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CHIPPERFIELD PART OF LONDON REVOLUTION



Picture: Terry Simmonds

On Sunday 14 May over 2,400 cyclists came through our village as part of the Dulux sponsored London Revolution. This is a two day event that started and finished in Lea Valley, Enfield and took a 185 mile, 360° route, clockwise, around London. There was an overnight camp at Windsor Great Park after which the cyclists headed back to Enfield via Chipperfield. When they arrived here they were cheered on by Harry the Hornet, the Watford Mascot, and a host of supporters and well-wishers waiting for them at Blackwell's where a number of stalls and events had been laid on for a fun packed Dulux Village Day. The bicycles drew up from the Windmill direction, all in Dulux colours; some flew straight past towards Kings Langley but others stopped to make friends with the Dulux Dog but were more interested in the BBQ! The 'Bucking Bronco' was there too, trying to throw children off, but the real winner was St Paul's School, rewarded with litres of paint - some of which is now on the new Reflection Room on the playground. Whiter than white!

LOOKING GOOD

After a number of years of refurbishment our Village Hall is looking good. If you have not seen it for a while it is a very welcoming venue for any village event or family, celebration. Further refurbishment is scheduled for this summer when the ladies toilets and the kitchen will have a make over. It is worth a look and I am sure you will be impressed, BUT

THE VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU

We are looking for more help on the Committee so we can continue to run this venue for the benefit of the residents of Chipperfield. If you could help out in any way, we would love to hear from you. Please consider if you could lend a hand with any skills you may have to offer. IT or computer skills, marketing experience, business, handy man talents or just common sense. We could use whatever you can offer and the more help we get the less there is to do by everyone. Please give it a thought and contact Anne Stickland on 01442 832090 for a chat.

Chipperfield
VILLAGE HALL

CHIPPERFIELD CLARENDON CRICKET

Join us on **Sunday 16 July** for a Festival of Cricket on the Common! BBQ and Bar all day! From 10am six junior teams will be playing each other in a competition, and then in the afternoon watch the limited over match between our local tennis and football clubs. Everyone welcome, whether or not you have a passion for cricket. Or why not come and watch our Chipperfield Clarendon First Team? They are now top of Division 4A in Herts, a fresh, young team captained by Richard Hudson and so far unbeaten. They play an aggressive brand of cricket, absorbing to watch. Their coach for this season is Perry Allen, here from Perth, not Scotland we assume, to make them a committed and successful team. Interested? Support them!

Saturday 15 July v Hatfield, and
29 July v Southgate, on the Common.

Malcolm Leach

MUSIC AT THE MANOR

St Paul's choir and friends will be putting on a Summer Concert in **The Manor House Barn**, on **16 July, 7:45pm**. Ticket holders have access to the Manor House Gardens from 6.30pm when they can enjoy a glass of wine before the concert and perhaps another in the interval.

There will be songs from shows such as *South Pacific*, *Show Boat*, *West Side Story* and *The Mikado* along with other appealing music for voices and orchestra. Regular stars **Rosie Clifford**, **Chris Wright** and **Alex Haigh** will join the choir and orchestra conducted by **Keith Beniston**.

For tickets, apply with sae and full payment, cheques payable to St Paul's Church, Chipperfield, to:

Box Office, West View, Bucks Hill,
Kings Langley, Herts, WD4 9AU

t: 01923 262756

e: ann-tony@hotmail.co.uk.

Tickets are limited to 120.

CHIPPERFIELD FOOTBALL

CCFC

Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club is a 'village' club in the truest sense of the word.

There are two men's teams, a first team and a reserve team, both playing in the Herts County League. The teams play on the home pitch at Queen Street in the centre of Chipperfield.

The nucleus of the team is formed from people who either live in the village, have lived in the village or have strong association with the village.

To illustrate this point, at present, the club's players include Tristan Dicker, Harry Hewetson, Tom Allport, Hayden Dicker, Chak Rogers, Alfie Hewetson, Charlie Martindale and Alan Lowe who all live in the village. There are two teams with an open door for anyone who enjoys playing football. They will be very welcome to join the club

Additionally, we give a very warm welcome to any spectators from the village who come to watch the games.

