up will enable you to receive email messages as issued by Herts Police so that you are aware of any criminal activity in your neighbourhood. With the cutbacks in police funding, we all need to help ourselves and this system benefits the whole community.

Statistics confirm that crime is lower in neighbourhood watch areas.

If you are interested in joining, just visit www.owl.co.uk and register your name, address, email address and phone number. It is free to join!! After a security verification of your email address, you will then start to receive messages as issued by the Police. The site also provides useful security tips.

I became the Area Coordinator for Neighbourhood Watch in Spring 2018 and having looked at the information stored on the OWL database, some households are registered on the system with their telephone numbers only and not email addresses. This may be due to the fact that Neighbourhood Watch started many years ago on a telephone cascade basis. However, it changed to email addresses which is far more efficient so, if you think that you are a member and have not been getting emails from the Police, this might be the reason why!

If you need any assistance on the OWL website or have any difficulties with registering, please contact me at chpfd.nhw@gmail.com. Remember, however, if you see a crime being committed please, call the Police on 101 or in an emergency dial 999.

Bob Edwards
Area Coordinator

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CHIPPENHAM
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY
AGM.
Wednesday 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 this year. We welcome ideas and suggestions for speakers and future visits. After a short meeting we have a guest speaker, Wendy Bathurst, who will be talking to us about ‘Wildlife In Your Garden – Friend and Foe’.
Following the talk, there will be cheese and wine.

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Our first show of the year will be held in the Village Hall on 23 March when 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 the special classes for the children. Do not forget to take your photographs; all the subjects for this year are listed in the back of the 2018 schedule. Our collectors will be calling soon for this year’s subscription, still an amazing bargain at £2 considering there are three free talks and a garden party for all members.

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Our main speaker this year is Chris Beardshaw the brilliant gold medal winning garden designer who will be with us on Tuesday 1 October, 7.30pm in the Parish Room. Tickets for this talk will be £10 for members and £12 for non-members. Tickets will be on sale at our AGM.

Ann Soanes 01923 262756

VILLAGE DIARY
Each year we publish a list of provisional village event dates so as to avoid, wherever possible, the village being grid locked with vehicles. With this in mind, we list events for 2019 on the website and Village Notice boards. Please read these notices, published and revised each month, before making future bookings.
We ask each organisation to keep the diary updated by informing Peter Corbett on 01923 267066 or drumcotp@btinternet.com

FRIENDS OF CHIPPERFIELD COMMON
Many thanks to all those hardy folk who helped out at Manor Pond on Saturday 15 December. It was a good turnout and work in and around the pond has made an immediate positive impact. The clearance of holly was also worthwhile. For those with a fear of spiders, look away now.... The attached photo of the Otter Spider species is from Sam’s microscope. Here’s a message from Sam: “The spider turns out to be a species of Otter Spider called Pirata piraticus (yes, it’s named for being a pirate!). It is one of the commoner Otter Spider species, so nothing to get particularly excited about. Nonetheless, it is a very handsome species with an interesting ecology. They tend to run over aquatic vegetation and even the bare water surface hunting for prey which they can probably detect via vibrations on the water surface. It’s a bit of an unusual time of year to find this species - supposedly they tend to hide away in cooler weather, but these guys seemed to be having a field day!” It is nice to see people chatting away about common interests whilst helping to improve their local environment. Hopefully, some of these links you are making will assist the management of other wildlife sites or volunteer groups. I am always happy to receive comments about what’s good or what could be improved so do not hold back!
Our next Activity Day is on Saturday 16 February. We are clearing holly along the western edge of the woodland. Meet at the Windmill Car park at 9.15pm. If you would like more information about any of the tasks that are coming up, please let me know. On behalf of Dacorum Borough Council, thanks for all your hard work this year.
Luke Johnson
Trees and Woodlands Team Leader
Dacorum Borough Council

CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERTS
The Choral Society heralded Christmas with a programme entitled Christmas Fantasia, named after the main item in the concert, Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Vaughan Williams. The members of the choir were saddened by the death in November of Alan Taylor, one of our patrons and a much loved member of the choir. A former Director of Music at Haberdashers Aske's School, Alan left a wonderful musical legacy of encouragement of generations of musicians and for us, especially in Chipperfield, the three books of 'The Chipperfield Carols'. These are a collection of the carols that Alan wrote and arranged for us each Christmas. The choir sang four carols by Alan including his last one, The Cradle, which was composed in 2018. At both the concerts we were singing for Alan!
We were delighted to welcome Tom Isherwood, a former beneficiary from our Young Singers Scheme, as our soloist. Tom gave moving performances in the Fantasia and The Three Kings. Delia Meehan, our Musical Director, put together a varied programme ranging from the African joy and exuberance of Jabula Jesu to the deeply moving Bogotoditse Devo from the Rachmaninov Vespers. Audience participation was, as ever, enthusiastic and combined with the might of the St Paul's organ to fill the church with glorious sound. The choir was accompanied on the organ by Jonathan Lee and on the piano by Rosemary Venner.
The next event with be our Spring Concert which will be a performance of the Brahms Requiem and Mendelssohn Hear My Prayer on Saturday 30 March at our wonderful new venue – The King’s Church, Amersham. The concert will be dedicated to Alan and we are very excited that Emma Bell, our patron and internationally renowned soloist, has agreed to sing at this concert. Tickets will therefore be very sought after and will be available from choir members or from the Box Office 01923 400520. Further information can be found about this concert and other choir activities on the website: www.chipperfieldchoral.co.uk
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IN YOUR GARDEN IN FEBRUARY

Winter has so far been so mild that some half hardy plants are still alive! Spring is not far off so we must start to get ready for it in our gardens.