CCYFC

Very much against the current trend, there is a growing youth football section. In the forthcoming season there are ten teams representing the village ranging from ages six through to twelve. The team's players and managers and coaches are again centred on children and adults who live in the village, have lived in the village or have close association with the village. A number attend St Paul's School. The teams play their games on a Sunday morning and

again they offer a very welcoming environment for all parents and spectators. The home games are played on the Queen Street pitch.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

During the last twelve months, the seniors and juniors have forged a really close relationship embarking on substantial improvements to the clubhouse and pitch at Queen Street. With the additional very generous support of the trustees of Blackwell's, work is to be undertaken on the pitch and, with the equally appreciated support from the Parish Council, more improvements will be made to the clubhouse installing a disabled access toilet.

YOUR HELP !!

Running the teams requires a lot of commitment; it is very rewarding and there are always numerous different areas if anyone feels they could help. In particular, we would love to hear from anyone who has time to help with the maintenance of the pitch at Queen Street; full training can be given. If you feel you could help, please do contact us.

Martyn Dicker. Vice-Chairman, Chipperfield Corinthians Football Club; 01923-262454 / 07763-114097

Clive Denham. Chairman, Chipperfield Corinthians Youth Football Club; 07836-638769 or emailchipperfieldfc@gmail.com

RICKMANSWORTH YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2017

1 JULY, 7pm

RICKMANSWORTH BAPTIST CHURCH

If you enjoy music, then put 7pm Saturday 1 July at Rickmansworth Baptist Church in your diary as a 'must'. You will find yourself amply rewarded as you listen to eight young people, aged between twelve and seventeen, playing at a quite incredible level of expertise to compete for the title of 'Rickmansworth Young Musician of the Year'.

Participants from this competition, now in its 34th year, have gone on to win many other musical awards, including the BBC Young Musician of the Year. Previous competitors are now to be found playing in, or with, internationally renowned orchestras, in chamber groups and as recitalists.

In previous years, the selection of instruments played has been broad. This year, after the preliminary round that was held on 16 May, the adjudicators decided on the following eight finalists. We have four pianists, one violinist, two singers and a Marimbist – a percussion instrument akin to a xylophone.

Our finalists are:

Rhys Evans (violin)

Tamara Redmond (piano)

Adelaide Harliono (voice)

Zacharias Brandman (piano)

Alexander Pullen (marimba)

George Harliono (piano)

Isabella Flynn (piano)

Alex Blinko (voice)

This year's Final will be a feast of music making, powered with youthful exuberance by eight remarkably talented young people who will, as witnessed already, display an astounding maturity of approach. The adjudicators, who have national and international reputations as music teachers, moderators and examiners, are not likely to find it easy to allocate the positions of the various prize winners. Come and anticipate their decisions!

Tickets £13, £5 for those under 19, available at the door.

Chipperfield Care

Registered Charity Number 1002737



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, medical clinics etc.

Can we help you?

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 and we will try to help.

**Help Line on 01923 264 700
9.30am to 1.30pm on weekdays**

Can you help us?

Our help line is run by volunteers, our Duty Officers, Monday to Friday between 9.30am and 1.30pm. They 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 Patricia Harrison on 01923 261595 or Mark Jarrad on 01923 268910.

CHIPPERFIELD COMMUNITY LIBRARY

WILL NOT BE OPEN on Tuesday 15 August. We will be open as usual from Tuesday 5 September.

Lots of Good Holiday Reading to stock up on before then! Come to the St Paul's Parish Room between 2:30pm and 4:30pm and discover!

CHORAL SOCIETY'S SUMMER CONCERT

For the final concert of the season, and concluding its 70th season, Delia Meehan, our Musical Director, asked the choir to nominate favourite music from performances over the years. This resulted in the concert, 'These we have loved', which was performed on a balmy June evening to a packed St Paul's church. Two of the most rousing pieces from the choral repertoire opened and closed the concert – Handel's Zadok the Priest set the scene for an evening of fine music making and the concert concluded with a rousing rendition of 'I was glad' by Parry - with choir and organ combining in a glorious sound that almost lifted the roof off the church!

The musical journey travelled from Mozart, Brahms, Mendelssohn, Sibelius and Fauré to more modern items, including Les Miserables and John Rutter's magical setting of folk songs, 'The Sprig of Thyme'. One of the highlights was Alan Taylor's carol, 'Sweet Baby Sleep'. The choir gave a very sensitive performance of this wonderful piece under the personal direction, and watchful eye, of the composer. Two books of Alan's 'Chipperfield Carols' have already been published and are gaining great acclaim around the world. We were delighted to learn that a third is in preparation.

The choir was accompanied in several pieces on the piano by our highly accomplished accompanist, Rosemary Venner. Our guest organist, Bernard Barker, very ably used the full might and wonderful tone colours of the organ to great effect in accompaniment, and in two delightful solo pieces 'Spring Song' and 'Chelsea Fayre' which really charmed the audience.

As a choral singer, the great test of a piece of music is "Which tune is still going around in your head the morning after the concert?" There were so many great pieces from the grand composers dating back through the ages that the competition was very strong. For me, however, it was the beautiful and lyrical setting by Alan Taylor of Werner's Lullaby in 'Sweet Baby Sleep'.

John Morrish

BINGO

THURSDAYS

at

BLACKWELLS

Eyes down at **8.30pm**

Have a chat, a drink and something to eat with friends

CHIPPERFIELD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Events for members

CALLIPERS HALL GARDENS

Thursday 20 July, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Judy and Paul Olney have very kindly invited us to join a small group to go round their beautiful gardens with their head gardener, Paul Elborn. Numbers are limited and we have already had requests from some members who would like to join us on the day. If there are any other members who would like to take advantage of this very generous offer, please contact me at anntony@hotmail.co.uk and your name will be added to the list, numbers permitting.

SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 19 August, 2.30 – 5.00pm

Come to the lovely garden at **Heath End** on the Common for our annual 'Bring and Share' garden party, courtesy of Maria and Andy Coote. Come and enjoy a glass of Pimms whilst being with old and new friends. Please bring a chair. We look forward to seeing you this summer.

PINTS OF VIEW Monday 17 July, 8pm *The Plough, Belsize*

Pints of View provides an opportunity to discuss topical issues, aspects of faith and moral dilemmas in informal, relaxed, surroundings. Come along and consider how the world should be put to rights.

There will not be Pints of View in August. Our Autumn season will begin on Monday, 18 September. As always, everyone welcome.

John Guy and Bob Shearer

GREENSLEEVES MORRIS MEN CHIPPERFIELD WEEKEND OF DANCE FRIDAY 14 TO SUNDAY 16 JULY

Greensleeves Morris Men, with two guest morris sides from Nottingham and Yorkshire, will be visiting Chipperfield for the club's annual Chipperfield Weekend of Dance from Friday 14 to Sunday 16 July.

Join in the fun and watch Greensleeves and guest sides Dolphin, and Great Yorkshire Morris Men, perform at the following dance spots in and around Chipperfield:

Friday 14 July

9pm – 9.30pm Chipperfield Common, opposite the Two Brewers Public House

Saturday 15 July

5.30pm – 6pm Plough Public House, Belsize

Sunday 16 July

9.55am Procession to open air church service, St Paul's Church, Chipperfield

11am Dancing display by all morris sides in St Paul's car park

11.55am Procession to the Windmill Public House

12.15pm Dancing display by all sides at the Windmill

For the latest details of performance timings in Chipperfield, plus details of locations and timings for Greensleeves' Saturday 15 July Day of Dance Tour of towns and villages in Herts and Bucks, please see: www.greensleevesmorris.org.uk/html/chipperfield.html

Chipperfield Care Waitrose Community Matters

Every month a branch of Waitrose will divide £1000 between three local good causes that have been nominated by customers. At the checkout, shoppers will receive a token which they can then place in the box of the good cause they would most like to support. The more tokens a cause gets, the bigger the donation they receive.

During July, the St Albans branch, in King Harry Lane, will feature Chipperfield Care as one of its featured causes. If you do shop there, please remember to drop your token in their box.

CHIPPERFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Parish Council and Planning meeting

17 July

in the Small Hall

Planning at 7.15pm

Parish Council at 7.45pm

21 August

in the Small Hall

Planning meeting only at 7.15pm

All residents welcome

Carole Butcher

Clerk to the Council

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The Churches in Chipperfield

ST PAUL'S PARISH CHURCH

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Vicarage phone: 01923 265848

Church Wardens

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07807 031235

THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Minister Vacant

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF OUR LADY

Father Paul Harris 01923 275046



REGULAR SERVICES AND MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY

Little Angels Toddler Group

Baptist Church, 9.30-11am

(term time only)

FRIDAY

Choir Practice

St Paul's, 7.45pm

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.

1/3 of prayers answered positively in 5 months!

Four people have got jobs as an answer to specific prayers

Two healings of serious and terminal disease.

Various illnesses healed

Witnessed around a third of all prayers answered positively!

Text: 07808 155470 (texts will be deleted once prayed for)

Email: prayers@chipperfieldbaptistchurch.co.uk
Or slip your request under the front door of the Baptist Church.

ST PAUL'S AND 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

OUR LADY MOTHER OF THE SAVIOUR RC CHURCH

Prior to the General Election, the Catholic bishops of England and Wales wrote an open letter to us all offering thoughts we might consider as we weighed up our decision where to put our X. While the election is now history, the thoughts remain very relevant to our Christian lives. It opened with a quotation from Pope Francis;

An authentic faith.... always involves a deep desire to change the world, to transmit values, to leave this earth somehow better than we found it. We love this magnificent planet, and the human family that dwells here, with all its tragedies and struggles, its hopes and aspirations, its strengths and weaknesses. Earth is our common home and all of us are brothers and sisters.

The bishops then dissected some of the key principles outlined above. To change the world and leave it a better place, we must name and face injustice and exploitation that scars our societies. To greater love, the human family must acknowledge that the family is the core of the human race, and must be protected and nurtured. This requires mercy and compassion especially at times of illness, bereavement, violence and desolation. To protect our common home, we cannot be indifferent to the struggles and disasters of peoples near and far, nor ignore the environmental impact of how we live and create wealth and wellbeing. We can only be true brothers and sisters if we insist that everyone has a shared dignity, and are made in God's likeness, to be respected and valued.

Of course, the bishops made it clear that this was merely a background to shape our thinking as we were being asked by a rainbow of candidates for support; the final choice would be ours alone. To repeat, these principles do not just apply at election time – they are a template for a truer Christian life.

Once more, Chipperfield gets ready for change. After only fifteen months with us, Fr Paul is moving to Wealdstone parish, and soon we will welcome Fr Richard Mway Zeng SDS, the current Provincial Superior of the Salvatorian order. He will reside in Abbots Langley and serve Chipperfield from there with the assistance of a curate.

ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

Feeling good.....

During the last few weeks I have been praying for much needed rain for our farmers, whilst secretly hoping for rain overnight followed by fine and glorious weather during daylight hours. At the time I could not think of anything better to raise my experience of wellbeing with the added bonus of minimising the chore of watering the vegetable plot and potted plants that multiply with each passing year. Many of you will be looking forward to your much needed summer holidays; a time to wind down, to be refreshed, to regain a bit of equilibrium and perhaps tick off one or two things from your bucket list. But regardless of the weather, or whether or not we are standing still long enough to smell the roses and notice that life is good, we all have the capacity of being that ray of sunlight to brighten someone's day. Random acts of kindness work wonders in increasing the experience of wellbeing of those on the receiving end as well as ourselves. There is something unique in unexpected pleasures; they are received without judgement so there is rarely the possibility of disappointment, instead they come with pure joy. I read the other day that engaging in acts of kindness produces oxytocin and endorphins. Oxytocin, often referred to as the love hormone, increases our optimism, self-esteem and energy levels. Endorphins are the brain's natural pain killer; when they are released our experience of stress, anxiety and pain reduces. Isn't this good news! Jesus simply said we are to love one another but now we have the science to back it up! So, as we enter this season of refreshment, let us not forget the farmers who will be hard at it; after all, the original purpose of the summer holidays was to

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DIARY OF SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S AND HOLY CROSS