**Fruit and vegetables.** Seed potatoes are on sale now and should be purchased as soon as possible before supplies run out. Choose early varieties like Sutton’s Foremost, Pentland Javelin, Home Guard and Arran Pilot and main crop varieties like Majestic, Desiree, Maris Piper and Estima for mashed and baked potatoes. Lay the tubers out to 'chit' (sprout) in a light frost free place so that they will be ready to plant out in the spring. Sow some brassicas, tomatoes and cucumbers in the greenhouse. When weather permits, plant onion sets and shallots in the garden. Cover prepared seed beds in the garden with polythene sheeting to warm up the soil so that when the main seed sowing is made in March germination will be speeded up. Carry on pruning apple and pear trees and spray with a winter wash. Plum trees are not pruned until the summer. Peach trees must be sprayed with a copper mixture early this month to prevent peach leaf curl disease. Plant raspberries before the end of March and prune hard autumn

**Shrubs and flowers.** Buddleias need to be pruned hard as soon as possible and also late flowering clematis. Bare root hedging plants, such as quickthorn, privet, beech and hornbeam must be planted before the end of March. Established shrubs that are to be moved can be dug up while they are still dormant, usually before the end of March. Container grown shrubs, roses, climbers and perennials can be planted at any time although early planting in spring gives them a longer time to get established.

**The greenhouse.** Start to sow bedding plants such as begonias, lobelia and antirrhinums and vegetables such as tomatoes, cucumbers, cauliflowers, summer cabbage, leeks and aubergines, plus sweet peas. Plug plants and starter plants need to be potted up. Perennials, such as lupins can be sown now. It is a good idea to plant up dahlias tubers and summer flowering bulbs and corms so that they will have started to grow before planting out in the spring.

**Lawn and garden.** It will not be long before the grass starts to grow so do get the lawnmower serviced as soon as possible so that it will be ready in time. Tidy up the garden putting all the prunings and leaves on to the compost heap adding a little Garotta powder to help the composting process. Never compost the roots of bindweed and ground elder but destroy these.

**Garden events.** There will be no RHS London Show in February this year. Tickets for the Chelsea Flower Show in May are selling out fast. Tickets for the RHS Shows at Cardiff, Malvern, Chatsworth, Hampton Court and Tatton Park are on sale now. Apply for tickets to all Shows to rhs.org.uk/shows or phone 08449 959664. Visit the RHS Garden at Wisley and see the greenhouse and all the winter flowering plants. It is open daily.

**have you wanted to spend some time with your parish priest?**

Time to meet informally, outside of Church, talk through anything which may be concerning you.....

Ask questions about the church and how we can support you.

Or perhaps you would just like to be more involved in church and community life and not sure how to go about it.

Michele du Saire is the Rector for St Paul’sand Holy Cross.

She will be holding a number of sessions, at The New Vicarage, where you can have one to one time in a confidential space.

The next dates are Wednesday 13 February 2:30 – 5pm and Saturday 23 February 9 – 11am

If you would like further information or to book in, please contact Sonya Tolmie, PA to Rector and Benefice Administrator on 01923 264377 or email holycrossstpauls@btconnect.com

My two ewes have been away visiting Rodger, a friend’s ram in a field at Albury. Although I have missed them, keeping a ram with just two ewes is not a great idea; he gets very frustrated, and the last one took his temper out on me!

They went in the middle of November and for the last six weeks the garden has seemed empty. Tuffy, the smallest and youngest, has always been very talkative, she would bleat at me whenever she saw me, and has a very sweet nature. Dilly is a bit of a whopper, definitely queen bee, but she took Tuffy under her wing when her mother died suddenly and was an excellent mother.

Dilly soon caught Rodger’s eye but he was never interested in Tuffy so it looks as if it will be just one to lamb in April or May, which is a great shame. Only time will tell.

I think they were pleased to be home. My grass has been growing while they have been away, but the field they were sharing with a flock of about twenty five had got a bit bare. Before they left, I was giving them a bucketful of dropped apples and, right up to a couple of days before their return, there were still plenty on the ground. When I went to get the shed ready for them a flock of about fifty fieldfares flew up from under the apple trees and it only took two days for them to virtually clear the lot! All they have left are the rotten ones. I love to see the garden alive with a big flock like that, and they enjoyed a good bath in the wildlife pond before they left.

Sheep are peacefully grazing once more, but a bit too peacefully. Tuffy has hardly said a word since she’s been home! I keep talking to her and hope she will find her voice again, not sure if that is the first sign.

**COMING HOME**

Wendy Bathurst

**Terry Simmonds**

**Chipperfield Care**

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**Could you volunteer as a Driver or Duty Officer for a few hours a month?**

If you can help in any way, please call Patricia Harrison on 01923 261595 or Mark Jarrad on 01923 268910.
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