July		
Monday to Friday each week		
	8am	Morning Prayer St Paul's
Sun 2 (1st Sunday)		3rd Sunday after Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Communion Holy Cross
Sun 9 (2nd Sunday)		4th Sunday after Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion St Paul's
	10.00am	Holy Communion Holy Cross
	10.00am	All Age Worship St Paul's
Wed 12	10.00am	2nd Wednesday Holy Communion Holy Cross
Sun 16 (3rd Sunday)		5th Sunday after Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion Holy Cross
	10.00am	Open Air Service and Morris Men St Paul's Car Park
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayers) Holy Cross
Sun 23 (4th Sunday)		6th Sunday after Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion Holy Cross
	9.15am	Open House Family Service Holy Cross
	10.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) St Paul's
Sun 30 (5th Sunday)		7th Sunday after Trinity
	10.00am	5th Sunday of Month Service St Paul's Parish Room
August		
	8am	Morning Prayer St Paul's
Sun 6 (1st Sunday)		Transfiguration of Our Lord
	8.00am	Holy Communion St Paul's
	10.00am	Benefice Communion Holy Cross
Wed 9	10.00am	2nd Wednesday Holy Communion Holy Cross
Sun 13 (2nd Sunday)		9th Sunday after Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion St Paul's
	10am	Holy Communion Holy Cross
	10am	All Age Worship St Paul's
Sun 20 (3rd Sunday)		10th Sunday after Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion Holy Cross
	10.00am	Benefice Communion St Paul's
	6.30pm	Compline (traditional night prayers) Holy Cross
Sun 27 (4th Sunday)		11th Sunday after Trinity
	8.00am	Holy Communion Holy Cross
	9.15am	Open House Family Service Holy Cross
	10.00am	Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) St Paul's

DIARY OF SERVICES AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

July		
Sun 2	10.30am	Informal service with Communion
Sun 9	10.30am	Brian Pratt
Sun 16	10.00am	Morris Men on the Common, St Paul's Car park.
Sun 23	10.30am	Maureen Finerty (All Age Service)
Sun 30	10.30am	Café style with Ray and Claudia <i>(Ray is the Chaplain of St Francis Hospice)</i>
August		
Sun 6	10.30am	Informal service at Bovingdon Baptist Church
Sun 13	10.30am	Café style with Ray and Claudia
Sun 20	10.30am	TBA (with Communion)
Sun 27	10.30am	Informal service at Bovingdon Baptist Church
N.B. Note change of place on the 16 July, 6 August and 27 August		

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

Sunday	10.00am	Mass
Saturday	6.30pm	Vigil Mass
Tuesday and Friday	10.00am	Mass

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provide help to bring in the harvest. These days we are not needed for that, so why don't we simply start engaging in random acts of kindness, it will improve our health and sense of wellbeing, sharpen our understanding of each other's needs, bind us together as a community and build up our common life?

Michele, Rector, Benefice of Sarratt and Chipperfield.

INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

Christian meditation is a way of deepening our experience of prayer. This prayer of the heart is taught and promoted by The World Community for Christian Meditation.

Malcolm Nobbs of the WCCM will lead a morning explaining the richness that Christian meditation can bring to our lives. If there is sufficient interest, the intention is to start a weekly meditation group in the Autumn within the Benefice led by Lorna Tett. The meeting will be held on **Saturday 29 July** at **St Paul's Parish Room**, starting at **9.30am** for coffee/introductions and finishing at **12.30p.m.** All are welcome to come.

Please contact Lorna Tett on 01923 771163 or lornathiele@hotmail.com if you would like further information.

PARISH REGISTERS

We welcome into the family of Gods' church

Alfred Hinton, Sunday 7 May
James Zerny, Sunday 11 June

We commend to Gods' merciful keeping

Martin Mash, Tuesday 14 March
Doreen Biggerstaff, Tuesday 2 May

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CHIPPERFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB PRESENTATION EVENING



Terry Timberlake, chairman of Chipperfield Short Mat Bowls Club (on the right) presents the John Prestwich trophy to Peter Woodwards for most improved bowler of the season. The presentation took place at the annual Club Dinner held at 'The Cock', Sarratt. Also presented was the Blackwell Pairs Trophy to Paul Harris and Phil Cox, winners of the pairs competition. Again the competition was closely fought with our new members showing excellent bowling skill.

The Club has twenty two active members and our evening bowls from October through to the end of April helps support the Village Hall and provides competitive fun. The Club raised £100 for local charity from our Christmas Party and eight members enjoyed the Village Hall racenight.

A most enjoyable evening bowls season has now ended but we will begin again in October. A small group of members are meeting on Tuesday evenings through the summer and if anyone wishes to have a go, or hone their existing skills, pop in between 7pm and 9pm and we will be pleased to meet you. Our summer fees are an initial £5 and then £3 per evening.

STEAM AND COUNTRY FAYRE

28 - 29 July

in aid of the

Hospice of St Francis

You will find many familiar Chipperfield faces at **Green Croft Farm, Potten End**, some in the beer tent, some watching the Birds of Prey demo, and some browsing the Classic Cars. All will be at the Steam and Country Fayre which last year raised £24,000 for the Hospice. There will be market stalls if you prefer shopping, tractors if you are a frustrated farmer or a tank offering rides if you missed your career in the Army! Whatever you choose, it all helps the Hospice.

GLYNNE REES 1935-2017

Glynne was born in Wimbledon on 18 February 1935. In the 1940's he and two of his sisters were sent to stay with family in Wales for a few weeks. However, the family dairy in London was bombed out so they stayed longer, returning three years later only speaking Welsh!

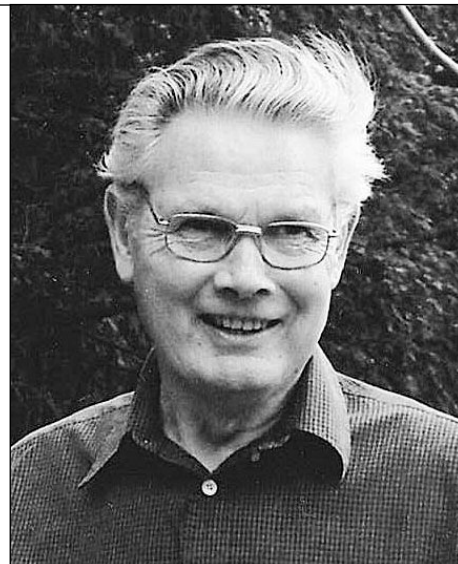
When he left school Glynne wanted to be a farmer and went to farming College. He also helped out on his uncles' farms in Derby and Kent. In later life he bought a little Grey Fergie tractor which he enjoyed restoring and taking to the steam rallies at Prestwood and other places, even if the ride was sometimes a bit rough!

Glynne's father died when his sisters were still young, so to help his mum he took a temporary position as an apprentice at Scammell Lorries in Watford in 1951.

He did his National Service in the RAF as a Police Dog Handler. After this two year break, Glynne went back to Scammells in 1957 and stayed until it closed in 1988. Thirty five years is not bad for a temporary job! He travelled all around the world with his job visiting sixty seven countries from Algeria to Zimbabwe. He visited the Great Wall of China and met the King of Jordan amongst other adventures.

In 1959 he married Ann and a few years later they moved to Chipperfield. In 1974 they had a daughter, Bethan. While Bethan was at primary school he came home from work one day and announced that he had bought two London Buses which brought many fun days out to bus rallies and carnivals.

Over the years Glynne also drove for Premier Coaches and other coach companies. When he retired he took a part time job delivering for Chipperfield Land Rover and also volunteered for Chipperfield Care.



For the first few years, Glynne managed his Parkinson's well and after his diagnosis he enjoyed his morning walks around the village. However, after his stroke and nearly a year in hospital he moved to Chalfont Court nursing home in Rickmansworth. He was cared for very well and often said how lucky he was. He had many happy times there, with outings on the canal and to RAF Hendon. For the last two years he managed to get to Croxley Green to see the Carters Steam Fair and some of his old Scammell friends. He finally succumbed to pneumonia on the 28 April.

Glynne had a very full and happy life. He loved and was loved by a very large family and many friends. He would probably quote Ken Dodd, "Happiness, happiness, the greatest gift that I possess, I thank the Lord that I've been blessed with more than my share of Happiness".

Ann, Bethan and Glynne's family would like to thank everyone for their kind words and support since Glynne passed away on 28 April. There was a thanksgiving service for Glynne at Chipperfield Baptist Church on Tuesday 9 May with donations to The Cure Parkinson's Trust.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL - WINDSOR IN MAY

In May Class 1 of St Paul's School had a wonderful visit to Windsor Castle to conclude their topic on the United Kingdom. It was a glorious day and the children's exemplary behaviour was noted by other visitors and by the Castle staff.

On Wednesday it took an hour in the coach to drive to Windsor Castle. My favourite part was when we saw all of those paintings on the wall in most of the rooms. Then we walked till we found a place to have our packed lunch. We saw two lines of soldiers march down the road. Then everyone wanted to look at the canon. *Greta Parker*

We travelled on a coach and when we got there I went to explore the whole castle. I liked learning about Queen Elizabeth II. Then we saw the Queen's Dolls House and it was amazing because I saw some giant dolls clothes! Next we went to a room with shields on the ceiling but some of them were rubbed out and that's because the Knights that had them were naughty! *Harriet Kenny*

A POND FULL OF LIFE

There is never a good time to clean out a wildlife pond and the end of March, when I had to do mine, is about the worst. Both circulating pumps had become blocked by reeds and waterlilies and the water was going stagnant. I moved all the frog and toad spawn to other ponds in the garden, but I was worried about the damsel and dragonfly nymphs as we had to pump out quite a lot of water.

Emperor dragonflies lay eggs on the water plants which soon hatch into nymphs. They spend two years, or more if food is short, lurking in the depths waiting for their prey. As they cast their casings and grow bigger, they will take tadpoles and even small fish; they are truly the dragons of the depths!

When they are fully grown they crawl up the reed stems and a beautiful dragonfly emerges from a split behind the head of their casing. They stay on the

reed until they are dry and their wings fully expanded before starting to patrol the air above the pond, often leaving the empty case clinging to the reed.

I love to swim in the upper pond with these colourful creatures flying overhead and, in spite of all the work, there are just as many as usual. A few days ago there was a mass emergence of electric blue damselflies. They have a similar life cycle to the dragons but are much slighter and more delicate.

It is easy to tell a dragon from a damsel. Dragons rest with their wings out sideways like an aeroplane, whilst damselflies rest with their wings folded down alongside their bodies.

I am so relieved not to have lost my swimming companions and, with the water now crystal clear again, the pond is a great place to relax and cool down, not just for me, but for all the wildlife in the garden!

Wendy Bathurst

IN YOUR GARDEN THIS SUMMER

The weather this spring was so good that the gardens are quite advanced now and are looking great. Time for us to enjoy all the fine colour and shapes and to prepare for the coming autumn and next spring, too.

The flower garden. Regularly deadhead and feed the flowering plants, especially hanging baskets and window boxes. If there are any gaps to fill, there are plenty of plants to choose from in the garden centre at present. Container grown perennials, shrubs, roses and climbers can be planted at any time but, when doing so, add a little bonemeal and water well. Azaleas, rhododendrons and camellias need an ericaceous fertilizer instead of bonemeal. Spray roses every few weeks with something like Rose Clear to help prevent black spot and rust. Feed roses, perennials and established shrubs with Toprose or Vitaz Q4 fertilizer. Wallflowers should be sown as soon as possible so that the plants will be big enough to plant in the autumn. Tulip and daffodil bulbs will be on sale soon but it is far too early to plant them. Hyacinths for culture in bowls can be planted. Prune wisteria, pyracantha and philadelphus. Water regularly plants in pots and tubs but do not water established plants in the garden unless conditions become very dry and then give them a good drenching once a week.

Fruit and vegetables. Cut down the old fruiting canes of raspberries after fruiting and tie in the new shoots which will give fruit next summer. If plum trees need to be pruned, do this in summertime. Harvest vegetables and potatoes but leave rootcrops in the ground until they are needed. Plant leeks, savoys, winter cabbage and brussels sprouts and sow dwarf beans and spring cabbage and make regular sowings of salads and 'quick' crops. Pinch out tomato plants. Watch for blight on potatoes and tomatoes and remove and burn any affected leaves. Add Growmore fertilizer to growing crops and when sowing and planting. Water tomatoes and runner beans regularly and keep hoeing to keep the weeds away.

The greenhouse. To prevent tomatoes developing blossom end rot, always water regularly. Ventilate the 'house in hot weather and damp down regularly to keep the humidity up. Always watch out for red spider and white fly. Plants in growbags will need more water than those growing in deep pots.

Lawn and garden. Regularly mow the grass but never cut grass too short, particularly in dry weather. Never water established lawns. Apply a fertilizer such as Aftercut from time to time but not during a drought. Leave sowing and turfing new grass areas until the autumn. Always keep the garden tidy and make compost with all the annual weeds, leaves and clippings. Keep the pond clean and provide water for birds and wildlife in hot weather. Start to cut the hedges as soon as the birds finish nesting.

Garden events. The **RHS Hampton Court Palace Flower Show** is from **4-9 July** and the **RHS Show at Tatton Park** is from **19-23 July**. For tickets for RHS Shows, go to rhs.org.uk/shows or ring 0844 995 9664. The **Chenies Manor Plant Fair** is on **16 July**. Local gardens open to view include **9 Tannfield Drive, Hemel Hempstead**, on **9 July** and **6 August**. **15 Gade Valley, Cottages, Great Gaddesden**, on **23 July**. **42 Falconer Road, Bushey**, on **29 July** and **6 August**. **Patchwork Hall Park Gate, Berkhamsted**, on **20 August**. The **RHS Gardens at Wisley** are open **every day**.

Terry Simmonds

CHIPPERFIELD

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

At an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Chipperfield Branch of the Royal British Legion on Monday 12 June it was decided that, following the retirement of the Chairman, Treasurer, and Secretary on 30 June, the Branch would be restructured and no longer remain an independent branch, but become a sub-branch of Hemel Hempstead for a maximum of three years under current RBL rules. This means that although the Administrative and Treasury responsibilities will be undertaken by Hemel, operationally the poppy collection and the parade and service on Armistice Sunday will continue as at present.

Bovingdon village has never been a branch in its own right, but it is already under the administrative wing of Hemel and for the past two years Chipperfield has assisted Bovingdon with their poppy collection. It has therefore also been decided that Bovingdon should become an integral part of the new sub-branch, perhaps to be renamed the Chipperfield and Bovingdon Sub-branch. Hopefully the enlarged territory covered by the sub-branch will enable it to return to being an independent branch again within the next three years, but this will depend on the level of support within both villages. The sub-branch will have a small committee of representatives from both villages and the initial priority will be to ensure that the existing activities continue but that additional efforts are made to attract new members to the RBL and to perhaps establish a modest number of new social and funding-raising activities.

At the end of the meeting a vote of thanks was passed to those retiring, thanking them for their contribution over many years. Tom Morkill, who resides in Bovingdon but was brought up in Chipperfield and is already a member of the Chipperfield Committee, was elected as Chairman of the new sub-branch. Tom will need at least two representatives from Chipperfield to join his new committee. Please will anyone who would like to offer their services contact him on 01442 834268.

FLAUNDEN CHURCH TEAS

*Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays
until October*

Join us for homemade cakes and teas
3 - 5pm in the Church room

Come and enjoy the views and chat
with friends. We look forward to
seeing you

CHIPPERFIELD CLUBS, CLASSES AND SOCIETIES

EVENT	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
After School Club	Monday - Friday (Term time)	3pm	Small Hall
Art Group	Thursday	2pm	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	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 - for 60+	Thursday	10.30am	Village Hall
Film Night	Friday (2nd in the month)	7.15pm (October - March)	Sarratt Village Hall
Health Walks	Tuesday and Thursday	9.30am	Blackwells car park
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
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	Parish Room
Tap Dance	Monday (Term time)	9.30am	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
Zumba - Lucy	Monday	7.45pm - 8.30pm	St Paul's School
Zumba - Lucy	Tuesday	9.30am	Parish Room

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

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